



Congress ‘Janahita Padayatra’ from Today



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The Congress party is set to launch its Janahita Padayatra across Telangana starting today, under the leadership of TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud. AICC Telangana in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan, who met Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud yesterday, will participate as the chief guest in the Padayatra. The first phase of the Yatra will run from July 31 to August 4, starting from Parigi in Rangareddy district and concluding at Khanapur in Adilabad district. The Padayatra is seen as a major outreach program to connect with people across Telangana and highlight the Congress government's initiatives and commitments. Following the conclusion of the first phase, the Congress is preparing for a prestigious BC movement

in Delhi from August 5 to 7. The agitation is aimed at pushing for a discussion on BC issues in Parliament by demanding an adjournment motion. To ensure massive participation, the TPCC plans to arrange a special train carrying Congress leaders and OBC activists from across Telangana to Delhi. As part of its strategy, the party intends to mobilize at least 50 members from each district to take part in the three-day protest. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, TPCC chief Mahesh Kumar Goud, state ministers, MPs, MLAs, MLCs, and other party leaders will be present in Delhi to lead the movement and raise a united voice on BC concerns. The Telangana Congress aims to use this as a platform to reaffirm its commitment to OBC representation and rights at the national level.



Old Rivalry, New Flashpoint

Komatireddy-Uttam Tensions Return...

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Fresh tension erupted in Telangana Congress today as ministers Komatireddy Venkat Reddy and Uttam Kumar Reddy clashed once again—this time over a delayed helicopter trip. The incident took place at Begumpet Airport where both ministers were scheduled to fly together to Nagarjuna Sagar to attend an official event along with joint Nalgonda in-charge minister Adluri Laxman. As per the official plan, all three were supposed to leave by helicopter at 9 AM. Komatireddy and Laxman reached the airport on time. However, Uttam Kumar Reddy failed to arrive even by 10 AM. Unable to tolerate the delay, Komatireddy expressed his anger and left the airport in protest. Uttam arrived only after Komatireddy had already departed and later proceeded to Nagarjuna Sagar with Minister Adluri Laxman.

Old Rivalry Resurfaces
This public fallout has once again highlighted the long-standing rivalry between Komatireddy Venkat Reddy and Uttam Kumar Reddy. Their differences date back to the Congress regime in 2009, when Komatireddy was inducted as a minister while Uttam was left out. Later, after Komatireddy resigned during the Telangana movement, Uttam filled the vacancy—something that Komatireddy's followers never accepted quietly. The friction intensified when Uttam became PCC chief, sidelining the Komatireddy brothers despite their lobbying for the position. Eventually, both leaders entered Revanth Reddy's cabinet after the Congress formed the government in Telangana. However, talk within the party and local circles in Nalgonda suggests that Uttam is enjoying more power and is acting like a de facto deputy chief minister—

fueling resentment from Komatireddy's camp. Helicopter Usage Adds to The Heat Adding more fuel to the fire is the growing talk that Uttam Kumar Reddy has been frequently using the government helicopter, more than any other minister in the cabinet. This issue has not only drawn criticism from fellow ministers but has also become the subject of satire on social media platforms. Reports indicate that some cabinet colleagues have privately expressed their displeasure over Uttam's excessive use of government resources. Whether today's incident was a one-off protest or the beginning of a deeper political rift within the ruling party remains to be seen. With local dynamics and power equations constantly shifting, the Komatireddy-Uttam feud may well evolve into a bigger internal conflict within Telangana Congress.

Eatala Urges Rail Line to Medaram

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BJP MP from Malkajgiri, Eatala Rajender, raised an important public issue in the Lok Sabha under Rule 377, requesting the establishment of a railway line to Medaram village in Mulugu district, where the Sammakka Saralamma Jatara, Asia's largest tribal festival, is held once every two years. Eatala pointed out that the Jatara draws over one crore devotees from Telangana, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, and Odisha. However, due to the absence of a direct railway connection, most pilgrims are forced to travel by road, which is both costly and unsafe, often leading to traffic congestion and accidents. He urged the Railway Ministry to study the feasibility of connect-



ing Medaram with nearby railway junctions like Warangal, Sirpur-Kagaznagar, or Manuguru, to enable safe and low-cost travel for the tribal population and pilgrims.

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Drugs Worth ₹40 Crore Seized at Shamshabad Airport

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In a significant crackdown on drug trafficking, the Narcotic Control Bureau (NCB) seized 400 kg of hydroponic cannabis worth an estimated ₹40 crore at Shamshabad airport in Hyderabad. The seizure took place during an intensified round of checks being conducted across Telangana as part of the government's campaign against drug abuse and trafficking. The consignment was discovered with a woman passenger who had arrived from Bangkok. Officials

suspect the hydroponic cannabis, known for its high potency and sophisticated cultivation methods, was intended for distribution within India. The woman has been detained for questioning, and investigations are underway to uncover the network behind the operation. Authorities have ramped up surveillance and inspections at key transit hubs including bus stations, railway stations, and highways, following a directive from the state government.

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ISRO Launches NISAR Satellite Successfully

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In a significant milestone for India's space research, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has successfully launched the NISAR (NASA ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar) satellite into its designated orbit using the GSLV-F16 rocket. The launch was carried out from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SHAR), Sriharikota. The mission marks a remarkable achievement in ISRO's journey, as the GSLV-F16 placed the satellite into orbit just 18 minutes and 40

seconds after lift-off. NISAR, jointly developed by NASA and ISRO, is a powerful earth observation satellite equipped to monitor climate change and natural disasters with high precision. NISAR is designed to provide early warnings and detailed data on natural calamities such as droughts, earthquakes, cyclones, and changes in underground water levels. With its cutting-edge radar technology, the satellite will offer continuous,

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Major ED Raids in Multi-Crore Sheep Scam

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The Enforcement Directorate (ED) intensified its investigation into the alleged ₹700 crore sheep distribution scam by conducting searches at six locations across Hyderabad. Among the key sites raided was the residence of Kalyan, Officer on Special Duty (OSD) to former minister Talasani Srinivas Yadav, located in Dilsukhnagar. The searches were also carried out at the homes and offices



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of former Animal Husbandry Director Ram Chander Naik, main accused Moinuddin, and several others reportedly linked to financial irregularities in the implementation of the scheme. The sheep distribution program was launched on June 20, 2017, by the then BRS government under Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao. The scheme aimed to support traditional shepherding communities, including Golla and Kuruma, by providing a unit of 20 sheep and a ram to each beneficiary at a subsidized cost. The government bore 75% of the ₹1.25 lakh cost, while the beneficiary paid the remaining 25%.

However, investigations initially led by the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) and later handed over to the ED revealed large-scale corruption. Funds were allegedly siphoned off using fake invoices, shell companies, and benami bank accounts. In several cases, either the livestock was under-delivered or not delivered at all, and many listed beneficiaries were found to be fictitious. ED sources indicated that the case is expanding, with further action and more raids likely as officials continue to examine the flow of funds and the roles of those involved in the scam.

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Eatala also emphasized that the region has eco-tourism potential, with attractions like Bogatha Falls and the Ramappa Temple, both of which could benefit from improved connectivity. In addition, Eatala also raised another infrastructure issue, re-

questing the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways to construct an elevated flyover from NH-65 Chintakunta Circle to Aunagar Crossroads. Union Minister Nitin Gadkari assured him that this proposal would be considered positively.

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Teams from the Eagle Task Force, Special Operations Team (SOT), and the Narcotic Control Bureau are jointly conducting these operations. The seizure underscores the increasing use of international routes for drug smuggling and the rising presence of hydroponic cannabis in India's narcotics market. Officials say this bust

is among the largest in recent months and signals the need for sustained vigilance at all ports of entry. Further details regarding the detained woman's identity, the source of the cannabis, and potential local contacts are being pursued as part of the ongoing investigation.

ISRO Launches NISAR Satellite Successfully

high-resolution monitoring of Earth's surface dynamics. ISRO announced that before making NISAR's services available to the public, a rigorous testing phase of 35 to 40 days will be conducted to validate all systems and data integrity. Upon successful completion of these tests, the satellite will begin its operational phase, offering valuable inputs to scientists, environmental agencies, and disaster management authorities. This was the 18th launch in the GSLV (Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle) series and the

102nd rocket launch from the SHAR centre in Sriharikota. The event stands as a proud moment for India's space sector, highlighting the country's growing expertise in advanced space technology. The NISAR mission also symbolizes the scientific collaboration between India and the United States, bringing together expertise from ISRO and NASA. It is expected to enhance global understanding of Earth's changing systems and contribute to sustainable environmental planning.

