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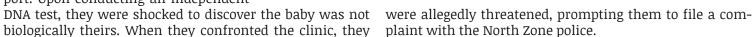
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Shocking Fertility Scal

Hyderabad Clinic Swaps Sperm, Destroys Lives

TPN | V. Krishna Kumar

Hyderabad: In a major crackdown, Secunderabad police have busted a largescale illegal surrogacy and child-selling racket operating through the Universal Shrishti Fertility Centers. Eight people, including doctors, staff, and biological parents of a sold child, were arrested. The mastermind behind the operation, Dr. Atluri Namrata alias Pachipala Namrata (64), ran fertility centers in Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, and West Bengal without valid licenses. The case came to light after a couple, who had paid nearly ₹35 lakh for a surrogacy procedure in August 2024, received a baby boy in June 2025 with a forged birth certificate and fake DNA report. Upon conducting an independent





"Multiple Couples Cheated, DNA Reports Forged": DCP Rashmi Perumal

North Zone DCP Rashmi Perumal confirmed that the accused misled several couples, providing babies born to surrogate mothers as their own with forged DNA records and birth certificates. She said the fertility chain functioned despite having no legal permission for IVF operations and was already blacklisted by the Medical and Health Department.

During the investigation, it was also found that young men were lured with money and pornographic videos to donate sperm, which was then misused for illegal IVF treatments. Some of the samples were even sent to Ahmedabad for unknown purposes.

The arrested individuals include:

- Dr. Atluri Namrata, main accused and owner
- Pachipala Jayant Krishna, her son
- C. Kalyani Achayyamma, clinic manager • Gollamandala Chenna Rao, lab technician
- · Nargula Sadanandam, anaesthesiologist, Gandhi Hospital
- Dhanashree Santoshi, intermediary from Assam
- Mohammed Ali and Nasreen Begum, biological par-



Two more suspects are currently absconding. The clinic has been sealed and equipment seized. Authorities have linked more than 10 similar cases in Visakhapatnam, Guntur, and Hyderabad to this racket.

This scandal has triggered widespread outrage and renewed concerns about unregulated fertility practices in India. Police have appealed to victims of fertility fraud to come forward, assuring strict legal action against all those involved.





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Not A BC Declaration

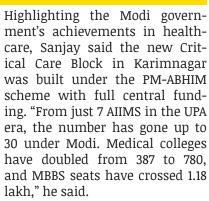
this time."

Definitely A Muslim Declaration...

TPN Correspondent | Karimnagar Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar launched a sharp attack on the Telangana Congress government, calling its recently announced BC Declaration a deliberate attempt to provide reservations to Muslims in the name of backward classes. Speaking after inaugurating the ₹23.75 crore Critical Care Block at Karimnagar District Hospital, Sanjay said, "This is not a BC Declaration... it is definitely a Muslim Declaration.'

He alleged that the Congress government is trying to provide 10% reservation to Muslims out of the proposed 42% quota for BCs. "Only 32% is allocated to BCs. The rest is part of a conspiracy to give Muslim reservations under the BC category," he claimed. He warned that if this trend starts in Telangana, it will eventually spread across the country. "We will continue our fight until Muslim reservations are removed from the BC list," he added.

Criticizing the Congress for demolishing the Peddamma temple in Banjara Hills ahead of the Jubilee Hills by-election, Bandi accused the government of vote bank politics. "This was done only to appease the 30% Muslim voters in that constituency. Would they ever dare to touch a mosque or church?" he asked.



Turning to national politics, Sanjay lashed out at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi. "His mother is a

Christian, grandfather a Parsi. What religion and caste does he even belong to?" he asked, accusing Rahul of being anti-Hindu. He also questioned why Rahul remained silent on the temple demolition incident.

On BRS, Bandi reiterated BJP's stand that it would never join hands with a "family-run, corrupt" party. Backing MP CM Ramesh's claim that some BRS leaders tried to join BJP to escape ED and CBI cases, Sanjay challenged BRS working president KTR to a debate. "Fix a time and date. I'll bring CM Ramesh and the evidence," he said. Bandi concluded by announcing that BJP would contest the upcoming local body elections alone. "The people are watching Congress and BRS. They will give BJP a chance



Is CM Ramesh **Spilling Truth?**

TPN | G. Avinash

Telangana: The political discourse in Telangana has reached a fever pitch after BJP MP CM Ramesh's explosive allegations against BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao. BRS senior leader and MLA Jaga-The MP claimed that KTR had once approached him in Delhi, allegedly requesting help to stall cases against MLC Kavitha and even proposing a merger of the BRS with the BJP. This alleged conversation, Ramesh said, was captured on CCTV and rejected outright by BJP leadership, who told him that "BRS is finished."

In a television interview, CM Ramesh went further, claiming KTR confided in him about caste politics within the BRS and the rea-Nageswara Rao. He accused KTR of lamenting that Kammas were against BRS and that the Reddys had moved to Congress, prompting BRS to back Jagan Mohan Reddy in Andhra Pradesh "as he's against Kammas." CM Ramesh said he would take these issues In a hard-hitting counter, KTR to ED and CBI, questioning KTR's foreign trips and alleging that infighting with his sister Kavitha and Harish Rao had left KTR desperate and threatened by his own rise in the BJP. Mr. CM Ramesh has stated that he will reveal more things further.

Bandi Sanjay Endorses Ramesh Statement...

political rise to the BJP MP.

Karimnagar. He issued a stern warning to KTR over the language he used, threatening appropriate action if it continued. Dismissing BRS as a "father, son and son-inlaw party," Bandi Sanjay ruled out any merger between the BJP and

what he called a "deeply corrupt" BRS.

Scripted Drama Says Jagadish Reddy

dish Reddy rubbished the allegations outright, calling them a "scripted drama" written by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and his political mentor Chandrababu Naidu. He stated firmly that BRS and BJP are ideological opposites and that there was never any proposal to merge or use intermediaries like CM Ramesh.

He said BRS stands for the self-respect of Telangana people and that party chief KCR would continue to play a vital role in nationson behind letting go of Tummala al politics. Jagadish Reddy called the merger claims a distraction from more pressing public issues and accused Congress of trying to divert attention from its failures.

BRS Born for Telangana, Not for Mergers says KTR

launched a full-scale political attack against both CM Ramesh and Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, accusing them of a coordinated cover-up. "If they're ready, I'll meet them in a public forum to discuss the Rs. 10,000 crore HCU land scam and the Rs. 1,660 crore Future City Road contract scandal," he declared.

However, the episode opened by Union Minister Bandi Sanjay quick- KTR himself has now getting turns ly threw his weight behind CM Ra- and become a boomerang to BRS. mesh's version, claiming it was As we all know, Mr. CM Ramesh true. He went a step further and al- will speak in a direct manner and leged that CM Ramesh had finan- hits very straight. But, now KTR cially helped KTR get the Siricilla is in a position where he cannot ticket, implying that KTR owed his control the damage made by CM Ramesh. Majority feeling that CM Sanjay challenged KTR to a public Ramesh revealing facts only and debate with CM Ramesh and even these things will damage BRS pooffered to host and mediate it in litically and benefit BJP. BJP is very keen on these developments, that is why Mr. Bandi Sanjay entered the scene immediately. It is sure that BJP Is going to utilize it and will take off towards power politics becoming alternative to both Congress and BRS, it seems.

