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TPN | Kishore Katta
Hyderabad: The saffron party has selected presidents for both Telugu states at the same time. However, the Kamalam party, which always bowed to local pressures, this time selected presidents according to a clear plan. It selected Ramachandra Rao, who has always believed in the party and worked faithfully in Telangana. Even in Andhra Pradesh, it leaned towards PVN Madhav, who is a loyal servant of the Kamalam party. Political ex-

perts are also of the opinion that the BJP is finally following the correct strategy after many years. Notably, both of the newly appointed leaders have RSS backgrounds, having started their political journeys from the Sangh. There is talk that this has also played a role in their elevation. Leaving that aside... as far as Andhra Pradesh is concerned, in the past Kanna Lakshminarayana and the current president Purandeswari — both of whom joined the BJP from

the Congress — were elected as presidents. Even at that time, there was a kind of stagnation in the AP Kamalam party. Since the reins were given to leaders who had come from other parties instead of those who had always trusted the BJP, an internal war broke out. On the other hand, there is talk in political circles that both Kanna Lakshminarayana and Purandeswari were TDP sympathizers.

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Moorthy Naidu's Arrest Triggers Outrage Among Kapu Leaders



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The arrest of Point News Director Moorthy Naidu in Vijayawada has sparked strong political and community reactions across Andhra Pradesh, especially among Kapu leaders, financial industry well-wishers, and sections of the Jana Sena Party. The move, which came amidst growing concerns over media freedom and targeted actions against voices aligned with the Kapu community, has drawn sharp criticism. Moorthy Naidu, a prominent figure in the media and an outspoken representative of the Kapu community, was reportedly taken into custody over alleged news article on Point News regarding Polavaram MLA Balaraju. However, several leaders have questioned the intent and timing of the arrest. Kapu Nadu organizations have described the incident as politically motivated and aimed at silencing influential voices. They expressed solidarity with Naidu and demanded immediate legal support to fight what they termed an “unjustified and targeted action.” Leaders from the financial sector, especially those with ties to community development projects and startups, also conveyed their displeasure over the incident. Several investors and entrepreneurs stated that such actions against individuals working to elevate backward communities could dent the trust of stakeholders in the system. “It is unfortunate and dangerous to see proactive voices from our community being targeted. This raises serious concerns about freedom of expression and equal justice,” said one prominent entrepreneur from Vijayawada. Adding fuel to the fire, a section of Janasena leaders reacted strongly to the arrest, terming it an act of vengeance. “Moorthy Naidu's voice was fearless. His arrest is not a legal action, it's a political message,” said a senior Janasena leader off the record. Meanwhile, Kapu Nadu representatives also referred to the recent attack on Mahaa News channel in Hyderabad, where alleged party workers vandalized the media office. Linking both incidents, they warned of a dangerous trend targeting media voices who refuse to fall in line. They emphasized that these attacks were part of a broader attempt to stifle independent journalism and restrict caste-based empowerment.

Got close to her with a plan, says accused in remand report
Introduced her to KTR, Kavitha, Santosh to gain trust
“Do whatever you want... die if you wish” — accused's chilling words revealed



I Did It According to the Plan: Poorna's Statement in Swetcha Case

TPN | V. Krishna Kumar
Special Desk: Sensational revelations have come to light in the anchor Swetcha suicide case, shaking the media and political circles. The police have filed the remand report of the accused Poorna Chandra Rao, which outlines disturbing details and a pre-meditated approach that eventually pushed Swetcha to take her own life. According to the police, Poorna Chan-

dra Rao admitted during interrogation that he got close to Swetcha with a clear plan. He came to know that her husband was away, and with calculated intent, entered her life under the guise of love and support. He promised marriage and a secure future for her and her daughter, slowly gaining her trust over time.

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Case Filed Against Sigachi Over Pashamilaram Blast



Death toll reaches 45; CM, Union Minister visit site
HRC issues notice; DNA tests, ex gratia, and probe ordered
Demand for accountability, safety reforms across industries

TPN Correspondent | Patancheru
A case has been registered against Sigachi Industries following the devastating chemical explosion at Pashamilaram Industrial Estate in Sangareddy district. The BDL Bhanur Police confirmed the case was filed under Sections 105, 110, and 117 based on a complaint by Yashwanth, a relative of a victim. The tragedy, which occurred in Sigachi's chemical unit, has left 45 people dead so far, with dozens more injured or missing. **Rescue operations ongoing,**

death toll may rise
The clearing of the rubble from the factory's administrative block is still in progress, and officials fear the death toll may rise further. Out of 143 workers present during the blast, at least 27 are still unaccounted for. So far, only six bodies have been formally identified, with many more found in unrecognizable condition, prompting authorities to order DNA tests for confirmation. Currently, 35 injured victims are being treated in hospitals,

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Display Photos of Negligent Officials on Tank Bund: High Court



- **Court slams inaction over illegal structures in Rajendranagar**
- **Justice Vijayasai Reddy expresses strong displeasure**
- **Next hearing to seek action details from all departments**

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

In a sharp rebuke to government officials for their alleged inaction on illegal constructions, the Telangana High Court made strong observations during the hearing of a petition filed by Syed Rahimunnisa and seven others. The petitioners alleged that illegal structures were being raised on their private land in Rajendranagar, and despite multiple complaints, authorities have failed to act. During the hearing, Justice Vijayasai Reddy, expressing deep dissatisfaction, remarked that photos of officials who failed to act on illegal structures should be displayed on Tank Bund. The comment underscored the court's growing frustration over the blame game among various de-

partments. The Standing Counsel for the government informed the court that orders had already been issued to remove the illegal structures, and the GHMC officials stated they had passed on these instructions to the task force officials. However, the task force officials claimed they could not act due to lack of police security, while the police department cited law and order concerns as a reason for inaction.

Taken aback by the apparent coordination failure, the High Court bench expressed serious impatience and said, "How can all departments wash their hands of responsibility like this?" The court has now directed all concerned officials to submit clear details of the action taken on the petition filed by the complainants by the time of the next adjournment. The case has become a significant example of bureaucratic apathy toward illegal constructions, and the High Court's strong remarks have drawn public attention to the issue.

Maoist Letter Slams Govt Over Education Neglect

- **Demands ₹20,000 crore for government education sector**
- **Calls for disqualification of politicians who profit from education**
- **Warns of movement if NEP and privatization continue**

TPN | V. Krishna Kumar

Special Desk: In a strongly worded letter, the Communist Party of India (Maoist) Telangana Committee has accused the government of deliberately weakening the government education system and turning education into a commercial business. The letter, signed by official spokesperson Jagan, demands an immediate allocation of ₹20,000 crore towards strengthening public education in the state. The Maoist party lashed out at successive governments for making empty promises during elections but failing to take basic steps for the improvement of public education. The letter asserts that due to insufficient government institutions matching population growth, education has become a commodity accessible only through private institutions, which the poor can no longer afford. It accused political parties and their leaders of turning education into a business by setting up private schools, colleges, and universities. The Maoist party went so far as to demand that those who profit from education businesses should be barred from contesting elections.

Citing the deteriorating condition of government hostels, the letter claimed that even 5% of students do not have proper accommodation. It also criticized the fee reimbursement model, alleging that it is being used to boost private educational institutions instead of investing in public infrastructure. The Maoist letter recommended a reversal of the current educational trend, demanding that 80% of education should be in the government sector, with private institutions limited to no more than 20%, all under government control. It further insisted that vocational and job-oriented courses be integrated into government colleges, especially in engineering, medical, degree, and PG streams, through updated curricula and new infrastructure. Disturbing statistics were also highlighted. Only 22% of Adivasis are literate in India, Tribal literacy in higher education is less than 5% and Dalit literacy is 41%, with only 8% reaching school-level education



The letter criticized the Telangana government for allocating only 5% of the state budget to education, despite experts recommending at least 20%. It also demanded that English be taught alongside mother tongues, and RSS-BJP's New Education Policy (NEP) be outright rejected. Calling for the immediate filling of teaching and non-teaching vacancies, the letter demanded that contract, outsourcing, and guest faculty staff working in Gurukuls, Kasturba Gandhi, and Social Welfare schools be made permanent.

Jagan in his letter demanded leaders like Aakunuri Murali, Prof. Kodandaram, Addanki Dayakar, and Dr. Mohammed Riaz to directly advise Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and push for structural reforms and genuine development of the government education sector.

The Maoist committee has warned of strong resistance and public movements if the government continues to ignore these demands.

Personality Development Expert B.V. Pattabhiram Passes Away

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Renowned personality development expert, psychiatrist, and magician Dr. B.V. Pattabhiram passed away on Tuesday following a heart attack. He was widely respected for his decades-long contribution to psychology, hypnosis, and personal transformation. He is survived by his wife Jaya, also a personality development expert, and son Prashanth. His mortal remains have been kept at his residence in Khairatabad for fans and well-wishers to pay their last respects from 9 am today. The final rites will be conducted at Mahaprasthanam in Jubilee Hills at 3 pm. Born in East Godavari district, Pattabhiram was one of the 15 children of Rao Saheb Bhavaraju Satyanarayana. While pursuing higher education in Kakinada, he was introduced to magic by a magician named Ember Rao. This passion stayed with him even while working for a food company in Hyderabad.



By the 1970s, he had emerged as an independent magician, capable of captivating audiences for hours with his unique blend of performance and psychology. Dr. Pattabhiram's academic background was

as rich as his creative pursuits. He completed post-graduation in psychology and philosophy from Osmania University and later earned a PhD in yoga and hypnosis from the same institution. He also worked with the Food Corporation of India before dedicating himself fully to guiding people through psychological counseling, motivational speaking, and personality development training. His lectures and workshops helped thousands across India in areas such as mental health, confidence building, and goal setting. Over his career spanning nearly 50 years, he received several awards and accolades for his service to society in both the scientific and spiritual realms.

B.V. Pattabhiram leaves behind a legacy that blends science, art, and wisdom — inspiring generations to pursue self-improvement and mental wellness.

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BJP's new strategy for Telugu states...!

With this, the Delhi leadership realized that if the BJP wants to grow independently in the future, it's not right to hand over control to such leaders. The Kamalam leadership understood that Vishnuvardhan Reddy, GVL, and Somu Veerajulu were all close to Jagan. That's why they were careful not to let such people come anywhere near the top post. This time, the selection of the president was done with great secrecy. They shocked everyone by announcing a name that no one had expected. Unlike in the past, the BJP did not make its strategy public and instead played a smart game in the background. The party had paid a price in the past for its wrong choices. But now, having fully understood the political ground in AP, it handed over the reins to a party loyalist, with the clear intent of strengthening itself at any cost. In the presidential race, the names of heavyweights like Kiran Kumar Reddy, Sujana Chowdhury, Vishnuvardhan Reddy, and Adi Narayana Reddy were heard. But the post ultimately went to Madhav. The most notable thing is that there is no discontent in AP BJP over PVN Madhav's selection. This alone is enough to say that the BJP is now moving in the right direction in Andhra Pradesh. As for Telangana... before the last elections, Bandi Sanjay

was removed from the president's post and it was handed over to Kishan Reddy — a move that didn't go down well with party workers. When Sanjay was gaining momentum, the sudden removal created deep discontent among grassroots workers. Recently, with news that MP Etala Rajender was in the race for president, traditional BJP supporters grew even more unhappy. However, to neutralize that unrest, the Kamalam high command selected Ramachandra Rao, a stalwart loyalist to the party, as the new state president. Except for Raja Singh, no one in Telangana BJP has objected to Ramachandra Rao's selection. Here too, names like Etala, Dharmapuri Aravind, Raghunandan Rao, Chintala Ramachandra Reddy, Muralidhar Rao, and DK Aruna were heard. But the BJP leadership followed the same plan implemented in AP. Ignoring leaders who came from other parties, it leaned towards Ramachandra Rao, who has been working with the BJP from the beginning. With ample support from the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, he was elected unanimously. Overall, the saffron party has chosen a new path in the Telugu states, quite different from the past. And now the question is — will this strategy work? Will the Lotus flag finally fly high in the Telugu states...? It remains to be seen.

I Did It According to the Plan: Poorna's Statement in Swetcha Case

To reinforce his image and credibility, Poorna introduced Swetcha to his friends, staff, and even top political leaders — including Kalvakuntla Kavitha, Minister K.T. Rama Rao, and MP Santosh Kumar. The remand report notes that these introductions were deliberate, intended to make her believe in his sincerity. Over the course of four years, their relationship deepened. But when Swetcha began pressing for marriage, Poorna started distancing himself, avoiding her calls and ignoring her emotional appeals. The police say he became evasive, and his behavior grew cold and indifferent. The report also reveals Swetcha's final desperate attempts to make him un-

derstand. Moments before her death, she called Poorna one last time. She told him, "If you don't come home within half an hour, I will come to the office," to which he reportedly responded coldly. She pleaded, "You were with us for all these years, you promised to marry me, to raise my daughter... now what else should I do except die?" But Poorna's reply was brutally insensitive — "Do whatever you want. If you want to die, then die." Unable to cope with the betrayal and emotional trauma, Swetcha slipped into severe depression. Later that evening, she called her father after buying books and scarves for her daughter. He dropped her home at 8 PM.