AP Liquor Scam

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A major breakthrough has been made in the Andhra Pradesh Liquor Scam case, with the Special Investigation Team (SIT) seizing a staggering ₹11 crore in cash based on crucial information provided by one of the accused.

In a dramatic early morning operation, SIT officials conducted a raid at the Sulochana Farm Guest House in Kacharam village, located in Shamshabad mandal. There, they found ₹11 crore in cash stuffed into 12 boxes, reportedly hidden in June 2024 on the instructions of Raj Kasi Reddy, the prime



accused (A1) in the case. The recovery was made following revelations from A40 Varun Purushottam during interrogation. He, along with

SIT Seizes ₹11 Crore at Shamshabad farmhouse

A12 Chanakya, confessed to concealing the amount at Raj Kasi Reddy's behest. The SIT has intensified its probe and is currently conducting search operations in 10 different areas across Hyderabad to uncover more leads and hidden assets linked to the scam.

This fresh seizure marks a key development in the high-profile liquor scam, which has implicated several businessmen and political figures in Andhra Pradesh. The SIT's swift action and widening investigation indicate more arrests and recoveries could follow soon.

Seethakka Vows to End 10-Year Wait

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Field assistants working under the MGN-REGA scheme met Tribal Welfare and Rural Development Minister Seethakka at the Secretariat, urging her to address issues that have remained unresolved for the past ten years.

During the meeting, the field assistants presented a detailed appeal highlighting their long-pending demands related to job security, salaries, and service regularisation. They requested the minister to take immediate steps to resolve their

grievances. Minister Seethakka responded positively to the delegation and assured them that she would look into the matter seriously. She held discussions with department officials on the status of pending issues and directed them to provide complete details for further action. The minister stated that the government is committed to safeguarding the welfare of grassroots workers and promised to take necessary steps after reviewing the matter thoroughly.



Sridhar Babu Highlights True Spirit of Social Service

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Social service is not merely about offering financial help but about understanding needs, providing the right support, and guiding individuals toward lasting transformation, said Telangana IT and Industries Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu.

Speaking as the Chief Guest at the “Atmiya Sammelan” organised by the Centre for Brahmin Excellence (CBE) at Brahmin Sadan in Gaulidoddi on Wednesday, the Minister emphasized that societal development must be collective, not isolated. “What we give to society comes back to us — not always in wealth, but in fulfillment and blessings,” he said. “Personally engaging with people, understanding their struggles, and helping them has always given me immense satisfaction.” He urged citizens to reflect on their responsibilities to society and act with clarity to shape future generations. “No individual can achieve much in isolation. When we work together, anything is possible,” he added.



Addressing recent misinformation, Sridhar Babu dismissed allegations against the Brahmin Welfare Parishad as false. “There are deliberate attempts to spread false narratives. Let me clarify — our government is committed to supporting the Parishad. We have allocated ₹25 crore and will continue to strengthen it under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy,” he said. The Minister praised the Centre for Brah-

min Excellence for its work in mentoring youth in education and employment and acknowledged the contributions of retired IAS and IPS officers, administrators, and experts voluntarily supporting the initiative. He announced that the government will collaborate with Young India Skill University to introduce new skill development programmes through CBE.

Sridhar Babu also appreciated Mr. Narendar of Praneeth Constructions for voluntarily supporting five civil service aspirants and appealed to others to emulate such acts of social responsibility. The event was attended by MLCs Ms. Vani Devi and Mr. Puranam Satish Kumar, Valenta Technologies CEO Vijay Voddiraju, Obul Reddy Public School Chairman S. Rao, and dignitaries including Venu Gopal Chary, LV Subrahmanyam, IYR Krishna Rao, and Jwala Narasimha Rao.

₹140 Cr Mudra Scam , Father-Son Held

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The Telangana Crime Investigation Department (CID) has arrested Tippaneni Ramadasappa Naidu, chairman of Mudra Agriculture Skill Development Multi-State Cooperative Society Limited, and his son Sai Kiran, for allegedly masterminding a ₹140 crore fraud by falsely projecting their cooperative as linked to the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY). Established in 2017, the society misused the PMMY brand to pose as a government-supported institution. Investigations revealed that through widespread regional newspaper advertisements, the duo lured thousands of people—mainly farmers, unemployed youth, and daily wage workers—with false promises of high returns and permanent government jobs.

As part of the scam, the society issued advertisements for 2,000 “marketing supervisor” posts, collected original educational certificates, and charged substantial sums from as-

pirants under the pretense of share capital and investment bonds. Victims were misled into believing that the cooperative would become a bank within two years.

The fraudulent society expanded aggressively, opening around 330 branches across Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. It employed nearly 1,600 individuals tasked with collecting deposits. CID officials stated that employees were pressured to meet high targets, faced salary deductions for shortfalls, and were denied dues or coerced if they attempted to resign. The accused reportedly used the funds collected to acquire industrial lands in Anantapur district of Andhra Pradesh and real estate in the Keesara region of Telangana. The fraud came to light following multiple complaints at various police stations, prompting a CID investigation.

The father-son duo have been remanded to judicial custody. Further investigation is underway to trace remaining assets and identify all victims involved in the scam.

NIMS in crisis

From a medical beacon to a broken system

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Hyderabad: Once a beacon of hope for the poor and an institution that upheld the highest standards in public healthcare, Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS) is now reeling under a growing cloud of mismanagement, corruption, and internal strife. Established during the NTR regime and built up with vision and discipline under the guidance of stalwarts like Dr. Kakarla Subbarao, NIMS earned its name as the ‘medical temple’ for the poor. But today, that very temple is slowly crumbling. What was once an institution synonymous with selfless service is now being driven into the ground by greed and administrative apathy. Sources allege that the current NIMS leadership is neck-deep in corruption, driven by personal gain and political shielding.

Rules are being bent and policies rewritten — not to improve patient care, but to favor a chosen few. The very systems built to protect the hospital's integrity are being compromised, and officials who should safeguard it are instead acting as enablers to this rot. Doctors whisper of backdoor dealings, where beds in the emergency ward are being ‘sold’ for ₹10,000 to ₹20,000, a shocking scenario where brokers thrive while patients suffer. Internal appointments have turned into a regional bias game, sidelining experienced, long-serving professionals to make room for handpicked loyalists. Key administrative and promotion rules are being rewritten to suit the needs of the top brass, rather than the institution.

These developments have triggered an exodus. Some of the brightest doc-

tors, who once turned down offers from corporate hospitals to serve the poor at NIMS, have walked away in dismay. Departments like cardiology, neurology, nephrology — once the pride of NIMS — are now witnessing a vacuum of leadership and expertise. Morale is at an all-time low, and the sense of mission that once defined the NIMS workforce has all but vanished. Staff and insiders allege that the so-called ‘chief’ of NIMS, under whose leadership the institution has begun to disintegrate, continues to protect wrongdoers and antagonize genuine voices. Instead of mediating and resolving internal conflicts among senior officers, he is allegedly encouraging divisions to consolidate power. The fallout is now visible to all — a hospital plagued by mistrust, misallocation, and loss of public confidence.



Making matters worse, this ‘chief’ has been accused of building a private retired officer cohort — referred to by insiders as a “private army” — and placing them in high-salaried roles without accountability. After public outcry forced their removal, two of them were brought back, again with six-figure salaries. All this while NIMS allegedly ignores major defaulters who owe rent or financial dues to the hospital, including medical stores on campus generating lakhs in profit. Even more troubling is the government's silence. Despite a trail of al-

legations, internal murmurs, and even legal cases registered against the NIMS head, there appears to be no political or administrative will to step in. Those who once held the institute's values close to heart now question why a corrupt official is being sheltered — and why the dignity of a sacred public health institution is being allowed to erode without resistance. As public trust diminishes and medical services collapse under the weight of systemic decay, one question looms large: Will NIMS ever return to its glory — or has the rot gone too deep?

SC Verdict Today on Disqualification of 10 MLAs

BRS seeks disqualification of MLAs who joined Congress post-polls

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The political future of ten MLAs who were elected on the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) ticket but defected to the ruling Congress party after the recent Telangana Assembly elections will be determined today. The Supreme Court is set to pronounce its final verdict on the disqualification petition filed by the BRS leadership. Following the electoral setback of BRS in the last elections, ten of its MLAs shifted their allegiance to the Congress party.

