

Illegal Surrogacy and Child Sale Racket Busted



TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

Hyderabad North Zone DCP Rashmi Perumal announced the successful bust of a large-scale illegal surrogacy and child trafficking racket operating through Universal Srushti Fertility Centers. Police arrested eight individuals, while two suspects remain absconding. The prime accused, Dr. Atluri Namrata alias Pachipala Namrata (64), is the owner of multiple fertility centers across Vijayawada, Secunderabad, Visakhapatnam, and Kondapur. Others arrested include her son Jayant Krishna (25), center manager Kalyani Achayamma (40), lab technician and embryologist Gollamandala Chenna Rao (37), anesthetist Dr. Nargula Sadanandam (41) from Gandhi Hospital, and three residents from Assam: Dhanashree Santosh (38), Mohammed Ali (38), and Nasreen Begum (25).

How the Fraud Operated

In August 2024, a couple approached the clinic seeking fertility solutions. Namrata allegedly persuaded them to opt for surrogacy, promising to arrange a surrogate mother through the clinic. Over nine months, the couple paid more than ₹35 lakh. In June 2025, they were informed that a baby boy had been delivered in Visakhapatnam. After charging additional delivery expenses, the clinic handed over the child, created a fake birth certificate, and

even falsified DNA documents to convince the couple the baby was genetically theirs. Later, when the couple independently conducted a DNA test, results revealed the baby was not biologically related to them. Upon confronting the clinic, they were denied documents and allegedly threatened by Namrata's son. They then filed a police complaint, leading to the exposure of a systematic operation involving selling newborns, fabricating medical records, and deceiving clients.


Evidence of Widespread Illegal Practices

Investigations revealed Namrata charged ₹20–30 lakh from each client, claiming to perform IVF and surrogacy while sourcing babies from vulnerable parents—primarily migrants from Assam. After delivery, these parents were given minimal payments and sent away. Police seized the clinic, which lacked valid licenses and legal registration. Large quantities of medical equipment, including lab apparatus and nitrous oxide cylinders, were confiscated. Authorities confirmed that Namrata's medical license had expired in 2021, and despite its cancellation by health authorities, she continued operations under another doctor's name.

DCM Orders Action After Elephant Attack

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati

Following the death of a farmer due to an elephant attack in Chittoor district, Deputy Chief Minister and Forest Minister Pawan Kalyan issued immediate directives to forest officials. He instructed them to intensify surveillance on elephant corridors and ensure early alerts to villagers residing in vulnerable areas.



The incident occurred in Kothuru village, where farmer Ramakrishna Raju was trampled to death by a herd of elephants while working in his field. Officials reported that a group of nearly 15 elephants has been roaming in the region for the past three months, destroying crops and threatening human lives. According to forest department records, around 25 people have died in elephant-related incidents in the undivided Chittoor district since 2011.

Pawan Kalyan expressed serious concern over the recurring attacks and directed that the bereaved family receive compensation and official assistance. He emphasized the need for continuous patrolling in elephant-prone zones and better communication with local farmers. Earlier, the Deputy CM had advised the implementation of AI-based elephant tracking and advanced warning systems,

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CM Seeks Stronger AP-Singapore Investment Ties

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati

Reviving Amaravati and Attracting New Investments

Naidu reflected on the earlier Amaravati capital project, which had been initiated in collaboration with Singapore but was stalled due to political developments between 2019 and 2024. He said that his present visit seeks to address past misunderstandings, rebuild trust, and revive opportunities for international participation in AP's infrastructure projects.

Green Energy, Technology, and Emerging Industries

The Chief Minister detailed new policies aimed at drawing investments into advanced sectors. He announced that Andhra Pradesh is targeting the generation of 160 gigawatts of green energy in the coming years. Projects such as NTPC's renewable initiatives in Visakhapatnam and green hydrogen facilities in Kakinada are already in progress. He added that Amaravati will soon become home to India's first "Quantum Valley," focusing on cutting-edge research, while Visakhapatnam is set to host a major Google data center. Naidu also highlighted that Rayalaseema offers highly favorable conditions for de-

fense manufacturing, aerospace technology, and automobile industries. He urged Ambule to facilitate Singaporean companies' entry into Andhra Pradesh and assured full state support for their operations. Ambule highlighted Singapore's government-driven public housing model, covering 83% of projects. Minister P. Narayana said Andhra Pradesh is pursuing similar initiatives, while IT and Education Minister Nara Lokesh outlined plans to attract top educational institutions, boost research collaborations, and strengthen the technology ecosystem. They also discussed opportunities in electronics, shipbuilding, ports, pharmaceuticals, AI, startups, and academic partnerships with Singapore universities.



“AP Needs NRIs as Growth Ambassadors”

TPN Correspondent | Singapore

Singapore: Andhra Pradesh Education, IT, and Electronics Minister Nara Lokesh called on Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) to play a pivotal role in the state's reconstruction efforts, urging them to act as brand ambassadors for Andhra Pradesh. Speaking at the Telugu Diaspora meet organized by APNRT in Singapore, Lokesh highlighted that global trust in Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu is Andhra Pradesh's greatest investment advantage. He emphasized that Foreign Direct Investments (FDIs) are a key driver in India's economic growth, with Singapore contributing the largest share. “In the financial year 2024-25, India received \$81.04 billion in FDIs, out of which approximately \$14.94 billion—nearly 19%—came from Singapore,” he said. Lokesh expressed optimism that if a significant portion of these investments flows to Andhra Pradesh, the state could transform into “another Singapore.”

BJP a Partner in Alliance

Governance Led by TDP: Madhav



TPN Correspondent | Kadapa

BJP Andhra Pradesh President PVN Madhav made a striking statement during his visit to Kadapa, declaring that while the BJP is a coalition partner, the state government is led by the Telugu Desam Party (TDP). Addressing a large gathering of party workers at Aditya Kalyana Mandapam after a massive rally, Madhav emphasized the need for collective efforts to strengthen the BJP at the grassroots level. Madhav said he deliberately chose Kadapa for his first state tour, calling it the “first doorstep to Tirumala.” He praised the district as the land of literary and cultural icons like Tallapaka Annamacharya, Yogi Vemana, and C.P. Brown, highlighting its historic, cultural, and political importance. He stated that the “Saradheyam” initiative aims to empower every BJP activist to become a leader in their own right and to spread awareness



AP to Launch State-Level Farm Machinery Inventory Survey

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Andhra Pradesh will soon initiate a comprehensive State-Level Farm Machinery Inventory Survey (FMIS) as per the directives of the Hon'ble Chief Minister. The survey, to be completed by August 31, aims to create a detailed digital database of agricultural machinery across all villages in the state. The initiative will be conducted by Agricultural Assistants at Rythu Seva Kendras (RSKs) and will cover equipment owned by individual farmers, Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACS), and private service providers—regardless of whether the machinery was purchased with subsidies or private funds. Director of Agriculture, Dilli Rao, stated that the survey would analyze machinery availability according to crop area and seasonal requirements while identifying gaps at the village level. Data will include details such as ownership, usage, make, model, manufacturing date, and condition.



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Previous cases, including over ten complaints registered in Visakhapatnam, Hyderabad, and Guntur, involve sex determination tests and unauthorized fertility procedures.

Government and Health Department Response

DMHO officials stated the seized facility lacked any structural or regulatory standards to be called a legitimate hospital. Patients were reportedly kept only for four hours, with no inpatient care. The Telangana government confirmed Namrata had no authorization to practice or conduct IVF treatments. Investigations continue, and police are pursuing the absconding suspects while scrutinizing connections to earlier cases.

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This information will be integrated into APAIMS 2.0's Farm Management Information System, developed by VASSAR LABS, enabling precise planning, monitoring, and budget allocation for farm mechanization programs. Key objectives include creating a digital inventory, assessing availability versus requirements by agro-climatic zone, supporting Custom Hiring Centres (CHCs), identifying underutilized equipment for redistribution, and providing data-driven insights for policy-making on subsidies and machinery deployment. The collected data will also be aligned with central schemes like SMAM and PM-KISAN. Rao highlighted that the program is part of the Chief Minister's vision to introduce an Uber-style e-CHC platform that will allow farmers to book machinery on-demand using real-time data. Upcoming enhancements include AI-linked crop advisory systems, a live booking and payment tracking interface for CHC services, and drone-based spraying equipment expansion. Dilli Rao described the survey as a "strategic digital milestone" aimed at ensuring equitable access to modern tools, improving resource efficiency, and supporting small and marginal farmers. District Agricultural Officers have been directed to oversee the process and ensure its completion by August 31.

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Rebranding NRIs as "Most Reliable Indians (MRIs)," Lokesh praised the Telugu community's enthusiasm and global presence. "From the moment I landed at the airport to attending the diaspora event, I could see Telugu people everywhere. It felt as if I were in Simhachalam rather than Singapore," he remarked humorously. He noted that Telugu professionals dominate various sectors worldwide and are making their mark even in Singapore's governance and economy. Lokesh also cited Singapore's founding leader Lee Kuan Yew as an inspiration, stating that visionary leadership and strong governance could similarly elevate Andhra Pradesh to global economic prominence. He assured the diaspora that the government is committed to creating an investment-friendly environment and welcomes their partnership in building the state's future.

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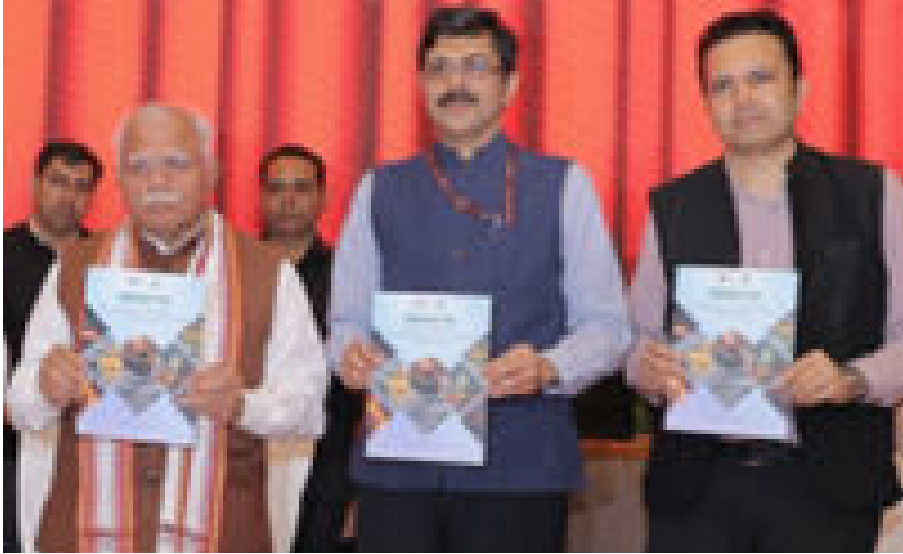
similar to successful programs in Karnataka. He instructed officials to study Karnataka's model and replicate it in Andhra Pradesh to prevent further casualties. Additionally, four trained "kumki" elephants from Karnataka have already been brought to the state and will be deployed in high-risk regions to help manage wild herds. Pawan Kalyan also called for awareness campaigns to educate farmers about safety measures and suggested cultivating less attractive crops, such as pulses and millets, instead of bananas and sugarcane, which commonly draw elephants.

ADEETIE Scheme Launched to Boost MSME Energy Efficiency

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The Union Government has rolled out the Assistance in Deploying Energy Efficient Technologies in Industries and Establishments (ADEETIE) scheme, a major initiative aimed at transforming India's micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) into more energy-efficient and globally competitive entities. Backed by a central budget allocation of ₹1,000 crore, the program is being spearheaded by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) and will cover 60 industrial clusters and 14 energy-intensive sectors across the country.

The ADEETIE scheme provides a structured framework of support to MSMEs, enabling them to adopt modern energy-efficient technologies. It includes a series of critical interventions such as Investment Grade Energy Audits (IGEA), preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs), facilitation of financial assistance, and a robust Monitoring & Verification mechanism to ensure quantifiable energy savings. By adopting these measures, enterprises are expected to reduce operational costs, improve productivity, and make their operations more sustainable. According to government projections, the scheme will help mo-



bilize over ₹9,000 crore in total investments, including contributions from participating MSMEs. These investments will not only drive energy efficiency but also lead to substantial reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, aligning with India's broader climate action and net-zero commitments. Akash Tripathi, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Power, and Director General of BEE, called ADEETIE "a big boon to the MSME sector" and urged state governments to seize this opportunity to strengthen their industrial base. Milind Deore, Secretary of BEE, highlighted the pivotal role of State Desig-

nated Agencies (SDAs) in ensuring the scheme's success by conducting extensive outreach, assisting industries in project execution, and scaling implementation. Andhra Pradesh has been specifically chosen for ADEETIE interventions in its Fisheries sector and the Glass-Refractory clusters, particularly in West Godavari and East & West Godavari districts. The Union Government believes that this initiative will create sustainable industrial ecosystems, generate employment opportunities, and make MSMEs in these regions more competitive while contributing significantly to India's clean energy transition goals.

Massive NRI Turnout for Telugu Diaspora Event



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The Telugu Diaspora Southeast Asia program held in Singapore witnessed an overwhelming response, drawing Telugu people and NRIs from Singapore and five neighboring countries. The main auditorium was filled well before the arrival of Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, forcing organizers to redirect attendees to an adjacent hall to accommodate the

large gathering. The event continued for nearly five hours, marked by energetic participation and cultural enthusiasm. Families, friends, and children attended in significant numbers, creating a festive atmosphere. Following the program, almost 2,500 attendees took part in a photo session with the Chief Minister. Naidu stood patiently for over two and a half hours, personally greeting each family and ensuring everyone had the opportunity to take

photographs. Minister Nara Lokesh remained on stage throughout the session, assisting in smooth coordination and making sure each family had time for a picture. Participants not only interacted with the Chief Minister but also shared their views, experiences, and concerns. Several attendees appreciated the opportunity to directly convey their suggestions and issues related to Telugu communities abroad. Women attending the event with their children received special appreciation from Naidu, who encouraged them to maintain cultural connections and continue promoting Telugu traditions among younger generations. The unprecedented turnout demonstrated the strong bond Telugu expatriates share with their homeland and their eagerness to engage with state leadership. The event highlighted the government's intent to strengthen ties with NRIs and involve them in Andhra Pradesh's developmental initiatives.