Tragically, when Swetcha didn't open the door, the watchman grew suspicious. A neighbor broke the door open and found Swetcha had taken her own life. The police have concluded in their report that Poorna's deception and emotional manipulation pushed Swetcha to suicide. His actions and statements indicate clear encouragement to die, which led them to formally charge him. His confession has been submitted in court as part of the official remand report. This incident has sent shockwaves across media and public spheres, raising serious concerns about emotional exploitation, mental health, and the silence many victims endure until it's too late.

Case Filed Against Sigachi Over Pashamilaram Blast

With 12 in critical condition in ICUs. A Disaster Response Force (DRF) team, LDRF, Revenue, and Hydra units are jointly participating in rescue and relief operations, while families of the missing anxiously wait for updates. **CM Revanth Reddy reviews on-site, announces compensation**



Chief Minister Revanth Reddy visited the accident site along with Ministers Damodar Rajanarsimha, Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, Sridhar Babu, Vivek, and local MLA Gudem Mahipal Reddy. He held a review meeting at the location, questioned officials about safety proto-

cols, industry permits, and previous inspections at Sigachi. The CM directed that the investigation be conducted by independent experts, not the same individuals who previously inspected the industry. He demanded a detailed report on whether past accidents had occurred, who were the board members, and how safety clearances were issued. As immediate assistance, the Chief Minister announced ₹1 lakh for each family of the deceased and ₹50,000 for the injured ₹1 crore compensation per family to be paid by the company. Revanth Reddy also sought clarity on the breakdown of government and company shares in the compensation, reiterating that maximum relief must be extended to affected families. **Union Minister Kishan Reddy demands high-level inquiry** Earlier, Union Minister Kishan Reddy and BJP state president N. Ramachandra Rao visited the site, expressing deep sorrow and concern. Kishan Reddy criticized the lack of safety compliance and

called for a high-level committee to prevent such incidents. He alleged that industry inspections were being done for namesake or bribes, and demanded an immediate audit of Sigachi's other three units. He assured that the central government would provide all support and urged the Telangana government to strengthen ambulance and emergency services in industrial zones. **HRC and NHRC take up the case**

In a significant move, the Telangana State Human Rights Commission (HRC) has taken suo motu cognizance of the tragedy and demanded a comprehensive report by July 30 from the District Collector, Labour Commissioner, Fire Department DG, and District SP. The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has also received complaints and may act soon. As investigations deepen and more bodies are retrieved, public outcry is mounting over industrial safety lapses, with pressure on the government to ensure accountability and prevent future tragedies.

Sabitha Reddy Slams Congress Over Welfare Schemes

Distributes Kalyana Lakshmi cheques to 33 beneficiaries
Credits KCR for introducing unique women-centric schemes



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Former Minister and Maheswaram MLA Sabitha Indra Reddy strongly criticized the Congress government for allegedly neglecting key welfare schemes introduced during the BRS regime. Speaking at a Kalyana Lakshmi-Shaadi Mubarak cheque distribution program held in Kandukur, she distributed cheques to 33 beneficiaries and lauded the visionary efforts of former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR).
“There is no scheme like Kalyana Lakshmi anywhere in the country or the world. KCR introduced these revolutionary welfare schemes keeping women at the center,” she said, highlighting how the Kalyana Lakshmi and Shaadi Mubarak schemes brought dignity and financial assistance to poor families during weddings.
Sabitha Indra Reddy said that the BRS government had implemented several schemes like the KCR Kit, which provided ₹13,000 for a girl child and ₹12,000 for a boy born in a government hospital, ensuring both maternal and infant care. “KCR even arranged transportation from hospital to home at the government’s expense,” she said, expressing disappointment that such schemes have been ignored by the current Congress government. She further stated that Mission Bhagiratha, which ensured safe drinking water to every household, was also aimed at reducing the burden on girl children who had to carry water bottles to school. “To support farmers, Rythu Bandhu was launched. I challenge anyone to show a single farmer who didn’t receive Rythu Bandhu during our tenure,” she added, accusing the Congress of discontinuing the scheme.
Sabitha Reddy demanded that the KCR Kit be reinstated immediately and questioned the Congress government on the delay in implementing its six guarantees. “They promised big, but they haven’t delivered. The people deserve answers,” she said.
During the event, several leaders from various political parties joined the BRS under Sabitha Indra Reddy’s leadership. Tehsildar, Market Committee Chairman Krishna Nayak, local leaders, beneficiaries, and activists also participated in the program.

KCR’s Signatures Are Telangana’s Death Warrant: CM Revanth

No compromise on water issue, says CM
Criticism on 2015 pact with AP
Will fight politically and legally for water rights

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy launched a scathing attack on the previous BRS government, accusing former Chief Minister KCR and former Minister Harish Rao of compromising the state’s water rights through a 2015 agreement. Speaking at a PowerPoint presentation on the Godavari-Banakacharla issue held at Praja Bhavan on Tuesday, Revanth Reddy described the 2015 signatures by KCR and Harish Rao as a “death warrant” for Telangana’s irrigation future.
“There will be no going back on the water issue. We will fight for Telangana’s rightful share politically, technically, and legal-

ly,” Revanth asserted. He made it clear that his government is committed to protecting the interests of the people and that it will not compromise when it comes to the state’s lifeline. Revanth Reddy pointed out that under the 2015 MoU, Telangana was limited to just 299 TMC of Krishna river water out of a total 811 TMC, while the rest — nearly 68% — was allocated to Andhra Pradesh. He slammed this agreement, saying it was done without proper justification or resistance.
“Despite Telangana having a larger catchment area, the previous rulers accepted an unfair share. Not only did they agree to it, they also failed to complete key irrigation projects that could



help utilize even the 299 TMC allocated,” he said. The CM expressed concern that while Andhra Pradesh has been rapidly completing its irrigation projects, Telangana’s projects were ignored during the BRS rule. He assured the people that the Congress-led government will now focus on protecting Telangana’s water interests and

make up for the lost time. Revanth Reddy vowed to revive pending irrigation projects and take all necessary steps to ensure Telangana gets its rightful share of Krishna and Godavari waters. He said his government would not shy away from challenging the injustice done in the past, both in courts and on political platforms.

Congress Will Not Compromise on Telangana’s Water Rights



TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
Irrigation Minister Capt. N. Uttam Kumar Reddy asserted that the Congress government is fully committed to protecting Telangana’s water rights and accused the previous BRS regime of compromising the state’s inter-

ests. Speaking at a presentation at Praja Bhavan on Tuesday, he said that the Polavaram-Banakacharla Link Project (PBLP) being advanced by Andhra Pradesh threatens Telangana’s legal and riparian entitlements. Uttam said the BRS government failed to object when Andhra

Pradesh issued multiple orders in 2018 to divert 300 TMC of Godavari floodwaters to the Krishna and Pennar basins. He alleged that then CM KCR remained silent despite GO approvals and tender calls, allowing AP to push ahead. The Minister emphasized that Telangana had written to the Union Jal Shakti Ministry, GRMB, and PPA, flagging legal and environmental violations. “This project alters the Polavaram design and affects backwater levels, posing a submergence threat to Bhadrachalam and the Manuguru plant,” he warned. Highlighting the government’s success, Uttam said the Expert

Appraisal Committee of the Environment Ministry returned AP’s proposal without even granting Terms of Reference. “This is a big win for Telangana,” he said. He criticized the 2015 agreement signed by KCR and Harish Rao, allocating only 299 TMC to Telangana out of 811 TMC of Krishna water. The Congress government has demanded a higher share and reopened the matter before the tribunal. Uttam reaffirmed that the state will pursue all legal and constitutional means to protect its share. “We will not allow Telangana’s future to be undermined,” he declared.

Ramachandra Rao Is A Missile, Will Lead BJP To Power In Telangana: Bandi Sanjay

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar delivered a spirited address at the BJP State President election event, extending warm congratulations to the newly appointed BJP Telangana State President, N. Ramachandra Rao. Lauding his decades of dedication to the party, Sanjay described Ramachandra Rao as a grassroots leader who rose from the RSS and ABVP ranks with unwavering commitment. Sanjay recalled a deeply emotional moment from their past, revealing that Ramachandra Rao’s physical disability was caused by an attack from radicals during his ABVP days. “When I asked him why he limped, his answer brought tears to my eyes. It happened while fighting for the saffron flag. That is the kind of sacrifice leaders like him have made,” Sanjay said.

He dismissed the current trolling of Ramachandra Rao on social media, reminding the gathering that even Prime Minister Modi was once mocked but those critics have faded into obscurity. “Ramachandra Rao is not a leader, he’s a missile,” he said. Sanjay also challenged BRS to announce a BC CM if they return to power, slamming KCR for betraying Dalits despite his past promises. Asserting BJP’s record of empowering BCs, SCs, and STs, Sanjay highlighted that only BJP had the courage to make a BC the Prime Minister and Dalits and Adivasis the Presidents of India. “Has Congress ever had that courage?” he questioned. He urged every BJP worker to rally behind Ramachandra Rao and not fall for the manipulations of BRS and Congress. Sanjay reminded the gathering that Ramachandra

Rao had played a key role in the MLC elections and party membership drives. “We are not divided. Our only group is the Narendra Modi team. Let’s fight together and win 100 seats in Telangana. Let us paint Jubilee Hills and upcoming local elections saffron,” Sanjay concluded.



Ramachandra Rao Vows to Hoist Saffron Flag Over Golconda



TPN | Srikanth Gurram Hyderabad: Senior BJP leader G. Ramachandra Rao has been unanimously elected as the new president of the Telangana BJP, and wasted no time in

outlining his aggressive vision for the party. Speaking to party workers for the first time after assuming charge on Tuesday, Rao declared that his ultimate goal is to hoist the saffron flag

Unanimously elected as Telangana BJP chief; calls for united fight for power
Declares BJP will come to power in Telangana
Says he’s no softie, jailed 14 times in public struggles
Slams Congress as a “fake news university”

atop Golconda Fort, symbolizing a BJP victory in the state. Addressing a meeting held in Hyderabad, Ramachandra Rao said that power should be the only goal of every worker, and that the BJP’s strength lies in the hard work and sacrifices of its cadres over the years. “Only the BJP can build a democratic and developed Telangana. People are looking at us with hope,” he said, urging workers to actively engage with the public ahead of the upcoming local body elections.

“I’m not a softie, I’m a fighter”
Responding to perceptions about his leadership style, Ramachandra Rao firmly said, “I am not a softie. I have been jailed 14 times in student and public movements. I have faced lathi-charges. I will continue to fight for people’s rights in a democratic way.” He said he would always be at the forefront of agitations on public issues. Rao launched a strong verbal attack on the Congress-led

state government, accusing it of running a “fake news university” and spreading false propaganda against BJP leaders on social media. He called on party workers to counter the misinformation and expose the ruling party’s failures. **“No old or new, all are one”**
The new BJP chief emphasized unity and inclusivity in the party. “There is no difference between new and old members. Everyone is part of the BJP family. We need new energy — especially youth and wom-

en — to join and strengthen the party,” he said. He also expressed pride in leading what he called the “world’s largest party with 14 crore members.” Ramachandra Rao concluded by expressing confidence in taking the party forward in Telangana with the support of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, and BJP President JP Nadda, and called on leaders and workers to work in unity to bring the BJP to power in the state.



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Hyderabad: A condolence meeting was held at the office of the Journalists Cooperative Housing Society Limited (JCHSL) on Tuesday to pay homage to the society’s Managing Committee member and noted journalist, Swecha Votarkar. The meeting was presided over by society president Brahmandabheri Goparaju, where floral tributes were offered and emotional

recollections shared. Former Telangana Media Academy Chairman Allam Narayana expressed deep anguish over the coverage of Swecha’s death on some social media platforms. He condemned certain media outlets for violating ethical norms and intruding into personal matters, stating, “Social media has once again murdered dignity and freedom. This trend must stop, or there

Journalists Pay Tribute to Swecha

Condolence meet held at JCHSL office
Media bodies condemn YouTube channels
Support pledged for daughter’s education

will be no peace.” Veteran journalist and former Andhra Jyothi editor K. Srinivas recalled Swecha’s courage and dedication, expressing shock over her untimely demise. “She was stronger than many believed. The way some are reporting after her death is truly painful,” he said. T News CEO and former society secretary Shailesh Reddy lauded Swecha’s journalistic abilities, describing her as a rare talent well-versed in political and social affairs. He noted that only after her passing

did many realize she belonged to the Dalit community, adding, “She never played the caste card and rose purely on merit.” Society president Brahmandabheri Goparaju recounted that Swecha was active during the MC meeting in Gopanapalli last month and had expressed her intent to help non-allottees and even contest from Nakirekal constituency. MC member Kamalakara Charya urged the society to take responsibility for the education of Swecha’s daughter. Treasurer Maheshwar Goud, overcome with emo-



tion, said, “It feels like losing a sister.” Telangana Working Journalists Union leaders also voiced concern. Treasurer Yoganand said freedom must come with responsibility, while Secretary Maruthi Sagar warned of action if offensive content on YouTube channels continues. TUWJF General Secretary Basava Punnaiah demanded stern action against Poorna Chan-

dra Rao, who is alleged to be responsible for Swecha’s death. Senior journalist Prabhakar Rao announced a personal contribution of ₹1 lakh towards the education of Swecha’s daughter, Aranya. Several women journalists and other officials, including Secretary Ravindra Babu, Vice President Lakshmi Narayana, and Joint Secretary Bhagya Lakshmi, also paid heartfelt tributes.