The BRS, led by Working President K. T. Rama Rao (KTR), took legal action seeking their disqualification under anti-defection laws. Despite filing disqualification petitions before the Assembly Speaker and then in the High Court, the issue remained unresolved, prompting the BRS to escalate the matter to the Supreme Court. KTR, along with MLAs Padi Kaushik Reddy and KP Vivekanand, approached the Supreme Court accusing the Speaker of deliberately delaying a decision on



the disqualification. The case has undergone multiple hearings, and on April 3, the bench comprising Justice B. R. Gavai and Justice Vinod Chandran reserved its verdict, which will be announced today. During the hearings, senior

advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi represented the Telangana Speaker's Secretary. He argued that there is no legal precedent mandating a specific time frame for the Speaker to decide on such matters. However, Justice Gavai questioned what could be considered a "reasonable time" and criticized the approach of some lawyers in handling the case after reaching the Supreme Court. Meanwhile, advocate Aryama Sundaram, appearing for petitioner MLA Kaushik Reddy, pointed out a controversial statement made by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy in the As-

sembly. According to him, the CM had declared there would be "no by-elections" and implied that he was speaking on behalf of the Speaker. He also alleged that Revanth Reddy claimed protection from courts in this matter. These remarks irked the bench, with Justice Gavai questioning the Chief Minister's restraint and warning that such statements could amount to contempt of court. He emphasized that all branches of governance must maintain mutual respect and decorum. As political tensions simmer, all eyes are on the Supreme Court, which is expected to deliver a decisive ruling that could have significant implications for the Telangana Assembly and party dynamics.

CM Reviews Energy Sector

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy held a key review meeting on Telangana's energy sector at his residence in Jubilee Hills. The session focused on strengthening the state's power generation and distribution systems, improving coordination among departments, and ensuring uninterrupted supply amid growing seasonal demand. Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, Energy Principal Secretary Naveen Mittal, CM's Special Secretary Ajith Reddy, TG GENCO CMD Harish, TG SPDCL CMD Musharraf, TG NPDCL CMD Varun Reddy, Singareni CMD Balam, and TGREDCO VC & MD Anila attended the meeting. Officials discussed issues like electricity demand, power plant performance, coal supply from Singareni, and renewable energy projects. CM Revanth reportedly stressed the need for reliable power for agriculture and rural areas and called for better coordination between departments. He also reviewed the financial health of power utilities and ongoing energy initiatives.



Ponnam Slams BJP Over Fertilizer Issue

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Minister Ponnam Prabhakar strongly criticized BJP State President Ramachandra Rao for making "ignorant and misleading" remarks about the ongoing fertilizer shortage in Telangana. He questioned how Rao could head the state unit without understanding how fertilizer distribution is handled. Ponnam clarified that fertilizer supply is regulated by the Central Government, not the states, despite production happening locally. "The Centre is responsible for allocating stocks as per state requirements," he said. He noted that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao have repeatedly appealed to the Centre for sufficient fertilizer, but the supply has fallen short, causing hardship to farmers. Between April and July 2025, Telangana planned for 6.60 lakh metric tons (LMT) of urea but received only 4.35 LMT—a deficit of 2.25 LMT. Monthly breakdowns show consistent shortfalls ranging from 20% to 45%. Ponnam accused Ramachandra Rao of spreading false information by claiming that 12.02 LMT of urea had been supplied. "These are fabricated numbers aimed at misleading the public," he said. He added that CM Revanth Reddy met the Union Chemicals and Fertilizers Minister on July 8 to raise the issue. Minister Tummala has also made multiple representations. With daily urea sales between 10,000 and 13,000 metric tons, the shortage is severely affecting farming. Ponnam urged BJP leaders to stop political blame games and instead push the Centre to resolve the crisis. He assured that the state government is taking all steps to ensure sufficient supply for farmers.



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Telangana BJP State President G. Ramachandra Rao visited the historic Sri Seetha Ramachandra Swamy Temple in Bhadrachalam, where he was welcomed with traditional temple honors. Temple priests and officials explained the spiritual and cultural significance of the shrine to the BJP leader. During the visit, Rao performed special pujas to Lord Rama and offered silk clothes as part of temple rituals. He also visited the sub-shrine of Sri Lakshmi Thayar Ammavaru, where he received Vedic blessings and Tirtha Prasadam. Speaking to the media, he expressed happiness over the darshan and reaffirmed the BJP-led central government's commitment to developing the temple and surrounding areas. He stated that ₹98 crore had been sanctioned by the Centre for various development works, of which ₹48 crore had already been released. He added that tenders were finalized and the works were progressing rapidly. Rao also assured that he would take up the issue of restoring temple lands in Purushothapatnam with the Centre. Later in Illandu, Ramachandra Rao addressed a press conference and strongly criticized the Congress government for allegedly attempting to allocate 10 percent of the proposed 42 percent BC reservation to Muslims



for political gains. He said this move had triggered resistance not just from BC associations but also from within Congress's own BC leadership. He accused the Congress of reducing actual BC representation in GHMC divisions by allotting 35 of the 50 BC-reserved divisions to AIMIM candidates in previous elections. He recalled that it was the BJP which had supported the Mandal Commission during the tenure of Prime Minister V.P. Singh, unlike the Congress and BRS, who he claimed had failed to uphold BC interests. He added that former CM K. Chandrashekar Rao had initially promised 50 percent BC reservation but later reduced it to 28 percent citing legal hurdles. Rao demanded that the Congress-led government bring out a clear ordinance or legal frame-

work to implement the proposed 42 percent reservation without affecting the rights of other communities. He said the BJP would continue to fight until justice was done for OBCs. On the topic of national security, he criticized Congress and BRS leaders for allegedly echoing the language of Pakistan. Referring to the Indian Army's recent 'Operation Sindoor' in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, he condemned Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi for remarks that, he said, undermined the armed forces and insulted the country.

Ramchandra Rao Demands Justice for Advocates

As part of his visit to Bhadradi Kothagudem district, Rao also met with members of the Kothagudem Court Bar Association. He emphasized the need for en-

acting the Advocate Protection Act in Telangana, pointing to a rise in attacks on advocates. He said that shortly after assuming the role of state president, he had written to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, urging immediate action. Rao also highlighted the poor condition of court infrastructure across the state and reminded the gathering that he had earlier raised the issue during his tenure as an MLC. He questioned the status of the ₹100 crore welfare fund for advocates announced by the previous BRS government and called for transparency regarding its current use. He noted that states like Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh have already enacted the Advocate Protection Act and urged Telangana to follow suit. Rao also spoke about the role of advocates in India's freedom struggle and the Telangana movement, encouraging more lawyers to take up public service and enter politics. He said that while real estate businessmen are entering politics in large numbers, there is a greater need for individuals with public spirit and dedication. Concluding his remarks, Rao encouraged young lawyers to take their profession seriously and urged senior advocates to mentor junior lawyers through monthly lectures. He called advocates "social engineers" and emphasized that they must lead by example in society.

Harish Slams Govt Over Gurukul Crisis



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Former Minister Harish Rao has strongly criticized the Congress government over its handling of the Gurukul education system, following a protest by students in Alampur, Jogulamba Gadwal district. The students marched to highlight poor conditions in their hostels, including lack of proper food and drinking water. Rao said it was unfortunate that stu-

dents, who should be studying in classrooms, were forced to take to the streets just to get basic facilities. He accused the Revanth Reddy-led government of ignoring the real issues faced by students while focusing on political padayatras ahead of local body elections. He also questioned the silence of the government on serious incidents such as food poisoning in Gurukuls and the lack of action even after appeals to the National Human Rights Commission. Rao said that instead of using police to suppress student voices, the government should listen and act on their complaints. Calling the situation shameful, Rao challenged Chief Minister Revanth Reddy to walk from Alampur crossroads and meet the protesting students to hear their demands. He urged the government to take immediate steps to address the problems in Gurukuls and stop the system from further decline. Rao also appealed to the Congress party to shift its focus from political gains to student welfare, saying the future of children should not be compromised due to poor governance.

Congress Sets Strategy for Jubilee Hills Bypoll

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With the Jubilee Hills by-election drawing near, the Congress party has intensified its preparations by appointing three key ministers to oversee the campaign. These ministers will lead and coordinate 20 corporation chairmen, divided into three groups, to strategize and manage the bypoll efforts. Orders have been issued to structure the campaign through these leadership teams, ensuring better coordination and on-ground execution. Each minister will supervise a specific set of chairmen as part of the bypoll machinery. Under the leadership of Minister Ponnam Prabhakar: Gutta Amit Reddy, Venkatram Reddy, Shivsena Reddy, Bellaiah Nayak, Taharbin Ahmed, and Laxman Yadav have been assigned responsibilities. Under Minister Vivek Venkataswamy: KC Venu, Patel Ramesh, Malreddy Ramireddy, Muvva Vijay Babu, Manala Mohan Reddy, Bandra Shobharani, and Syed Usaini will coordinate activities. Under Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao: Rayala Nageswara Rao, Obedula Kotwal, Iravarthy Anil, Janga Raghav Reddy, Professor Riyaz, and Pritam have been entrusted with campaign duties. These groups will serve as the Congress party's core representatives for the bypoll. Their roles will include managing campaign logistics, ensuring effective communication among cadres, and executing strategies on the ground. The party aims to leave no stone unturned in its bid to secure the Jubilee Hills seat.