AP to Get ₹20,000-Crore Steel Plant

TPN Correspondent | Kadapa

The Andhra Pradesh government has given formal approval for the establishment of a large-scale integrated steel plant at Sunnapurallu in Kadapa district. The project will be developed by JSW AP Steel Limited in two phases, with a total proposed investment exceeding ₹20,000 crore.

According to official orders, the first phase will involve an investment of ₹4,500 crore and is scheduled to begin construction by January 2026. The state government has set a target for completion and commencement of production by April 2029. The second phase, estimated at ₹16,350 crore, is expected to begin in January 2031 and reach full operational status by April



2034.

To facilitate the project, the government has approved the allocation of 1,100 acres of land within Sunnapurallu village limits, at a cost of ₹5 lakh per acre. Additionally, the state will provide electricity, water resources, and other essential infrastructure support as part of an expanded incentive package under the Industrial Development Policy.

The AP government has directed concerned departments, including Power, Water Resources, Industries, Revenue, and Finance, to coordinate and implement the necessary measures promptly. The Andhra Pradesh Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (APIIC) Vice Chairman and Chairman, along with the Director of the Industries Department, have also been instructed to ensure smooth execution of the project. Officials emphasized that the establishment of this steel plant would boost industrial growth, create significant employment opportunities, and enhance the economic profile of the Rayalaseema region. The government's move aligns with its broader strategy to attract large-scale industrial investments and strengthen the state's manufacturing sector.

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about the contributions made by Prime Minister Narendra Modi for national development. He pointed out that Modi's government has allocated funds of two to three crores per village, supported industrial growth in Rayalaseema, sanctioned ₹100 crore for Kopparthi Industrial Park, expanded highways including the Bengaluru-Amaravati Expressway, and approved infrastructure projects like Kadapa airport development and new railway lines. Madhav credited the dedication of grassroots workers for BJP's current presence in power and urged them to continue working in unity to hoist the BJP flag in upcoming local body elections. Later, Madhav interacted with locals during the "Chai Pe Charcha" event at Vayuputra Tea Stall in Kadapa, where he listened to public grievances and party issues. He assured them that the coalition government would soon deposit pending Annadata Sukhibhava funds into farmers' accounts, delayed due to the previous administration's lapses.



Minister Orders Probe into 22 Medical Staff

TPN Correspondent | Amaravti

Andhra Pradesh Health Minister Satya Kumar Yadav has directed an immediate and detailed inquiry into serious irregularities that reportedly took place in 2020 at the NTR Government Hospital in Anakapalli. Acting on an Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) report, he ordered disciplinary action against 22 individuals, including the then District Coordinator of Health Services (DCHS), nine doctors, and twelve nurses, for alleged administrative failures, negligence, and corruption-related issues. The ACB's surprise inspection in February 2020 revealed multiple violations. These included manipulation of inpatient records, discrepancies in food distribution details, failure to display diet charts, and incomplete documentation of medicine supply and usage. Nurses were found to have presented incorrect figures and neglected proper patient service procedures. The report also cited unauthorized canteen operations, low food quality, civil works awarded in violation of rules, and lack of staff attendance monitoring. Based on these findings, the minister instructed officials to launch disciplinary action not only against doctors and nurses but also against a driver who allegedly misreported vehicle fuel consumption amounting to ₹74,000, and a contracted sanitation worker involved in procedural violations. Yadav emphasized that accountability measures must be enforced promptly to prevent a repeat of such lapses. Highlighting the contrast with current efforts, the minister stated that since taking charge, he has focused on improving governance within government hospitals. Regular reviews have been conducted to ensure staff attendance, proper inpatient and outpatient services, diagnostic testing accuracy, and better utilization of hospital facilities. Officials failing to meet standards have been reassigned or replaced, while efficient personnel have been retained or promoted. Yadav stressed that district-level officers, including DM&HOs and DCHSS, will now be held directly responsible for the implementation of health schemes, staff supervision, and quality assurance. Those who neglect their duties will face strict consequences.



Minister’s Swift Action Ends Water Crisis

TPN Correspondent | Satya Sai district

In a swift intervention, Andhra Pradesh Health Minister Satya Kumar Yadav addressed the ongoing strike by Satya Sai Water Project contract workers in Mudigubba, Satya Sai district, leading to the immediate restoration of drinking water supply in the region. For the past 15 days, workers had halted operations to protest against the non-payment of salaries for the last nine months. This strike severely affected water distribution to Mudigubba mandal, causing significant inconvenience to local residents. Upon receiving information about the crisis, Minister Satya Kumar Yadav promptly contacted the Anantapur District Collector over the phone, urging immediate action. He explained the workers' financial hardships and instructed officials to ensure salary disbursement without further delay. Following the minister's directives, the district administration began processing pending payments, with arrangements made to release the overdue wages within two days. As a direct result of this intervention, water supply services that had been disrupted for over two weeks resumed on Saturday, providing much-needed relief to thousands of households. Local residents expressed their gratitude, stating that the minister's quick response prevented the situation from worsening. They noted that his approach demonstrated an action-oriented style of governance, focusing on prompt problem-solving rather than prolonged promises. Officials assured that continuous monitoring will be maintained to avoid similar service disruptions in the future.



Jagan Shielding Liquor Scam Culprits: Butchaiah

TPN Correspondent | Rajamahendravaram

Senior TDP leader and MLA Gorantla Butchaiah Chowdary has intensified his criticism of YSRCP chief Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, demanding a full-scale investigation into the alleged liquor scam. Speaking to the media, Butchaiah Chowdary stated that all those involved in the scam should be exposed and held accountable, emphasizing that the public has the right to know the truth behind the massive irregularities. He accused Jagan Mohan Reddy of orchestrating the liquor-related corruption that reportedly caused significant losses to the state exchequer. “Why is Jagan still trying to shield those responsible? If he has nothing to hide, he should come forward and face a transparent inquiry,” he asserted. Butchaiah Chowdary alleged that the YSRCP leadership has engaged in widespread financial mismanagement and corruption, adding that the government's actions have severely impacted the state's economy. He warned that the TDP would continue to raise these issues both inside and outside the Assembly until justice is served. Commenting on Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu's foreign visits, Butchaiah Chowdary remarked that international trips are focused on attracting investments to strengthen Andhra Pradesh's economic prospects.

BJP Support Key for Coalition: Adinarayana Reddy

TPN Correspondent | Kadapa

BJP legislator from Jammalamadugu, Adinarayana Reddy, stated that a by-election in Badvel, Kadapa district, could be imminent and urged party members to prepare to secure victory if such an election is announced. Speaking to the media during his visit to Kadapa on Sunday, he emphasized that any candidate contesting on behalf of the coalition should be strong enough to ensure a decisive win. Reddy highlighted the need for the BJP to strengthen its presence in local body elections, stressing that the party must retain its rightful share in the coalition framework. He asserted that without the BJP's support and cooperation, the coalition government would struggle to maintain stability. He also called on Jana Sena, another key ally, to extend full support to the BJP within the alliance. Criticizing YSRCP chief Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, Adinarayana Reddy



alleged that Jagan was involved in large-scale corruption related to the liquor scam, amounting to thousands of crores. He remarked that the timing for Jagan's possible arrest was approaching, making it clear that accountability was inevitable. The BJP leader also underscored that every welfare scheme currently implemented in Andhra Pradesh has significant financial backing from the central government led by Prime Minister Na-

rendra Modi. He reiterated the importance of giving adequate priority to BJP's role in government programs and urged the state coalition leadership to recognize the party's contribution. Reddy encouraged BJP workers to be ready for any electoral opportunity, particularly in Kadapa district, where he believes the party can make substantial gains if well-prepared and united under the leadership of AP BJP president P.V.N. Madhav.

Jagan Misused YSR’s Name: Somishetty

TPN Correspondent | Kurnool

Telugu Desam Party State General Secretary and KUDA Chairman Somishetty Venkateswarlu launched a sharp attack on former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, alleging widespread corruption and scams during his tenure. Speaking to reporters at his residence on Sunday, Venkateswarlu accused Jagan of misleading the public by seeking votes in the name of his father, late Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy, promising good governance, and then engaging in financial crimes. He questioned why Jagan visited MP Mithun Reddy—currently jailed in connection with the ₹3,500-crore liquor scam. “If Jagan has no involvement, why meet an accused behind bars? Is he worried Mithun Reddy might reveal his name to investigators?” Venkateswarlu asked. He reminded that Jagan himself had spent 16 months in jail earlier due to financial irregularities and claimed that every institution under his rule was pushed into disarray. According to him, multiple scams under the previous government are surfacing, leaving people shocked. “Citizens no longer trust Jagan. They are now openly stating they feel happier under the coalition government's administration,” he said. Venkateswarlu further alleged that Jagan is trying to intimidate investigating agencies by sending signals that those who troubled him politically should not be spared once he regains power. “People can clearly see through these tactics. The coalition government is focusing on good governance, addressing grievances directly through programs like ‘Toli Adugu – Supaaripaalana’ (First Step in Good Governance), where officials are meeting citizens, listening to their problems, and working toward solutions,” he added.

Mithun’s Arrest Lawful, Not Political: Minister

TPN Correspondent | Kovvur

Finance and Commercial Taxes Minister Payyavula Keshav stated that Andhra Pradesh is now witnessing governance based on the Constitution rather than oppressive practices. Participating in the Suparipalana—The First Step program in Chagallu village of Kovvur constituency, he emphasized that the NDA government is ensuring freedom and democratic values for citizens. He alleged that during the previous YSRCP regime, a massive liquor scam amounting to ₹3,500 crore had taken place, far exceeding the ₹200 crore liquor case in Delhi. “The Special Investigation Team (SIT) revealed large-scale illegal cash transactions instead of digital payments, leading to this fraud,” he said, adding that MP Mithun Reddy's arrest was a lawful action, not a political vendetta. Keshav asserted that the coalition government aims to provide transparent administration and respond to public demands for accountability. Kovvur MLA Muppidi Venkateswara Rao, local leaders, and party activists joined the door-to-door campaign as part of the outreach program.



AP Politicians’ Kin Linked to Hyderabad Rave Party

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Hyderabad police disrupted a rave party in Kondapur's SV Nilayam apartments on Saturday night, acting on credible intelligence. Excise officials raided the venue and detained 11 individuals, all reportedly from Andhra Pradesh. Among them were organizers identified as Praveen Kumar alias Manne, Appikotla Ashok Kumar, and Sammela Sai Krishna, along with attendees King Ken Sher Rahul, Hit Joseph, Thota Kumaraswamy, Adapa Yashwanth, Sridat, Nanda, Samata, and Teja. Authorities revealed that Vijayawada-based individuals, Naidu alias Vasu and Shivam Rayudu—allegedly connected to influential families—were arranging such parties, inviting wealthy youth from Andhra Pradesh for weekend gatherings in Hyderabad. During the raid, police seized 2.080 kilograms of marijuana, 50 ounces of Kush marijuana, 11.57



grams of “magic mushrooms,” and 1.91 grams of synthetic drugs. Three more suspects managed to escape, and cases have been registered against them. Officials stated that investigations are ongoing to determine the network's size, suppliers, and

possible links to larger drug networks. Law enforcement has intensified surveillance in Hyderabad following recent increases in similar incidents, vowing strict action against organizers and participants involved in drug-related parties.



BTech Ravi Counters Satish Reddy

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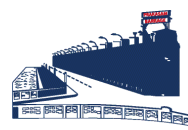
Former MLC BTech Ravi has issued a sharp rebuttal to TDP state secretary Satish Kumar Reddy, questioning his recent remarks and comparing them to “film dialogues.” Speaking at a press meet in Kadapa, Ravi mocked, “Why these Rajamouli-style lines like ‘When death comes close, I’ll twirl my mustache’? If Satish Reddy is truly so brave, why did he hide during the Vempalle firing incident?” Ravi demanded that Satish clarify whether it was his gunman who opened fire during the Vempalle episode or whether Satish himself grabbed the weapon and shot. He recalled that it was TDP leadership, including Chandrababu Naidu, who ensured Satish's name was removed from the YS Raja Reddy murder case. He criticized Satish for switching parties for personal gains, stating, “We worked in the same party for over 20 years, and yet he betrayed that bond. Many cadres he claimed were dissatisfied with TDP never left the party. Even when he organized a farewell dinner, very few turned up.” Ravi accused Satish of targeting TDP while ignoring his own history, adding, “Satish Reddy did not even have influence in his own polling booth in Vempalle. Why should Lokesh or the party bother about him?” Ravi emphasized that their criticism was not a threat of physical violence but a political counterattack: “If Satish feels unsafe, let him lie down at Vempalle's main junction. We will provide him security. His real danger is from YSRCP leaders, not from us.” He further asserted that past cases—including faction disputes and local killings—prove Satish's political opportunism. “If he answers clearly about the Vempalle incident and the gunfire, we will respond further,” Ravi concluded.



YSRCP alleges large-scale land scam in Vizag

TPN Correspondent | Visakhapatnam

Former minister and YSRCP Anaparthi district president, Gudivada Amarnath has strongly criticized the TDP-led coalition government alleging massive irregularities in land allocations in Visakhapatnam over the past 15 months. Speaking at a press meet here on Sunday, he said the government was behaving like a real estate agency by distributing public lands at throwaway prices to its followers, favored companies, and real estate groups, sidelining the public interest and ignoring election promises. He pointed out that while the late YSR and the YSRCP regime had planned to develop Visakhapatnam into a major IT destination to rival Hyderabad, the present government had instead diverted valuable land to unknown or newly incorporated companies with no track record. He cited examples where prime land worth thousands of crores had been handed over to companies like Ursa, Sattva, and Kapil at rates as low as Rs 50 lakh to Rs 1 crore per acre, calling it a “quid pro quo” scam. Amarnath said this allocation had failed to generate even a single IT job for the youth of the state. He stated that Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and Minister Lokesh were directly overseeing these shady land deals, and that public land was being looted to benefit their associates. He questioned why similar land allocations were not being made in Amaravati and why the TDP was not bringing investments there.