Rave Party Busted in Kondapur, 9 Held

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

A major weekend rave party organized in a Kondapur service apartment was busted by the Telangana Excise Task Force, leading to the arrest of nine youths from neigh-

boring Andhra Pradesh. The accused had created a fake website, under the name "AIR BNB," to invite members from Vijayawada, Kakinada, and Rajahmundry.

The organizers alleged-

ly charged lakhs for membership after Aadhaar verification and brought members to Hyderabad for drug-fueled weekend parties. The racket, which operated under the guise of a travel and hosting service, was functioning out of SV Apartments in JB Hills, Kondapur.

Among the arrested are Rahul, Praveen Kumar, Ashok Kumar, Sai Krishna, Joseph, Thota Kumaraswamy, Sridutt, Nanda Samatha Teja, and one unidentified individual. Excise officials seized 2.80 kg of ganja, 50 grams of OG Kush oil, 11.57 grams of magic mushrooms, and 1.91 grams of hashish.

Two key suspects remain absconding, and a case has also been registered against the service apartment owner who rented out the premises. Officials suspect at least three other similar gangs are operating in Hyderabad from Andhra Pradesh and confirmed that surveillance has been tightened.

Excise Director Shahnawaz Qasim lauded the efforts of Task Force B team and warned that organizers of such illegal parties will face strict legal consequences.







Telugu States Pay Tribute to Abdul Kalam

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati / Hyderabad

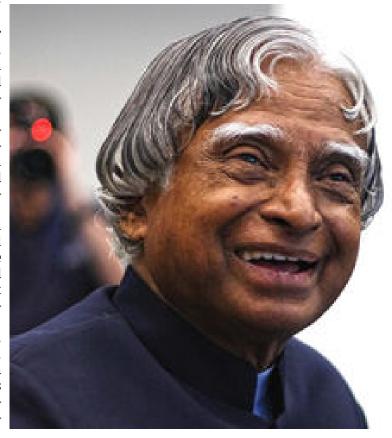
On the death anniversary of former President and Bharat Ratna Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, top leaders from both Telangana and Andhra Pradesh paid heartfelt tributes to the iconic scientist, visionary, and statesman.

Andhra Pradesh Governor S. Abdul Nazeer described Kalam as a "true people's president" and a guiding force in India's development journey. He hailed Kalam's contribution to science, education, and national progress.

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy remembered Kalam as a symbol of knowledge who dedicated his entire life to serving the country. "He inspired generations of students and youth. Let us move forward by following his ideals," said Revanth.

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, in his tribute, called Kalam a humanitarian and a visionary who revolutionized India's nuclear and scientific fields. "Let us remember the services of that great humanitarian," he posted on X.

Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar also paid rich tributes. Calling Kalam a sage who believed in putting the nation first, he said, "A visionary who took India to new heights in nuclear science, a noble soul who lived and died for the country." Former Andhra Pradesh CM and YSR Congress Party president Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy praised Kalam as an "inspiring visionary and true patriot." He said Kalam's words and commitment continue to motivate



youth across India to work for a stronger nation. AP Minister for Human Resources Nara Lokesh described Kalam as the "Missile Man of India" whose intellect and inspiring personality made the country proud. "Let us all strive to fulfil his aspirations," Lokesh stated.

As tributes poured in from across the Telugu states, the legacy of Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam remains deeply embedded in the minds and hearts of the people.

Telangana Adds 9,433 More **Engineering Seats for 2025-26**

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

The Telangana government has approved an increase of 9,433 engineering seats for the 2025–26 academic year, raising the total seat count to 1,16,877. A majority of these additional seats—around 72 percent—are in Computer Science and allied programmes, according to the State Technical Education Department.

Initially, 1,07,444 seats were sanctioned across engineering colleges, but the recent expansion has added substantial capacity in high-demand courses. With this update, Computer Science and related fields now offer 83,622 seats, while Electronics and Electrical Engineering branches collectively account for 22,557 seats. Of the total approved seats, 90,921 are under the convenor quota and will be filled through TG EAPCET 2025 web-based counselling. The remaining seats fall under the management quota in private institutions.

So far, the first phase of counselling has seen 59,980 candidates secure admission, leaving 30,941 seats open for the second phase. Web options for this phase will be available from Sunday, with seat allotment set to be completed on or before July 30.

Selected candidates must pay tuition fees and complete self-reporting online between July 30 and August 1. Physical reporting at allotted colleges is scheduled between July 31 and August 2. The final phase of counselling will begin with fresh registrations starting Au-

CM Revanth Appears in Court, Verdict on July 31

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy appeared before the Special Judicial First-Class Magistrate (JFCM) Court for excise cases in Hyderabad on Saturday in connection with a case registered against him in Nalgonda. The case, filed under sections related to promoting enmity between different groups, stems from remarks allegedly made by Revanth Reddy in the past. During Saturday's proceedings, the Chief Minister was formally examined by the court.

Revanth had earlier denied all charges and chose to face trial rather than

Saturday's appearance, the court has pronounced on July 31.



seek dismissal of the case. Following now reserved its verdict, which will be

Govt green signal to teacher promotions...

TPN Correspondent | Telanga-In a major development for the education sector, the Telangana government has approved long-pendpromotions for school teachers. Chief Minis-

ter Revanth Reddy

gress party.

has signed the file clearing the way for promotions of Secondary Grade Teachers (SGTs) and school assistants, fulfilling a key election promise made by the Con-

The government is expected to release the official schedule within the next two days. This decision is set to benefit around 2,000 teachers across the state, many of whom have been waiting for career advancement opportunities for years.

> approximately 750 gazetted headmaster (HM) posts are currently vacant due to retirements. These will now be filled by promoting eligible school assistants. In turn, the resulting vacancies in school assistant posts will be filled by promoting SGTs.

According to officials,

The move has been welcomed by the teaching community, who have been eagerly awaiting these promotions since the Congress assumed office. The education department is preparing the final promotion lists, and formal orders are expected to follow

NHRC To Hear 109 Rights **Violation Cases** in Telangana

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad The National Human Rights

Commission (NHRC) will conduct a two-day Open Hearing and Camp Sitting in Hyderabad on July 28 and 29 to address 109 pending cases of alleged human rights violations from Telangana. The sessions, aimed at ensuring swift redressal, will be held at the MCR HRD Institute in Jubilee Hills starting Monday at 10:00 AM. NHRC Chairperson Justice V. Ramasubramanian will preside over the hearings, joined by Commission Members Justice (Dr.) Bidyut Ranjan Sarangi and Ms. Vijaya Bharathi Sayani. Key NHRC officials including Secretary General Bharat Lal, DG (Investigation) R.P. Meena, and Registrar (Law) Joginder Singh will also participate.