Rs. 22 Lakh Ganja Seized in Twin Raids



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In a series of successful anti-drug operations, Telangana Excise Enforcement teams seized over 35 kilograms of cannabis across Hyderabad and surrounding areas, valued at more than ₹22 lakh. The major haul was discovered at Secunderabad railway station, while two additional raids in Nampally and Ghatkesar led to further arrests and drug seizures. Acting on specific intelligence, Excise Enforcement CI Chandrashekhar Goud, along

with Railway Protection Force (RPF) officials, conducted a surprise inspection at the Secunderabad railway station. Based on reports of cannabis being smuggled into Hyderabad via a Bhubaneswar train from Odisha, the team inspected multiple platforms. While checking platform 10, they discovered three suspicious, unattended bags tucked away in a corner. Upon opening the bags, 19 brown packets of cannabis were found, weighing a total of 32.8 kg. The market value of the seized

narcotics is estimated at ₹20 lakh. RPF Inspector B. Saraswathi, along with Sub-Inspectors S. Karunmurthy, V. Reddy, and V. Bhupal, participated in the operation. Director of Enforcement Shahnawaz Qasim and Deputy Commissioner Anil Kumar Reddy commended the team's swift action. In a separate operation in Nampally, the Special Task Force (STF) raided Heal Fort Adarsha Colony and seized 1.6 kg of cannabis. Abhishek Singh (28) was arrested on the spot, and cases were registered against two others — Adhar Singh and Sahel. The seized narcotics and the accused were handed over to the Nampally Excise Station for further investigation. Meanwhile, STF personnel under CI Venkateswarlu seized 1.1 kg of cannabis in Ghatkesar. Three accused — Kothuri Revanth (21) from Jagtial, Prashanth (21) from Namboina (Warangal), and Mote Santosh (21) were arrested and handed over to the Ghatkesar Excise Station. Excise officials have reiterated their commitment to cracking down on drug smuggling and urged the public to report any suspicious activity. Further investigations are underway in all three cases.

GHMC Chief Inspects City Cleanliness



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GHMC Commissioner R.V. Karnan directed sanitation workers and field officers to strictly implement the special monsoon

sanitation programme to protect public health in Hyderabad. As part of this, the Commissioner conducted surprise inspections in Kukatpally and Khairatabad zones .Accompanied by Zonal

Commissioners Apurv Chauhan and Anurag Jayanthi, Karnan reviewed sanitation activities on the ground, focusing on timely garbage removal, mosquito control measures such as fogging and anti-larval spraying, and cleanliness in parks, residential colonies, and areas prone to water stagnation. He also assessed the reach of public health awareness campaigns. In the second part of the inspection, the Commissioner visited Ameerpeta, Panjagutta, and Begumpet localities under the Khairatabad circle to monitor the ongoing implementation of the monsoon sanitation

programme. The Commissioner stated that the special drive, which began on July 29, is being carried out in all 150 wards of Greater Hyderabad and will continue until August 8. He urged citizens to support the initiative by not dumping garbage in public places and by ensuring that water does not stagnate around their homes, which could lead to the spread of seasonal diseases. He further emphasized that public participation is essential in making the city healthier during the rainy season and that collective responsibility is key to controlling the outbreak of diseases.

GHMC Launches Big Clean-Up Drive



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With the arrival of the rainy season, the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) has launched a special sanitation drive to protect public health and ensure a clean city. Starting July 29, the drive aims to cover 150 wards by August 8, with operations already completed in 30. Led by Mayor Gadwal Vijayalakshmi and Deputy Mayor Mothe Srilatha, GHMC workers are clearing solid waste, construction debris, green waste, and silt caused by heavy rains. The daily clean-up runs from 5:30 am to 1:30 pm. GHMC Commissioner R.V. Karnan is actively monitoring the program with surprise inspections and field visits in zones including LB Nagar, Charminar, Kukatpally, and Khairatabad. Senior officials, health teams, and engineers are also involved in ensuring effective execution. Public awareness is a key part of the campaign. Teams are going door to door, educating residents on mosquito control and distributing pamphlets on preventing diseases like dengue and malaria. Officials urged residents to support the drive by keeping surroundings clean and avoiding littering. In areas like Vittalwadi Colony and Maha Himayat Nagar, local leaders participated in clean-up efforts and health awareness rallies. Deputy Commissioner Uma Prakash of Gosha Mahal Circle confirmed their teams are actively clearing waste and raising public awareness. GHMC has reaffirmed its commitment to a cleaner, healthier Hyderabad and called for public cooperation.

Balapur Ganesh Mandap Goes Swarnagiri Style

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In a move that continues its legacy of grandeur and innovation, the Balapur Ganesh Utsav Samiti has announced a majestic new theme for the 2025 Vinayaka Chavithi celebrations. The mandapam this year will be modeled after the renowned Swarnagiri Temple, located in the Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district. Speaking to reporters, Samiti President Kallem Niranjan Reddy said that work on the temple model has already begun, with skilled artisans from Shamirpet entrusted with bringing the intricate design to life. “Every year, we try to bring something unique and culturally significant to devotees. This year, the Swarnagiri Temple model will be the centerpiece of attraction, reflecting both devotion and architectural brilliance,” he said. The Balapur Ganesh Utsav is one

of the most eagerly awaited festivals in the region, famous not just for its religious fervor but also for the tradition of the Balapur Laddu Auction, which draws bidders from across the state. The beautifully themed mandapams have consistently been a highlight, drawing lakhs of devotees and visitors. The Samiti has been known for showcasing replicas of iconic temples and monuments in the past, blending tradition with creativity. With the announcement of the Swarnagiri Temple model for 2025, anticipation is already building among devotees and residents alike. Preparations are underway in full swing to ensure that the structure is completed well in advance of the festival, ensuring that the grandeur of the model matches the spiritual significance of the occasion.



GHMC Plans New App & Website for Seamless Services

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The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) is developing a comprehensive new mobile app and website to offer all civic services in one place, making it easier for citizens to access services from the comfort of their homes. The initiative is being launched under the slogan “One city, one website, one mobile app”. With the new system, users will be able to log in using their mobile numbers, allowing them to instantly access details linked to their account — including property tax

records, building permits, birth certificates, trade and pet licenses, contractor security deposits, and sports memberships. The digital platform will also allow users to download certificates and receipts, and apply for services online, with a dedicated integrated control room being planned for quicker grievance redressal. At present, GHMC offers limited digital services through its existing website and the ‘MyGHMC’ mobile app. While services like property tax payments and birth/death certificate issuance are available, officials

found the current platforms lacked user-friendliness and were insufficient to meet citizens' needs. GHMC Commissioner Ronald Rose has directed the Centre for Good Governance (CGG) to develop the new software, aiming to correct the existing flaws and expand digital accessibility. The upgraded platform is expected to bring all GHMC-related services into a centralized, user-friendly interface that will significantly improve convenience for Hyderabad residents.

Actor Prakash Raj Faces ED Questions

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Popular actor Prakash Raj was questioned by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in connection with the ongoing investigation into illegal betting apps. The actor appeared at the ED office in Basheerbagh, Hyderabad, and was interrogated for nearly five hours.

Sources said the interrogation focused primarily on Raj's association with the promotion of the betting platform ‘Jungle Rummy’. ED officials questioned him about the



nature of his involvement, the financial transactions involved, and whether any payments were received in exchange for promotional activities. In his statement, Prakash Raj reportedly clarified that he had endorsed Jungle Rummy in 2016, but had no financial dealings with the app or its operators. He claimed that no money was received through the platform, and no transactions took place during or after the endorsement.

ED officials also examined his financial records from the past five years to trace any possible links with betting app transactions, particularly those connected to firms operating out of Dubai. The agency suspects that funds from celebrity promotions may have been routed abroad.

Raj, speaking briefly to the media after the questioning, advised the public not to fall victim to online betting and reiterated his stand against promoting such platforms in the future. He added that his contract with Jungle Rummy ended years ago and was never renewed.

Prakash Raj is among several celebrities being investigated in the case, as authorities aim to uncover the financial trail behind the growing betting app network.

Three Top Global Awards for Dr. Kaveti



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In a remarkable year of international recognition, legal expert and human rights advocate Dr. Srinivas Kaveti has received three major global awards in 2025 for his work in human rights, legal reforms, and international advocacy. These honors reflect his continued efforts to promote justice, equality, and democratic values across the world.