Shakti App Awareness Drive Launched



TPN Correspondent | NTR District

The NTR District Police have intensified their campaign to educate women, girls, and students about the importance of the “Shakti” app, which has been developed to strengthen safety measures for women in vulnerable situations. Under the direction of City Police Commissioner S.V. Rajasekhar Babu, Shakti teams have been visiting multiple locations across Vijayawada to spread awareness about the app’s functions, its emergency features, and how it can be used as an immediate response tool during crises.

Administrative DCP K.G.V. Saritha, and Women Police Station ACP T. Daiva Prasad are supervising the outreach programs. Police officials are explaining the usage of crucial helpline numbers such as 112 for emergency assistance, 1930 for cyber fraud complaints, 1098 for child helpline services, 181 for women’s safety issues, 1073 for traffic information, and 101 for fire emergencies. By educating the public on these toll-free numbers, authorities aim to reassure citizens that help is available at any moment.

During these sessions, the Shakti teams are not only demonstrating how to download and use the app but are also informing participants about preventive measures to avoid becoming victims of cybercrimes and social media exploitation. Special attention is given to children, with officers explaining the concepts of “good touch” and “bad touch” and discussing the POCSO Act. Parents are being urged to stay alert to online threats and teach safety practices to their children.

Officials also highlighted the government’s priority on women’s security and emphasized that the Shakti app can act as a deterrent to potential offenders. Additionally, the campaign includes advice on avoiding narcotics and encourages women to trust Dial 112 as their immediate lifeline in emergencies. These proactive measures are designed to build confidence among citizens and reinforce the police department’s commitment to ensuring public safety.

Street Dwellers Get Clothes, Care

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada

Snaplica Helping Hands, led by CEO Shaik Subani, organized a humanitarian program on Sunday at Vijayawada railway station and bus stand areas. The team identified homeless individuals, mentally challenged persons, and those begging on the streets, assisting them with haircuts, baths, and personal hygiene.

Nearly 80 people received new clothes, and meals were arranged for around 300 individuals. Prominent advocate Vallabhaneni Naga Pavan Kumar, Gudivada Congress leader and advocate Mannam Rajashekar attended the event, appreciating the team’s efforts.

Speaking at the occasion, Vallabhaneni emphasized, “Serving visible human beings is true service to God. If we cannot help those we see suffering, how can we claim to serve the divine? Human service itself is Madhava Seva.”

The program highlighted the importance of extending compassion to those neglected by society, reinforcing that such initiatives bring dignity and hope to the underprivileged.



Manipal Hospitals Conducts Advanced ECMO Training

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada

Manipal Hospitals, Vijayawada, in collaboration with the Indian Medical Association (IMA), Vijayawada, organized an advanced Continuing Medical Education (CME) program titled “Mastering ECMO – Insights from Manipal’s Leading Experts” on Sunday. The event brought together leading specialists in critical care medicine to share expertise on Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) practices, innovations, and patient management techniques.

The program was inaugurated by Dr. Hanu-

maiah Bodepudi, President of IMA Vijayawada, and Dr. Suresh Kumar Vummineni, Secretary of IMA Vijayawada. The scientific sessions featured eminent ECMO experts including Dr. Sunil Karanth (Chairman, Manipal Hospital Bangalore), Dr. Devananda N S (HOD & Senior Consultant, Cardiovascular Surgery, Manipal Hospital Bangalore), Dr. Srinivas Samavedam (President, ISCCM and Consultant, Sindhu Hospitals, Hyderabad), Dr. Kartheek Hanumansetty (Consultant, Sakra Hospitals, Bangalore), and Dr. Vinay K. Discussions focused on advanced

ECMO modalities such as V-V and V-A techniques, patient selection, bridging strategies for cardiac transplants, and safe weaning protocols.

An afternoon hands-on workshop offered practical demonstrations at five skill stations covering ECMO circuit components, cannulation methods, oxygenator troubleshooting, airmobolism management, and 4H (hypovolemia, hypoxia, hypo/hyperkalemia, hypothermia) crisis protocols. Senior consultants, including Dr. Silpa Chowdhary, Dr. Dharanindra, Dr. Srikanth, Dr. Jyothi, and Dr. Dinesh, led these in-



teractive sessions.

The event also highlighted the active participation of Manipal Hospitals Vijayawada’s Critical Care and Pulmonology teams: Dr. Srinivasa Rao T, Dr. V Dinesh Kumar Gontla, Dr. Lokesh Gutta, Dr. Uday Kiran G, Dr. Jagan Mohan CH, Dr. Madhurya CH, Dr. D Anil Kumar, Dr. P Jane Ramya, Dr. Kavya Y, and Dr. Aravind G. Cluster Director Dr. Sudhakar Kantipudi

emphasized the importance of academic initiatives in advancing patient care. “Our objective is to create platforms for continuous learning that directly translate into better outcomes for critically ill patients,” he said. Delegates appreciated the program and expressed strong interest in future ECMO-focused training sessions to strengthen regional critical care expertise.

Sajjala calls for village-level outreach

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati

YSR Congress Party state coordinator Sajjala Ramakrishna Reddy held a teleconference with city, municipal cluster, and mandal party presidents and urged them to intensify the party’s grassroots activities. He said the “Babu Surety – Mosam Guarantee” campaign had received tremendous response at the mandal level and should now be expanded to every village by the end of August.

Sajjala stressed that YS Jagan Mohan Reddy’s government had provided good governance and welfare to every deserving household, whereas the current TDP-led coalition was running a political administration based on false promises. He said that despite being in power for just one year, the coalition had already triggered strong public opposition. He asked the leaders to stand with the people and strengthen the public’s trust in YSRC.

He instructed mandal leaders to actively lead party building and ensure completion of committees in every village. Sajjala emphasized the need to counter false propaganda by the opposition using social media and youth networks. He said committed workers who abide by the party’s rules would be given responsibilities and recognition.

Sajjala called for appointing senior leaders as observers in villages and using young volunteers with technical knowledge to expand the party’s digital reach. He also advised special focus on booth-level agent appointments and said no one should fear false cases being filed by the ruling coalition. He urged everyone to work in unity to strengthen the party from the grassroots and prepare for future victories under YS Jagan’s leadership.

Leaders pay homage to ‘Missile Man’

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada

On the occasion of former President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam’s death anniversary, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Minister Nara Lokesh paid rich tributes through their official social media platforms. Chandrababu Naidu described Kalam as a visionary who guided the nation’s nuclear and scientific sectors, leaving an indelible mark on India’s progress. He called Kalam the “People’s President” and urged citizens to remember and follow the values of the humanitarian leader. “I pay my heartfelt respects to Bharat Ratna and former President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam on his death anniversary. He remains one of India’s most brilliant minds, famously known as the ‘Missile Man of India.’ His contributions as a scientist were unparalleled, and his inspirational speeches and personality influenced millions,” Naidu stated. Minister Nara Lokesh echoed similar sentiments, calling Kalam a great source of motivation. He emphasized that every individual should strive to realize Kalam’s ideals, particularly his vision for a self-reliant and progressive India. Both leaders underlined that Abdul Kalam’s legacy continues to inspire generations to pursue innovation, education, and service to the nation.

Free Travel for Women in 5 Bus Categories: Atchannaidu

TPN Correspondent | Annavaram

The Andhra Pradesh government is set to roll out its much-anticipated free bus travel scheme for women on August 15, fulfilling one of the major promises made under the coalition government’s “Super Six” assurances. Women across the state have been eagerly waiting for the implementation of this welfare initiative, which aims to enhance their mobility and reduce transportation expenses.

Officials and ministers have already studied similar schemes implemented in Telangana, Karnataka, and Delhi to design an effective model suitable for Andhra Pradesh. Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu had earlier confirmed the launch date, and Transport Minister K. Atchannaidu has now provided further details about the program.

Speaking at the “Good Governance – First Step” event organized in Annavaram, Prathipadu constituency, Atchannaidu announced that women will be able to travel free of cost across the state in five categories of buses. He reiterated that the scheme would be applicable statewide, dispelling speculations that it might be limited only to district-level routes.

“This scheme is structured to ensure that women can travel freely throughout Andhra Pradesh with-



out any financial burden. Free travel will be available in five types of buses operated by APSRTC,” Atchannaidu stated.

In addition to this initiative, the minister also declared that auto-rickshaw drivers would receive financial assistance on the same day, August 15, as part of the government’s broader welfare agenda. The announcement has generated significant excitement, with many women expressing hope that the scheme will ease their daily commute while also promoting greater social and economic participation.

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Lifestyle, Diet Key to Better Health

Dr. G. Ranganath, head of Shubhakra Ayurvedic Super Specialty Hospital, emphasized that chronic diseases like piles, fistula, fissures, hypertension, diabetes, and heart problems can be treated through Ayurvedic and Kerala Panchakarma therapies without

surgery. Speaking at a session organized by Gandhinagar Walkers’ Club, he highlighted lifestyle and diet’s role in health. Club leaders Jaldy Muralinath, Ghantashala Ramu, Veda Lakshmi Narasimham, and others attended.

Rain Forecast for Seven Districts

The Andhra Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority announced that Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Manyam, Alluri, Visakhapatnam, Anakapalli, and Kakinada districts may experience light to moderate rain over the next two days, while scattered

light showers are likely elsewhere. At Dowleswaram, the Godavari flood remains steady with inflow and outflow at 5.57 lakh cusecs. Authorities advised low-lying residents near Godavari, Tungabhadra, and Krishna rivers to stay alert until water levels recede.

Govt Blames Past Regime: Vishnu

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada

Former MLA and Central constituency coordinator Malladi Vishnu criticized the current government for blaming its failures on the previous administration. Addressing a

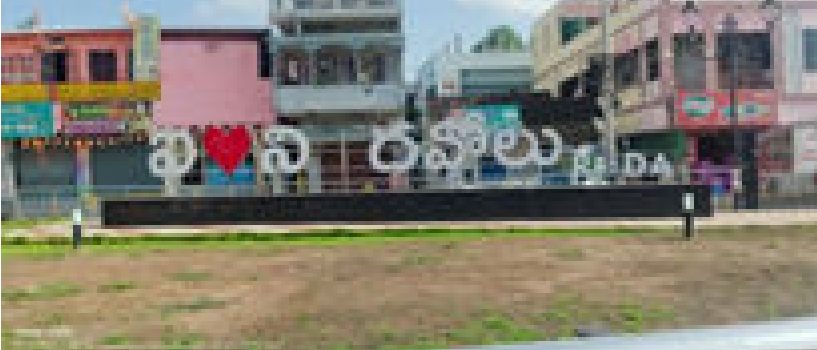
program under the ‘Babu Surety, Cheating Guarantee’ campaign in the 64th division, he said the government had failed to maintain sanitation for over a year yet continued to accuse its predecessors. He reminded that during

the YSRC government, several welfare programs, including the Navaratnalu scheme, directly credited ₹2.7 lakh crore to beneficiaries. In contrast, he alleged the current administration incurred debts of ₹2 lakh crore in one year

while implementing very few welfare schemes. He recalled the Budameru flooding incident, calling it a “nightmare” that exposed the government’s inability to act in time despite receiving donations worth ₹500 crore for re-

lief. Vishnu urged party workers to distribute QR codes containing unfulfilled promises made by Chandrababu Naidu before the elections and mobilize public support for YSRC’s agenda.

From Pride to Neglect Nidadavole Iconic Park



TPN | Trinada Rao Garaga
Nidadavole: Once considered a prestigious landmark, the Nidadavole Iconic Park in East Godavari district now stands as an example of poor maintenance and unfulfilled promises. Built with an expenditure of nearly ₹67 lakh under the Rajahmundry Urban Devel-

opment Authority (RUDA), the park, famously featuring the “I Love You Nidadavole” installation, was inaugurated with much fanfare by then MLA G. Srinivas Naidu. Within a year, the park was temporarily closed. The letter “D” from the iconic signage was stolen, LED lights stopped func-

tioning, and the water fountain lies defunct. Plants planted at significant cost have withered due to lack of care, leaving only bare soil. Municipal authorities, responsible for upkeep, face criticism for their neglect. Ironically, an additional ₹5 lakh from municipal funds was recently sanctioned to raise the height of the steel “I Love You Nidadavole” letters, with tenders reportedly finalized and work yet to begin. Earlier, the same location, known as Ganapathi Center, supported around a hundred families running small businesses. They were displaced during park construction after assurances—by then MLA Sri-

nivas Naidu—of housing plots and support for livelihood restoration. To date, no such assistance has been provided. Local leaders, including Town Welfare Association President Juvvala Rambabu and former Jana Sena Town President Ranga Ramesh, once fought for their rights. Now, despite Jana Sena leader Kandula Durgesh becoming MLA and minister, no visible action has been taken. Displaced families urge current leaders to fulfill earlier promises, demanding housing sites and financial support, warning that without collective pressure, their demands may never be met.

Deputy CM’s Nod Leads to Road Completion



TPN Correspondent | Parvathipuram
Parvathipuram Manyam District Collector A. Shyam Prasad announced that road construction from Bagujola to Chilakamendangi has been completed at a cost of Rs. 250 lakh. The works include rough stone packing on both sides, while blacktopping will be undertaken after the monsoon season. He recalled that on December 20 last year, Deputy Chief Minister laid the foundation stone for multiple roads aimed at improving connectivity to tribal areas. The newly formed 2.5 km road includes one kilometer of CC work and 1.5 km of WMM work. At present, the road can accommodate two-wheelers, ambulances, jeeps, and small cars. Payments totaling Rs. 56 lakh have been released, while the remaining amount is pending clearance. Additional works include a 3.6 km BT road from Pamulageesada to Mantrajola in Gummalakshampuram Mandal at a cost of Rs. 360 lakh, targeted for completion by April next year. In Salur Mandal, a 6.6 km tar road from Bagujola to Sirivara is under construction with Rs. 900 lakh sanctioned. However, as it passes through ghat terrain, some stretches require leveling, and recent heavy rains have eroded portions of the soil road, causing delays. Completion is expected by October next year. Further, a 4 km tar road from Alluru to Rittapadu in Pachipenta Mandal has been approved at a cost of Rs. 400 lakh. Forest clearance is underway, and work will commence once permissions are secured.