The Commission will review complaints involving a broad spectrum of human rights concerns such as police misconduct, prison irregularities, denial of welfare benefits, rights violations of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, neglect in educational institutions, and women's health



and safety — particularly concerning pregnant and lactating mothers. Human trafficking-related issues are also on the agenda.

On July 29, the second day, NHRC will meet senior Telangana government officials at 11:00 AM to review the state's response to previous advisories and to emphasize timely action on human rights violations. This will be followed by a session at 2:00 PM with civil society representatives, NGOs, and Human Rights Defenders to gather insights from the grassroots.

The event will conclude with a press briefing to outline the outcomes and actions taken. Since 2007, the NHRC has been holding such open hearings across various states to provide victims of rights violations with direct access to justice. The most recent camp sitting was held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

Devotees Rush in Yadagirigutta...

TPN Correspondent | Yadadri-Bhuvanagiri With the onset of the auspicious Shravan month, the famous Yadagirigutta Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Temple witnessed a massive influx of devotees on Sunday. Marking the first Sunday of Shravan, pilgrims began arriving at the temple in large numbers from the early hours of the morning.

The entire temple premises, including Lakshmi Pushkarini, Satyanarayana Swamy Vrata Mandapam at the foot of the hill, and the Prasad Vikas Shala, were abuzz with devotional activity. Long queues formed as devotees patiently waited to have darshan of the presiding deity.

The Lord and the Goddess were offered special pujas and participated in the daily marriage ceremony rituals, drawing large crowds of worshippers who came to fulfill

According to temple authorities, it took about an hour for Dharma Darshan and

nearly two hours for Special Darshan due to the surge in devotees. The increased footfall also led to traffic congestion near the car parking areas and bus stand.



Officials are making arrangements to manage the rush in the coming weeks as Shravan Sundays are expected to continue drawing heavy crowds.

Indiramma houses to begin soon with ₹22,500 Cr outlay

TPN Correspondent | Khammam

Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu held a review meeting with Khammam and Kothagudem officials on flood preparedness, welfare schemes, and development works. Ministers Vakati Srihari, Thummala Nageswara Rao, and Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy were present.

Bhatti directed that forest and police officials must not enter ROFR lands, and assured ROFR farmers of free solar pumps, sprinklers, and horticulture crops under the ₹12,600 crore Indira Soura Giri Jalavikasam scheme.

He stated that proposals for roads are pending from MLAs, while the government has readied ₹20,000 crore for infrastruc-



ture. He confirmed that there is no urea

Fish farming should be promoted via women's SHGs, he said, instead of importing 89 crore fish seed annually. He urged MLAs to celebrate Muggulu festivals with two young girls in each event.

He announced that the Indiramma Housing Scheme will begin soon with 6.5 lakh houses across the state at ₹5 lakh each. Welfare programs like 200 free electricity units, enhanced ₹10 lakh Aarogyasri, and 200 crore free RTC rides were highlighted.

Flood relief control rooms must stay active, and Vanamahotsavam saplings' data over ten years must be submitted for a pilot audit in a major panchayat.



POLITICS

Neglect in Gurukuls...

Harish Rao Demands Suo Motu Action from High Court

TPN Correspondent | Nagarkurnool

BRS senior leader and former minister T. Harish Rao has strongly condemned the state government's negligence following a major food poisoning incident at the Mahatma Jyotiba Phule BC Girls' Gurukul School in Uyyalawada, Nagarkurnool district, where 111 students fell ill after consuming contaminated food.

Harish Rao visited the affected students at the hospital and held the government directly responsible for the recurring lapses in Gurukul institutions across the state.

Expressing anguish, Harish Rao questioned Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's silence, especially as the incident occurred in his own district. "You rushed to beauty pageants five times but didn't find time to visit

these sick children?" he asked, criticizing the CM's priorities. Calling for judicial intervention, Rao urged the Chief Justice of the Telangana High Court to take suo motu cognizance of the deteriorating conditions in Gurukul hostels. He also appealed to the Human Rights Commission to launch an independent inquiry into the series of food contamination incidents in hostels state-

Harish Rao cited similar past incidents in Jagityala, Bhadradri Kothagudem, and Husnabad, accusing the government of systemic failure and claiming 100 students have died in Gurukuls during the current administration's 20-month rule.

He questioned the discontinuation of KCR-era welfare programs, particularly those sup-



porting residential education. that the BRS will launch a "KCR established 1,023 Gurukuls with quality infrastructure for six lakh students. What happened under Revanth Reddy? Not a single brick laid for integrated schools," Rao said.

The former minister warned cluded.

state-wide agitation if urgent corrective steps are not taken to ensure students' safety, nutrition, and well-being. "This is not politics—this is about the future of our children," he con-

Jupally Vows Strict Action After Gurukul Students Fall Ill



TPN Correspondent Nagarkurnool

State Excise, Tourism and Culture Minister Jupally Krishna Rao on Sunday visited the Government Hospital in Nagarkurnool to check on the condition of three BC Gurukul students— Shruti, Mamatha and Deepika—who were undergoing treatment after falling ill. The minister was accompanied by Nagarkurnool MLA Dr. Kuchukulla Rajesh Reddy.

Jupally instructed hospital authorities to ensure the best treatment for the affected students and assured their parents that the state government would take full responsibility for their health. He promised a detailed inquiry into the incident and assured action against those responsible.

Later, the minister visited Mahatma Jyothiba Phule BC Gurukul School in Uyyalawada and inspected the kitchen, utensils,

food materials, and sanitation conditions. Expressing concern over hygiene, he directed officials to ensure clean cooking environments and nutritious food for the students.

Speaking to the students, the minister said, "Your future is our responsibility. Be fearless, stay healthy, and aim for high positions. The government is with you." To boost morale, he even played motivational songs for the children on his mobile

Minister Jupally emphasized that the state government is giving high priority to the health, education, and future of students, especially in welfare schools. He noted that diet charges have already been increased by 40 percent to improve the nutritional quality of meals. He instructed local officials to personally monitor dining conditions and ensure student safety and well-being.

Only a strong local body win will Tame Congress Misrule



TPN Correspondent | Warangal

BRS working president KT Rama Rao on Sunday called on voters to ensure a strong victory for BRS in the upcoming local body elections, asserting that such a mandate was essential to "show the Congress government its place" and bring about a much-needed course correction in the State.

Addressing a gathering in Parakala after distributing sewing machines and KCR Kits to women under the "Gift a Smile" initiative, KTR said only party chief and former CM K Chandrashekhar Rao had truly empowered Backward Classes in Telangana. "KCR alone has stood by BCs in the past, and BRS will ensure they get their due share in the future," he said.