Balkampet Yellamma Kalyanam Celebrated Grandly



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The Kalyanam of Balkampet Sri Renuka Yellamma Amma- varu was celebrated with traditional fervor and grandeur on Tuesday in Hyderabad. Thousands of devotees gathered to witness the divine ceremony, which was marked by religious rituals and festive spirit. Civil Supplies and Endowments Minister Ponnamm Prabhakar, who participated in the event, offered silk robes on behalf of the government to the goddess. Speaking at the media conference held during the event, the minister said that Balkampet Yellamma Devi has been a divine protector of Hyderabad, especially during times of crisis. “When the city was hit by a calamity and hundreds of people lost their lives, it was Yellamma Ammavaru who stood by the people as a shield,” the minister said, recalling a past tragedy. He added that lakhs of devotees visit the temple every year, and this tradition has continued with growing faith and devotion. Ponnamm Prabhakar prayed to the goddess for timely rains and healthy crops across Telangana. He expressed concern over recent tragic incidents such as fire accidents and plane crashes, and said that the people of Telangana are now looking up to Yellamma Ammavaru to bless them with safety, peace, and prosperity. He emphasized that the temple is not just a religious place but a source of strength for devotees during difficult times. The Kalyanam was conducted with strict adherence to tradition and rituals, drawing large crowds and spiritual enthusiasm.

Minister Srihari Inspects Telangana Sports School

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Telangana Sports Minister Vakiti Srihari visited the Telangana Sports School at Hakimpet under Thumkunta Municipal limits on Tuesday and expressed serious concern over the unhygienic conditions prevailing at the school canteen. During his inspection, the minister checked the sports infrastructure, classrooms, and canteen facilities and was visibly upset with the management’s negligence. He pulled up the canteen authorities after spotting cockroaches in vegetables and spoiled carrots. Expressing dissatisfaction over the poor food quality and cleanliness, Minister Srihari directed that the existing canteen contract be cancelled and awarded to a more responsible party. “There is no compromise when it comes to the health and nutrition of student-athletes,” he said sternly. The minister also interacted with Physical Education Trainers (PETs) and insisted they maintain physical fitness themselves while guiding students. He enquired about the problems faced by students and staff and assured immediate steps to resolve them. Minister Srihari highlighted the government’s commitment to sports development under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, stating that ₹450 crore has been allocated for the advancement of sports in the state. “Our goal is to take Telangana’s sportspersons to the international level, and this school will play a major role in that mission,” he stated. The minister emphasized that regular inspections and accountability would ensure better facilities and performance in state-run sports institutions. Telangana Sports Authority Chairman Shivsena Reddy, RTA Member Jaipal Reddy, Medical Market Committee Chairman Narsimhulu Yadav, and other local leaders accompanied the minister during the visit.



Govt Official Caught Taking Bribe in Moosapet

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In a clear case of corruption, the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) caught a government official red-handed while accepting a bribe in Moosapet Circle, under the Kukatpally Zonal limits, on Tuesday. The accused, Sunitha, a senior assistant in the Property Tax Department, allegedly demanded a bribe of ₹80,000 for processing a property mutation request. According to ACB DSP Sridhar, the victim had approached Sunitha for property mutation documents, but she refused to process the request without a bribe. Despite repeated requests, she insisted on the payment, finally pressuring the applicant to give at least ₹30,000. Frustrated by the continued harassment, the victim lodged a complaint with the ACB. Acting swiftly, officials set up a trap and apprehended Sunitha while she was accepting ₹30,000 in cash on Tuesday afternoon. The ACB team also seized the bribe amount and the property file from her possession. Speaking to the media, DSP Sridhar confirmed that an investigation has been launched and legal action is being pursued against the accused. “Public servants must perform their duties honestly. We urge citizens to come forward and report such corrupt practices,” he said.



Chadarghat Police Solve Theft Case in 24 Hours

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
In a swift breakthrough, the Chadarghat police arrested a man involved in a theft case within 24 hours and recovered stolen cash and cheque books worth ₹6.50 lakhs. The details were revealed by South East Zone DCP Sri Chaitanya Kumar at a press meet held at the zone office in Saidabad. The incident took place on Monday at around 8.40 am, when an unidentified burqa-clad individual stole cash and cheque books from the bike of onion trader Shri Sheikh Qudus in the busy Malakpet Ganj area. Acting on the trader’s complaint, Chadarghat police swiftly registered a case and launched an investigation. With the help of CCTV footage and information gathered from local workers, the police identified the accused as Mohammad Wajid (22), a Tata S driver from Owaisi Colony, Santosh Nagar. He was apprehended from his residence in Riyasat Nagar. During interrogation, Wajid confessed to committing the theft due to financial stress and a desire to purchase a car. Police revealed that the accused had previously worked for the trader, which gave him knowledge of the victim’s routine and allowed him to seize the opportunity. The case was investigated under the close supervision of Additional DCP Srikanth and Malakpet ACP Sri K. Subba Rami Reddy. DCP Chaitanya Kumar appreciated the efforts of the entire Chadarghat police team, including Inspector K.B. Murari, SI A. Bharat Kumar, SI Prashanth Reddy, HC Sri Pradeep Reddy, and constables Ramnath, Vamsi, Pawan, and Nagesh, for solving the case promptly. The DCP emphasized the importance of timely and coordinated efforts in maintaining law and order and ensuring justice for victims.



DCP Inspects Patrol Mobiles and Blue Colts in Central Zone



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To reinforce the importance of night patrolling and frontline policing, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Central Zone, Hyderabad, conducted a comprehensive inspection of

Patrol Mobiles and Blue Colts at Public Gardens on Tuesday. The inspection included 20 Patrol Cars and 31 Blue Colt bikes from the 10 police stations under Central Zone jurisdiction. The DCP examined the operational condition of vehicles,

checked Anti-Desecration Drill equipment, First Aid Kits, and assessed the staff’s readiness in handling CPR and fire safety protocols. Personnel were engaged in one-on-one interactions, during which the DCP highlighted the critical role of police as first responders to Dial 112 emergency calls. Staff were advised to maintain a smart, alert, and courteous approach during public interactions and were directed to actively engage with communities during patrols. Officers were instructed to conduct awareness drives focusing on cyber safety, Dial 112 usage, and general public safety at major junctions. The DCP stressed the importance of foot patrolling to boost visibility and enhance community-police relations. Directions were issued for vigilant checks

on known offenders, regular updates of Point Books, and installation of geo-tagged ‘Nenu Saitham’ CCTV cameras to bolster surveillance and crime prevention. In a notable move, women constables on patrol duty were commended, and Station House Officers (SHOs) were told to ensure more women representation in frontline policing roles. The inspection was attended by ADSP Central Zone, SHOs from Saifabad, Domalguda, Gandhinagar, and DIs from Lake, Abids, Musheerabad, and Gandhinagar, reinforcing the zone’s collective commitment to public safety and professional policing. The DCP concluded the inspection with a reminder to uphold the highest standards of discipline, integrity, and public service at all times.

Farmers Suffer At Vikarabad Rythu Bazaar



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Vikarabad Rythu Bazaar has turned into a symbol of neglect, with farmers bearing the

brunt of poor infrastructure and monsoon chaos. With no permanent sheds or storage facilities, farmers are being forced to sell vegetables in open

No sheds, no facilities, only losses in the rain

spaces, enduring rain, mud, and financial losses. As the rains lash the region, the problems have only worsened. Waterlogged pathways, muddy surroundings, and drenched produce have crippled the daily vegetable market. Farmers say they have no choice but to brave the downpour with their vegetables, risking both health and earnings. “When it rains, our vegetables are destroyed. For the past three days, there has been no profit but only loss,” said a distressed farmer at the market, voicing the sentiment of many



others who are struggling to recover their investment, let alone make a profit. Buyers are also being driven away due to the unpleasant

— raises serious questions about the commitment of local authorities to protect farmer welfare. Farmers are now urging the government to immediately construct permanent sheds and ensure proper facilities like drainage, walkways, and storage spaces. Without such measures, they warn, their hardships will only multiply as the rains continue. The plight of the Vikarabad farmers serves as a stark reminder that those who feed us are still waiting for shelter and support.

Congress Leaders Honour Dr. Tellam Venkat Rao on Doctors' Day



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On the occasion of Doctors' Day, Congress Party leaders paid rich tributes to Dr. Tellam Venkat Rao, recognising

his exceptional service to the people of the constituency both as a compassionate physician and a committed legislator. The felicitation event was marked by heart-

felt gestures, including the presentation of a shawl and a coronation statue of Lord Sita Ramachandra Swamy to Dr. Venkat Rao. Party leaders lauded his relentless efforts in addressing the healthcare needs of the poor and resolving public grievances with equal dedication. Dr. Tellam Venkat Rao, widely respected for his dual role as a healer and public representative, was praised for his selfless work and approachability, especially among the underprivileged. His services have earned him admiration not only from the Congress cadre but also from the wider public. Several Congress leaders participated in the program including TPCC member Bu-

dagam Srinivas, senior leader Tallapalli Ramesh Goud, Mandal Congress President Sarella Naresh, Chief Secretary Doddipatla Kotes, Arikela Tirupati Rao, NSUI Constituency President Sarella Venkatesh, OBC Cell leaders Ragam Sudhakar and Magapu Raju, RG Social Media President Kotha Srinivas, Bambothula Rajiv, and Youth Congress Mandal Presidents Akula Venkataramana, Bhimavarapu Venkat Reddy, Chittibabu Dora and Gudapati Satish. The gathering expressed their deep appreciation for Dr. Venkat Rao's continued efforts and wished him strength to carry forward his dual responsibilities with the same spirit.

Operation Muskan-XI Begins in Bhadradri Kothagudem

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Bhadradri Kothagudem: District Superintendent of Police Rohit Raju, IPS, launched Operation Muskan-XI in Bhadradri Kothagudem on Monday by unveiling the official poster at the SP office. As part of a nationwide initiative to eradicate child labour, this 11th phase of Operation Muskan will be implemented throughout July across the district. SP Rohit Raju announced that five special teams have been formed districtwide, each comprising one Sub-Inspector and four staff members, to identify and rescue child labourers. He stressed that coordinated raids will be conducted with various departments, including child welfare, education, labor, health, and police. He noted that during the last operation in January — Operation Smile — the district identified 40 children and ranked fifth in the state. He appealed to the public to take responsibility for eradicating child labour and report any such cases immediately by calling 1098, 100, or informing local police. A preparatory review meeting was held at the PR function hall under the leadership of Kothagudem DSP Rahman, the district nodal officer for Operation Muskan-XI. DSP Rahman directed teams to identify hotspots and monitor them closely. He emphasized the need to trace the current status of previously rescued children, reintegrate school dropouts into the education system, and take action against those forcing children into labour or begging. He also stressed that any individual or group found engaging children in forced labour or begging will face immediate legal action under relevant criminal laws. District Welfare Officer Swarnalatha Lenina, SB Inspector Srinivas, DCPO Hari Kumari, Assistant Labor Officer Sharfuddin, Child Welfare Committee members, Child Helpline Coordinator Sandeep, and several SAILS officers participated in the program.



Awareness Seminar Urges Fight Against Drugs in Bhadrachalam

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An awareness seminar was organized in Bhadrachalam on July 1 to sensitize auto drivers and the general public about the dangers of drug usage and trafficking. The event was jointly conducted by the Mother Teresa Charitable Trust, Shaj Blood Organization, and Sri Seetharama Auto Association. Speaking at the seminar, Traffic SI Tirupati emphasized the importance of collective responsibility in building a drug-free society. “Drugs destroy the lives of people, especially the youth. We must all stand together to stop their spread,” he said. Urban SI Ramakrishna echoed the sentiment, urging everyone to actively fight against drugs and not to remain silent spectators. SI Swapna called upon the youth to take the lead in curbing drug usage and trafficking. “Youths should stay away from drugs and also take it upon themselves to prevent their circulation,” she said. The officers appealed to participants to report any known instances of illegal drug sale or usage to the police immediately. They also reminded all drivers to strictly follow traffic rules and contribute to maintaining public order. The seminar saw participation from Trust Chairman Koppula Murali, Shaj Blood Organization founder Mohammed Sinda, Sri Seetharama Auto Association President Rayala Srinu, and members Ramamurthy, Rambabu and others. The event concluded with a renewed call for vigilance, responsibility, and active community involvement in the fight against drugs.