Thousands Join Kavadi Yatra



TPN Correspondent | Visakhapatnam
In a vibrant display of devotion and community spirit, Visakhapatnam witnessed a grand Kavadi Yatra on Sunday as part of the ongoing Sravana month celebrations. The event drew thousands of participants, particularly from

the Marwari community, who walked together to express faith, gratitude, and cultural solidarity. The procession began at Madhavadhara and saw over a thousand Marwaris—men, women, and children—taking part. Women dressed in saffron attire walked alongside men, carrying traditional of-

ferings and chanting devotional hymns. Organizers highlighted that entire families participated, turning the yatra into a symbol of unity and intergenerational bonding. The Kavadi Yatra followed a designated route, passing through Madhavadhara, Kancharapalem, Thatichetlapalem, Akkayyapalem, Gurudwara Junction, and Maddilapalem before reaching the scenic Beach Road. Streets along the way were lined with residents offering water, fruits, and refreshments to the participants. Devotees shared that the purpose of the yatra extended beyond religious practice—

it aimed to strengthen family values, foster collective discipline, and nurture respect for nature. They emphasized that walking together in prayerful silence and coordinated chants helped build a deeper sense of belonging and inner peace. The event concluded with a special prayer ceremony on the Beach Road, where participants offered gratitude to the elements of nature, seeking blessings for health, prosperity, and harmony. Police and local volunteers ensured smooth traffic management and security throughout the procession, making the yatra peaceful and well-organized.

PACS New Board Takes Charge

TPN Correspondent | Kovvur
Kovvur constituency witnessed a significant event at the Kapavaram Society office where the oath-taking ceremony of the newly appointed Chairperson and board members of the Kapavaram Primary Agricultural Cooperative Credit Society Limited (P.A.C.S) took place. Andhra Pradesh Minister for Tourism, Culture, and Cinematography, Kandula Durgesh, attended as the chief guest. During his address, the Minister congratulated Sunkara Satibabu, who assumed charge as the new Chairperson, and extended best wishes to all newly inducted board members. He emphasized the importance of strengthening cooperative societies to empower farmers and rural communities. According to him, PACS plays a vital role in providing financial assistance, agricultural inputs, and support services that directly impact the livelihood of small and marginal farmers. Kovvur MLA Muppidi Venkateswara Rao participated in the event, highlighting the government’s focus on rural development and cooperative sector reforms. He assured that the state administration will provide necessary guidance and resources to ensure smooth functioning of PACS institutions. Jana Sena Party leaders were also present in large numbers. Among them were Gopalapuram Jana Sena Party in-charge Doddigarla Suvarnaraju and former West Godavari District Jana Sena Party General Secretary Karatam Sai, along with coalition leaders and activists. The gathering reflected strong political cooperation, with leaders stressing the need for collective efforts to strengthen rural financial structures. They urged board members to maintain transparency, ensure efficient fund utilization, and prioritize farmers’ welfare programs. The event concluded with felicitation ceremonies and interactions between the Minister, board members, and attendees, reinforcing the significance of cooperative movements in Andhra Pradesh’s socio-economic development.

Dalit Leaders urge Justice for Past Atrocities



TPN Correspondent | Guntur
Vemuru MLA and TDP Politburo member Nakka Anandababu congratulated KS Jawahar on assuming office as Chairman of the Andhra Pradesh SC Commission, emphasizing that his appointment brings great honor to the state. Speaking at a felicitation event held at Andhra Christian College (AC College) in Guntur on Sunday, Anandababu criticized the previous YSRCP government, alleging that the SC Commission had remained inactive for the last five years despite numerous issues faced by Dalit communities. He said that under the previous regime, caste divisions were deliberately intensified, and at-

tacks on Dalits often went unaddressed. Dr. Sudhakar Babu, who also spoke at the event, highlighted several incidents where Dalits were allegedly targeted and stated that the Commission must function proactively to ensure justice. KS Jawahar assured that he would uphold the dignity of the Commission and act within the legal framework to protect the rights of Scheduled Castes. “Our goal is to address grievances swiftly and ensure accountability,” he stated. Legislators Nazir and Pilli Manikyala Rao, along with several SC and ST minority leaders, attended the program and honored Jawahar with shawls as a mark of respect.

Venkaiah Naidu Receives Annaprasadam

TPN Correspondent | Tirumala
Former Vice President of India, Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu, along with TTD Chairman B.R. Naidu, visited the Matrusri Tarigonda Vengamamba Annaprasadam Complex on Sunday and joined devotees in partaking of the sacred meal. During his visit, Venkaiah Naidu interacted warmly with devotees, who expressed happiness about the taste and hygiene of the annaprasadam. He praised the dedication of Srivari Sevaks, who voluntarily serve thousands of pilgrims daily, ensuring both quality and discipline in food distribution. Speaking to the media, Venkaiah Naidu lauded the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) for maintaining exceptional cleanliness and offering nutritious meals free of cost. He emphasized that voluntary service (seva) by devotees enhances the spiritual atmosphere, reflecting the timeless tradition of selfless service in Tirumala. TTD Board member Bhanuprakash Reddy, Additional EO C.H. Venkayya Chowdary, and other officials accompanied him during the visit.



Sanitation Workers Urge for ESI, PF

TPN Correspondent | Srikakulam
The Andhra Pradesh School and College Sanitation Workers’ Union (CITU) has demanded that school sanitation workers be recognized as formal employees and be provided with a minimum monthly wage of Rs 15,000 along with ESI and PF facilities. At a meeting held at Nehru Park in Ponduru, district honorary president Allu Mahalaxmi stated that sanitation workers have been denied basic rights and timely salaries. She stressed that wages should be paid by the 5th of every month and that workers should receive full salaries during summer vacations instead of

half-pay. Mahalaxmi urged the government to provide uniforms, masks, and sufficient cleaning tools to workers to maintain hygiene standards. She emphasized the need for appointing sanitation staff based on the number of students in each high school to ensure proper maintenance. During the meeting, a new Ponduru Mandal committee was elected: N. Padma as President, K. Parvati as General Secretary, and B. Raju, R. Kotamma, L. Lakshmi, Y. Krishnaveni, R. Ghansi, and M. Poornima as committee members. The union resolved to continue its

agitation until the government addresses their demands and provides job security, adequate facilities, and fair compensation to all sanitation workers across the district.



No Fertilizer Shortage in Parvathipuram

TPN Correspondent | Parvathipuram
District Collector A. Shyam Prasad clarified that there is no shortage of fertilizers in Parvathipuram district. He stated that the district currently has sufficient urea stock to meet farmers’ needs, with 12,544 tons supplied against an estimated requirement of 11,327 tons by the end of July. Of this, 9,557 tons have already been distributed for the current Kharif season, and additional supplies are expected from KRIBHCO within the next few days. The Collector urged farmers not to panic or hoard excess fertilizer and advised them to avoid overuse of urea, as it may harm crops. He emphasized using fertilizers judiciously and suggested adopting alternatives like liq-

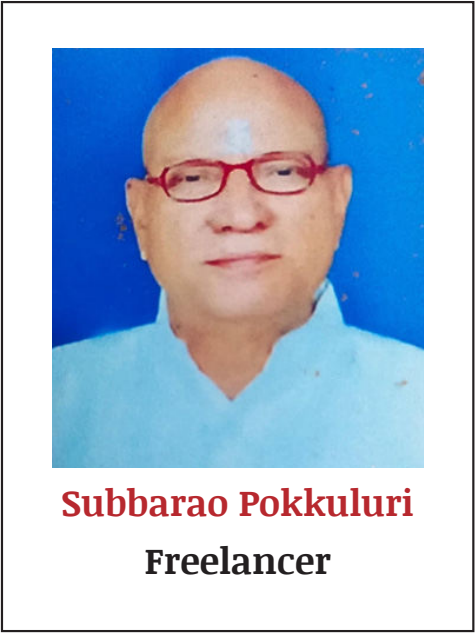
uid fertilizers and nano urea, which are now available at Rythu Seva Kendras. He also informed that DAP, potash, super phosphate, and complex fertilizers are readily available in adequate quantities. For any queries, farmers can contact the district agriculture office’s control room at 7989434766.



How Professions Impact Our Mindsets

The influence of professions on individual mind functions is a deeply researched area in psychology, sociology, and behavioral science. A person’s profession significantly shapes their worldview, emotional responses, thought patterns, inter-personal behaviors, and even identity. This influence stems from the nature of the tasks, the environment, the culture of the field, and the social expectations attached to it. In this connection let us examine some careers and theirs acquired qualities. Doctors and Healthcare Workers have high empathy, stress tolerance, emotional detachment (to some extent), alertness. The profession demands quick decision-making under pressure, which can lead to chronic stress and burnout. Over time, many develop a calm exterior and professional detachment to cope with emotionally charged situations. A doctor might appear emotionally restrained even when a loved one is sick because their training has conditioned them to stay composed during crises. Teachers and Educators develop patience and communication-oriented mindset.High patience, nurturing attitude, resilience, responsibility.

Constant interaction with students shapes them to be good listeners, empathetic, and often deeply self-critical. A teacher at home may unconsciously explain things in a step-by-step manner to family members or correct grammar during casual conversations—habits formed by professional repetition. At times he may demand ‘Silence’ in times of mingled conversations. Corporate Professionals have goal-oriented and ime-driven thinking.Efficiency-focused, competitive, risk-aware, time-conscious. The high-paced, target-driven corporate culture often cultivates strong organizational and multitasking skills, but can also contribute to anxiety, burnout, and workaholism. A project manager might meticulously plan a family vacation with Excel sheets, itineraries, and budgets, reflecting the planning and deadline-oriented nature of their work life. Artists and Creative Professionals automatically deveop sensitivity and emotional expression.High openness, introspection, emotional intensity, sensitivity to environment. The profession encourages emotional awareness and self-expression, but may also contribute to mood swings, vulnerability, or existential question-



ing. A graphic designer might become visibly disturbed by poor aesthetics in everyday objects or feel deeply affected by social issues, as their work tunes them into visual and emotional subtleties. Police and Military Personnel possess Alertness and Control.Vigilance, discipline, sense of duty, emotional suppression. Continuous exposure to threats or hierarchical control can make individuals highly structured and vigilant,

often suppressing emotions to maintain authority. A military officer might instinctively scan every room upon entering, or prefer rigid routines at home, reflecting the conditioning of their professional environment. Lawyers naturally develop snalytical thinking and argumentative disposition. High critical thinking, assertiveness, skepticism, attention to detail. Constant practice in identifying flaws and defending positions can make lawyers naturally argumentative or overly precise in casual conversations. In a family discussion, a lawyer might unintentionally dominate the conversation by focusing on technicalities or “winning” the argument rather than consensus. IT Professionals own logical thinking and problem-solving bias.Logical reasoning, detachment, pattern recognition, system orientation. The nature of tech work can lead to a preference for logic over emotion, sometimes reducing emotional availability in interpersonal relationships. A software developer might respond to a partner’s emotional concern with a practical solution instead of empathy, showing a tendency to “fix” rather than “feel.”

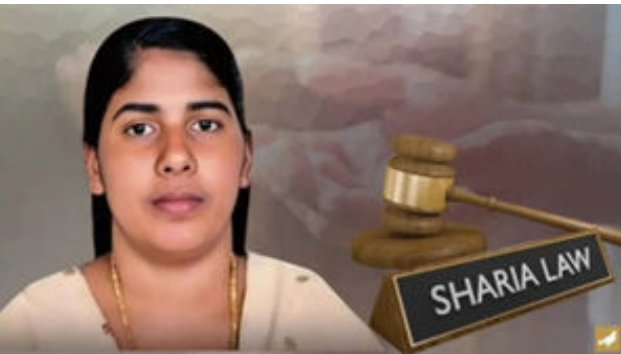
Entrepreneurs risk Appetite and control needs. Ambition, creativity, risk-taking, control-oriented and resilient. Running a business sharpens decision-making under uncertainty and creates a strong sense of personal responsibility, but may also breed anxiety or restlessness. An entrepreneur may become frustrated with slow bureaucratic processes in daily life because they’re used to acting independently and swiftly. Social Workers and Therapists develop empathy and set boundaries. Compassion, nonjudgmental attitude, emotional labor, boundary setting. These professionals develop deep listening skills and emotional intelligence, but must also learn to set firm boundaries to avoid emotional exhaustion. A therapist might seem unusually good at resolving family conflicts or listening without interrupting, but may also avoid emotionally draining situations at home. Professions just not change the pattern of individuals’ work, but how they think, feel, and interact—often spilling over into personal and social life. Being aware of this can foster self-awareness, improve work-life balance, and help us better understand people around us.



Socialism Fails to Deliver Freedom, Equality, or Prosperity: Is Liberalism the Answer?

In 1966, Minoo Masani critically examined socialism’s promises and questioned whether liberalism might offer a better path forward. He argued that socialism neither brings prosperity nor achieves true equality—and it certainly does not guarantee freedom. Masani started by challenging the belief that socialism must inevitably replace liberalism. He reminded readers of Mahatma Gandhi’s wisdom that political consistency is not always virtuous; adapting to changing realities is crucial. Gandhi also taught that the means matter as much as the ends—using oppressive or violent methods to build a better society only corrupts the goal itself. The Soviet Union’s brutality under Stalin is a stark example, where repression failed to create a more fraternal society. One of Gandhi’s key warnings was about the State’s potential to threaten human freedom. According to Masani, socialism, with its heavy state control, leads to the loss of liberty, as seen in the communist world where the state monopolizes power indefinitely instead of “withering away” as promised by Lenin. Italian philosopher Benedetto Croce foresaw this outcome, noting that without “autonomous social forces”—independent property owners, professionals, and businessmen—freedom cannot survive, because no one remains free to oppose government dominance.