He lashed out at the Congress government, accusing it of widespread corruption and poor governance, especially at the Kakatiya Mega Textile Park in Warangal. "Congress hooliganism is pushing industries out of Telangana," he warned, alleging that party MLAs and Ministers were threatening major investors like KITEX, which had committed to generating 25,000 jobs. He claimed the estimate for a canal inside the park jumped from ₹137 crore to ₹297 crore due to commissions demanded by Congress

KTR said BRS would expose such irregularities in the upcoming Assembly session and fight for the cause of youth,

BJP chief blames Telangana govt

farmers, and welfare beneficiaries. He also criticised CM Revanth Reddy for failing to deliver on welfare promises. "He promised to make one crore women crorepatis, but released only ₹300 crore of the ₹3,000 crore pledged to self-help groups," KTR said. He alleged that the Congress government was harassing 3,000 Grihalakshmi beneficiaries in Parakala by not releasing sanctioned funds despite court orders. He said BRS would raise these issues both inside and outside the Assembly.

KTR also attacked the government's failure to ensure timely supply of urea, fertilisers, and seeds. "A Chief Minister who can't even supply urea has no right to be in office," he said, adding that BRS would continue fighting for Telangana's self-respect and development.

Did KTR Go to CM Ramesh's House for Merger Talks?

TPN Correspondent | Telangana

The political heat in Telangana intensified as Government Whip Aadi Srinivas lashed out at BRS working president K. T. Rama Rao, demanding clarity on whether he had secretly approached BJP MP CM Ramesh to negotiate a merger of the BRS with the BJP.

Speaking to the media, Aadi Srinivas questioned KTR's silence over CM Ramesh's recent accusations. "People of Telangana must observe what kind of person KTR is. Did he go to CM Ramesh's house for merger talks or not? Let him answer that first," he said.

Srinivas alleged that KTR had offered to merge BRS with the BJP in exchange for withdrawal of cases against his sister, MLC K. Kavitha. "Isn't it true that KTR said the party would merge if cases against Kavitha are dropped? Isn't it also true that the BJP high command refused the merger, branding BRS as a corrupt party?" he asked.

Highlighting the contradictions in KTR's statements, Aadi Srinivas further criticized his alleged past remarks against different social groups and warned him not to divert attention from the issue. "Instead of sidestepping, he should directly respond to what CM Ramesh has asked. People deserve the truth," he said.

This comes amid ongoing verbal exchanges between BRS and BJP leaders, with the Congress party also reacting sharply to the political developments.



Revanth Creating Surveillance State': Jagadish Reddy



TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

BRS MLA and former minister G Jagadish Reddy on Sunday accused Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy of turning Telangana into a "surveillance state," claiming even Cabinet colleagues fear their phones are being tapped by their own leader.

He alleged that one Minister had already switched to a basic mobile model following the recent phone-tapping row, which he said exposed growing distrust within the Congress party.

"Revanth Reddy fears losing his post and is snooping on his own Cabinet. But we want him to complete his term so people never bring Congress back to power," Jagadish Reddy said.

He also hit out at the CM for alleged double standards in referring to late Congress veteran S Jaipal Reddy. "Revanth earlier claimed Jaipal Reddy never supported Telangana statehood. Now, he says the State was achieved because of him. He's using Jaipal Reddy's name for political gains," the BRS leader said.

Jagadish Reddy further recalled how Revanth Reddy claimed not to have suspended any opposition MLA in the Assembly, while he himself was suspended during the last session.

On reports of a possible BRS-BJP merger, he said there was no question of aligning with the BJP and that these rumours were part of a script written by Revanth Reddy and his political mentor N Chandrababu Naidu to damage BRS's image and distract from governance failures.

"BRS and BJP follow opposite ideologies. KCR stands for Telangana's self-respect and will continue playing a key role in national politics. We don't need middlemen like CM Ramesh," he as-

for urea shortage TPN Correspondent | Gadwal

BJP Telangana State President N. Ranchander Rao launched a scathing attack on the state government during his visit to Gadwal, accusing it of mismanaging fertilizer distribution and misleading farmers. Addressing a gathering as part of his ongoing district-wise tour, Ranchander highlighted that despite the Centre supplying urea in excess of Telangana's requirement, farmers are still facing shortages due to the inefficiency of the state.

"I have a special connection with the people of Gadwal and have visited many times," Ranchander said. "Farmers here, especially those in cotton seed production, are being denied proper irrigation and fertilizer sup-



ply. The state government is busy blaming others to hide its failures."Ranchander emphasized that the Centre had supplied 12.02 lakh metric tonnes of urea to Telangana, well above the 9.5 lakh metric tonnes needed, yet a crisis prevails. He alleged that fertilizers are being diverted into the black market with the state's support.

"When Chief Minister Revanth Reddy met Union Minister JP Nadda, he was told clearly that the Centre is fulfilling Telangana's urea needs. Then why is there a shortage in the market? Who is responsible?" Ranchander

The BJP leader blamed middlemen and state officials for the artificial scarcity and accused the Congress government of deliberately failing farmers. He demanded that Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao answer for the state's lapses and challenged him to a public discussion on the matter.

He urged farmers to reject Congress in the upcoming local body elections and question their leaders on the whereabouts of the missing fertilizers. Ranchander concluded by reaffirming the BJP's commitment to farmers' welfare and transparency in distribution systems.

Raja Singh Responds Again on **His Resignation**

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

Goshamahal MLA Raja Singh has once again responded to his recent resignation from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), clarifying that there was no conspiracy behind his decision. He stated that he had only tried to bring certain issues to the notice of the party leadership regarding who was causing damage to the BJP from within.

Raja Singh reaffirmed his commitment to the party's ideology, saying, "Lakhs of karyakartas have sacrificed their lives for the BJP. To He also clarified that Union

gana, we need a warrior." He further said that he was willing to resign from the MLA post too if the BJP high command asked him to do so.

Refuting speculation that he is trying to rejoin the BJP, Raja Singh said, "It is not true that I sent a group of karyakartas to the BJP state office in an attempt to get back into the party." He asserted that he made his resignation decision after careful consideration and not under any pressure or manipulation.

bring BJP to power in Telan- Home Minister Amit Shah did not call him. "I am not such a big person that Amit Shah would call me," Raja Singh remarked, dismissing rumors about any communication with the senior BJP leader.

> Raja Singh's latest statement comes amid speculation around his political future and possible re-entry into the party. His remarks highlight a deep sense of discontent over the party's internal functioning in Telangana, even as he continues to publicly express allegiance to the BJP's larger cause.

HYDERABAD

Rain Forecast till July 30, Hussain Sagar Near FTL

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) Hyderabad has forecast continued rainfall across several districts of Telangana, including the city, until Wednesday, July 30. The weather department has warned of thunderstorms, lightning, and squalls in isolated areas, though no official alert has been issued for Hyderabad city itself.

Light to moderate showers accompanied by gusty winds are expected on Sunday, with more wet weather likely in the coming days. These conditions have raised concern over the rising water levels in Hussain



Sagar, which is now nearing its Full Tank Level (FTL).