Amrabad Tiger Reserve Closed for Monsoon Season

Park to remain shut from July 1 to September 30



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The Amrabad Tiger Reserve in Achampet, Telangana, has officially announced its annual monsoon season closure from July 1 to September 30, 2025, in line with the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) guidelines and recommendations under the Tiger Conservation Plan (TCP). This seasonal closure is intended to facilitate ecological balance, allow undisturbed wildlife breeding, and ensure visitor and staff safety during the monsoon period. With heavy rains likely to make trails slippery and increase the chances of flooding, the decision aims to prevent accidents and safeguard both the tourists and forest personnel. More importantly, the monsoon period is vital for the reproductive cycles of several species, including

tigers. The absence of human activity during this time enables animals to mate, raise their young, and roam freely without interference. Additionally, the break allows park authorities to carry out necessary repairs and rejuvenation work on infrastructure that may be damaged by the rains. In a press note released by the Conservator of Forests and Field Director, the reserve authorities appealed to visitors and wildlife enthusiasts to support the conservation efforts and plan their visits accordingly. The Amrabad Tiger Reserve will reopen on October 1, 2025, for tourists and nature lovers. The Forest Department has urged everyone to treat the seasonal closure as a collaborative step toward protecting Telangana's rich biodiversity.

Worker Injured in Boiler Blast at Medchal Pharma Unit



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A major boiler explosion at Alkaloid Bio Actives Private Limited, located in the Medchal industrial estate, left a senior worker Gannaram Srinivas Reddy critically injured on Tuesday. The incident occurred within the limits of the Medchal Police Station and has raised serious concerns about industrial safety protocols. Srinivas Reddy, a native of Shahpur and an employee at the company for over 12 years, suffered severe injuries due to the blast. Fellow workers rushed him to a nearby private hospital for immediate assistance. However, due to the critical nature of his condition, he was later shifted to AIG Hospital in Nagaram for advanced treatment. Following the incident, the Medchal police registered a case based on a complaint lodged by the injured worker's family members. Authorities have begun a detailed investigation into the circumstances leading to the explosion. Medchal ACP Shankar Reddy, who visited the scene, stated that preliminary findings indicate a sudden boiler malfunction. “We are looking into potential negligence or technical faults. The safety measures at the company will also be reviewed as part of the investigation,” he said. Industrial accidents continue to pose a serious threat to workers' lives, and this incident highlights the urgent need for stringent safety standards in pharma and manufacturing units.

Workplace Harassment Still Rampant Despite Laws, Undermines Women’s Rights and Workforce Participation



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A 2023 McKinsey and LeanIn.org Women in the Workplace report revealed that only about 50% of women feel confident that their employer would handle a harassment complaint effectively, a statistic unchanged since 2018. This lack of faith in redressal systems enables a toxic culture to persist, pushing many women to suffer in silence or leave the workforce altogether.

While laws and regulations exist, experts stress the need for strong internal workplace policies, regular training, and gender sensitization programs. A robust grievance redressal mechanism, with a trusted and impartial Internal Committee, is key to building confidence. Moreover, organizations must ensure that survivors are not re-traumatized by the complaint process and that retaliation is strictly punished.

Women are increasingly learning to protect themselves by documenting incidents, speaking up, and approaching HR or legal channels. However, the responsibility must not fall on survivors alone. Creating a safe, respectful work environment is a collective responsibility, from top leadership to peers.

The conversation around workplace harassment must go beyond compliance. It must focus on changing attitudes, dismantling power imbalances, and building a culture of trust, safety, and equality. Only then can India truly ensure that women can work with dignity, online or offline.

A decade after India enacted a landmark law to combat sexual harassment in workplaces, enforcement remains a major concern, as cases continue to go unreported and unresolved. Despite the passage of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013, commonly known as the POSH Act, thousands of women across corporate offices, educational institutions, hospitals, and informal sectors still face harassment that threatens their dignity, safety, and professional growth.

Workplace sexual harassment is not just a labour law violation, it is a human rights issue. It has a direct impact on productivity, absenteeism, and mental health, and more crit-

ically, on women’s equal participation in the workforce. The nature of harassment has also evolved, particularly after the COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent shift to remote working. The so-called “home office” has blurred the lines between professional and private space, leaving women vulnerable to new forms of abuse such as Zoom bombing, inappropriate WhatsApp messages, coercive video call requests, and digital stalking.

The POSH Act, passed in February 2013 and enacted in December the same year, was considered a milestone in protecting women at work. It defined “aggrieved woman” broad-

ly to include not just employees but also visitors, clients, customers, and even patients, any woman present at a workplace in any capacity. For instance, if a woman visiting a hospital as a patient or attendant is harassed, she is protected under this Act.

Despite its progressive approach, implementation of the law has been inconsistent. In a 2023 judgment, the Supreme Court of India expressed serious concern over “lapses in enforcement” and pointed out that even after 10 years of the Act, many organizations failed to implement mandatory provisions like forming Internal Committees (ICs). The International Labour Organisation (ILO)

echoes this, stating that the lack of reported cases does not indicate the absence of incidents. In most cases, women fear retaliation, social stigma, or being disbelieved, especially when the harasser holds a position of power.

Sexual harassment can take many forms: verbal jokes with sexual overtones, unwanted touching, explicit messages or images, pressuring someone into sexual activity, or even offering professional benefits in exchange for sexual favors. Increasingly, digital harassment has added another layer to this already complex issue.

The Cost of 'Boasting': Trump And India's Post-Op Sindoor Dilemmas



Diplomacy thrives on measured words and deliberate pauses. Decisions are usually made behind closed doors, with public statements carefully crafted for impact and interpretation. Yet, former U.S. President Donald Trump broke with this tradition when he publicly claimed that his threats of trade penalties had prevented war between India and Pakistan in May. The declarative tone may have worked for a domestic audience, but it significantly disrupted the delicate regional and strategic dynamics between New Delhi, Islamabad, and Washington. The situation he referred to was deeply serious. On April 22, a terror attack near Pahalgalam in Jammu and Kashmir heightened tensions between India and Pakistan. From May 7 to 10, both nations exchanged air strikes, escalating fears of a broader conflict. A ceasefire was announced on May 10. Trump quickly took credit, saying his offer of U.S. market access pressured both countries to de-escalate. This version of events has been repeated by him often, and it even featured in a U.S. government filing justifying the use of tariffs under national security grounds. Such a narrative, however, has broader implications. It shifts the focus from diplo-

macy to transactional leverage, suggesting that trade threats—rather than diplomatic efforts or military restraint—brought calm. For India, this is particularly damaging. Since independence, India has prided itself on strategic autonomy, choosing partners while retaining independent decision-making authority. Trump’s framing implies that India’s security posture can be swayed by economic coercion, which strikes at the core of its foreign policy principles. More troubling is the implicit suggestion of third-party intervention in the India-Pakistan conflict. India has consistently rejected outside mediation on Kashmir, asserting that any talks must be bilateral. By treating India and Pakistan as equal stakeholders in a conflict and positioning himself as a mediator, Trump blurred critical distinctions—between a democracy targeted by cross-border terrorism and a state accused of supporting it.

New Delhi has firmly rejected the claim. Indian officials maintain the ceasefire resulted from direct military dialogue with Pakistan, not external influence. Yet, the perception created by Trump’s remarks has been politically costly. Opposition leaders have accused the Modi government of diplomatic weakness, and media voices warn that silence may imply acceptance. The controversy complicates ambitious trade goals. India and the U.S. have set targets to boost bilateral trade to \$500 billion by 2030, with an initial agreement expected by autumn 2025. But lingering doubts about the reliability of trade as a policy tool, especially if wielded as a geopolitical weapon, cast a shadow over negotiations. In response, India is diversifying its strategic and economic ties—deepening relations with the EU, strengthening defence ties with France, and cautiously re-engaging with China and Russia. This approach reflects a pragmatic effort to hedge against over-dependence on any one partner. Ultimately, the India-U.S. relationship is too important to be guided by showmanship. For the partnership to flourish, both nations must recommit to quiet, consistent diplomacy. The strength of this relationship must rest not on applause lines, but on mutual respect and a shared vision of sovereignty and stability.

NHAI Capex Claims Under Scrutiny Amid Financial Tightening and Monetisation Setbacks



In 2024-2025, the Government of India lauded the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) for achieving a record capital expenditure (capex) of over ₹2.5 lakh crore for national highway development, surpassing its ₹2.4 lakh crore target. However, this claim is now being questioned due to discrepancies in NHAI’s unaudited financial statements, which report a significantly lower capex of ₹1.45 lakh crore. This gap of over ₹1 lakh crore has raised concerns about possible financial window-dressing and a deepening funding squeeze on the NHAI. According to NHAI’s unaudited 2024-2025 accounts, while the government claimed a record ₹2.5 lakh crore in infrastructure spending, a closer look reveals that a large portion of these funds was used not for highway construction but for loan repayments. Specifically, the repayment of ₹50,000 crore from the National Small Savings Fund (NSSF) and the reduction of public sector bank loans were included in the government’s capex figures, thereby inflating the real developmental spending. Effectively, the net capex spent on actual infrastructure works was only ₹1.45 lakh crore—the amount reflected in NHAI’s accounts. This discrepancy suggests the government’s ₹2.5 lakh crore claim includes significant debt repayments, thus overstating its investment in new highway infrastructure. The reported repayment of ₹50,000 crore to NSSF, which simply circles money back to the government, further underscores the lack of transparency. Hence, the real support extended to NHAI stands at around ₹2 lakh crore, far below the claimed figure. Additionally, NHAI’s asset monetisation efforts appear to be faltering. The government has celebrated the National Highways Infra Trust (NHIT)

as a success in raising ₹18,380 crore in its fourth fundraising round. However, closer scrutiny of NHIT reveals that it remains largely government-controlled, with project management and investment oversight still under NHAI through wholly owned entities. While monetisation transactions have nominally raised ₹43,648 crore by transferring 2,345 kilometres of roads, genuine private sector participation remains limited, with much of the funding sourced through loans rather than equity investment. Other monetisation models like the Toll, Operate, and Transfer (ToT) approach have been sidelined. Union Minister Nitin Gadkari himself expressed dissatisfaction with the government’s decision to discontinue the ToT model, previously an effective monetisation tool. Similarly, the government’s special purpose vehicle (SPV) model for financing new expressways has seen little traction, with only one such project—the Delhi-Vadodara expressway—currently underway, despite notable delays. Adding to the NHAI’s challenges is the indefinite freeze on the Bharatmala Pariyojana, a flagship road development project launched in 2017-2018 with a target of 34,800 kilometres and an estimated cost of ₹6.92 lakh crore. Ongoing issues with cost overruns, land acquisition, and contract execution prompted a government review, which remains incomplete well after the 2024 general elections. Together, these developments point to a tightening financial situation at NHAI and raise serious concerns about the government’s infrastructure spending narrative. The inflated capex claims, faltering monetisation, and stalled projects paint a more complex picture than the government’s optimistic public messaging suggests.

Rahul Gandhi Slams GST on 8th Anniversary, Calls It Tool of Corporate Cronyism

Demands People-Centric Reforms and End to Bureaucratic Burden

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On the eighth anniversary of the Goods and Services Tax (GST), Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi strongly criticized the current tax regime, calling it a "brutal tool of economic injustice and corporate cronyism." Taking to social media on Tuesday, July 1, 2025, Gandhi accused the Modi government of betraying the original vision of GST and turning it into a mechanism that disproportionately hurts small businesses, farmers, and common citizens.

"Eight years on, the Modi government's GST is not a tax reform—it is a compliance nightmare," he said, pointing to the over 900 amendments made since its rollout. Promised as a 'Good and Simple Tax', Gandhi said the reality is a five-slab system entangled in bureaucracy where even items like caramel popcorn and cream buns are burdened with complex tax rates.

He alleged the GST structure favours big corporates with access to legal teams and accountants, while MS-MEs—the largest job creators—have been pushed to the brink, with over 18 lakh small enterprises shutting down since 2017.



The Congress leader also highlighted how ordinary Indians are now paying GST on essentials like tea and health insurance, even as corporate entities benefit from over ₹1 lakh crore in annual tax breaks. He criticised the continued exclusion of petrol and diesel from the GST framework, arguing that it unfairly affects farmers and transporters.

Gandhi further accused the Centre of

using GST dues to penalise non-BJP ruled states, calling it evidence of an "anti-federal agenda." He reaffirmed that while GST was a visionary idea by the UPA, the Modi government's implementation has betrayed its intent.

He concluded by calling for a reformed GST that is business-friendly, people-centric, and federal in true spirit.



Indian Navy Rescues 14 Crew Members, Contains Fire on Palau-Flagged Tanker in Arabian Sea

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Demonstrating swift action and maritime readiness, the Indian Navy successfully contained a major fire onboard a Palau-flagged oil tanker, MT Yi Cheng 6, in the North Arabian Sea on June 29, 2025. The vessel, operating approximately 80 nautical miles east of Fujairah in the United Arab Emirates, had reported a severe fire in its engine room and a total power failure.