Masani then reflected on India’s experience with semi-socialism. After 15 years of socialist policies, there was no real improvement in living standards since independence. Agricultural and industrial laborers’ incomes stagnated or even declined, and the middle class suffered the most. Meanwhile, a small privileged “new class” benefited through political patronage, corruption, and protected monopolies, widening inequalities rather than reducing them. Turning to liberalism, Masani defined it as a belief in the “self-directing power of personality” and freedom as a societal necessity—not just an individual right. Economically, liberalism advocates limited government intervention and a free market where consumers, not bureaucrats, decide production. This “ballot of the marketplace” allows for constant choice and competition, ensuring goods and services meet real demand. The results? Prosperity, social justice, and genuine freedom flourish faster in liberal economies than under state-controlled socialism. Workers in liberal economies enjoy better living standards and more economic freedom than those under socialism. Masani concluded that the global trend toward liberal democracy reflects this truth: human intelligence ultimately favors freedom and prosperity over state control and repression.



Between Justice and Mercy: An Islamic Perspective on Nimisha Priya’s Fate

Hyderabad: The story of Nimisha Priya, an Indian nurse on death row in Yemen, is stirring global calls for mercy and offers a profound reflection on justice within Islamic law. Nimisha’s execution was recently postponed, rekindling efforts by diplomats and religious leaders—including India’s Grand Mufti Sheikh Kanthapuram A.P. Aboobacker Musliyar—to seek clemency. His statement, “I didn’t look at her religion. I looked at her humanity,” echoes the core Islamic value of compassion. Nimisha, from Kerala’s Palakkad district, has been imprisoned since 2017, accused of causing the death of a Yemeni man, Talal Abdo Mahdi, by administering ketamine. While the authorities allege murder, her lawyers maintain that her intent was only to sedate him to recover withheld documents. Islamic jurisprudence balances justice with mercy through three categories of punishment: Hudood, Qisas, and Ta’azir. Hudood crimes—such as theft, adultery, and apostasy—have fixed penalties ordained by divine law, which judges must enforce strictly. Nimisha’s case, however, falls under Qisas, the principle of retributive justice often summarized as “an eye for an eye.” Under Qisas, the victim’s family has the right to demand punishment or opt for forgiveness. Crucially, forgiveness can be granted in exchange for diya, or blood money—a form of compensation recognized by Islamic courts in countries like Yemen, Saudi Arabia, and Iran. This system allows for justice to be served while fostering reconciliation, aligning with Quranic teachings on mercy. The Quran emphasizes forgiveness over vengeance. Surah Ash-Shura (42:40-43) states, “But whoever pardons and makes reconciliation, his reward is with Allah.” Similarly, Surah An-Nahl (16:126) urges patience and forgiveness as superior virtues. Such verses highlight forgiveness not only as permitted but as a sign of true strength and resolve. Ta’azir, the third category, allows judges discretion to impose punishments when fixed penalties are not specified, further reflecting Islam’s nuanced approach to justice. Public opinion and many Islamic scholars support clemency for Nimisha, viewing the case as a moral test for society. Retired Hyderabad police officer Chakrapani, experienced in Islamic mediation, underscores forgiveness’s primacy in Quranic teachings.



Palestinians in Gaza are dying of starvation

Severe hunger is devastating the Gaza Strip, where the humanitarian crisis worsens daily as Palestinians suffer from extreme food shortages amid a relentless blockade and ongoing conflict. Atef Abu Khater, 17, once healthy, now lies in intensive care in northern Gaza, critically malnourished. His father, A’eed Abu Khater, shares the helplessness of many families trapped in the war zone. “We lost our income in the war. Food is unaffordable. There is nothing,” he says, sheltering with his family in a tent in Gaza City. Hospitals across Gaza are overwhelmed, not only by casualties from airstrikes and violence but increasingly by malnutrition. Dr. Ahmed al-Farra, head of pediatrics at Nasser Hospital in southern Gaza, paints a grim picture: “There is no one in Gaza now outside the scope of famine, not even myself.” He describes heartbreaking cases of children too weak to walk, including 11-month-old Siwar Barbaq, who weighs less than half the healthy weight for her age. The World Food Programme reports that a third of Gaza’s two million residents are going multiple days without food, a staggering indicator of the crisis’s scale. The Gaza Ministry of Health has reported over 40 hunger-related deaths in July alone, including 16 children, and 111 deaths since the war began in October 2023. The crisis deepened after Israel resumed military operations in

March 2025 and imposed an 80-day blockade, restricting food and essential supplies. Aid reaches Gaza through two channels: a controversial private system run by Israeli-backed contractors and convoys from independent international organizations. Both face challenges due to violence, mismanagement, and restrictions, with many Palestinians risking life to reach aid distribution sites. Israel blames Hamas for disrupting aid delivery, accusing the group of looting supplies and hindering distribution. Conversely, aid organizations and Palestinians accuse Israel of enforcing a blockade that worsens starvation. Images circulated by Israel of unused aid pallets and footage purportedly showing Hamas militants enjoying food contrast starkly with the widespread hunger among civilians. Doctors warn malnutrition in children will cause long-term damage to growth and development. Mohammad Saqr, head nurse at Nasser Medical Complex, says the hospital receives dozens of patients daily needing intravenous glucose, but supplies and staff energy are running dangerously low. “The team is exhausted from hunger,” he says. As negotiations for a ceasefire continue, Gaza’s population remains caught in a deadly siege where starvation is claiming innocent lives amid ongoing conflict.

"Chapters Of India's Soul": PM Modi Launches 'Gyan Bharatam Mission'

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In the 124th episode of his monthly radio programme Mann Ki Baat, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the launch of the historic 'Gyan Bharatam Mission', a national initiative aimed at digitising and preserving India's vast collection of ancient manuscripts.

PM Modi stated that the mission would lead to the creation of a National Digital Repository, providing students, researchers, and teachers worldwide access to India's centuries-old knowledge systems and intellectual traditions.

"Inspired by the thought of expanding our ancient knowledge, the Government of India has announced a historic ini-



tiative in this year's budget, 'Gyan Bharatam Mission'," the Prime Minister said. "These are not just manuscripts—they are chapters of India's soul that must be passed on to future generations."

Announced in the Union Budget on June 9, 2025, the mission

aims to digitise, conserve, and make accessible over one crore ancient manuscripts currently scattered across libraries, temples, mutts, and private collections across the country. To support this ambitious goal, the Centre has significantly increased the budgetary allocation for the initiative from ₹3.5

crore to ₹60 crore. The Gyan Bharatam Mission is a key part of India's broader efforts under the 'Viksit Bharat' vision, combining heritage conservation with modern technology. It reflects the country's growing investment in reviving civilisational narratives, preserving linguistic diversity, and promoting cultural pride.

In the same Mann Ki Baat episode, PM Modi also lauded UNESCO's recent decision to grant World Heritage Site status to 12 Maratha forts, 11 of which are in Maharashtra and one in Tamil Nadu. Highlighting their historical significance, he praised Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and the Maratha legacy, calling the forts "testaments of India's indomitable spirit and rich history."



Crafts of Eastern India Take Center Stage at 79th Independence Day 'At Home' Event

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This year's 79th Independence Day "At Home" reception hosted by President Droupadi Murmu will celebrate the rich craft traditions of Eastern India, with the official invitations themselves serving as works of art. Crafted by artisans from Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, and West Bengal, the invitation sets showcase regional artistry, continuing the precedent set during Republic Day, which featured South Indian crafts.

Curated by the National Institute of Design (NID), the invitation package includes contributions from dozens of skilled craftspeople—many of them women. Notably, nine Madhubani artists from Bihar and 15 bamboo artisans from Jharkhand worked collaboratively at NID's Bengaluru campus.

Padma Shri awardee Ashok Kumar Biswas, a Tikuli painting master from Bihar, led the production of 750 Tikuli artworks to accompany the invitation. Asked to design lightweight versions of the typically enamel-on-MDA-based artwork, Biswas created a fourth prototype—Tikuli on paper resembling the traditional base—which was approved. "It is a matter of great pride to be involved in this initiative from the President's office," he said, calling the project a celebration of India's folk art legacy.

The invitation will come enclosed in a handwoven Sikki grass box, crafted by 30 artisans from Raiyam village in Madhubani, Bihar. Inside, a bamboo frame from Dumka, Jharkhand, painted with traditional designs, holds the invitation. This foldable frame can be reused as a photo frame.

Additional handcrafted elements include a Madhubani bookmark, a tussar stole with traditional motifs, and miniature artworks: Tala Patachitra from Raghurajpur (Odisha), Paitkar from East Singhbhum (Jharkhand), and postcard-sized Patachitra from Pingla (West Bengal). This artistic invitation not only celebrates India's independence but also elevates regional craftsmanship on a national platform.

Haridwar Temple Stampede a Systemic Failure, Says AAP Chief Arvind Kejriwal

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Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convenor Arvind Kejriwal on Sunday, termed the tragic stampede at the Mansa Devi temple in Haridwar not just an accident but a "failure of the system," and urged that accountability be fixed.

The stampede, which occurred earlier in the day, has claimed the lives of at least six devotees and left many others injured. According to Haridwar Senior Superintendent of Police Pramendra Singh Dobal, the chaos began when rumours of an electric current near the temple stairway spread rapidly, triggering panic among the crowd gathered for darshan.

In a heartfelt message posted in Hindi on X (formerly Twit-



ter), Kejriwal expressed deep sorrow over the incident. "The heart-wrenching stampede at Haridwar's sacred Mansa Devi temple has left me extremely saddened. May God give strength to the bereaved families and peace to the departed

souls," he wrote. Highlighting the recurring nature of such disasters at religious places, Kejriwal stressed that this was not merely an unfortunate accident but reflected serious lapses in crowd and event management.

"These horrific incidents expose negligence in planning and infrastructure at key religious sites. This is a systemic failure, not just misfortune. Accountability must be ensured," he said.

Senior AAP leader Manish Sisodia also condemned the incident, calling it "extremely tragic." In his own post on X, he extended condolences to the families of the victims and wished a speedy recovery to the injured.

The Haridwar tragedy has reignited debates around safety and crowd control measures at India's religious and pilgrimage sites, with growing calls from political and civil society leaders to reform and modernise infrastructure to prevent such avoidable tragedies in the future.

Dhankhar has to tell what happened, the matter is between him and PM Modi: Kharage

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said on Sunday that he has no knowledge of the reasons behind Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar's sudden resignation, and stated that only Dhankhar and Prime Minister Narendra Modi know what truly happened.

Speaking to reporters in Vijayapura, Karnataka, Kharge said, "He was always on the government's side. He should say what happened. The matter is between him and Modi. We don't have any information."

Dhankhar resigned from the post of Vice President and Chairman of the Rajya Sabha on July 21, citing health reasons. In his letter to President Droupadi Murmu, he said he was stepping down "to prioritise health care", a move that has sparked intense political speculation.

Kharge, who is also the Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha, was critical of Dhankhar's conduct as Chair. "When we raised issues concerning farmers, the poor, international policy, or atrocities against women and Dalits, we were never given an opportunity. He always sided with the government and didn't let the Opposition speak," he said.

When asked whether Dhankhar's exit had anything to do with his re-



cent remarks in support of farmers, Kharge said, "I don't know all those details. He has to tell what really happened."

Responding to another question about a possible change in leadership of the Karnataka Congress unit, Kharge declined to comment, saying, "All those things cannot be said now. Will speak later."

Currently, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar holds the post of Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) president, but there have been growing demands within the party for a replacement, citing a conflict of interest in holding both roles.

India Grants Tariff Relief to UK Goods Under FTA, Keeps Sensitive Sectors Protected

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

India has extended significant tariff concessions to a broad range of British products under the recently signed Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) with the United Kingdom, while carefully excluding sensitive sectors like tea, coffee, and gold to safeguard domestic producers.

Signed on July 24, the deal will come into force after ratification by the British Parliament, likely within a year. Under the agreement, India will phase out or reduce import tariffs on nearly 90% of goods originating from the UK, according to think tank GTRI.

Among the goods that will benefit from phased duty elimination are:

- Pastries and cakes (currently taxed at 33%) and protein concentrates (44%) — duty-free over 10 years
- Chocolates (33% duty) — zero duty in 7 years
- Dog and cat food (22%) — full exemption in 7 years
- Cosmetics (22%) and soaps (11%) — duty removed in 10 years
- Shaving creams, gels, and detergents (11%) — duty removed immediately



- Air conditioners and washing machines (22%) — duty-free in 10 years
- Microwave ovens — duty scrapped immediately
- For industrial and recyclable goods:
- Waste paper (11%) and silver bars (10.75%) — duty-free in 10 years
- Ferrous scrap (2.75%) — duty scrapped immediately
- Brass scrap — phased relief over 10 years
- Aluminium scrap — excluded

- from concessions in aerospace, turbo-jets with thrust over 25kN (8.25%) will see duties cut over seven years.

On alcoholic beverages, India will lower duties only on premium UK spirits priced above \$6 per 750ml. Tariffs will fall from 110% to 75% in year one, reaching 40% by year 10.

The structured timeline gives Indian industries time to adapt while enhancing consumer choice and trade ties with the UK.

They Should Be Prosecuted: Trump

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U.S. President Donald Trump has called for the prosecution of Vice President Kamala Harris and several prominent celebrities, accusing them of illegally receiving payments for endorsements during the 2024 presidential election. Trump made the explosive claims on Saturday via his Truth Social account, alleging violations of campaign finance laws.

In his post, Trump claimed that Democrats spent millions of dollars securing endorsements from major public figures, which he described as “totally illegal.” Among those named were singer Beyoncé, TV host Oprah Winfrey, and civil rights activist Rev. Al Sharpton. Trump alleged that Beyoncé received \$11 million, Oprah \$3 million for “expenses,” and Sharpton \$600,000, calling them “ridiculous fees” for what he claimed was “absolutely NOTHING.”