Dr. Kaveti received the Nelson Mandela Award during a ceremony held in Oxford, United Kingdom, on Nelson Mandela International Day. The award was presented by the Lord Mayor of Oxford, Councillor Lubna Arshad, in recognition of his leadership in legal equality, constitutional reform, and work supporting marginalized communities. Speaking at the event, Dr. Kaveti said the honor reminded him of the ongoing struggle for justice and dignity, and reaffirmed his commitment to human rights and equality.

Earlier this year, he was presented with the Indian Overseas Award at an event held at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. The N.R.I. Welfare Society of India gave the award to recognize his global contributions in the fields of law, diplomacy, and social development, especially as a representative of the Indian Diaspora.

Dr. Kaveti was also named the Global Ambassador for Legal Empowerment by the Global Confederation for Promotion and Development, an international organization with special consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council. This recognition highlights his work in legal empowerment, policy advocacy, and sustainable justice. The organization noted that his efforts play a key role in supporting the UN's goals related to peace, justice, and strong institutions.

Dr. Srinivas Kaveti is respected internationally for his work in human rights law, constitutional literacy, and legal education. He works across countries to promote inclusive governance, access to justice, and democratic participation. His voice continues to represent civil society at major global platforms.

No Compromise on Water Quality, Says District Collector

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District Collector Jitesh V. Patil conducted an inspection of the Mission Bhagiratha Water Treatment Plant at Toggudem in Palvancha mandal. He directed officials to take necessary measures to ensure that clean and safe drinking water is supplied to every household in the district. During the visit, the Collector reviewed the water flow from the grid, the plant's storage capacity, daily water demand in the mandal, and village-wise water supply status. He examined the water treatment process at various stages and inquired in detail about purification methods, laboratory testing standards, and technical equipment. He also inspected the functioning of filters and chemical dosing systems. Highlighting the increased risk of water contamination during the rainy season, the Collector



instructed officials to enhance testing protocols and ensure effective treatment to maintain water quality. He proposed the installation of a solar power system on the water filter bed building to meet the plant's energy needs. Additionally, he suggested that income-generating plants be grown on the vacant land within the plant premises. The Collector was accompanied by Mission Bhagiratha Grid Executive Engineer Nalini, Palvancha Tahsildar Dhara Prasad, Grid Deputy Engineer Sai, Assistant Engineer Venkatesh, and other officials.

Jogulamba Temple to Get ₹382.5 Cr Upgrade

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Telangana Endowments Minister Konda Surekha has announced a comprehensive development plan for the historic Jogulamba Temple at Alampur. The temple, one of the country's revered Shakti Peethas, will undergo major improvements in three phases with a total allocation of ₹382.5 crore. Speaking at a review meeting held at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat, the minister emphasized the government's commitment to preserving and enhancing the spiritual, cultural, and architectural legacy of the temple. She made it clear that there would be no compromise in executing the master plan and that all works would be aligned with the sanctity and heritage of the site. Minister Surekha directed officials to prepare infrastructure that could accommodate a grow-



ing number of devotees and tourists in the coming years. She also stressed the need for long-term planning to manage crowds, improve amenities, and ensure smooth pilgrim movement. The review meeting was attended by key officials, including Planning Commission Vice Chairman Chinna Reddy, Endowments Department Principal Secretary Shailaja Ramaiyar, Commissioner Venkata Rao, and Dharmic Advisor Govinda Hari. The minister called for coordination among all departments to ensure timely execution of the project.

26 Gates Opened at Nagarjunasagar

TPN Correspondent | Nalgonda

In response to the rising inflows from upstream reservoirs and catchment areas, the irrigation authorities at Nagarjunasagar Reservoir have intensified water discharge by lifting 26 crest gates on Wednesday. The decision was taken as part of ongoing flood regulation efforts amid consistent monsoon inflows. As per official data, the reservoir received an inflow of 1,68,988 cusecs, while the outflow has surged to 3,13,016 cusecs, released downstream into the Krishna River. This measure is aimed at preventing the reservoir from reaching its maximum storage limit and ensuring the structural safety of the dam.



The full reservoir level (FRL) of Nagarjunasagar is 590 feet, while the current level stands at 586.5 feet, indicating a swift rise due to heavy upstream contributions. Out of the total storage capacity of 312.04 TMC, the reservoir currently holds 302.91 TMC, nearing its full potential.

The irrigation department has issued an advisory to people living in low-lying downstream villages to remain alert, as sustained outflows may lead to increased water levels along the Krishna River course. Officials are also coordinating with district administrations to monitor the situ-

ation and take precautionary steps. Engineers at the site mentioned that the discharge would continue over the next few days, depending on the inflows. With upstream reservoirs like Srisailem and Jurala also witnessing high inflows, water management is being executed in real-time to avoid overflow risks and ensure regulated releases. The monsoon season, particularly over the past week, has significantly boosted the river systems across Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. The authorities continue to keep a close watch on weather updates and river basin conditions to make timely decisions.

Top Officials to Audit RTI in Kothagudem

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State Chief Information Commissioners P.V. Srinivasa Rao, Desham Bhupal, and Boreddy Ayodhya Reddy will visit Bhadradri Kothagudem district to assess the implementation of the Right to Information (RTI) Act, District Collector Jitesh V. Patil announced in an official statement. As part of their two-day visit, a comprehensive review meeting with Public Information Officers (PIOs) and Appellate Authorities (AAs) from all government departments is scheduled for July 31 (Thursday) from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. This will be followed by an RTI appeal hearing session with petitioners from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Another hearing session will be conducted on August 1 (Friday) from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at the District Office Conference Hall. Collector Jitesh V. Patil has directed all departmental PIOs and Appellate Officers to attend the sessions without fail and carry all relevant documents, including receipts of RTI applications filed under Section 6(1), the queries, the department's replies, and detailed counter information. To improve transparency and strengthen RTI compliance, the Collector also instructed all offices to ensure that RTI information boards are updated and prominently displayed as per official guidelines. He urged departments to take immediate steps in this regard.



1 Cr Women to Become Millionaires: Ponguleti



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Telangana Revenue, Housing and Information Public Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy stated that the state government is moving forward with the goal of making one crore women millionaires. Speaking at a Vana Mahotsavam event held at Nelakondapalli Government Degree College, the minister emphasized that several welfare schemes are being implemented in the name of women to improve their economic conditions. Along with planting saplings, the minister also distributed newly sanctioned ration cards to eligible beneficiaries at the local market yard. Minister Ponguleti said that the Praja government is focused on supporting women and poor families through various initiatives such as free RTC bus travel, the Indiramma Housing scheme, and zero-interest loans to women's self-help groups. He recalled that during the YSR government, there was a promise to make one lakh women millionaires, and now the goal has expanded to one crore. Last financial year, Rs. 25,000 crore was disbursed to 65 lakh women's groups, and in the last four months alone, Rs. 855 crore has been released. He added that the government is involving women in running solar power plants, petrol stations, rice mills, and even in managing government schools through Amma Adarsh Committees. The minister criticized the previous governments for failing to provide ration cards to many deserving families. He assured that the current government is continuing the process of issuing cards and ensuring that rice and other benefits are regularly delivered to eligible families. He also mentioned that from Ugadi, ration for three months is being provided at once. Additionally, the state government has waived Rs. 21,000 crore in crop loans within one year and is giving a Rs. 500 bonus per quintal to fine rice farmers. Funds for Indiramma houses will be released every Monday, and houses will be allotted in phases to eligible beneficiaries. District Collector Anudeep Durisetty shared that 19,690 new ration cards are being distributed in Khammam district, including 4,225 in Paleru constituency. He informed that applicants can apply through Tahsildar offices or Mee Seva centers, and all eligible cases will be examined and approved. Irrigation Development Corporation Chairman Muvva Vijay Babu said schemes like Indiramma Indlu and Indira Mahila Shakti are helping women and poor families significantly. Later, the minister laid foundation stones for development works including internal CC roads in Cheruvu Madaram and Bodulabanda villages and a BT road from Mandrazupalli to Koratlagudem. Officials, public representatives, teachers, students, and local residents participated in the event and appreciated the government's efforts for development and welfare.