Following a distress call from the ship, the Indian Navy immediately launched a high-risk firefighting and rescue operation. Warship INS Tabar was swiftly deployed and proceeded at maximum speed to the location. Upon arrival, seven of the 14 Indian crew members were promptly evacuated to the Navy ship using small boats.

"All evacuated crew were safe and medically examined onboard INS Tabar. No injuries were reported," the Navy said in an official statement.

The remaining crew, including the ship's master, stayed onboard to assist with firefighting efforts.

A six-member team from INS Tabar initially joined the ship's crew to battle the blaze, successfully reducing the fire's intensity and confining the smoke to the engine room. The operation was later reinforced with an additional 13 Indian Navy personnel — five officers and eight sailors — to strengthen the containment effort.

After sustained firefighting over several hours, the joint team successfully brought the fire under control. INS Tabar has remained in the vicinity of MT Yi Cheng 6 to provide continued assistance and ensure safety.

The Indian Navy praised the courage and professionalism of its personnel, stating, "The valiant effort of Indian Naval personnel ensured the safety of the vessel and all Indian crew members. This operation underscores the Navy's rapid response capability, operational preparedness, and commitment to maritime safety."

Telangana Pharma Plant Blast: Death Toll Rises to 36, Rescue Efforts Continue



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The death toll in the tragic explosion at Sigachi Industries' pharmaceutical plant in Pashamylaram, Sangareddy district, has climbed to 36, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy confirmed on Tuesday. The blast, which occurred on Monday, is suspected to have been triggered by a chemical reaction inside the facility.

CM Reddy, who visited the site with cabinet colleagues, announced that the state government would ensure compensation of ₹1 crore is paid to the families of each deceased worker. He also promised strict action against those responsible for the incident and visited hospitals to meet the injured. Authorities revealed that most of the victims were migrant workers

from Odisha, Bihar, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, and Telangana. At the time of the blast, 143 people were present in the facility, but only 56 have been accounted for so far. Search and rescue operations are ongoing to locate the remaining individuals.

District Superintendent of Police Paritosh Pankaj reported that 31 bodies were recovered from the debris, while three victims died in hospital during treatment. The final phase of the rescue operation continues as emergency teams clear the remaining rubble.

Hospitals in the region are treating several injured workers. Pranaam Hospitals in Miyapur reported receiving 21 patients with severe burns and head injuries. Two were declared brought dead, and one succumbed the following morning. Dhruva Hospitals in Patancheru received 11 patients, with five currently on ventilators. Seven of the injured have sustained burns ranging from 40 to 80 percent.

A revenue department official said the identity of only nine victims has been confirmed so far, with DNA profiling needed for the rest due to the extent of the injuries.

Sigachi Industries is involved in the production of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs), excipients, vitamin blends, and pharmaceutical intermediates.

Pahalgam attack was economic warfare

India won't yield to Pak's nuclear blackmail: Jaishankar

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External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar has called the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir an "act of economic warfare," intended to destroy tourism in the region and incite religious violence. Speaking at a fireside chat with Newsweek CEO Dev Pragad at One World Trade Centre in Manhattan, Jaishankar emphasized that India will not allow nuclear threats to deter its response to terrorism emanating from Pakistan. "This was meant to cripple Kashmir's economy and provoke communal tensions," he said, referencing reports that attackers forced victims to identify their religion before killing them. The attack, claimed by The Resistance Front (TRF), a Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) affiliate, left 26 civilians dead and prompted India's launch of Operation Sindoor, targeting terror infrastructure across the border.

Jaishankar stressed that Pakistan-based terror groups operate openly and are headquartered in populated cities. "Everyone knows where the headquarters of these organisations are. Those were the targets destroyed in Operation Sindoor," he said. Responding to U.S. President Donald



Trump's claim that trade pressure helped end the recent India-Pakistan conflict, Jaishankar dismissed the assertion, saying there was no link between trade talks and military decisions. "I was in the room when Vice President JD Vance spoke to Prime Minister Modi on May 9. The PM was unmoved by Pakistan's threats and made clear there would be a response," he stated.

He noted that Pakistan launched an attack that night, to which India responded swiftly. The next morning, U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio informed him that Pakistan was ready for talks.

SpaceX's Starlink Nears Launch in India After Clearing Regulatory Hurdles

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SpaceX's satellite internet service, Starlink, is on the verge of launching in India after clearing most regulatory and licensing requirements, bringing it closer to offering high-speed internet across the country. Dr. Pawan Goenka, Chairman of the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACe), India's space regulator, told NDTV that while the groundwork is almost complete, some technical and procedural steps remain before Starlink can become fully operational.

"Even after authorisation, it will take a few months for the service to become op-

erational," said Goenka, who recently met with Gwynne Shotwell, SpaceX President and COO, during her visit to India. He added that final approvals are expected soon, with most open issues being resolved. Starlink has been seeking entry into India's telecom market since 2021, a market with nearly 100 crore users, making it one of the largest globally. Earlier this month, the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) granted the company a license to operate in India.

According to DoT sources, Starlink plans to offer bandwidth ranging from 600 to 700 Gbps once operational in India. While pricing for Starlink's satellite internet in India has not yet been announced,

former Starlink India Director Sanjay Bhargava suggested in 2022 that the initial cost per connection might be around Rs 1.5 lakh for the first year, dropping to Rs 1.15 lakh in subsequent years. Currently, Starlink serves over 100 countries worldwide with residential and roaming plans. In Asia, it is available in countries like Mongolia, Japan, the Philippines, and Malaysia, with neighboring Bhutan and Bangladesh also offering Starlink services at monthly rates between Rs 3,000 and Rs 4,200 for residential plans. Starlink's entry into India is eagerly anticipated, promising to enhance internet access across the country with its satellite-based technology.

Trump-Backed Bill Proposes 500% Tariff on Nations Trading with Russia, Including India and China

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A controversial new U.S. Senate bill backed by President Donald Trump could impose a 500% tariff on countries that continue to trade with Russia, including major economies like India and China. The legislation, spearheaded by Republican Senator Lindsey Graham and co-sponsored by Democrat Richard Blumenthal, aims to pressure these nations to cut economic ties with Moscow in an effort to weaken Russia's war economy. Graham revealed in an interview on Sunday that the bill has gained significant bipartisan support, with 84 co-sponsors in the Senate. The proposal would authorize the U.S. President to levy steep tariffs on imports from nations still doing business with Russia, especially those buying oil and other critical goods. "India and China



buy 70% of Putin's oil. They keep his war machine going," Graham told ABC News. The bill is expected to be intro-

duced in August and represents a major shift in U.S. foreign policy tactics as the war in Ukraine drags on. President Trump, who

previously hesitated on expanding sanctions against Russia, reportedly endorsed the legislation during a golf outing with Graham. "It's time to move your bill," Trump allegedly told the senator. Though initially delayed over concerns that harsh sanctions might derail Trump's diplomatic overtures to Russian President Vladimir Putin, the administration now appears willing to support the measure. However, there are signs the White House is pushing for changes to soften its impact, such as modifying the language to make the penalties discretionary rather than mandatory. The proposed legislation has triggered alarm in global trade circles, particularly in India, where the U.S. remains a critical export destination. If passed, the bill could significantly disrupt U.S. relations with India and China, potentially sparking economic and diplomatic backlash.



Going to Washington next week to meet with Trump: Netanyahu

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Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced on Tuesday that he will travel to Washington next week for high-level meetings with U.S. President Donald Trump and other American officials. The announcement came during a Cabinet meeting, where Netanyahu briefly outlined the agenda, highlighting a trade agreement as a central topic of discussion. While Netanyahu did not provide further details about the proposed trade deal, the visit is widely seen as an opportunity to address a range of critical issues, especially the ongoing conflict in Gaza and the broader regional tensions involving Iran. The timing of the visit is particularly significant, as it comes amid increasing pressure from the international community, including the United States, for a de-escalation in the fighting between Israel and Hamas. President Trump has recently indicated that the U.S. is ready to support efforts aimed at bringing the war in Gaza to an end. His administration has called for both sides to begin moving toward a ceasefire, signaling a shift in tone that could shape the diplomatic conversations between the two leaders. Another key item on the agenda is Iran. Following the recent 12-day war between Israel and Iranian-backed forces, concerns over Tehran's growing influence in the region are likely to dominate much of the dialogue. Netanyahu has long viewed Iran as a strategic threat, and his visit to Washington is expected to reinforce the shared concerns of both nations over Iran's nuclear ambitions and regional activities. As Netanyahu prepares for his U.S. visit, the stakes are high.

"I Was In The Room": S Jaishankar Refutes Trump's India-Pak Ceasefire Claims

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External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar strongly refuted U.S. President Donald Trump's claims that trade negotiations influenced India's ceasefire with Pakistan, labeling such assertions as inaccurate. Speaking in an exclusive conversation with Newsweek, Jaishankar described the recent terror attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, as an "act of economic warfare" aimed at crippling the region's tourism industry and inciting communal unrest. Referring to the deadly April 22 attack carried out by The Resistance Front, a group linked to Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba, Jaishankar said, "This was meant to destroy tourism, the mainstay of Kashmir's economy, and provoke



religious violence." In response, India launched Operation Sindoor, a military offensive targeting terror bases in Pakistan. Jaishankar emphasized that India would not tolerate cross-border terrorism and would not be de-

terred by threats, including nuclear intimidation. "I was in the room when Vice President JD Vance spoke to Prime Minister Modi on the night of May 9," he recalled. "There was no linkage between trade and ceasefire from

India's perspective. PM Modi was clear — there would be a response to Pakistan's threats." Jaishankar revealed that Pakistan launched a significant attack that night, but India retaliated swiftly. The next day, U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio informed him that Pakistan was ready to talk. A ceasefire was proposed directly by Pakistan's military leadership later that afternoon. Trump, however, repeated in a press conference that his pressure using trade threats had led to de-escalation. "I ended that with a series of phone calls on trade," he claimed. Jaishankar rejected this, asserting, "Diplomacy and trade functioned separately. The idea that trade was used as leverage in a ceasefire is simply not how it happened."

Tibetan Americans, U.S. Congress Mark Tibet Lobby Day and Dalai Lama's 90th Birthday with Unity and Advocac



TPN Correspondent | Washington

Washington D.C. witnessed a powerful show of solidarity this week as over 200 Tibetan Americans and supporters from 25 U.S. states and the District of Columbia gathered at the Capitol for Tibet Lobby Day. The event, held in the lead-up to His Holiness the Dalai Lama's 90th birthday on July 6, 2025, aimed to bring attention to Tibet's struggle for freedom and advocate for stronger U.S. support.

Organized by the International Campaign for Tibet (ICT), the Office of Tibet, and the Capitol Area Tibetan Association, the two-day initiative saw participants visiting more than 100 Congressional offices. It concluded with a celebratory event hosted by Congressmen Michael McCaul and Jim McGovern, and attended by key leaders including Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi, Congresswoman Nicole Malliotakis, and Congressman Michael Baumgartner. Actor and activist Richard Gere, Chairman of ICT, participated virtually.

Congressman McCaul recounted a touching

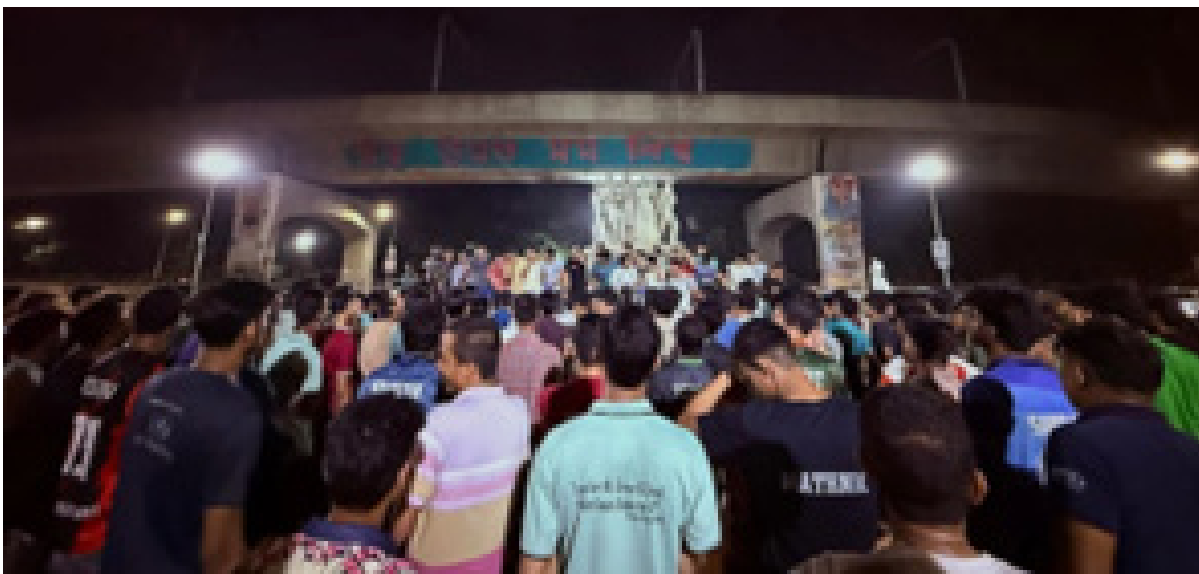
conversation with the Dalai Lama: "I asked him if he held resentment toward the Chinese. He said, 'I cannot let negative emotions overwhelm my spirit.'" McCaul praised the Dalai Lama's resilience and emphasized, "They may take your land, but they cannot erase your spirit."