“These endorsements were paid for and falsely reported in the campaign’s books. You are NOT allowed to pay for an endorsement—it is ILLEGAL,” Trump stated. “Kamala and all of those who received endorsement money BROKE THE LAW. They should all be prosecuted.”

The accusations come as Trump himself



faces renewed scrutiny over his handling of the Jeffrey Epstein case files. In a separate Truth Social post, Trump labeled the ongoing investigation a “politically motivated con job” orchestrated by Democrats to undermine his presidency.

“They’re playing another Russia, Russia, Russia hoax, this time under the guise of the Jeffrey Epstein SCAM,” Trump wrote. He added that he had instructed

Attorney General Pam Bondi to work on releasing the grand jury testimonies of Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell, citing public pressure and a need for transparency.

The situation adds another layer of political tension as both parties brace for the 2026 midterms, with campaign finance practices and past scandals taking center stage once again.

Pro-Kurdish Leader Calls on India to Support Historic PKK-Turkey Peace Process

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Tuncer Bakirhan, Co-Chair of the People’s Equality and Democracy (DEM) Party, which plays a key delegational role in the peace talks between the Turkish government and Kurdish militant group PKK, has urged India to actively support the recent ceasefire and peace agreement. The deal, marking a significant step in ending decades of conflict between the PKK and Turkey, is seen as a major victory for peace in Turkey and the broader West Asian region.

In an interview with The Hindu, Bakirhan highlighted the deep historical, cultural, and linguistic ties between the Kurdish region—spanning parts of Turkey, Iraq, Iran, and Syria—and India. Both Kurdish and Indian cultures share Indo-European roots, with Kurdish and Sanskrit languages stemming from a common linguistic heritage thousands



of years old. These shared connections, he argued, create a natural foundation for India’s solidarity and greater responsibility to support the peace process.

Bakirhan pointed to the historic significance of the peace deal, which challenges the century-old legacy of the Sykes-Picot agreement that divided the Ottoman

Empire’s territories under European powers. He stressed that this peace effort is not just diplomatic but a reflection of longstanding cultural and commercial exchanges linking Kurdistan and India.

The peace process began in October 2024, gaining momentum after Turkish nationalist leader Devlet Bahçeli called for peace, with PKK leader Abdullah Öcalan endorsing disarmament earlier this year. Despite the ceasefire, Bakirhan warned that sporadic clashes persist and urged an immediate halt to all military operations to fully realize peace. He emphasized that peace has strong intellectual and popular support within Turkey and stressed that the prolonged conflict has inflicted enormous economic and social damage, costing around \$2 trillion. Bakirhan believes this strategic peace move by Öcalan could reshape Turkey’s future and the region’s stability.

Israel announces military pause in three Gaza areas

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Israeli military announced a daily “tactical pause” in fighting across three key areas of Gaza—Muwasi, Deir al-Balah, and Gaza City. The pause will last from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm local time each day until further notice, aiming to alleviate the worsening humanitarian crisis in the region.

Though the military stated it was not currently active in these specific zones, recent weeks have seen ongoing clashes and airstrikes there. The tactical pause is intended to create safer conditions for aid agencies to deliver critical food, medical supplies, and other essentials to the civilian population suffering under harsh conditions.

Alongside the pause, the Israeli military will establish secure routes to assist humanitarian organizations in reaching people across Gaza. This measure addresses growing international concern over severe food shortages and famine risks exacerbated by strict Israeli restrictions on aid.

The announcement follows mounting



criticism from global actors, including Israel’s close allies, amid reports of hundreds of Palestinians killed recently while attempting to access food distribution points. The humanitarian situation in Gaza has deteriorated rapidly, prompting urgent calls for relief efforts.

In addition to the daily pause, Israel said it would resume airdropping supplies into Gaza, marking another step toward easing the acute hunger crisis. Despite

these humanitarian gestures, the military emphasized that its broader offensive against Hamas and other militant groups in Gaza would continue unabated.

The tactical pause represents a rare moment of operational restraint in an otherwise intense conflict, signaling some responsiveness to international pressure while maintaining Israel’s strategic objectives in Gaza.



Thailand and Cambodia Agree to Ceasefire Talks Following Trump’s Mediation

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Thailand and Cambodia have signaled readiness to negotiate an end to their deadly border conflict after intervention by former US President Donald Trump. The clashes, now in their fourth day, have resulted in at least 34 deaths and displaced more than 168,000 people.

Trump posted on Truth Social that he had spoken with both countries’ leaders, warning that continued hostilities could jeopardize future trade agreements. He announced that both sides agreed to meet for ceasefire negotiations. Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Manet confirmed Cambodia’s commitment to an “immediate and unconditional ceasefire,” noting that Trump informed him Thailand had also agreed to halt attacks. Hun Manet assigned his deputy foreign minister to coordinate efforts with US Secretary of State Marco Rubio and engage directly with Thailand’s foreign ministry.

Thailand expressed cautious optimism. Acting Prime Minister Phumtham Wechayachai thanked Trump and said Thailand agreed in principle to a ceasefire but emphasized the need for “sincere intention” from Cambodia. The Thai Foreign Ministry called for swift bilateral talks to reach a peaceful resolution.

The fighting began after a land mine explosion wounded five Thai soldiers. Both nations blamed each other for initiating the violence. Despite diplomatic efforts, clashes continued, with artillery fire targeting border provinces and disputed sites like the ancient Ta Muen Thom temple. Both sides accused each other of escalating violence and violating humanitarian laws. The conflict has caused mass evacuations, with over 131,000 displaced in Thailand and 37,000 in Cambodia. Many border villages are deserted, and schools and hospitals have closed.

The UN Security Council urged ASEAN to mediate the conflict, while Human Rights Watch condemned the use of banned cluster munitions in civilian areas. The 500-mile Thailand-Cambodia border has long been disputed, but recent clashes have been the most severe in years.



North Korea’s Kim Jong Un Vows Victory in Anti-U.S. Struggle on Korean War Anniversary

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On the anniversary of the Korean War armistice, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un vowed that his country would emerge victorious in its ongoing “anti-imperialist, anti-U.S.” battles, state media reported. The statement came as North Korea commemorated the signing of the armistice agreement with the United States and China on July 27, 1953, which ended three years of intense fighting on the Korean Peninsula.

Kim reaffirmed his commitment to building a prosperous nation with a powerful military, declaring that North Korea and its people would become “honorable victors” in their ongoing struggle against U.S. influence. His remarks were made during a visit to a war museum and memorials dedicated to Korean War veterans, including the Tower of Friendship, which honors Chinese soldiers who fought alongside North Korean forces.

The armistice agreement, signed by U.S. generals representing United Nations forces supporting South Korea, halted active combat but did not officially end the war, leaving the peninsula divided roughly along the 38th parallel. While North Korea marks July 27 as “Victory Day,” South Korea does not observe the date with major events, reflecting the continued tensions on the peninsula.

In a significant development, North Korea is currently supporting Russia in the war in Ukraine. Thousands of North Korean troops have reportedly been deployed to Russia’s Kursk region, with Pyongyang supplying munitions as well. South Korean officials have indicated that additional troop deployments from North Korea may occur in the coming weeks.

Textile Industry Urges Uniform 5% GST Across Value Chain to Boost Growth

The Indian textile industry has reiterated its demand for a fibre-neutral Goods and Services Tax (GST) rate of 5% across the entire textile and apparel value chain. Industry leaders argue that rationalising the current tax structure will eliminate the inverted duty structure, boost investments, and promote growth in all segments of the sector.



Currently, the cotton-based textile sector largely attracts a 5% GST, except for garments priced above ₹1,000, which are taxed at 12%. However, the Man Made Fibre (MMF) sector faces a complex and higher tax structure — raw materials like Purified Terephthalic Acid (PTA) and Monoethylene Glycol (MEG) are taxed at 18%, MMF filament and spun yarn at 12%, fabrics and garments at 5%, and items priced above ₹1,000 at 12%. R.K. Vij, Secretary General of the Polyester Textiles Apparel Industry Association, highlighted the impact of this disparity. “A uniform 5% GST is crucial to remove the inverted duty structure and make MMF sector globally competitive,” he said. He added that to achieve the textile sector’s ambitious target of \$100 billion in exports and \$250 billion in domestic sales by 2030, all segments — cotton, viscose, and synthetic fibres — must grow simultaneously. Currently, there are no major expansions in the viscose or cotton sec-

tors, making MMF sector growth vital. K. Selvaraju, Secretary General of the Southern India Mills Association, suggested that garments and fabrics priced above ₹2,000 be taxed at 12%, while all other products, irrespective of the fibre, should attract a uniform 5% GST. “Micro, small, and medium enterprises are struggling with input tax credit accumulation. MMF-based fabrics and garments are affordable to the masses and must be supported through lower taxation,” he emphasized. He also pointed out that the textile and apparel industry is one of the largest employment generators in the country. Rationalising the GST structure, he argued, would encourage new investments and job creation. Industry bodies believe that implementing a fibre-neutral GST regime will bring parity, reduce compliance complexity, and position India more competitively in the global textile market.

India’s agri-exports surge in Q1 FY26, rice exports lead



India’s agricultural and processed food exports have shown strong momentum in the first quarter of FY26, recording a 7% year-on-year increase to reach \$5.96 billion between April and June. This growth reflects the sector’s robust performance, driven by supportive policies and strong global demand. Rice remains the cornerstone of India’s agri-export success. Combined shipments of basmati and non-basmati rice rose by 3.5%, reaching \$2.9 billion in Q1 FY26. This comes on the heels of a record-breaking FY25, where rice exports hit \$12.47 billion — a 20% jump over the previous year. For over a decade, India has consistently maintained its status as the world’s largest rice exporter, contributing 40% of the global trade. The recent surge in rice exports was supported by the government’s decision in late 2024 to remove various export controls, including minimum export price restrictions, following a record harvest and strong domestic stock levels. Other key drivers of export growth include buffalo meat, dairy, and poultry products, which collectively grew by 17% to \$1.18 billion in Q1.

India is now the world’s second-largest exporter of buffalo meat, with major markets in the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, Vietnam, Iraq, and Egypt. These exports are managed under the APEDA framework, with integrated, certified meat plants regularly inspected by importing countries to ensure compliance with international standards. Fruits and vegetables also posted impressive growth, with exports climbing 13% to \$0.95 billion in the quarter, reflecting rising global demand for Indian produce. APEDA (Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority) continues to play a vital role, coordinating exports worth \$25.14 billion in FY25 — a 12% rise from FY24. APEDA products now account for over half of India’s total agricultural exports. Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal credited the sector’s progress to favorable policies, fiscal incentives, low tariffs, and enhanced market access through free trade agreements (FTAs) with countries like Australia, the UAE, the UK, and EFTA nations.

Crypto Market Surges Past \$4 Trillion Amid New U.S. Regulatory Framework

The cryptocurrency sector reached a historic milestone on Friday, with its total market value surpassing \$4 trillion, signaling the maturation of digital assets from a speculative fringe to a mainstream component of global finance. According to CoinGecko, this surge comes amid renewed optimism, clearer regulatory policies, and increasing institutional investment. A key catalyst behind this growth was the U.S. House of Representatives passing a bill on Thursday to establish a regulatory framework for U.S.-dollar-pegged stablecoins—cryptocurrencies designed to maintain a 1:1 value with the dollar. The bill has been sent to President Donald Trump, who is expected to sign it into law. This legislative move marks a significant shift in the U.S. government’s stance toward the crypto industry, balancing



cautious oversight with support for innovation. In addition to the stablecoin bill, the House approved two more crypto-related laws, including one outlining broader crypto regulations and another

aiming to prohibit the issuance of a U.S. central bank digital currency. These measures now await Senate review. “The Genius Act will go down in history as a foundational step in mainstreaming crypto as an asset class,” said Chris Perkins, president of CoinFund. The rise of stablecoins, which facilitate instant payments and seamless fund transfers between tokens, has been a major driver of market expansion. Meanwhile, corporate adoption of cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin is accelerating, with more public companies adding digital assets to their treasuries as a long-term store of value. Despite Bitcoin’s slight dip of 1.8% to around \$120,000 after hitting an all-time high near \$112,000 earlier this week, forecasts remain bullish. Bro-

kerage Bernstein predicts Bitcoin could reach \$200,000 by the end of 2025. Ethereum, the second-largest cryptocurrency, climbed 4.5%, having more than doubled in value over the past three months. The crypto rally also boosted related equities, with Coinbase and Robinhood stocks hitting record highs on Friday. Coinbase shares rose 1%, while Robinhood, which supports crypto trading, gained 3%, reflecting broad investor enthusiasm across the sector. As the world’s third-largest emitter of greenhouse gases, India’s transition holds immense global significance. The report underlines that timely action and capital inflow will be critical in determining the country’s role in the global climate response.

Nifty Enters Key Demand Zone Between 25,000–24,770, Say Analysts

Indian stock markets ended the week on a weak note, with the Nifty slipping below the 25,000 mark, entering what analysts describe as a crucial demand zone between 25,000 and 24,770. This level is now expected to act as immediate support. On Friday, the Sensex dropped 501.51 points to close at 81,757.73, while the Nifty declined 143.05 points to end the session at 24,968.40. The broader market also witnessed profit booking, with mid- and small-cap indices correcting nearly 1%. Mandar Bhojane, Senior Technical Analyst at Choice Equity Broking, noted that the Nifty has formed three consecutive bearish candles on the weekly chart, signaling a loss of upward momentum. However, the fall in trading volume during the correction indicates a lack of aggressive selling, suggesting the overall trend structure remains bullish. “If the index holds the demand zone and reverses, we could see a fresh rally towards 26,000–26,400 in the coming weeks,” Bhojane added. Key support for the Nifty lies between 24,900 and 24,800, while resistance is expected around 25,200–25,500. Global factors like rising crude oil prices due to supply disruptions in Iraq and uncertain



signals from the U.S. Federal Reserve continue to weigh on market sentiment, especially for oil-importing economies like India. Meanwhile, Bank Nifty ended the week at 56,283, down 0.83%, amid pressure from ongoing earnings announcements. Analysts expect consolidation or a sideways-to-bearish phase ahead unless the index breaks above the 57,000 resistance level. Key support for Bank Nifty is seen at 56,000 and 55,500. Traders are advised to stay cautious and wait for confirmation signals before taking directional trades. Upcoming earnings from banking heavyweights like HDFC Bank and ICICI Bank are expected to guide market direction in the coming week.