As of Saturday, the water level in Hussain Sagar stood at 513.41 meters, just over a meter below its FTL of 514.75 meters. The lake is receiving an inflow of 1,181 cusecs, while the outflow is only 792 cusecs, prompting are likely to rise further.

officials to closely monitor the situation. Though there is no immediate danger, authorities and residents in low-lying areas around the lake remain cautious as rainfall continues. With more rain expected over the next few days, water levels

Poets Highlight Police's Social Role

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

A poets' conference on "Police-Social Responsibility" was held on Sunday at the Police Officers Mess, Masab Tank, jointly organized by the National Telugu Saraswata Parishad, Telangana Police Department, and Jyoti National Telugu Daily.

Inspector General of Police M. Ramesh, the chief guest, explained that the word "Khaki" reflects the patience and strength of the police, comparing it to the earth.

He urged people to follow rules and laws and emphasized the need for police-public cooperation in enforcing them. He also raised concerns over the growing threat of betting apps and their impact on youth, urging families and schools to stay



vigilant and promote aware-

Ramesh emphasized literature's power in spreading harmony and curbing hatred. He called on poets and writers to use their words to raise awareness on social issues. The event also featured poems and songs by students, including a threevear-old named Meera, who won hearts with her recital. The program was presided over by Telugu Saraswata Parishad leaders Kesi Raju Ramprasad, Kalidindi Vishwanatha Raju, and others. Literature lovers, police officials, and students actively participated in the gathering.

SS Apartments Association Meets MLA Mahipal Reddy



TPN Correspondent | Ameenpur

The SS Apartments Association in Ameenpur met local MLA Gudem Mahipal Reddy to address the long-standing issue of irregular water supply and to seek the provision of Manjeera water for their community.

During the meeting, the association members explained the daily challenges faced due to inconsistent water access. Responding positively, MLA Mahipal Reddy assured them of full support. He stated, "I understand the importance of a clean and reliable water supply. I will ensure that steps are taken at the earliest to connect the Manjeera water line to your society."

The discussion focused on actionable steps to resolve the issue. The MLA informed residents that his office would coordinate closely with the Water Board to initiate the connection process. He also added, "A follow-up inspection will be carried out soon by officials to assess the technical feasibility and cost estimation."

The residents expressed optimism after the meeting and said they were confident the matter would move forward swiftly with the MLA's intervention.

Corruption everywhere... Pollution everywhere...

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad A 26-year-old youth from Andhra Pradesh committed suicide in Hyderabad, leaving behind a note expressing deep disillusionment with the corruption and pollution he witnessed in society.

The incident took place under the Rayadurgam police station limits. The deceased, Guttala Venugopal, hailed from Morampudi in Rajamahendravaram, East Godavari district. He was staying with his elder brother, Dilip Nagendra, and sister-in-law in Sai Nagar, Manikonda, and worked in a private



On July 23, Venugopal, along with his brother and sister, had visited his parents in their native village. While the others stayed back, he returned to Hyderabad the same day. He spoke to his family on the 24th, but did not respond to calls on the 25th. Concerned, the family contacted Sai Baba, the neighbour and watchman, asking him to check on Venugopal. Sai Baba found him hanging from a ceiling fan in the house.

Police reached the spot and shifted the body to Osmania Hospital for postmortem. A suicide note recovered from the scene stated, "Corruption everywhere... Pollution everywhere... This makes me feel disillusioned with life. I had thought of committing suicide in the past... Mom, Dad, please forgive me." He also clarified that his death was not due to love or any personal problem, but because of what he described as the unbearable state of society.

Based on a complaint from the family, Rayadurgam police have registered a case and initiated an investigation.

Temple Issue Will Be Resolved Soon: Mayor

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad Mayor Gadwal Vijayalakshmi has assured that steps will be taken to reallocate space for the Peddamma Thalli temple in the MLA Colony, which was recently removed. Speaking to members of the Yadava Sangam and local residents who visited her with a petition, the mayor stated that there is no need for anyone to worry and that the sentiments of devotees will be respected.

"Peddamma Thalli has been the village deity here for over 30 years. Removing the idol after its consecration has hurt many. We will speak with officials and ensure a place is allotted at the same spot where the temple was removed," the mayor said.

She explained that local MLA Danam Nagender had been un-



available for three days due to his participation in a BC conference in Delhi, but both she and the MLA are committed to resolving the issue peacefully. If needed, she said, they would meet the Chief Minister and Revenue Minister to secure a resolution.

The mayor also urged locals not to be misled by provocative statements or people trying to politicize the issue. "Don't believe those who are trying to create unrest by spending money and spreading misinformation," she advised. She reiterated that she and MLA Nagender would jointly take responsibility for resolving the matter and assured that they would meet the Collector and Revenue Minister in the coming

Two More Held in Double **Bedroom Housing Scam**

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

The double bedroom housing scam in Jeedimetla has deepened with the arrest of two more individuals. BRS party activist G. Sridhar and his associate, Jio employee Pradeep Prasad, were remanded by police for their involvement in a fraudulent operation targeting beneficiaries of the government's double bedroom housing

According to Balanagar ACP P. Naresh Reddy, Sridhar, who is said to be close to the local MLA, exploited his influence to deceive victims by collecting processing fees and registration charges under the guise of securing double bedroom houses. With the help of Pradeep, he created fake allotment letters using Photoshop and handed them over to unsuspecting applicants.

The arrests followed a complaint lodged by a woman who was duped by the duo. Acting on credible information, Jeedimetla police apprehended the accused at Godavari Homes in Suchitra. During the operation, police seized fake allotment letters, a car, a laptop, desktop computer, printer, scanner, web camera, and two mobile phones used in the

This incident follows closely on the heels of the recent arrest of Haribabu, an assistant at the MLA camp office, who was also remanded for collecting lakhs under similar false pretenses. The latest arrests suggest that fraudulent activities linked to the double bedroom housing scheme

may be more widespread than initially believed.

PV Sindhu Offers Bonam at Lal Darwaja Temple

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

Renowned badminton player PV Sindhu was given a grand welcome by the temple committee representatives as she arrived at the historic Sri Mahankali Temple at Lal Darwaja to offer Maru Bonam on the occasion of Simha Vahi.

Sindhu participated in special pujas and offered a gold Bonam to Goddess Mahankali, continuing her annual tradition. Speaking on the occasion, she expressed her happiness and devotion, stating, "I feel blessed to offer Maru Bonam to Goddess Mahakali. Since 2016, I have been offering a gold Bonam every year."

The devotees gathered at the temple expressed their joy at Sindhu's presence, and the temple atmosphere was filled with devotion and celebration.



BTech Student Drowns in Musi River

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

A tragic incident occurred at Upperpally in Rajendranagar on Saturday, where a BTech final-year student drowned in the Musi River while swimming with friends.

The victim, identified as Akshit Reddy, hailed from Borabanda and had come to the area along with his friends Rohit, Pawan, and Anil, reportedly guided by Google Maps. The group of four ventured into the river for a swim, but what began as a moment of the time of reporting. fun quickly turned into a nightmare.

While swimming, Akshit suddenly got swept away by the river's current. One of his friends attempted to pull him to safety and held his hand momentarily. However, Akshit slipped from his grasp and disappeared into the water.