Congressman McGovern expressed deep admiration for the Dalai Lama, saying, "He inspires millions through his messages of peace, tolerance, and human dignity. Let's celebrate his next birthday together in Lhasa, Tibet."

Tencho Gyatso, President of ICT, thanked supporters, stating, "This success is a result of passionate individuals and lawmakers standing for those facing oppression in Tibet." The efforts paid off, with four new Senate co-sponsors and six in the House signing onto the pro-Tibet resolution during Lobby Day.

As part of ICT's Compassion Rising campaign and the CTA's Year of Compassion, the event underscored the ongoing global advocacy for Tibetan rights and celebrated the enduring legacy of the Dalai Lama.

Thailand PM Paetongtarn Shinawatra Suspended Over Leaked Call with Cambodian Leader

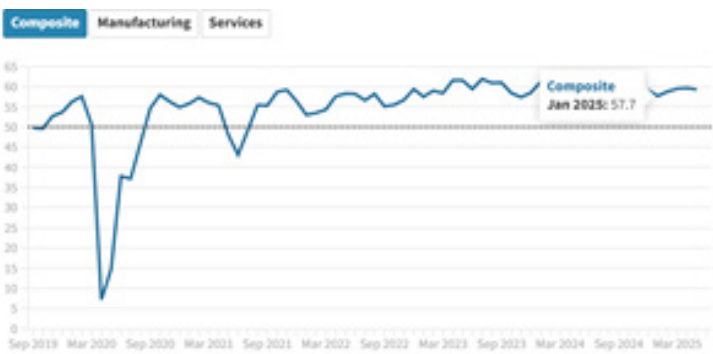


TPN Correspondent | BANGKOK

Thailand's Prime Minister Paetongtarn Shinawatra was suspended from office on Tuesday by the Constitutional Court following a leaked phone call that sparked protests and political fallout. The call, made during sensitive diplomatic talks with Cambodian Senate President Hun Sen, triggered an ethics investigation and widespread public backlash. The Constitutional Court unanimously agreed to take up the petition accusing Paetongtarn of breaching ethical standards, and voted 7-2 to suspend her from official duties while the case proceeds. She has been given 15 days to present her defense. The controversy intensified after a deadly border clash on May 28 left one Cambodian soldier dead. In the leaked call, Paetongtarn was heard making conciliatory remarks that critics say undermined Thailand's national interest. The fallout has fueled growing dissatisfaction over her handling of the border dispute and led to large-scale protests in Bangkok by conserva-

tive, nationalist groups. Following the court's decision, Paetongtarn said she respects the judicial process and is determined to defend her actions. "My only intention was to prevent escalation and protect our troops from harm," she stated. "If my words caused misunderstanding, I truly apologize." Deputy Prime Minister Suriya Jungrungruangkit is expected to assume the role of acting prime minister, although an official announcement is still pending. Earlier the same day, King Maha Vajiralongkorn approved a Cabinet reshuffle after a key coalition partner, the Bhumjaithai Party, exited the government over the controversy. The reshuffle removed party leader Anutin Charnvirakul from the deputy prime minister post. Paetongtarn had recently added the role of culture minister to her portfolio, though her future in that post is uncertain. She also faces a separate ethics investigation by the National Anti-Corruption Commission, which could further jeopardize her political career.

Manufacturing PMI Hits 14-Month High in June on Strong Export Demand



India's manufacturing sector saw its strongest performance in over a year, with the HSBC India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) rising to 58.4 in June 2025, up from 57.6 in May. This marks the highest PMI reading since April 2024 and remains well above the long-term average of 54.1, indicating robust expansion in factory activity.

According to the survey, the surge in manufacturing was driven primarily by a sharp increase in export orders, leading to improved production output, job creation, and order volumes. The report highlighted a record upturn in employment, as manufacturers responded to buoyant demand both domestically and internationally.

"June marked a strong end to the first fiscal quarter, with noticeable gains in output and new orders," the report stated. "External demand rose at one of the fastest rates recorded in over two decades of the survey's history."

The growth in production was largely attributed to intermediate goods manufacturers, while both consumer and capital

goods segments experienced a slowdown. Respondents cited increased operational efficiency and favourable demand conditions as key contributors to higher output levels.

Pranjul Bhandari, Chief India Economist at HSBC, noted, "To meet strong international demand, manufacturing firms drew down on inventories, leading to a continued decline in finished goods stock."

Interestingly, even as manufacturing accelerated, input price inflation eased to a four-month low, despite persistent cost pressures from materials like iron and steel. However, average selling prices rose sharply as companies passed on increased freight, labour, and material costs to customers. Some firms also raised prices in response to strong demand.

The report signals a positive outlook for the manufacturing sector, though it also highlights the uneven nature of growth across segments. With global demand playing a critical role in driving output, Indian manufacturers appear poised to benefit further from favourable export conditions, even as input cost pressures and inventory concerns remain on the radar.

India's Trade Deficit Could Rise to \$300 Billion in FY26 Despite Moderate Oil Prices: ICICI Bank



ICICI Bank has forecast that India's trade deficit will widen to USD 300 billion in the financial year 2025-26, even though oil prices are expected to remain moderate. This would mark an increase from the USD 287 billion deficit recorded in FY25 and USD 245 billion in FY24, representing 7.0% of the country's GDP.

According to the bank's report, the main driver of the growing trade deficit is the weak performance of India's non-oil exports, which have struggled to keep pace with rising imports. On the other hand, strong domestic economic growth is expected to sustain high import levels, further widening the gap between imports and exports.

Despite the widening trade deficit, ICICI Bank projects that steady inflows from services exports and remittances will help maintain the current account deficit (CAD) at a manageable USD 30

billion, or approximately 0.7% of GDP. The current account deficit includes not only the trade balance but also other international financial flows such as investment income and remittances.

A trade deficit occurs when a country imports more goods than it exports, and India's persistent deficit highlights ongoing challenges in boosting export competitiveness outside of the oil sector. Meanwhile, imports remain robust, driven by strong domestic demand and economic expansion.

The report underscores the importance of strengthening non-oil exports to reduce India's reliance on imports and improve the overall balance of payments. As the economy continues to grow, addressing these structural trade imbalances will be crucial for sustaining external stability and economic resilience in the coming years.

Indian Stock Market Opens Flat Amid Positive Global Cues

Mumbai: The Indian stock market opened flat on Monday, buoyed by positive global cues and early buying interest in the PSU bank and IT sectors.

At 9:27 am IST, the Sensex edged up marginally by 1.35 points to 84,057.55, while the Nifty rose 6.50 points, or 0.03%, to 25,644.30. Nifty Bank showed slight gains, up 15.15 points or 0.03% at 57,459.05 in early trade.

Market analysts pointed to easing geopolitical tensions in West Asia and a sharp decline in Brent crude prices to \$67 as key factors supporting the market sentiment. Additionally, reports suggesting positive developments in trade negotiations between the US and China, as well as the US and India, have boosted investor confidence.

Dr. VK Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Investments, noted that recent market rallies have been driven by large-cap stocks like HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, Reliance Industries



continues to encourage foreign institutional investor (FII) inflows, alongside ongoing retail optimism supporting domestic fund investments. Experts advise that while staying invested in this bullish market makes sense, caution should be exercised when making fresh investments at current high valuations.

On June 27, FIIs were net buyers, acquiring equities worth ₹1,397.02 crore, while domestic institutional investors (DIIs) were net sellers, offloading shares worth ₹588.93 crore. Asian markets also showed mixed trends, with China, Bangkok, Japan, Seoul, and Jakarta trading in green, while Hong Kong slipped into the red.

In the US, the Dow Jones closed Friday at 43,819.27, up 1%, with the S&P 500 and Nasdaq also posting solid gains.

India's Industrial Growth Slows to 9-Month Low of 1.2% in May 2025

India's industrial output growth slipped to a nine-month low of 1.2% in May 2025, reflecting a significant slowdown in key sectors such as electricity and mining. This marks the weakest growth since August 2024 and is a decline from 2.6% in April, according to official data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO) on Monday. The April figure was also revised downward from the earlier estimate of 2.7%.

The latest data from the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) — which tracks changes in the volume of production in factories, mines, and utilities — points to broad-based weakness, with particular stress in energy and resource-linked industries. Electricity output contracted sharply by 5.8%, while mining output saw a marginal decline of 0.1% year-on-year.

In contrast, manufacturing, which constitutes the bulk of the IIP, provided some support with 2.6% growth, driven by increased production in machinery, non-metallic minerals, and basic metals. However, this was still notably below the 5.1% growth recorded in the same month last year, indicating persistent softness in industrial momentum.

Sector-wise, consumer goods remained weak, reflecting subdued demand, while capital goods and infrastructure-related output offered modest positive contributions to overall industrial performance.



The IIP reading for May stood at 156.6, up slightly from 154.7 in May 2024, but the slow pace of expansion raises concerns about the resilience of India's industrial recovery amid global uncertainties and domestic demand challenges.

This deceleration in industrial activity may influence monetary policy discussions, especially as the Reserve Bank of India weighs the implications of softening growth against ongoing inflation risks.

Commercial LPG Cylinder Price Slashed by ₹58.50, Jet Fuel Sees 7.5% Hike



Oil marketing companies revised fuel prices on July 1, 2025, delivering mixed news for consumers. While the cost of a 19-kg commercial LPG cylinder was reduced by ₹58.50, aviation turbine fuel (ATF) prices saw a sharp increase of 7.5%, driven by global oil market trends.

Following the price cut, commercial LPG cylinders now cost ₹1,665 in Delhi, ₹1,616.50 in Mumbai, ₹1,769 in Kolkata, and ₹1,823.50 in Chennai. This marks the fourth consecutive reduction in commercial LPG rates, totaling a ₹138 cut per cylinder since April. The earlier cuts were ₹41 in April, ₹14.50 in May, and ₹24 in June. The decline in prices has come as a relief for commercial establishments such as hotels, restaurants, and catering services, especially as LPG demand typically dips during the summer months.

In contrast, the ATF price was raised by ₹6,271.50 per kilolitre in Delhi to ₹89,344.05 per kl, reflecting a surge in international crude oil prices following geopolitical tensions, particularly Israel's at-

tack on Iran last month. The hike reverses some of the price relief offered in previous months: ATF prices had been reduced by 6.15% in April (₹5,870.54/kl), 4.4% in May (₹3,954.38/kl), and 2.82% in June (₹2,414.25/kl).

This latest increase in ATF prices is likely to impact airlines significantly, as fuel accounts for nearly 40% of their operational costs. In other metro cities, ATF prices now stand at ₹83,549.23 per kl in Mumbai, ₹92,526.09 per kl in Chennai, and ₹92,705.74 per kl in Kolkata. These rates vary across cities due to differences in local taxes, including VAT.

While no immediate response came from airlines regarding the price hike, the increase could translate into higher airfares if sustained. Meanwhile, the continued easing of LPG prices provides some cushion to small businesses grappling with inflation and fluctuating energy costs. The diverging trends in ATF and LPG pricing highlight the volatile nature of global energy markets and their domestic implications.

Bengaluru Traffic Jam at 3:30 AM? Resident Warns of ‘Ticking Time Bomb’

In a city infamous for its traffic woes, one Bengaluru resident’s recent experience is raising fresh concerns. Sharing his ordeal on Reddit, the long-time resident revealed he was stuck in gridlock not once, but twice—at 3:30 AM and again at 5:40 AM—warning that the city’s infrastructure is now a “ticking time bomb.”

“I’ve lived in Bengaluru for over a decade, and this is the worst I’ve seen,” he wrote. “A negative compound effect of small failures in various areas is now exploding.” He described how a trip from Indiranagar to Manyata Tech Park via Outer Ring Road (ORR) took him nearly two hours—at 3:30 in the morning.

Later that same day, a beam collapse near Elements Mall at 5:40 AM created chaos again. “There were glass pieces on the road. I think it might’ve hit a car, though I can’t confirm. But it’s going to be pandemonium there today,” he added, urging people to hold BBMP and local leaders accountable.

The post resonated widely, with others echoing frustration. One user said they’ve witnessed the city’s decline firsthand: “Even the metro is overcrowded. Roads are full of garbage, rents are crazy high, and basic infrastructure like footpaths is missing.” Another noted that the ORR stretch is constantly under metro construction



between midnight and 5 AM.

The city’s rapid population growth, spurred by the IT boom, has outpaced infrastructure development. In a re-

cent podcast, Bengaluru’s Traffic Commissioner MN Anucheth explained that the number of vehicles has doubled in a decade. He emphasized that boosting public transport is the only

sustainable solution.