Immoral Activities Surface in Temple Town Lodges



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Known as the "Ayodhya of the South," Bhadrachalam is now facing serious concerns over immoral activities taking place in private lodges near the temple area. Allegations have surfaced that couples posing as devotees are engaging in

inappropriate behavior, while some lodge staff are reportedly exploiting the situation for financial gain. In a recent case, a young man from the town visited a private lodge near the temple along with his girlfriend. During their stay, unknown individuals secretly recorded intimate

moments of the couple. The same group later contacted the man via Instagram, threatening to leak the video unless he paid them money. According to the victim, the blackmailers collected around ₹60,000 in three installments. They used an Instagram account and internet calls to avoid being traced. Eventually, when the demands became unbearable, the man approached the Bhadrachalam town police and lodged a formal complaint. Police have registered a case and launched an investigation. However, they mentioned that identifying the culprits may take time due to the anonymous nature of the online ac-

counts used for extortion. Local residents and devotees are alarmed by the developments and have urged the authorities to take swift action. They are demanding strict surveillance, regular police checks on lodges, and restoration of the sanctity and spiritual significance of the temple town. Concerns are growing over the apparent negligence in monitoring private lodges and the lack of adequate police presence in the area. Citizens have called for immediate attention to the issue to prevent further misuse of the holy place and ensure that Bhadrachalam remains a peaceful and sacred pilgrimage destination.

Worker Dies at PVR Site, CITU Demands Action

TPN Correspondent | Shankarpally

A construction worker lost his life after falling from the fifth floor of an under-construction apartment complex by PVR Developers in Shankarpally town centre on Monday. The victim, Nenawat Santosh, was working as a supervisor when the tragic incident occurred. On Tuesday, officials from the Centre of Indian Trade Unions (CITU) visited the site to in-



vestigate. CITU District Assistant Secretary Alli Devender

blamed the incident on gross negligence by PVR Develop-

ers, citing the absence of basic safety equipment such as helmets, belts, and shoes. Devender demanded that the Labour Department take strict legal action against the construction firm under labour safety laws. He also urged the government to provide a compensation of ₹50 lakh to Santosh's family. The CITU delegation, which interacted with fellow workers at the site, pointed out that

most of them were migrant labourers working without proper safety measures or legal protections. They called for the immediate implementation of the Inter-State Migrant Workers Act, 1979. "If the government fails to act, we will launch a protest," warned Devender. CITU city leaders Anjaiah, Srinivas, Nayak, and others joined the site inspection and pledged support for the affected workers.

Watchful Eyes and Articulate Voices Face Neglect

Journalists: Underpaid, Unrewarded Intellectual Workers of Our Times

In a world driven by information, journalists play a vital role as society’s watchful eyes and articulate voices. Yet, paradoxically, these torchbearers of truth are often among the most underpaid and unrewarded intellectual workers. Their work demands high cognitive effort, moral courage, and continuous learning — all while facing job insecurity, physical risk, and limited recognition.

Intellectual Labor
Without Respect

Journalism is not just about reporting facts; it involves investigation, contextual analysis, critical thinking, and articulation — all hallmarks of intellectual labor. Yet, unlike academics, scientists, or even popular influencers, journalists are seldom accorded the same intellectual stature. Their mental rigor often gets dismissed as “just writing stories.” Example: A senior reporter working tirelessly to uncover political corruption may be paid less than a PR executive writing promotional material for a brand.

High Risk, Low Reward

Journalists often operate in high-risk environments — from



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war zones and disaster sites to politically hostile terrains. While their reporting may save lives or expose truths, the returns are mostly moral or symbolic. Financial incentives, job promotions, or societal support remain minimal. Example: Regional journalists in conflict-prone areas of India often work for as little as ₹5,000–₹10,000 per month with no life insurance or press protection.

The Irony of
the ‘Fourth Pillar’

Democracy hails the press as its fourth pillar, yet treats its practitioners like crumbling bricks. While politicians, bureaucrats,

and business magnates enjoy privileges and power, journalists — who hold them accountable — often live precariously, with freelance writers and stringers surviving on per-story payments.

The Vanishing
Editorial Sanctum

With the rise of corporate media houses and digital content platforms, editorial independence has eroded. Journalists are increasingly becoming content producers, forced to generate clicks rather than pursue truth. This shift turns intellectual inquiry into algorithm-friendly output, stifling investigative depth. Example: A science reporter wanting to write on climate change impacts may be told to cover a celebrity wedding instead due to better traffic potential.

Mental Burnout,
No Healing

The emotional toll of journalism — especially in conflict, crime, or trauma beats — is severe. Unlike professions with built-in support systems, journalists often lack mental health care, paid leave, or legal holidays. They are

expected to “move on” even after covering disturbing events.

Public Criticism,
Institutional Neglect

Journalists face regular abuse on social media, accusations of bias from every political corner, and increasing violence on ground. Meanwhile, media institutions often fail to back them, fearing backlash or legal complications. Thus, the worker is left alone, unrewarded and unprotected.

Who Will Speak
for the Speaker?

In any civil society, the worth of intellectual labor should be matched by dignity and sustenance. Journalists serve not just as recorders of reality but as interpreters of truth. If their work continues to be undervalued, it’s not just a professional crisis — it’s a democratic one. To empower journalism is to protect the people’s right to know. But to do so, we must first honor the journalist — not just with awards, but with fair pay, real safety, and lasting respect. Those in power and high places must take note of the plight of majority journalists and take corrective steps to better their lives.



Young GM Divya Deshmukh Makes Chess History

On July 28, 2025, in Batumi, Georgia, 19-year-old Divya Deshmukh made history by becoming the first Indian woman to win the FIDE Women’s World Cup. In a thrilling final against legendary compatriot Grandmaster Humpy Koneru, Divya’s victory marked not just a personal milestone, but a defining moment in Indian chess.

The 2025 Women’s World Cup featured 107 top players from 46 nations. Divya’s path to the crown was anything but easy. She overcame World No. 6 Zhu Jiner, former World Champion Tan Zhongyi, and veteran Harika Dronavalli. The final clash with Humpy, one of India’s most decorated players, was a dramatic showdown of nerves and skill. After the classical and first rapid game ended in draws, Divya sealed her win in the second rapid tiebreak with composure and precision.

This win catapulted Divya into the global spotlight and granted her the Grandmaster title—the highest in chess—automatically. Uniquely, she achieved it without previously earning a single GM norm, a testament to the magnitude of her triumph. She also secured a coveted place in the 2026 Candidates Tournament, moving one step closer to challenging for the Women’s World Championship title. Divya is now only the third woman to win this title, following Alexandra Kosteniuk and Aleksandra Graciano. Her win is historic not just for its rarity but because it symbolizes India’s rising dominance in women’s chess. For the first time, four Indian women reached the quarterfinals of the event—Divya, Humpy, Harika, and Vaishali—signaling a generational shift in the sport.

India-China Thaw Amid U.S. Strain: Tactical Pivot or Strategic Gamble?



Recent developments suggest a surprising softening in India-China relations, despite ongoing tensions. This thaw appears paradoxical, given China’s continued support for Pakistan during Operation Sindoor, the initiation of the Yarlung Zangbo dam project (seen as a threat by India), and rising economic coercion through export curbs on critical inputs like rare earths, semiconductors, and agri-tech. Yet, diplomatic signals indicate a willingness to engage: External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar’s visit to China, India’s openness to revive the Russia-India-China (RIC) mechanism, resumed tourism visas and flights, and discussions over a possible 24% Chinese stake in Indian firms.

This convergence comes amid growing unease in India-U.S. relations, marked by trade friction, defense procurement issues, and disagreements over Russian sanctions. Delhi, once optimistic about a trade pact, now finds Washington’s demands—such as wider market access and the removal of non-tariff barriers—increasingly intrusive. President Trump’s blunt references to leverage-based diplomacy, particularly around the May 10 ceasefire, and U.S. reluctance on timely defense supplies like GE jet engines, have contributed to Indian skepticism.

India’s multi-alignment strategy has long used

tactical shifts in its China posture to extract better terms from the U.S., but this time, the context is more precarious. China is applying multifaceted pressure: militarily, via Pakistan and the LAC; ecologically, through the Zangbo dam; and economically, with coercive trade tactics. India is struggling to respond to these new levers effectively.

China’s economic arm-twisting—restricting exports vital to sectors like automotive and defense—is particularly alarming. Companies like Bajaj Auto have already warned of production halts. If China demands dual-use certification, the ripple effects could reach defense manufacturing. Yet, India may feel compelled to engage economically with China due to declining FDI, global supply chain ambitions, and hopes of ending coercive trade practices.

The danger lies in India’s tactical overtures becoming strategic vulnerabilities. Increased Chinese participation in sensitive sectors could enable Beijing to exert long-term economic leverage. Past experience shows that temporary goodwill may not result in durable cooperation. As geopolitical volatility grows, India must carefully balance short-term flexibility with long-term resilience—lest tactical engagement today turns into strategic dependence tomorrow.