Upon receiving information, Disaster Response Force (DRF) and fire department personnel reached the spot and launched a rescue operation. Efforts to locate and retrieve Akshit Reddy were ongoing at

Ganja Racket Busted in Musheerabad

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad The Musheerabad Police busted a ganja smuggling racket operating from Visakhapatnam to Hyderabad and arrested four persons involved in the transport and distribution of narcotics. The accused were caught red-handed with 4.5 kilograms of dry ganja worth ₹2,24,100.

The arrested have been identified as C.P. Shekhar Suman (30), an event organizer from Kapra; Kaleru Vihan (22), a B.Tech student from Musheerabad; Vuddadi Sai Vilash (34), a private employee from Old Alwal; and Ch. Santosh (22), a delivery boy from Ramnagar. Two others, identi-



fied as Vinod and Srinivas from Araku Valley in Andhra Pradesh, are absconding.

According to the police, A-1, A-2, and A-5 procured dry ganja from A-6 in Vizag and brought it to Hyderabad using public transport. On July 26, while they were dividing the ganja at a Muslim graveyard in Musheerabad for further sale, police patrolling teams apprehended them and seized the contraband along with three mobile phones.

The operation was carried out under the supervision of DCP

Central Zone Smt. K. Shilpavalli, IPS, and other senior officials of Chikkadpally Division and Musheerabad PS. A search is ongoing to nab the absconding ac-



Bridge Develops Hole Within 2 Years of Inauguration

TPN Correspondent | Vikarabad

A major infrastructure embarrassment has surfaced in Tandur constituency of Vikarabad district, where a bridge built just two years ago on the Kagna River has developed a massive hole, severely disrupting traffic on the Mahabubnagar-Tandur inter-district route.

The bridge, constructed at a cost of ₹16.80 crore, was meant to serve heavy vehicular traffic and withstand long-term use. However, its early deterioration has sparked outrage among locals and commuters, many of whom are pointing fingers at the contractor for allegedly executing substandard work.

"Bridges are supposed to last a century, not collapse within a couple of years," a frustrated motorist said, demanding immediate repairs and accountability from the contractor responsible.

Due to the damage, movement of heavy vehicles has been severely affected. The situation has raised serious concerns about the quality control and supervision in public infrastructure projects.

Responding to the public outcry, Sub-Collector Umashankar Prasad and DSP Balakrishna Reddy visited the site and inspected the damage on Sunday. Locals are now urging the authorities to ensure urgent repairs and take strict action against those responsible for the apparent negligence.



4 Maoists Killed in **Fresh Encounter** in Bijapur

TPN Correspondent | Chhattisgarh

Another significant encounter unfolded in Chhattisgarh's Bijapur district, resulting in the death of four Maoists. Acting on intelligence inputs about Maoist movement, security forces launched a search operation in the southwest region of the district, which led to a fierce exchange of fire.

According to Bastar Range IGP Sundarraj, the gunfight erupted when security forces reached the suspected hideout. The operation is still underway as forces continue to comb the area.

The police recovered a large cache of arms from the encounter site, including AK-47 and SLR rifles. The bodies of four Maoists were found at the location. Officials confirmed that the anti-Maoist operations in the region will be intensified in the coming days.



Another Food Poisoning Scare in Residential School



Correspondent Nagarkurnool

In another alarming from the Mahatma Jyo- dent occurred on July 25

thibha Phule Girls Residential School in Uyyalawada, Nagarkurnool case of food poisoning in district, were hospitalised Telangana government on Friday night after conschools, several students suming dinner. The inci-

complained of stomach pain and vomiting shortly after eating. The school staff immediately rushed the affected students to the Government General Hospital in Nagarkurnool. Hospital authorities confirmed that all students are now in stable condition. As news spread, anxious parents arrived at the hospital to check on their children's health. Initial

dinner may have led to the food poisoning, according to officials.

This marks the second incident in less than a week. On July 20, 11 girls from the Morgi Model School hostel in Nagalgidda mandal of Sangareddy district were affected by food poisoning after dinner. Out of the 68 girls staying in the hostel, several complained of severe inquiries suggest that abdominal pain and vom-

when a group of students stale curd served during iting. They were immediately shifted to Narayankhed Government Hospital and recovered overnight. These back-to-back incidents have raised serious concerns about food safety and hygiene in government-run hostels and residential schools across the state. Parents and activists are demanding stricter monitoring and accountability to prevent such occurrences in the

Ponnam Launches Welfare Drive in Koheda

TPN Correspondent | Siddipet

Minister Ponnam Prabhakar on Sunday participated in a large public welfare distribution program held at the farmers' platform in Koheda Mandal Centre of Siddipet district. As part of the event, the minister distributed new ration cards, Kalyana Lakshmi and Shaadi Mubarak cheques, CMRF cheques, Katamayya protective suits, and interest-free loan cheques to beneficiaries. District Collector Haimavathy, Siddipet Library Chairman Lingamurthy, and Market Committee Chairperson Nirmala Jayaraj also attended the program.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Ponnam criticized the previous government for failing to provide even a single ration card over the last 10 years. "We have already issued 26,000 ration cards across the district irrespective of political affiliations, and 1,117 new ration cards have been issued just in this mandal," he said. He added that 1,996 names have been



added to the ration database, and 506 Indiramma houses were sanctioned in the mandal, out of which 432 are under construction. He urged the remaining 72 beneficiaries to begin work immediately, assuring that ₹1 lakh will be deposited once the basement work is completed. He also promised interest-free loans worth ₹1 lakh through women's groups and free sand supply for house construction. Minister Ponnam also highlighted various comprehensive district development.

welfare initiatives including 200 units of free electricity, ₹6,800 crore worth of free travel for women, and the distribution of 41 Kalyana Lakshmi and Shaadi Mubarak cheques amounting to ₹41.04 lakh. Additionally, Katamayya protective suits were distributed to 200 people, and ₹1.15 crore in interest-free loans was granted to women's groups in the

He stated that in any village where children are enrolled in government schools instead of private ones, the government will provide enhanced development including five assured benefits to the village. A Young India Integrated Residential School worth ₹200 crore was established in the mandal, and new roads such as Kurella Road and Baswapur Road have been developed. Mess charges in Gurukuls were also increased, he said, adding that their government is committed to enhancing employment opportunities and

Green India Challenge Marks 8 Years with **Sundarbans Mangrove Drive**

TPN Correspondent | West Bengal

In a powerful show of environmental commitment, the Green India Challenge (GIC) celebrated its 8th anniversary on Saturday with a massive mangrove plantation drive in the ecologically fragile Sundarbans. Founded in 2018 by former Rajya Sabha MP J. Santhosh Kumar, GIC has evolved into a nationwide campaign mobilising millions to plant trees and build a greener future.

Marking this milestone, GIC collaborated with Purbasha Eco Helpline Society and Igniting Minds to plant 2,000 mangrove saplings in the Gosaba region. These trees are expected to reinforce coastal protection, boost



biodiversity, and help in the fight whole universe is friendly to against climate change.