Until then, even 3:30 AM traffic might become the new normal in India’s tech capital.

Pawfect Match: India Launches First-Ever Dating App for Dogs!

In a heartwarming and innovative twist to digital matchmaking, India now has a dating app made exclusively for dogs! Called Doffair, the platform aims to tackle pet loneliness by helping urban dogs find companions—not just for mating, but for friendship, playdates, and emotional bonding. Launched in March 2025, Doffair was founded by Maurya Kampeli, who observed that many pets in urban homes were emotionally isolated. “Whenever I visited friends with dogs, I noticed how lonely they seemed. Even animals in today’s fast-paced lifestyle don’t get time to socialise,” he said. Backed by insights from veterinarians, groomers, and pet parents, the Doffair team found that many dogs experience stress and behavioural issues due to a lack of interaction. Recognising this, they created not just a dating app, but a holistic platform connecting pet owners with local services, vets, and other pet parents. Here’s how it works: Pet par-

ents create a profile for their dog, listing details such as breed, temperament, energy level, and preferences. The app then suggests compatible matches using filters like location and behavior. The goal is not romance, but social comfort and healthy interaction. Safety is a top priority. Every user must verify their mobile number, upload their dog’s photo, and provide a valid vaccination certificate. Suspicious profiles can be reported and are quickly reviewed. The app also promotes ethical breeding practices in collaboration with vets and professionals. From just 100 trial users, Doffair now boasts over 10,000 downloads, especially in cities like Hyderabad, Mumbai, and Bengaluru. One pet parent even shared that after weeks of trying to find a playmate for her dog through WhatsApp groups, Doffair finally brought her relief and joy. In a world where swiping right has become a norm, now it’s time our furry friends find their pawfect match too!



Fed Up With Soaring Real Estate Costs, Man Contemplates Living on a Houseboat

With real estate prices in Indian metro cities reaching record highs, owning a home has become an unattainable dream for many middle-class citizens. Amid this ongoing crisis, one frustrated Reddit user has sparked an unusual but thought-provoking conversation by suggesting an alternative housing solution: living on a houseboat. In a now-viral Reddit post, the user expressed his dismay at the skyrocketing cost of flats in cities like Bengaluru, Hyderabad, and Chennai. “I am unable to afford flats in any of the Indian cities—Bangalore, Chennai, and Hyderabad. I am already aged out, so I won’t be of working age for EMIs,” he explained, adding that a houseboat could be a creative and affordable alternative. The post, which quickly gained traction, included a genuine query: “Is it legal to live in a boat in India?” While the idea might seem far-fetched to some, it’s not without precedent. Houseboats are already popular in regions like Kerala and Srinagar, albeit mostly for tourism. The thought of using one as a permanent residence in urban areas, however, is relatively uncommon and



raises several questions about legalities, infrastructure, and accessibility. The user’s perspective resonated with many others who are equally disillusioned by the ever-increasing real estate costs. In a country where housing affordability is becoming a crisis, the concept of floating homes may no longer be just a quirky fantasy, but a potential future reality.

As urban housing challenges grow, creative solutions like these are likely to spark more conversations around alternative living, sustainability, and financial independence. Whether or not it becomes a trend, this post certainly highlights the lengths people are willing to go for a roof over their heads.

Squirting Pink Foot Fountain in NYC Divides Public: Art or Obscene?

A bold new art installation in New York City is sparking debate and turning heads for all the right—and wrong—reasons. Installed along the High Line near 30th Street, Foot Fountain (Pink) is a 10-foot-tall sculpture that looks like a giant pink leg and foot, complete with bright red-lipped mouths and protruding tongues. Created by Argentine-born artist Mika Rottenberg, the piece was unveiled in April 2025. While many passersby see it as a whimsical, surreal take on traditional fountains, others are not amused. What makes the sculpture even more interactive—and controversial—is that it squirts water when someone pedals a nearby bike. A viral video posted by user Colling Ruggs shows exactly how pedestrians can make the foot “squirt,” sparking both curiosity and discomfort. According to the artist’s press release, the

sculpture is an “irreverent take on classical fountains” and is meant to challenge the norms of public art. But the reaction online has been mixed. Many social media users have slammed the installation, calling it “disturbing,” “gross,” and “inappropriate for public space.” One user commented, “This is what happens when you remove beauty and morality from art.” However, not everyone is disgusted. Danny R., a visitor from San Francisco, admitted the sculpture made her uneasy



but found it “really cool” overall. Angie R., a local mother, said her kids love running around it and see it as a fun sprinkler. Tourist Katie Sarena from Italy added, “It’s fun for kids, but adults will see the deeper art.” Despite the polarized opinions, Foot Fountain (Pink) has undeniably become a conversation piece. It’s scheduled to remain on display until May 2026—leaving New Yorkers and tourists alike plenty of time to decide: bizarre brilliance or public eyesore?

Squid Game Finale Sparks Real-Life Parade Frenzy in South Korea

Squid Game mania is back—and this time, it’s spilling onto the streets. To mark the highly anticipated release of the third and final season of Netflix’s global phenomenon Squid Game, fans in South Korea organized a spectacular real-life parade inspired by the show. The event, held Fans Celebrate Final Season with Real-Life Squid Game Parade in South Korea shortly after the season’s premiere on June 27, has taken social media by storm. A viral video capturing the parade, shared by South Korea-based digital content creator Rana Adil Mushtaq,



has already surpassed 1.2 million views. The clip showcases a street full of enthusiastic fans recreating some of the show’s most iconic elements with remarkable detail and energy. Participants marched in the signature pink jumpsuits and black masks worn by the guards in the show, creating an eerie yet thrilling atmosphere. A towering replica of the motion-sensing animatronic doll from the infamous “Red Light, Green Light” game led the procession, drawing loud cheers from onlookers. Adding to the dramatic flair, black coffins—similar to those used to carry eliminated players in the series—were also

part of the parade, emphasizing the dark themes that made the series so gripping. The celebration served as both a tribute and a send-off to a show that redefined the survival thriller genre on a global scale. Fans around the world flooded the comments section with awe and appreciation for the creativity and dedication shown in the parade. With Squid Game Season 3 now streaming, the buzz is stronger than ever. And if this parade is any indication, the fandom’s love for the series is as powerful as the show’s cultural impact itself.

Smriti Mandhana Rises to No. 3 in ICC Women's T20I Rankings



India's vice-captain Smriti Mandhana continues to shine on the global stage, climbing to the third spot in the ICC Women's T20I batting rankings. The update, released on Tuesday, July 1, 2025, sees Mandhana moving up one position, solidifying her status as one of the most consistent performers in women's cricket.

This ranking boost comes on the heels of her brilliant performance against England in the opening match of the five-match T20I series. Mandhana smashed her maiden T20I century, a standout knock that not only led India to a strong start in the series but also

cemented her place among the top batters in the world.

Already holding the No. 1 position in the ICC Women's ODI rankings, Mandhana's upward movement in T20Is underlines her dominance across formats. Her consistency, elegant strokeplay, and ability to anchor and accelerate innings have made her a vital part of India's batting lineup.

The 28-year-old left-hander has been in superb form over the past year, contributing significantly to India's victories with both experience and calm under pressure. Her rise in the rankings is a reflection

of her recent performances and growing influence in the shortest format of the game.

Mandhana's elevation is also a timely boost for the Indian team as they prepare for the Women's T20 World Cup scheduled for later this year. With top players like her in form, India will be looking to make a serious title run.

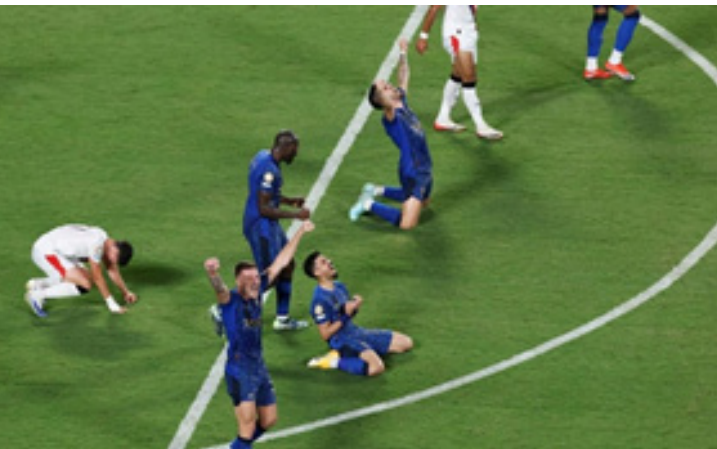
As the series against England progresses, all eyes will be on Mandhana to maintain her purple patch and possibly challenge for the No. 1 spot in T20Is, a feat that would see her reign supreme in both white-ball formats.

Al Hilal Stuns Manchester City 4-3 in Thrilling Club World Cup Upset

In a stunning upset at the Club World Cup, Saudi Arabian side Al Hilal eliminated Premier League giants Manchester City with a dramatic 4-3 victory in extra time on June 30, 2025. The match, held at Camping World Stadium in Orlando, Florida, was a roller-coaster of emotions, with both teams exchanging leads multiple times before Marcos Leonardo's decisive goal in the 112th minute sealed the win for Al Hilal.

The game was marked by intense back-and-forth action. Al Hilal took the lead on three separate occasions, showcasing resilience and skill against the favored English champions. Early in extra time, Kalidou Koulibaly scored to put Al Hilal ahead 3-2 in the 94th minute. However, Manchester City's Phil Foden, who had been brought on as a substitute just minutes earlier, quickly leveled the score again with a goal in the 104th minute, pushing the game deeper into extra time.

The breakthrough finally came when Marcos Leonardo capitalized on a rebound in the 112th minute, slotting home the winning goal to spark jubilant celebrations among the Al Hilal players and



fans. This stunning victory sent shockwaves through the tournament, as Manchester City, a dominant force in European football, were knocked out earlier than expected.

With this victory, Al Hilal advances to the next round of the Club World Cup, where they will face Brazilian club Fluminense. Fluminense secured their place in the quarterfinals by defeating Champions League finalist Inter Milan, setting up an exciting clash between the two teams.

Al Hilal's triumph is not only a testament to their quality but also a reminder of the unpredictable nature of football, where underdogs can rise and giants can fall. This result will surely boost the confidence of Al Hilal as they aim to continue their remarkable run in the tournament.



US Open 2025: Ayush Shetty Clinches Maiden BWF World Tour Title; Tanvi Sharma Finishes Runner-Up

Rising Indian shuttler Ayush Shetty claimed his first-ever BWF World Tour title with a dominant straight-games win over Canada's Brian Yang in the men's singles final at the US Open Super 300 on June 30, 2025. The 20-year-old, who won bronze at the 2023 Junior World Championships, defeated the third seed 21-18, 21-13 in just 47 minutes, ending India's title drought this season.

Shetty's impressive run included a comeback victory against top seed Chou Tien Chen in the semifinals, highlighting his growing confidence on the senior circuit. This win marked his third career victory over Yang, having previously beaten him twice earlier this year at the Malaysia and Taipei Opens.

"It means a lot; it's my first senior circuit title, so I'm really happy," Shetty said after the win. He praised his own game improvements,

explaining how varying his smashes and mixing in drops helped him break down Yang's defence. Shetty now looks forward to continuing his momentum at the upcoming Canada Open.

In the women's singles final, 16-year-old Tanvi Sharma, making her World Tour final debut, finished as runner-up after a tough three-game loss to top-seeded Beiwen Zhang of the USA. Tanvi lost 11-21, 21-16, 10-21 in a 46-minute battle.

Tanvi admitted to nerves affecting her early play but was proud to reach her first Super 300 final. She bounced back strongly in the second game but couldn't maintain the intensity in the decider as Zhang pulled away comfortably.

Both Shetty's breakthrough win and Tanvi's promising performance signal a bright future for Indian badminton on the global stage.

Wimbledon's Hottest Opening Day: Carlos Alcaraz Survives Thrilling Five-Set Battle, Aryna Sabalenka Advances Comfortably

On the hottest opening day in Wimbledon's history, with temperatures soaring above 32°C (89.6°F), world No. 2 Carlos Alcaraz survived a tough five-set clash against 38-year-old Fabio Fognini. The Spaniard eked out a 7-5, 6-7 (5/7), 7-5, 2-6, 6-1 victory in a grueling 4-hour-37-minute match on Centre Court, marking the first time since 2010 that a defending Wimbledon champion was taken to a fifth set in the opening round. Despite an inconsistent performance with 62 unforced errors, Alcaraz showed resilience in the extreme heat, even pausing mid-match to help a collapsed spectator by handing over a bottle of water. The 22-year-old, aiming to become the fifth man in the Open Era to win three consecutive Wimbledon titles, will next face British qualifier Oliver Tarvet. Meanwhile, top-seeded Aryna Sabalenka advanced smoothly, beating Canadian qualifier Carson Branstine 6-1, 7-5 on Court One. The Belarusian,

a three-time Grand Slam winner, used ice packs to combat the heat and expressed gratitude for being fit and ready after missing last year's tournament due to injury. Sabalenka faces Czech Marie Bouzkova in the next round. Other notable events included two-time Wimbledon finalist Ons Jabeur retiring in tears against Viktoriya Tomova due to an unspecified issue, and former US Open champ Daniil Medvedev losing after a heated meltdown. Upsets were rife, with eighth seed Holger Rune, former finalist Matteo Berrettini, and Stefanos Tsitsipas (retired due to injury) exiting early. Wimbledon's heat rule allowed players to take breaks between sets when temperatures exceeded 30.1°C, aiming to protect their health during the intense conditions. The tournament continues with many top players battling both their opponents and the soaring mercury.