Iran’s Strategic Path: A Clarification on Sovereignty, Sanctions, and Misconceptions



In response to the recent article “Snapback to Reality: On Iran’s 45-Year Slog to Nowhere,” Iran’s Ambassador to India, Dr. Iraj Elahi, offers a pointed rebuttal, emphasizing that such narratives distort Iran’s historical and strategic reality. While the original piece frames Iran as a nation isolated due to its policies, Ambassador Elahi argues that the country’s path is rooted not in defiance, but in dignity and sovereignty.

He begins by reminding readers that the 1979 Islamic Revolution was not born out of blind hostility toward the West. Rather, it was a reaction to decades of foreign interference, coups, and exploitation. Iran’s resistance, he asserts, is not about hatred but about refusing subjugation. Its slogans reflect historical memory and the pursuit of justice—not a desire for endless enmity with nations like the U.S. or Israel.

On the nuclear issue, the ambassador defends Iran’s record under the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), saying that Iran upheld its commitments, as verified by the International Atomic Energy Agency. It was the U.S., under the Trump administration, that unilaterally withdrew from the agreement and re-imposed sanctions. Iran’s subsequent actions were lawful and

within the deal’s framework, contrary to the claim that Iran escalated tensions unprovoked.

Addressing the idea that Iran faces a binary choice between “capitulation or collapse,” Ambassador Elahi calls for a more nuanced understanding. He stresses that Iran is open to fair and respectful negotiations—but will not yield to threats disguised as diplomacy. He urges Western powers to recognize their role in fostering mistrust and to end collective punishment through sanctions.

On regional matters, the ambassador defends Iran’s alliances in Lebanon, Palestine, Iraq, and Yemen, framing them as support for resistance movements rather than imperial ambition. He points out that Iran has consistently called for regional dialogue and a nuclear-free Middle East—calls that have been ignored while Israel’s undeclared arsenal remains untouched.

Concluding his remarks, Ambassador Elahi calls for mutual respect, stating that Iran does not seek conflict but refuses to trade its sovereignty for survival. “Iran will remain what it has always been,” he writes—“independent, proud, and unafraid to choose its own path.”

"Don't Control Me": Jaya Bachchan Sparks Controversy Over 'Operation Sindoor' Remarks

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Samajwadi Party MP and veteran actor Jaya Bachchan stirred a heated debate in the Rajya Sabha today during a discussion on Operation Sindoor, questioning both the intelligence failure behind the Pahalgam terror attack and the naming of the operation itself.

Ms Bachchan opened her address by expressing grief over the 26 lives lost in the Baisaran Valley attack in April. She then sharply criticized the symbolic choice of the operation's name. "Why name it Sindoor? The sindoor has been wiped away from the foreheads of so many women whose husbands were murdered. Is this something to glorify?" she said, directing her remarks at the ruling party.

Her comments triggered protests from BJP MPs, and an attempt by Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Priyanka Chaturvedi to calm her down led to an unexpected outburst. "Priyanka, don't control me," Ms Bachchan snapped, visibly irked. Chaturvedi, seated beside her, laughed off the reaction, but the moment quickly went viral.

Ms Bachchan continued, slamming the



government's intelligence failure in preventing the massacre and accused them of shattering public trust. "The families of the victims will never forgive you," she said.

The BJP hit back strongly, defending the operation's name. Party spokesperson Shehzad Poonawalla said, "Sindoor is not just decoration — it is a symbol of strength. Operation Sindoor was about avenging that

loss and sending a message to terrorists."

Operation Sindoor was reportedly named by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to honour the women who witnessed the killings of their husbands. Critics, however, argue the name is insensitive and politicises grief. The debate reflects the growing tensions between the government and opposition over national security and symbolic narratives.

Indus Water Treaty Suspended: Jaishankar Slams Congress Over Historic "Mistakes"



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External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar announced in the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday that the Indus Water Treaty (IWT) with

Pakistan will be held in abeyance until Islamabad irreversibly ends its support for terrorism. The decision follows the deadly terror attack in Pahalgam in April, which claimed the lives of 26 people.

During his address, Jaishankar took a sharp dig at the Congress party, accusing it of being "uncomfortable with history" and unwilling to confront past errors. He cited how the treaty, signed in 1960, granted Pakistan access to major rivers originating in India, calling it a "unique agreement" in global diplomatic history.

"I cannot think of any other agreement where a country allows its major rivers to flow into another without securing its own rights," Jaishankar said, referring to the provisions of the IWT.

He particularly targeted former Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, quoting his state-

ment in Parliament from November 30, 1960, where Nehru allegedly prioritized the interests of Pakistani Punjab over Indian states. "There was no mention of the farmers of Kashmir, Punjab, Rajasthan, or Gujarat," Jaishankar said, questioning the intent and foresight of the treaty's original architects.

The minister credited Prime Minister Narendra Modi with reversing historical oversights, citing the abrogation of Article 370 and now the suspension of the Indus Water Treaty as evidence of decisive action. "We were told for 60 years that these mistakes could not be corrected. PM Modi has proven that they can," he stated.

Jaishankar concluded with a firm warning: "Blood and water will not flow together." The suspension of the IWT, he said, is a strong diplomatic signal that peace and cooperation cannot coexist with terrorism.

Priyanka Gandhi Leads Protest Over Nuns' Arrest; Shashi Tharoor's Absence Raises Eyebrows



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Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra led a high-profile protest in Parliament on Tuesday, condemning the arrest of two Kerala-based Catholic nuns in Chhattisgarh, who were accused of human trafficking and forced religious conversion. However, the absence of senior Congress MP Shashi Tharoor, who participated in a similar protest just a day earlier, raised fresh questions about his growing distance from the party leadership.

Ms Gandhi Vadra, joined by other Kerala Congress MPs, denounced the arrests as a targeted attack on minorities. "These nuns were accused of things they were not in-

volved in. They were manhandled and taken away. We are protesting against such assaults on minority communities," she told reporters.

Tharoor, who had vocally supported the cause on Monday with a placard reading "India for all, proud to be one," was notably missing on Tuesday. His absence is being viewed in the context of recent tensions between him and the Congress high command, especially following his remarks after the Pahalgam terror attack and the government's Operation Sindoor. His refusal to speak in Parliament during the Operation Sindoor debate — allegedly because he would not "contradict himself for party messaging" — only deepened the rift.

The controversy stems from the arrest of two nuns at Durg railway station. Allegations were made by Bajrang Dal members that the nuns were trafficking three minor tribal girls. The police booked them under the Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita and the Chhattisgarh Freedom of Religion Act.

The incident has triggered nationwide backlash. Rahul Gandhi demanded their immediate release, saying religious freedom is a constitutional right. Interestingly, BJP Kerala leaders also defended the nuns, with party president Rajeesh Chandrasekhar promising to assist in their release. However, Chhattisgarh CM Vishnu Deo Sai stood by the arrests, accusing the opposition of politicising the issue.



"CJI's Office Not a Post Office": Supreme Court Questions Judge in Cash Recovery Case

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In a high-profile courtroom exchange, the Supreme Court strongly rebuked Justice Yashwant Varma, who is under scrutiny after large sums of cash were found at his Delhi residence during a fire incident. Justice Varma is challenging the findings of a three-member in-house committee that recommended his removal.

The bench, led by Justices Dipankar Datta and Augustine George Masih, emphasized that the Chief Justice of India's office "is not a post office" but carries a national duty as the judiciary's leader. The remarks came in response to Senior Advocate Kapil Sibal, who argued that the committee overstepped its constitutional role.

Sibal insisted that under Article 124 of the Constitution and the Judges (Inquiry) Act, the committee cannot recommend a judge's removal—only advise the Chief Justice. He added that allowing this process would create an "extra-constitutional mechanism."

Justice Datta countered this, asserting that the CJI has a responsibility to forward misconduct reports to the President and Prime Minister when warranted. He added that the Chief Justice's office must act when credible information is received, not merely pass along complaints.

Sibal further alleged that the findings were politically influenced and that Justice Varma was not given a fair opportunity to respond during the inquiry. The bench, however, maintained that the panel's report is preliminary and does not bind future parliamentary action.

Critically, the bench also questioned Justice Varma's timing in approaching the court, stating, "You were waiting for a favourable outcome, and when it turned against you, you came here. That does not inspire confidence."

The court reserved its judgment but made clear that the issue touches on the integrity of the judiciary and constitutional responsibility at the highest levels.



Some States Failed: Minister Shivraj Singh Announces Changes To Crop Insurance Scheme

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Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan today announced major reforms to the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY), aimed at protecting farmers from losing crop insurance benefits due to state government defaults.