This year's event also saw the launch of the new edition of the Green Day Challenge, with a target to plant 1 lakh trees across the country in tribute to former President Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam. "Look at the sky. We are not alone. The

us...," Dr. Kalam once said — a message that continues to inspire GIC's mission.

The highlight of the Sundarbans plantation was the presence of "Mangrove Man of Bengal" Umashankar Mandal, General Sec-

retary of the Purbasha Eco Helpline Society. Mandal, known for restoring thousands of hectares of mangroves over two decades, emphasised the life-saving role of mangroves during disasters like Cyclone Amphan. "Mangroves are our frontline warriors against climate change," he said. The Purbasha Society, led by Deepankar and Umashankar Mandal, has been working for nearly 20 years to empower local communities through mangrove restoration, interest-free loans, and women's self-employment initiatives. Igniting Minds, founded by M. Karunakar Reddy, supported the event through its focus on youth participation and climate education.

CRPF Celebrates 87th Raising Day at 212 Battalion Headquarters



TPN Correspondent Yetapaka

the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) was celebratand patriotic fervor on Sunday July 2025 at the 212 Battalion Headquarters in dressed the gathering, Yetapaka. The celebration

commenced with a solemn tribute to the mar-The 87th anniversary of tyrs by the officers and jawans of the battalion. Following this, Commaned with great enthusiasm dant Shri Deepak Kumar Srivastava saluted at the Quarter Guard and ad-

highlighting the remark-

able contributions and achievements of the CRPF. He emphasized the force's role in maintaining internal security, particularly noting the expected eradication of Naxalism in Chhattisgarh by March 2026. To mark the occasion, sweets were distributed among the jawans, and a variety of sports and cultural programs were held. Participating units included personnel from Gowraram, Paidagudem,

Kistaram, Palodi, Potkapalli, and Dubbamarka companies. These performances showcased the talents and discipline of

the CRPF jawans. As part of the celebration, a cycle rally was also organized in Kistaram and Dubbamarka. The rally saw enthusiastic participation from local villagers along with CRPF officers, subordinate officers, and jawans. The initiative was well-received and appreciated by the local community, strengthening the bond between the force and the civilians.

The event witnessed the presence of key officials including Dr. Sumit Sahgal, Shri Dinesh Kumar (Second-in-Command), Shri Ajay Pratap (Deputy Commandant), Shri Gaurav Sharma (Deputy Commandant), and other officers and jawans, making it a memorable and spirited celebration.

Girders Fastened on Uppal ROB...

TPN Correspondent | Telangana

A major breakthrough has been achieved in the long-pending Uppal Road Over Bridge (ROB) project in Jammikunta, thanks to the strong intervention of Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Bandi San-

jay Kumar. Railway officials delays for over a decade, had successfully completed the fastening of girders — a critical milestone in the ROB's construction — after halting train movement for three and a half hours and bringing in a special crane from Chennai. The Uppal ROB, which has faced

become a source of daily hardship for locals. Despite multiple contractors being assigned over the years and even a CBI inquiry into the delays, the project remained incomplete. Expressing his anger, Bandi Sanjay warned officials earlier

this month: "If the ROB is not completed within a month, I will demolish it myself."

Followinghisstrongstatements and persistent follow-up, the Railway Department responded swiftly. Officials stated that fastening the girders required complete stoppage of trains for several hours, and the crane necessary for the task was not available within the state. On the minister's direction, the re-



quired crane was transported from Chennai, and trains on the Jammikunta-Uppal route

were halted accordingly. With the girders successfully fastened using the imported crane and another crane available locally, railway officials declared that the most crucial phase of the ROB work is now complete. They assured that the remaining works would proceed at full speed and that the Uppal ROB will be fully operational by the end of August.



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

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-criti-

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 conver-

Corporate Professionals have goal-oriented and ime-driven thinking.Efficiency-focused, competitive, riskaware, 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-



Subbarao Pokkuluri Freelancer

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 disposi-

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.

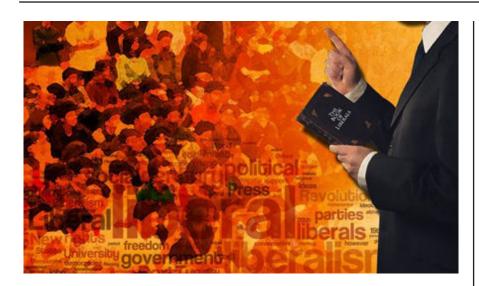
An entrepreneur may become frustrated with slow bureaucratic processes in daily life because they're used to acting independently and swiftly.

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 Masani then reflected on India's examined socialism's promises and questioned whether liberalism might offer a better path cies, there was no real improveforward. He argued that socialism neither brings prosperity nor achieves true equality—and it certainly does not guarantee free-

Masani started by challenging the belief that socialism must litical patronage, corruption, and 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 fined it as a belief in the "self-dithat 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 The results? Prosperity, social justo 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 than those under socialism. without "autonomous social forces"—independent property owners, professionals, and businessmen—freedom cannot survive, because no one remains free to oppose government dominance.

experience with semi-socialism. After 15 years of socialist poliment 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 poprotected monopolies, widening inequalities rather than reducing

Turning to liberalism, Masani derecting 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 de-

tice, 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

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 docu-

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

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

Severe hunger is devastating the March 2025 and imposed an 80day 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

> 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 Sagr, 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

> As negotiations for a ceasefire continue, Gaza's population remains caught in a deadly siege where starvation is claiming innocent lives amid ongoing con-





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

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

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 knowlhas announced a historic ini-



'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."

edge, the Government of India Announced in the Union Budget on June 9, 2025, the mission tion for the initiative from ₹3.5

tiative in this year's budget, 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 alloca-

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 UN-ESCO'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

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

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 craftspersons—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

TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

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.



ter), Kejriwal expressed deep sorrow over the incident. "The heart-wrenching stampede at Haridwar's sacred Mansa Devi temple has left me extreme- that this was not merely an ly saddened. May God give unfortunate accident but re-In a heartfelt message posted strength to the bereaved fam- flected serious lapses in crowd in Hindi on X (formerly Twit- ilies and peace to the departed and event

souls," he wrote. Highlighting the recurring nature of such disasters at religious places, Kejriwal stressed

cident, 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 re-

"These horrific incidents ex-

pose negligence in planning

and infrastructure at key reli-

gious sites. This is a systemic

failure, not just misfortune.

Accountability must be en-

Senior AAP leader Manish Si-

sodia also condemned the in-

sured," he said.

ignited 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 tragemanagement. dies in the future.