Hockey India Announces 20-Member India A Men's Squad for Europe Tour

Hockey India has announced a 20-member India A men's squad for an exposure tour to Europe, scheduled from July 8 to 20, 2025. The tour aims to provide crucial international experience to a balanced mix of emerging talents and seasoned players, helping to strengthen India's talent pipeline for the senior national team.

During the tour, the India A team will play a total of eight high-intensity matches. They will face France, Ireland, and the Netherlands twice each, along with one match each against England and Belgium. These competitive fixtures are designed to test the squad's depth and readiness against strong European sides.

The squad will be captained by Sanjay, with Moirangthem Rabichandra Singh serving as his deputy. The team also includes goalkeeper Ankit Malik, defender Sunil Jojo, and forward Sudeep

Chirmako as standby players. The selection reflects Hockey India's focus on grooming future stars while providing them with exposure to varied playing styles and challenging conditions abroad.

In a statement, Hockey India emphasized the importance of this tour in building a robust pipeline for the senior men's team. The exposure gained through these matches will help the players develop their skills, adapt to international standards, and prepare for upcoming major tournaments.

This initiative highlights Hockey India's commitment to nurturing talent at all levels and ensuring a steady flow of capable players ready to step into the senior team. The India A squad's performances in Europe will be closely watched as part of the broader strategy to strengthen the country's hockey prospects on the global stage.





Rana Daggubati Presents “Kothapallilo Okappudu”: A Whimsical Tale Rooted in Rural Life

Renowned actor and Rproducer Rana Daggubati has announced a new film under his Spirit Media banner titled Kothapallilo Okappudu. Known for backing content-rich cinema, Rana continues that tradition with this unique project that promises both heart and humor.

The film marks the directorial debut of Praveena Paruchuri, who earlier gained attention as both actor and producer for critically acclaimed films like C/o Kancharapalem and Uma Maheswara Ugra Roopasya. With Kothapallilo Okappudu, she steps into the director's chair, bringing her signature storytelling style to a fresh narrative set in rural India.

The story revolves around a young man from a quiet, traditional village. His ordinary life takes an unexpected turn after one seemingly minor incident sets off a surprising chain of events. The plot unfolds with a mix of local mischief, deep-rooted customs, and playful twists, all while exploring broader themes such as identity, fate, and the contradictions within tradition.

What sets this film apart is its visual presentation. Shot by an award-winning cinematographer from Los Angeles, the movie blends the vibrancy of Indian rural life



with a sophisticated global visual language. This fusion promises a cinematic experience that is emotionally grounded yet aesthetically modern.

Kothapallilo Okappudu offers a light-hearted yet poignant look at how small moments can shape lives, especially in close-knit communities where every gesture matters. With its mix of comedy, drama, and cultural depth, the film is expected to strike a chord with both urban and rural audiences.

Currently in the final stages of post-production, Kothapallilo Okappudu is gearing up for a theatrical release soon. It stands as another promising addition to Rana Daggubati's growing slate of meaningful and entertaining cinema.

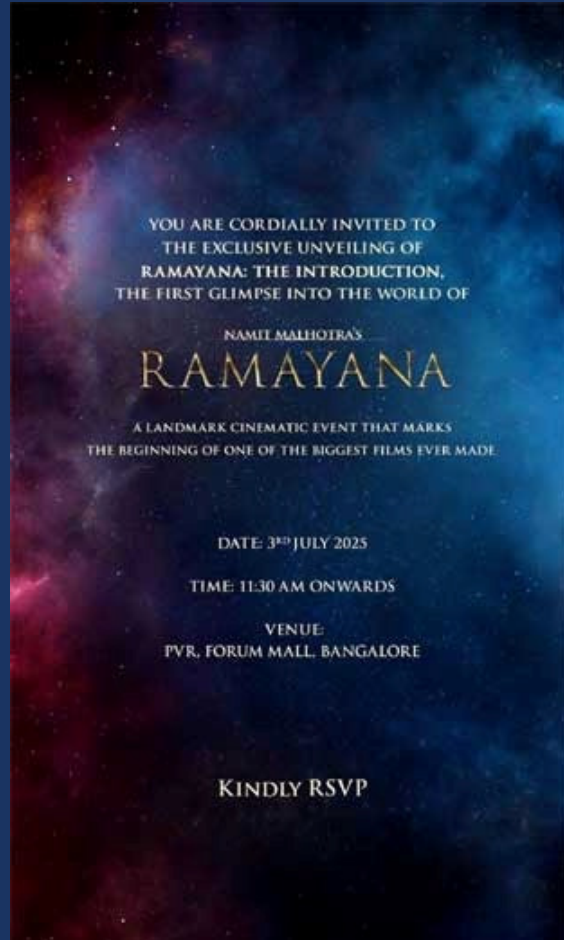
“Ramayana” Title Glimpse to Be Unveiled on July 3 at Grand Bengaluru Event

The anticipation around Nitesh Tiwari's Ramayana continues to build, and fans now have a date to look forward to. Billed as one of Indian cinema's most ambitious mythological epics, the film stars Ranbir Kapoor as Lord Rama and Sai Pallavi as Sita, with a star-studded cast bringing the timeless epic to life.

The makers have officially announced that the film's title logo and a special glimpse will be revealed on July 3, 2025. The unveiling will take place at PVR Forum Mall in Bengaluru, beginning at 11:30 AM. The event is expected to be a grand affair with the presence of the film's core cast and crew.

The announcement video, originally planned as a teaser, has reportedly been extended into a three-minute cinematic glimpse and re-censored for theatrical and digital presentation. This enhanced footage is expected to offer audiences their first real taste of the world Tiwari and his team have created — rich in VFX, scale, and spiritual reverence.

The ensemble cast includes major names such as Sunny Deol, Yash, Kajal Aggarwal, Ravi Dubey, Arun Govil, and Lara Dutta, adding further depth and star power



to the project. Backed by producers Namit Malhotra and Yash, Ramayana is planned as a two-part saga, with releases scheduled for Diwali 2026 and Diwali 2027.

With its mythological gravitas, state-of-the-art visuals, and all-star cast, Ramayana is shaping up to be a milestone in Indian cinema. The upcoming title glimpse launch is expected to ignite even more excitement among fans and set the tone for what's to come in this epic retelling of the ancient tale.

“Thammudu” Release Trailer Strikes a Chord with Emotion and Suspense

Thammudu, the first major Telugu release of July 2025, is already generating strong buzz thanks to its impactful trailer. Starring Nithiin in the lead role, the film also features Laya, Sapthami Gowda, and Varsha Bollamma in prominent roles. Directed by Venu Sriram, Thammudu promises a gripping mix of emotion, drama, and action.

The makers dropped the release trailer earlier today, and it has quickly captured the attention of audiences. The emotionally charged narrative, combined with intense action sequences, sets the tone for a powerful cinematic experience. The trailer doesn't give too much away but hints at deep relationships, emotional conflicts, and a central mystery that ties the characters together.

Director Venu Sriram, known for his sensitive storytelling, appears to have crafted a film that balances commercial appeal with emotional depth. What's particularly intriguing is the emphasis on the female characters. As the director himself hinted, each wom-



an in the story holds emotional weight and narrative significance. This suggests layered storytelling, where characters are not merely ornamental but vital to the film's progress.

The background score enhances the tension and drama, while the visuals reflect a polished production quality. Nithiin seems to deliver a matured and intense performance, while the supporting cast adds richness to the

ensemble. With strong emotional undercurrents and thrilling elements, Thammudu is shaping up to be more than just a conventional drama.

With its theatrical release just around the corner, Thammudu is poised to be a significant July release. The trailer has done its job well—raising expectations and leaving fans eager to discover what emotional rollercoaster the film will offer on the big screen.

Mouni Roy Likely to Join Chiranjeevi in Special Song for Vishwambhara

Excitement continues to build around Megastar Chiranjeevi's upcoming fantasy drama Vishwambhara, and the latest buzz is all about a high-energy special number that's yet to be shot. While the main shoot of the film has been completed, this one remaining song is drawing a lot of attention — and for good reason.

According to recent media reports, Bollywood star Mouni Roy is being considered to feature in this much-anticipated item song alongside Chiranjeevi. Known for her stunning screen presence and sizzling dance moves, Mouni previously impressed audiences in a special number from the Hindi version of KGF, which turned into a



massive chartbuster. If finalized, her inclusion could bring a fresh glamour quotient and pan-Indian appeal to the film.

The song is said to be composed by Bheems Ceciroleo, though official confirma-

tion from the makers is still awaited. With just this track left to shoot, the film is nearing its final post-production stages. The team is reportedly putting in extra effort on the CGI work, and the official release date will be locked once the VFX reaches the de-

sired quality.

Directed by Vassishta of Bimbisara fame, Vishwambhara promises a grand cinematic experience rooted in mythology and fantasy. Trisha Krishnan stars as the female lead opposite Chiranjeevi, while the legendary MM Keeravani is composing the film's score and soundtrack.

Backed by UV Creations, this big-budget entertainer is one of the most anticipated Telugu releases on the horizon. If Mouni Roy's inclusion is confirmed, the film's special song is sure to be a visual and musical highlight that fans across the country will be eagerly looking forward to.

Confessions of a Superstar: Unveiling the Aamir Khan We Never Knew

If the story of Hindi cinema had a protagonist, Aamir Khan would be a compelling choice. Known for his calculated risks, deep emotional range, and dedication to craft, Khan has carved a unique space among Bollywood's trinity of superstars. Unlike his contemporaries Shah Rukh Khan and Salman Khan—who leaned into charisma and familiarity—Aamir has thrived on unpredictability, choosing roles and stories that often challenge mainstream expectations.

From producing a nearly four-hour sports drama (Lagaan), to playing a supporting role to a child in Taare Zameen Par, to transforming his body to play the father of two wrestlers in Dangal, Khan has repeatedly defied the norms of commercial cinema. Yet, despite his larger-than-life presence and critical acclaim, he has remained a deeply private figure—until now.

A Shift in Persona

In 2025, something changed. Aamir Khan, long known for his guardedness, has become strikingly visible and emotionally open. As part of the promotions for his latest film, Sitaare Zameen Par, he has appeared across podcasts, TV shows, and social media platforms. Dressed simply in round-neck t-shirts and thick-rimmed glasses, he has played games, shared personal anecdotes, and even shed tears—offering a raw, unfiltered version of himself rarely seen before.

Interestingly, while the promotional campaign is officially for Sitaare Za-



meen Par—a remake of the Spanish film Champions, featuring a neurodivergent cast—the real subject of these appearances seems to be Khan himself. In one interview, he revealed regrets about being an absent parent. In another, he shared lesser-known personal details, like learning Marathi at 44, or naming one of his dogs 'Sundari.' He's confessed to eloping with his first wife and even considered quitting acting after the failure of Laal Singh Chaddha.

This new phase feels like a rebranding, perhaps in response to past controversies and online backlash, or simply a man at 60 becoming more comfortable in his own skin. His past remarks about growing intolerance in India led to widespread trolling and boycotts, and this new visibility could be seen as an attempt to reclaim his public image. Still, the authenticity in his voice and the vulnerability in his demeanor suggest something more heartfelt.

Marketing or Meaning?

Cynics might view this transformation

as a calculated marketing move, aligning Aamir's personal narrative with Sitaare Zameen Par's core message—"Sabka apna apna normal" (Everyone has their own normal). His public appearances, steeped in emotional honesty, reflect the same individuality and acceptance the film champions. Whether he's eating vada pav at Dadar station, acknowledging his complex relationships, or crying on camera, Aamir is redefining what stardom looks like—one that allows space for flaws, feelings, and fallibility.

This strategy isn't new for Khan. Over the years, he's employed innovative promotional tactics—disguises during 3 Idiots, thematic haircuts for Ghajini, and even appearances on TV serials for Talaash. But this time, the promotional lens has turned inward.

A Second Debut?

There's a strange beauty in watching a veteran actor open up like a debutant—eager, uncertain, yet unafraid. Aamir Khan's new public persona is not just about promoting a film; it feels like a reintroduction. He's no longer just the perfectionist superstar; he's a man willing to be seen, heard, and felt.

Whether this vulnerability is a lasting shift or a temporary phase, it has offered a rare and moving glimpse into the man behind the myth. This is not just a marketing campaign—it's a quiet revolution in how we see our stars. Aamir Khan, it seems, is finally playing his most complex role yet: himself.