RBI Monetary Panel Member Confident India Will Grow Over 6.5% in FY26

Nagesh Kumar, a member of the Reserve Bank of India’s Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), expressed strong confidence on July 27, 2025, that the Indian economy will easily achieve a growth rate above 6.5% in the current financial year (FY26). Speaking in an interview with PTI Videos, Kumar highlighted that India remains a “bright spot” amid global economic uncertainties.



Kumar pointed out that over a third of the world’s economies are currently grappling with debt crises, high inflation, and slowing growth—especially in industrialized nations. In contrast, he said India’s economy is more resilient due to its heavy reliance on domestic consumption and investment rather than exports or trade, which cushions it from global shocks. “I do not see any challenges in the Indian economy achieving upwards of 6.5% growth this year and the next,” Kumar stated. He further added that this momentum could strengthen over time, potentially reaching growth rates of 7-7.5% in the coming years. The Reserve Bank of India’s projections also support this outlook, estimating the country’s economy to expand by 6.5% in FY26, matching the growth recorded in the previous fiscal year. On inflation, Kumar noted that the current Con-

sumer Price Index (CPI) inflation stands around 2%, a result of prudent policy measures adopted by the RBI and the MPC to maintain price stability. Despite ongoing global tensions and trade uncertainties, especially with the U.S., Kumar’s optimistic assessment points to strong domestic drivers—such as consumption, foreign direct investment (FDI), and economic reforms—that will sustain India’s growth trajectory in FY26 and beyond.

Samsung Z Fold 7 Series Launched in Hyderabad

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Samsung has officially launched its newest premium mobile phone lineup—Galaxy Z Fold 7, Z Flip 7, and Z Flip 7FE—featuring cutting-edge technology, vibrant colors, and features tailored to youth preferences. On this occasion, Samsung representatives visited Sameer Communications and Master Communication at Panjagutta to unveil the latest foldable series. The event saw the participation of Samsung Regional Sales Manager SK Nagurmoula, Zonal Sales Manager Rajasekhar Kella, Area Sales Manager Sudhir Kumar Manepalli, Distributor Anil, and Savex Super Stockist Executive Javed. Company officials said the newly launched Galaxy Z Fold 7 series offers a premium smartphone experience with advanced resolution, versatile features, and high-end apps. They emphasized that special promotional offers are being made available for customers who opt for advance bookings through select outlets.



Sameer Communications in Panjagutta is now accepting bookings and showcasing the latest models for customers in the city.

Red Statue of Donald Trump Emerging from Manhole Stuns New Yorkers

New Yorkers were met with an unusual and provocative installation this week when a bright red sculpture of former U.S. President Donald Trump was spotted emerging from a manhole at a bustling Midtown Manhattan intersection.



The life-sized artwork, simply titled “Donald,” was installed by French street artist James Colomina, known for his politically charged, guerrilla-style sculptures. The statue appeared suddenly on East 42nd Street and 2nd Avenue, not far from Trump Tower, catching pedestrians and commuters off guard.

Painted entirely in a bold red hue, the sculpture features a pursed-lipped Trump figure appearing to crawl out of a sewer, sparking a mix of amusement, confusion, and commentary among passersby. The placement — rising from beneath the city streets — has been interpreted by many as a metaphorical statement, though Colomina himself has yet to release an official explanation.

This isn't Colomina's first foray into public political installations. His past works, often installed without permission, have depicted controversial world leaders in symbolic and sometimes absurd contexts. His installations

are usually unannounced and aim to challenge social norms, provoke thought, and engage the public in conversation.

Social media quickly lit up with photos and videos of the sculpture, with some praising it as “genius street art” and others criticizing it as disrespectful. Many see the artwork as a satirical jab at Trump's political legacy, especially in the lead-up to the 2026 elections.

While the New York City authorities have not yet commented on the legality or future of the sculpture, it remains unclear how long the statue will stay in place. As with many of Colomina's works, the installation may disappear as suddenly as it appeared — but its impact is already generating buzz across both political and artistic circles.

Ancient Humans Ate Children 850,000 Years Ago, New Discovery Reveals

In a startling revelation, archaeologists in Spain have uncovered chilling evidence that ancient human ancestors engaged in cannibalism, including the consumption of young children, nearly 850,000 years ago. The discovery was made at the Gran Dolina cave site in Atapuerca, northern Spain, by a team from the Catalan Institute of Human Paleoecology and Social Evolution (IPHES).

Researchers found a fossilized neck vertebra belonging to a child estimated to be between two and four years old. What sets this discovery apart is the presence of clear butchery marks, suggesting the child was not only killed



but also processed for consumption—treated like any other hunted animal. The marks were found at key anatomical points necessary for decapitation and disarticulation.

Dr. Palmira Saladie, co-director of the excavation, called the case particularly disturbing due to the child's young age and the precision of the cut marks. “This vertebra shows deliberate and skillful incisions, which offer direct evidence that the child was butchered,” she said.

The remains have been identified as belonging to Homo antecessor, a species considered to be the last common ancestor of both modern humans

(Homo sapiens) and Neanderthals. These early humans lived between 1.2 million and 800,000 years ago, were shorter and stockier than people today, and had smaller brains — about 1,000 to 1,150 cubic centimeters compared to the modern average of 1,350 cc.

While evidence of prehistoric cannibalism is not new, this may be the earliest known instance involving a child, suggesting that such practices may have been more common and systematic than previously believed. The findings challenge modern assumptions about how early humans treated their dead and indicate a more complex and, at times, brutal survival strategy.

China Showcases AI Power with Humanoid Robots at WAIC

At the World Artificial Intelligence Conference (WAIC) in Shanghai, humanoid robots dazzled visitors with their diverse abilities—serving craft beer, playing mahjong, shadow-boxing, and even stacking shelves—representing the forefront of China's rapid AI evolution. The event, held over the weekend, highlighted the country's ambition to become a global AI powerhouse, rivaling the United States in both innovation and regulation.

Premier Li Qiang opened the conference by announcing plans to establish an international organization focused on AI governance, cautioning that technological progress must be balanced with risk management. However, the atmosphere at the expo was filled with excitement, not concern.

“This year, the demand for AI applications—ranging from data and scenarios to model training—is booming,” said Yang Yifan, R&D Director at Shanghai-based AI platform Transwarp.

This year's WAIC follows a landmark moment in January when Chinese startup DeepSeek launched an AI model that matched the performance of leading U.S. systems at a fraction of the cost. More than 800 companies presented over 3,000 AI products at the event, with humanoid robots stealing the spotlight.

Among the standout exhibits was Unitree's G1 android, which punched, kicked, and danced



with fluid balance. The company also announced a full-sized humanoid robot, the R1, priced under \$6,000. Meanwhile, robots in work uniforms operated assembly lines and played games with humans, illustrating China's growing dominance in robotics.

AI-powered “digital humans” also drew attention. Baidu unveiled its latest generation of realistic avatars capable of hosting livestreams and making decisions—technologies already used by over 10,000 businesses.

While concerns about AI's impact on jobs persist, many attendees were more fascinated than fearful. As Yang noted, “China has a solid data foundation and countless application scenarios—ideal for advancing AI development.”

WhatsApp to Introduce Profile Photo Sync from Instagram, Facebook

Meta is taking another step toward deeper integration across its platforms by testing a new WhatsApp feature that allows users to import their profile photo directly from Instagram or Facebook. The update, currently available to select beta users via WhatsApp Beta for Android version 2.25.21.23, is expected to roll out more widely in the coming weeks.



The feature aims to streamline the process of setting up or updating a profile picture on WhatsApp, eliminating the need to re-upload the same image across platforms. Users will soon see Instagram and Facebook options alongside the existing methods of choosing a profile photo — such as capturing a new image, selecting from the gallery, using an avatar, or generating an AI image.

To enable this feature, users must have their WhatsApp, Facebook, and Instagram accounts linked via the Meta Accounts Center. This integration has been gradually expanding, with WhatsApp becoming a more prominent part of the Meta ecosystem. Earlier this year, Meta added the option to include WhatsApp in its Accounts Center, paving the way for unified features across apps.

The new profile sync tool is particularly useful for users who may no longer have access to a particular photo stored on Instagram or Facebook. Instead of using screenshots or re-uploading compressed versions, they can simply pull the original image directly from their linked social accounts.

This feature is part of a broader move by Meta to create a more seamless experience across its apps. Users can already share Instagram Stories as WhatsApp Status updates, while business users can add a WhatsApp contact button to their Instagram profiles to boost customer engagement.

As Meta continues its push toward tighter platform integration, users can expect more convenience-focused updates like this one in the near future.

Pogacar Clinches Fourth Tour as Groves Wins Stage

Slovenia's Tadej Pogacar narrowly escaped a crash during a rain-soaked penultimate stage in the Jura Mountains, effectively sealing his fourth Tour de France victory. Despite treacherous conditions and a last-minute pileup in the peloton, Pogacar maintained his composure, crossing the finish line safely with a confident smile. He now holds an unassailable lead of 4 minutes and 24 seconds over Denmark's Jonas Vingegaard heading into the final stage in Paris. Meanwhile, Australian cyclist Kaden Groves made history by claiming his 10th Grand Tour stage win in spectacular fashion. Riding

with the day's breakaway group, Groves powered ahead with 16 kilometers remaining, demonstrating his strength on the challenging climbs rather than relying on a sprint finish. Battling heavy rain and slippery roads, the 25-year-old soloed to victory, becoming the 114th rider to sweep a Grand Tour stage. The 184km stage through the Jura foothills was chaotic and demanding, but Groves showed remarkable skill and endurance, crossing the line with tears of joy. Dutch riders Frank van den Broek and Pascal Eenkhoorn finished second and third, respectively, followed by It-

aly's Simone Velasco in the chase group. French rider Jordan Jegat, part of the breakaway and climbing to 10th place overall, was a key figure in the stage's outcome. His surge edged out Australia's Ben O'Connor from the top 10 on the general classification. As the yellow jersey group struggled in the slippery conditions, the breakaway's lead expanded. Despite a late counterattack by Wout van Aert, the effort fell short. With Pogacar now virtually champion, the final stage in Paris promises a celebratory finish for the defending champion.



Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty Exit China Open in Semifinals

India's top men's doubles pair, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty, bowed out of the China Open after a straight-game loss to Malaysian second seeds Aaron Chia and Soh Wooi Yik in the semifinals of the Super 1000 badminton tournament on Saturday. The Asian Games champions fell 13-21, 17-21 to the world No. 2 Malaysian duo, who continue to be a tough challenge for the Indian pair. This marked the 14th meeting between the two pairs, with Aaron and Soh dominating the head-to-head record 10-3. The Malaysians had previously defeated Satwik and Chirag in the quarterfinals of the Tokyo Olympics. Despite the defeat, the Indian duo fought hard but couldn't execute their game plan as intended. Chirag reflected on the match, saying, "We had our chances, especially in the second game. I think we weren't playing the right game. We took more risks against Aaron, which cost us the match. It was a good tournament but disappointing to exit this way. We should have



played more tactically." Satwik added, "It's been a tough season after the Olympics with injuries, changes in coaching, and personal issues affecting our rhythm. But overall, we are on the right track. It's about believing in ourselves and maintaining consistency in tournaments." The Indian pair had earned their semifinal spot after a hard-fought win against another Malaysian team, Ong Yew Sin and Teo Ee Yi,

in the quarterfinals. This season, Satwik and Chirag have shown consistency, reaching the semifinals in top tournaments like the India Open, Singapore Open, and Malaysia Open, though a title still eludes them. Looking ahead, the duo has entered the Macau Open Super 300 and will focus on the World Championships in Paris later this August, hoping to build on their performances without placing undue pressure on themselves.



Inter Miami Held to 0-0 Draw by Cincinnati Without Suspended Messi

Inter Miami played to a goalless draw against FC Cincinnati on Saturday night, missing star forward Lionel Messi due to suspension. Messi, along with teammate Jordi Alba, was handed a one-match ban by Major League Soccer for skipping the All-Star game. Despite the suspension, Messi was present at Chase Stadium, watching the match from a suite.

Inter Miami co-owner Jorge Mas criticized the suspension as "draconian," revealing that Messi was "extremely upset" to miss an important fixture as Miami aims for a second consecutive MLS Supporters' Shield. Miami coach Javier Mascherano also questioned the league's decision, suggesting that Messi might not have been suspended if the match had been played away from home.

Mascherano explained through an interpreter that the club had informed MLS about Messi's fatigue due to Miami's congested schedule. "It's strange," he said, "one day they say something, and the next day something else." He emphasized the understanding that

Messi had been playing an intense number of matches.

Both teams came into the match in strong form, each winning six of their last seven games. Cincinnati, fresh off a dominant 3-0 win over Miami last Wednesday, sits second in the Supporters' Shield standings with 49 points, while Inter Miami is fifth with 42 points.

The game nearly swung in Cincinnati's favor during stoppage time when defender Miles Robinson headed a free kick from Evander into the net, but the goal was disallowed for a foul. Miami's veteran striker Luis Suárez created several chances early on, including a key pass to Fafa Picault, whose header was saved by Cincinnati's goalkeeper Roman Celentano.

Before kickoff, Miami fans warmly welcomed Argentine midfielder Rodrigo De Paul, Messi's close friend and national teammate, who officially joined the club on Friday. De Paul promised the crowd, "I'm going to give everything I have."