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

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

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
- vears Shaving creams, gels, and detergents (11%) — duty removed

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- Air conditioners and washing machines (22%) — duty-free in 10 years
- Microwave ovens duty scrapped immediately
- For industrial and recyclable
- Waste paper (11%) and silver bars (10.75%) — duty-free in 10
- 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

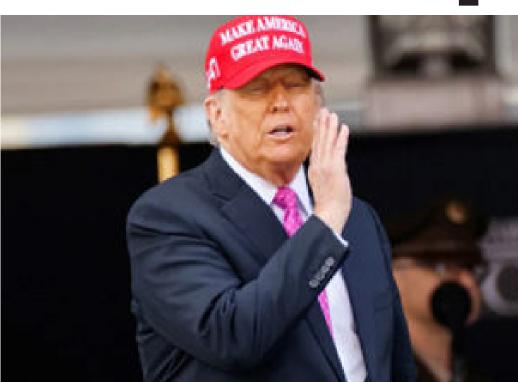
TPN Correspondent | Washington

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 transpar-

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

TPN Correspondent | NEW DELHI

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 Turkev, is seen as a major victory for peace in Turkey and the broader West Asian region.

kirhan 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 cot agreement that divided the Ottoman



In an interview with The Hindu, Ba- 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-Pi

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

TPN Correspondent | Tel Aviv

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 unabat-

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**

TPN Correspondent | Thailand

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**

TPN Correspondent | SEOUL

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-neu-Goods and Services Tax (GST) rate of 5% across the entire textile 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



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 sectors, 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



Tndia's agricultural and processed food ex-**⊥**ports have shown strong momentum in the first quarter of FY26, recording a 7% year-onyear 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 f I 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 cautious oversight with support for shift in the U.S. government's stance toward the crypto industry, balancing



innovation.

In addition to the stablecoin bill, the

House approved two more crypto-related laws, including one outlining broader crypto regulations and anoth-

er aiming to prohibit the issuance of kerage Bernstein predicts Bitcoin a U.S. central bank digital currency. These measures now await Senate re-

"The Genius Act will go down in history as a foundational step in mainstreaming crypto as an asset class," said Chris Perkins, president of Coin-

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 alltime high near \$112,000 earlier this week, forecasts remain bullish. Brocould 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

Tndian 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

 ${f N}$ agesh 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.



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 Al Power with Humanoid Robots at WAIC At the World Artificial Intelligence Aconference (WAIC) in Shanghai, humanoid wabate damada within

At the World Artificial Intelligence Conference (WAIC) in Shanghai, humanoid robots dazzled visitors with their diverse abilities—serving craft beer, playing mahjong, shadowboxing, 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



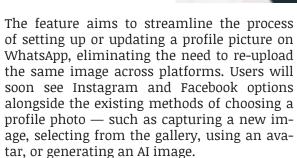
with fluid balance. The company also announced a full-sized humanoid robot, the R1, priced under \$6,000. Meanwhile, robots in work uniforms operated assembly lines and played games with humans, illustrating China's growing dominance in robotics.

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

Neta 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.



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 nar- with the day's breakaway group, aly's Simone Velasco in the chase rowly escaped a crash during Groves powered ahead with 16 ki- group. 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 line with tears of joy. Dutch riders Kaden Groves made history by Frank van den Broek and Pascal claiming his 10th Grand Tour stage Eenkhoorn finished second and win in spectacular fashion. Riding third, respectively, followed by It-

lometers remaining, demonstrating his strength on the challenging climbs rather than relying on a sprint finish. Battling heavy rain and slippery roads, the 25-yearold soloed to victory, becoming the 114th rider to sweep a Grand Tour

The 184km stage through the Jura foothills was chaotic and demanding, but Groves showed remarkable skill and endurance, crossing the

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.





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

Tnter Miami played to a goalless draw Messi had been playing an intense against FC Cincinnati on Saturday number of matches. 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, emphasized the understanding that thing I have."

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 Fafà 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 and the next day something else." He the crowd, "I'm going to give every-

Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag **Shetty Exit China Open in Semifinals**

Tndia'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

The Indian pair had earned their semifinal spot after a hard-fought win against another Malaysian placing undue pressure on themteam, Ong Yew Sin and Teo Ee Yi, selves.

maintaining consistency in tourna-

ments."

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

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

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 Humpy playing white. If the match endgame, Humpy aimed to secure a remains tied after the regular games, draw through a threefold repetition. Divya initially declined the offer and changed her strategy, hoping to push for a win. But after crossing the 40move mark, both players agreed to a draw following another repetitive at-

"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 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

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 aston-**⊥**ishing 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 wellearned 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.

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Rockstar Anirudh to Perform Live at Kingdom **Pre-Release Event**

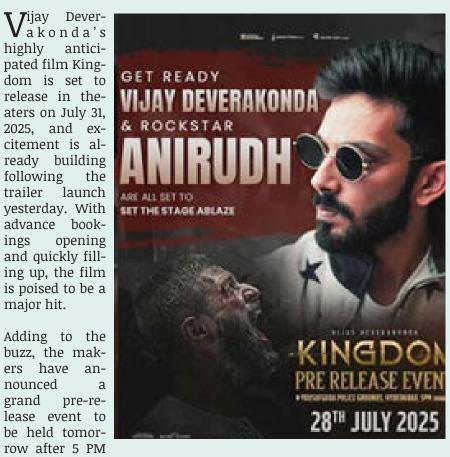
Vijay Dever-akonda's highly anticipated film Kingdom is set to release in theaters on July 31, citement is already building following the trailer launch yesterday. With advance bookopening and quickly filling up, the film is poised to be a major hit.

Adding to the buzz, the makers have announced 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 Bhagyashri 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** head of Release

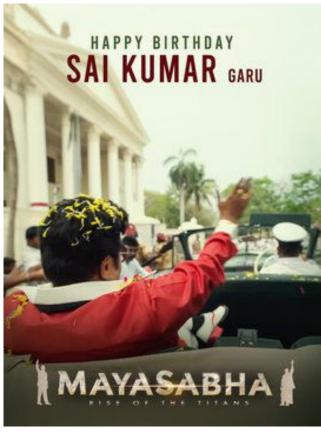
The upcoming political drama Mayasabha, directed by Deva Katta, is quickly gaining attention as it gears up for its digital premiere on Sony LIV on August 7, 2025. Starring Aadhi Pinisetty and Chaitanya Rao in lead roles as political allies Naidu and Reddy, the series has already sparked curiosity with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

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 In fact, Deva Katta previously clarthe 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 Mayasabha aims to deliver.



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

> ified 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

Kingdom Trailer Unleashed Vijay Deverakonda Reigns as the King of Rakshasas

The theatrical trailer of the I 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

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-



emotional backbone of the story. Their 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 Entertainments and Sai Soujanya of Fortune Four Cinemas, and presented by Srikara 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



slated for this weekend.

They Call Him OG stars Pawan and the team have crafted. Kalyan alongside Priyanka Stay tuned as the firestorm Arul Mohan, and boasts a pow-draws near—They Call Him erful ensemble cast including OG is ready to make a power-Emraan Hashmi, Prakash Raj, Arjun Das, Shaam, Sriya Reddy,

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for a grand worldwide release

The release of "Firestorm is ginning of the promotion-OG, setting the stage for what promises to be a thrilling cinematic experience. Fans eagerly to dive into the world Sujeeth

ful mark on the big screen this September!

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

 $D^{\text{espite its underwhelming box office}}_{\text{run, the film Thammudu is ready}}$ 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 Sapthami Gowda, Laya, Varsha Bolla-

mma, 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.