Humpy and Divya Draw Game 1 in FIDE Women's World Cup Final

Koneru Humpy and Divya Deshmukh played out a tense draw in Game 1 of the FIDE Women's World Cup final held in Batumi, Georgia, on Saturday night. The match, lasting nearly three hours, showcased an intense battle between the experienced former World Rapid Champion and the young rising star. Divya, playing with the white pieces, started strong and gained an early advantage thanks to some creative and aggressive play. However, Humpy, drawing on her vast experience, fought back skillfully to neutralize the threat and gradually regain control of the game. The pressure from Humpy led Divya into a difficult time scramble, during which the young player tried to stay calm, using calculated moves primarily in-



volving her queen and rooks. As the game progressed toward the endgame, Humpy aimed to secure a draw through a threefold repetition. Divya initially declined the offer and changed her strategy, hoping to push for a win. But after crossing the 40-move mark, both players agreed to a draw following another repetitive at-

tack from Humpy. "I agree, I came out of a very complicated position," Humpy said after the game. "It was quite a complex game. I knew I was out of danger after h5 [16th move]. She probably prepared based on my earlier games. I misplayed in the opening, and she gained a big advantage. It was not too risky for her to refuse the draw at that point." The second game of the final is scheduled for Sunday, with Humpy playing white. If the match remains tied after the regular games, tiebreaks will be held on Monday. Meanwhile, the third-place playoff between Chinese Grandmasters Tan Zhongyi and Lei Tingjie also ended in a draw, keeping the competition fierce.

India Survives 311-Run Deficit to Draw Fourth Test, England Lead Series 2-1



In a dramatic Day 5 at Old Trafford, India pulled off an astonishing draw against England in the fourth Test, overcoming a daunting 311-run first-innings deficit. After being bundled out cheaply in their first innings, India faced a monumental task to save the match. The challenge became even tougher when openers Yashasvi Jaiswal and B Sai Sudharsan were dismissed for ducks, leaving India reeling at 0/2.

However, skipper Shubman Gill rose to the occasion, anchoring the innings with a magnificent century—his fourth of the series. Gill found a reliable partner in KL Rahul, and the duo stitched together a marathon 417-ball partnership. Rahul fell agonizingly short of a century, scoring a gritty 90, but the foundation for a historic comeback had been laid.

After the pair's dismissal, India's lower order refused to back down. All-rounders Ravindra Jadeja and Washington Sundar

played patient, determined innings, each bringing up well-earned centuries. Despite England captain Ben Stokes offering a draw late in the day, both Jadeja and Sundar opted to continue batting to reach personal milestones and further frustrate the hosts.

Ben Stokes, who delivered a standout all-round performance with 141 runs and six wickets, was named 'Player of the Match'. Still, India's resilience was the story of the day. Their refusal to capitulate turned what looked like certain defeat into one of the most remarkable draws in recent Test history.

With this result, England retain a 2-1 lead in the Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy series, setting up a tantalizing finale at The Oval. The fifth Test now holds even more significance, with India looking to level the series and England aiming for a home-series win.



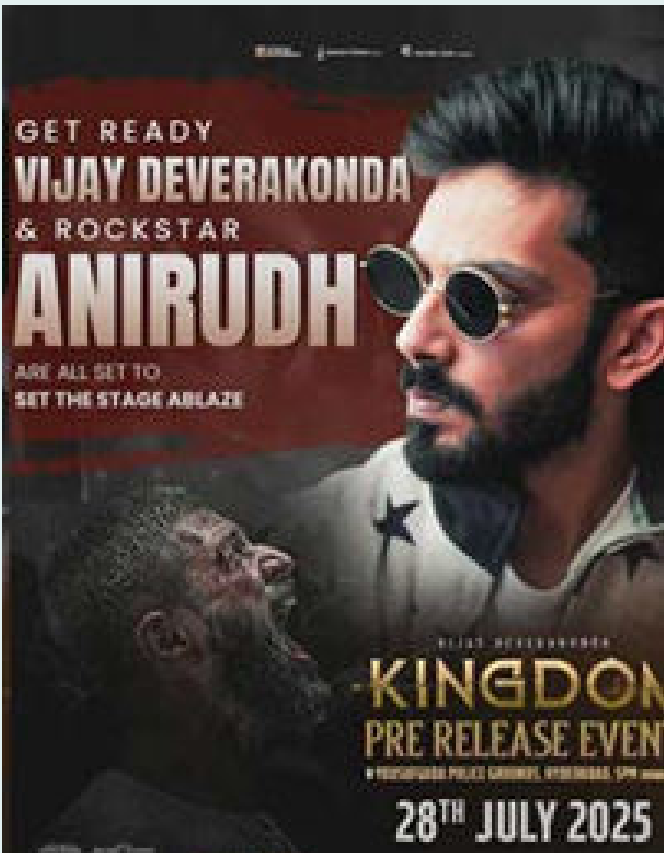
Rockstar Anirudh to Perform Live at Kingdom Pre-Release Event

Vijay Deverakonda's highly anticipated film Kingdom is set to release in theaters on July 31, 2025, and excitement is already building following the trailer launch yesterday. With advance bookings opening and quickly filling up, the film is poised to be a major hit.

Adding to the buzz, the makers have announced a grand pre-release event to be held tomorrow after 5 PM at Yousufguda Police Grounds, Hyderabad. The highlight of the event will be a live performance by the sensational Rockstar Anirudh Ravichander, who will share the stage with Vijay Deverakonda.

Anirudh, who recently electrified Hyderabad with his energetic performance of "Coolie Powerhouse" from Rajinikanth's Coolie, is expected to bring the same energy and enthusiasm to the Kingdom event, promising an unforgettable experience for fans.

The film stars Bhagyashree Borse as the female lead, with strong sup-



porting roles from Satya Dev, Venkatesh VP, and Ayyappa Sharma. Produced by Naga Vamsi in association with Sai Soujanya, Kingdom boasts a high-octane trailer and top-tier music, building anticipation for its release.

With the combination of a star-studded cast, a power-packed soundtrack, and a thrilling pre-release event featuring Anirudh's live performance, Kingdom is shaping up to be one of the biggest films of the year. Fans eagerly await the upcoming release and the celebrations surrounding it.

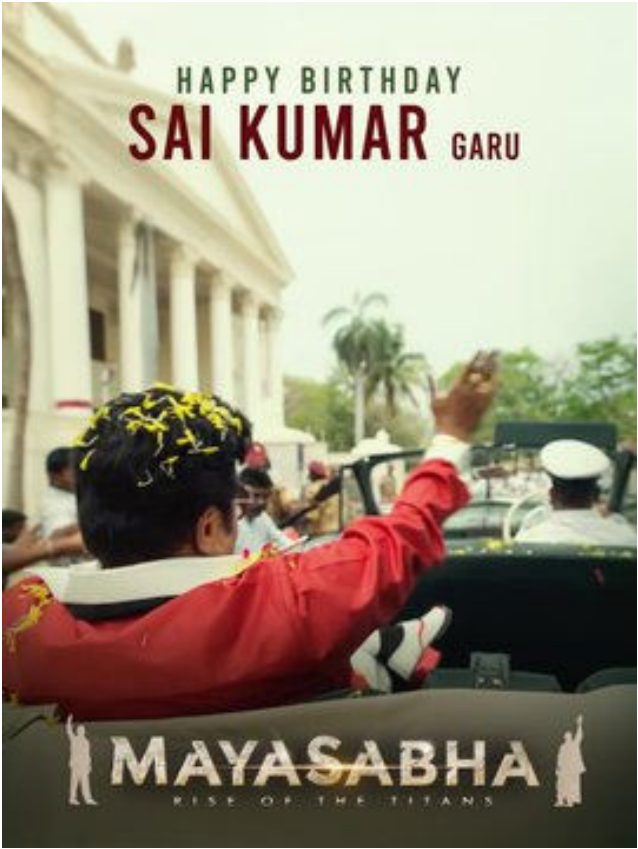
Is Sai Kumar Playing NTR? 'Mayasabha' Poster Sparks Buzz Ahead of Release

The upcoming political drama Mayasabha, directed by Deva Katta, is quickly gaining attention as it gears up for its digital premiere on Sony LIV on August 7, 2025. Starring Aadhi Pinisetty and Chaitanya Rao in lead roles as political allies Naidu and Reddy, the series has already sparked curiosity with its intense teaser and socio-political themes.

Adding fuel to the speculation, director Deva Katta unveiled a new character poster on the occasion of veteran actor Sai Kumar's birthday. Alongside the poster, Deva Katta shared a heartfelt message celebrating his third collaboration with the actor after Prasthanam and Auto Nagar Surya. He teased that Sai Kumar's role in Mayasabha would be one of the highlights of the series.

However, the real stir came from the visual elements of the poster itself. Fans online were quick to point out strong similarities between Sai Kumar's look and that of legendary actor-politician N.T. Rama Rao (NTR). The resemblance, combined with the political setting of the series, has led to speculation that Sai Kumar might be portraying a character inspired by the former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister.

This has also reignited discussion



that Mayasabha could be loosely inspired by the political legacies of NTR, Chandrababu Naidu, and Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy. Despite the theories, the creators have not confirmed any such connections.

In fact, Deva Katta previously clarified that Mayasabha is a fictional narrative set in the socio-political backdrop of undivided Andhra Pradesh. He described it as a story driven more by ideology and emotional conflict than direct biographical parallels.

As excitement builds, fans will have to wait until August 7 to uncover the truth behind Sai Kumar's character—and the real message Mayasabha aims to deliver.

Kingdom Trailer Unleashed Vijay Deverakonda Reigns as the King of Rakshasas

The theatrical trailer of the highly anticipated action drama Kingdom, starring Vijay Deverakonda, has been officially launched in a grand event held in Tirupati. The film is all set for a worldwide release on July 31, 2025, and the trailer has already stirred excitement with its blend of high-octane action and emotional intensity.

In Kingdom, Vijay Deverakonda plays Suri, a fierce and emotionally complex warrior whose raw aggression and magnetic screen presence command attention. Satyadev portrays Siva, and the bond between Suri and Siva forms the emotional backbone of the story. Their relationship adds depth to the intense narrative, hinting at a brotherhood forged in conflict and sacrifice.

Directed by Gowtam Tinnanuri, known for his compelling storytelling, Kingdom promises a gripping saga that combines mythology-inspired themes with powerful human emotions. The trailer showcases dramatic face-offs, large-scale battle sequences, and an emotionally charged storyline—hall-



marks of Tinnanuri's cinematic style.

The technical aspects of the film are equally impressive. National Award-winning editor Navin Nooli ensures the trailer moves with intensity and rhythm, while Anirudh Ravichander's pulsating background score enhances the epic tone of the film. Cinematographers Jomon T John and Girish Gangadharan bring a rich, atmospheric visual style that complements the story's grand scale.

Actress Bhagyashree Borse plays a key role in the film, further adding to the ensemble's strength. Produced by S Naga Vamsi under Sithara Entertainment and Sai Soujanya of Fortune Four Cinemas, and presented by Sriakra Studios, Kingdom is shaping up to be an epic spectacle that fuses emotion, action, and mythic grandeur. Fans can expect a powerful cinematic experience when the film hits screens at the end of July.

Firestorm is Coming: 'They Call Him OG' First Single Set to Release August 1



Pawan Kalyan fans have a reason to celebrate as the highly awaited first single from They Call Him OG is gearing up for release. Titled "Firestorm is Coming," the track promises to ignite excitement and set the tone for this much-anticipated period gangster drama. Directed by Sujeeth and featuring music by the popular composer Thaman, the single will be sung by Tamil superstar Simbu, adding to the buzz surrounding the project. The team recently teased the release on Thaman's Instagram, creating a wave of enthusiasm among fans. The official launch of the song is expected on August 1, 2025, with an announcement slated for this weekend. They Call Him OG stars Pawan Kalyan alongside Priyanka Arul Mohan, and boasts a powerful ensemble cast including Emraan Hashmi, Prakash Raj, Arjun Das, Shaam, Sriya Reddy,

Venkat, and Harish Uthaman. Set against a gripping period gangster backdrop, the film promises intense drama and memorable performances. Produced by DVV Danayya under the DVV Entertainment banner, the movie is scheduled for a grand worldwide release on September 25, 2025. With the first single about to drop, the anticipation among fans is reaching fever pitch. The release of "Firestorm is Coming" will mark the beginning of the promotional journey for They Call Him OG, setting the stage for what promises to be a thrilling cinematic experience. Fans eagerly await the song's launch, ready to dive into the world Sujeeth and the team have crafted. Stay tuned as the firestorm draws near—They Call Him OG is ready to make a powerful mark on the big screen this September!

Netflix Sets August 1 Premiere for 'Thammudu' – A New OTT Chance for the Film

Despite its underwhelming box office run, the film Thammudu is ready for a fresh start on the digital stage. Produced by Dil Raju and starring Nithiin, the movie failed to impress audiences upon its theatrical release. Directed by Venu Sriram, Thammudu struggled to gain traction and resulted in significant losses for the team.

However, the story doesn't end there. Netflix has confirmed that Thammudu will premiere on its platform starting August 1, 2025. What's more, the film will be released as a pan-South offering, streaming in Telugu, Tamil, Kannada, and Malayalam simultaneously. This broad launch strategy aims to reach a wider audience across southern India, hoping to give the movie a second lease on life through OTT viewership.



The cast features a strong lineup including Sathish Reddy, Laya, Varsha Bollamma, Saurabh Sachdeva, Swasika, Hari Teja, Srikanth Iyyengar, Temper Vamshi, and Chammak Chandra. The music, composed by B. Ajaneesh Loknath, adds a melodic touch to the drama.

While the film's theatrical performance was disappointing, the move to Netflix might allow it to find appreciation among digital viewers. Streaming platforms have increasingly become a space where films can rediscover their audience, and Thammudu could benefit from this trend.

For now, South Indian cinema fans can mark their calendars for August 1 to catch Thammudu on Netflix. This release is another significant addition to the streaming giant's growing South Indian content library. Stay tuned for more updates on regional film premieres and OTT releases.