Highlighting issues faced under the previous Jagan Reddy government in Andhra Pradesh, Chouhan revealed that the state failed to pay its share of the insurance premium for three consecutive years, leaving many farmers without compensation. "Some states, like Andhra Pradesh, committed to covering the entire farmer premium but later defaulted, causing massive distress," he said in Parliament, responding to Rajasthan MP Hanuman Beniwal.

In response, the Centre has revised the PMFBY to ensure farmers receive their insurance benefits even if state governments delay or skip their contributions. Going forward, the Union Government will pay its share regardless of the state's participation, ensuring uninterrupted support for farmers.

To enforce accountability, Chouhan also announced a new penalty clause: if a state fails to pay its premium share, it will incur 12% interest, which will be directly deposited into the accounts of affected farmers.

"This change is rooted in our commitment to farmers. Insurance claims will no longer be hostage to politics or state-level inefficiency," the Minister said. Under PM Modi's leadership, he added, the scheme continues to evolve in favour of farmers, settling claims within 21 days and preventing bureaucratic hurdles. The policy shift is seen as a bold move to shield farmers from administrative lapses while pressuring states to honour their financial responsibilities.

Massive Earthquake in Russia

Tsunami Alert in America, Japan...

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A massive earthquake with a magnitude of 8.7 struck near Russia's Kamchatka Peninsula early this morning, triggering tsunami warnings for the United States, Japan, and several Pacific island nations. Waves rising as high as 13 feet led to evacuations in coastal areas and reports of building damage in the region.

8.7 Magnitude Quake Shakes Kamchatka

According to the US Geological Survey (USGS), the earthquake occurred at a depth of 19.3 kilometers (12 miles), with the epicenter located approximately 125 kilometers (80 miles) east-southeast of Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky in Avacha Bay. The magnitude was initially reported as 8.0 before being upgraded to 8.7. Russian officials confirmed that villages were being evacuated, and at least one kindergarten suffered damage.

Tsunami Warnings Across Pacific

Following the earthquake, Russia's Emergency Minister Sergei Lebedev reported tsunami waves of 3 to 4 meters (10 to 13 feet) in parts of Kamchatka. He warned the public to stay away from the coast. The US Tsunami Warning System also issued alerts for "dangerous tsunami waves" potentially affecting the



northwestern Hawaiian Islands and the Russian Far East. Waves of more than 3 meters could reach those areas within hours.

Waves between 0.3 to 1 meter (1 to 3.3 feet) are expected to hit Chuuk, Kosrae, the Marshall Islands, Palau, and the Philippines, while less than 0.3-meter waves are predicted along the coasts of South Korea, North Korea, and Taiwan.

Japan Braces for Impact

The Japan Meteorological Agency issued a tsunami warning forecasting waves up to 1 meter (3.28 feet) for coastal regions. The alert came shortly after a second quake measuring 6.9 struck southeast of Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky at 5:39 a.m. IST, at a depth of 10 kilometers (6.2 miles).

Region With Seismic History

The Kamchatka Peninsula is historically known for frequent seismic activity. In July this year, the region experienced five significant earthquakes, including a 7.4-magnitude event offshore. The most powerful quake on record in Kamchatka occurred on November 4, 1952—a 9.0 magnitude earthquake that generated 30-foot waves in Hawaii, though no fatalities were reported. Monitoring agencies continue to assess the threat across the Pacific region, urging caution and preparation as waves continue to build.



UK PM Keir Starmer Threatens to Recognize Palestine if Gaza Crisis Continues

TPN Correspondent | London

United Kingdom Prime Minister Keir Starmer has announced that the UK will recognize a Palestinian state at the upcoming United Nations General Assembly in September if Israel does not take "substantive steps" to end the humanitarian crisis in Gaza and commit to a genuine peace process. This statement, made during a special Cabinet meeting and later addressed at Downing Street, marks a major shift in Britain's long-standing position on the Israel-Palestine conflict.

Starmer cited the worsening conditions in Gaza, describing scenes of starving children and a catastrophic failure to deliver aid as the driving force behind the decision. "We see starving babies, children too weak to stand, images that will stay with us for a lifetime," he said. The Prime Minister emphasized that the peace process is "under threat," and that immediate action is needed to prevent further devastation.

However, Israel's government quickly dismissed the move, labeling it as a "reward for Hamas," with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu criticizing it as "appeasement." Starmer maintained that for progress to be made, Hamas must release all remaining hostages, disarm, and accept that it will not govern Gaza.

UK Foreign Secretary David Lammy, speaking at a UN conference in New York, highlighted Britain's "special burden of responsibility" due to its historic role in the region. The announcement was met with applause and hailed as the biggest shift in the UK's approach to the Israel-Palestine issue in a generation. While some British MPs and international allies support the move, there is uncertainty over whether it will satisfy activists demanding stronger action or provoke criticism from figures like US President Donald Trump, who remains skeptical about recognizing Palestine. The coming weeks will be critical as the UK prepares to make its formal stance clear at the UN.

Trump Imposes 25% Tariff on Indian Imports

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United States President Donald Trump on Tuesday issued a strong warning to India regarding potential tariffs on its imports, stating that if a trade agreement is not reached soon, Indian goods could face tariffs as high as 25 percent. Speaking to reporters, Trump emphasized the need for a fair trade deal that provides greater access for American products to the Indian market.

When asked if India would be charged tariffs between 20 and 25 percent, Trump responded, "Yeah, I think so. India has been; they're my friends." Despite the friendly tone, his statement made it clear that the US is prepared to impose significant tariffs to protect its economic interests if negotiations stall.

Trump's administration has been



pushing aggressively for improved trade terms with India, aiming to reduce the trade deficit and open India's market to more American goods and services. The two countries have been engaged in ongoing talks to address tariffs, market access, and regulatory issues.

This latest warning comes amid growing tensions over trade policies and tariffs globally, with the US adopting a tougher stance on several trading

partners. For India, which has a growing economy reliant on exports and imports, the threat of a 25% tariff on its products poses a significant challenge.

Indian officials have expressed willingness to negotiate but have also reiterated the importance of protecting domestic industries and ensuring fair trade terms. The situation remains fluid as both sides work to avoid a full-blown trade conflict that could impact businesses and consumers in both countries.

With time running short, the focus now shifts to upcoming negotiations where both nations will attempt to strike a balance between protecting national interests and fostering a beneficial economic partnership. The outcome will have wide-reaching implications for the future of India-US trade relations.

Bangladesh-US Third Round of Tariff Talks Underway in Washington, DC

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The third round of tariff discussions between Bangladesh and the United States officially commenced on Tuesday in Washington, DC. The talks, led by Bangladesh's Commerce Adviser Sheikh Bashiruddin and National Security Adviser Khalilur Rahman, aim to resolve ongoing trade tensions and explore opportunities for deeper cooperation.

The informal session began at 12:30 pm local time and continued until 5:30 pm, with plans to resume the discussions Wednesday morning. The Bangladesh delegation, accompanied by officials from various ministries participating virtually from Dhaka, met with the US team led by Assistant Trade Representative Brendan Lynch and officials from trade and customs departments.

This round comes amid significant developments in bilateral relations. Bangladesh recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to



annually purchase 700,000 tonnes of wheat from the US, a deal signed by Md Abul Hasanat Humayun Kabir, Director General of Bangladesh's Food Department, and Joseph K. Sower, Vice President of the US Wheat Association. Food Adviser Ali Imam Majumder emphasized that the MoU aims to enhance food security, nutritional quality, and supply, while also fostering trust and broader trade cooperation between the two nations.

In addition to trade talks, the US announced continued joint military exercises with Bangladesh. The US Embassy in Dhaka highlighted ongoing partnerships through three joint military exercises this summer, along with delivery of new capabilities to strengthen regional security.

The tariff discussions follow a July 9 letter from US President Donald Trump imposing a 35 percent tariff on Bangladesh, effective August 1.

Indian Markets See Moderate Gains



Domestic stock markets gained moderately on Wednesday. Benchmark indices were volatile throughout. Mixed signals from global markets, US inflation and unemployment data, Fed results and crude oil prices are the reasons for this. Although there is some enthusiasm as companies report better results, investors are acting cautiously. The weakening of the rupee against the dollar also contributed to this. Overall, the Nifty rose 33 points and the Sensex rose 143 points.

The BSE Sensex, which closed at 81,337 in the previous session, opened at 81,594 on Wednesday. It touched an intraday low of 81,187. It reached an intraday high of 81,618. It finally closed at 81,486 with a gain of 143 points. The NSE Nifty, which opened at 24,890, touched a low of 24,771 and a high of 24,902. It closed at 24,855, up 33 points. The Nifty Bank fell 71 points to settle at 56,150.

In the Nifty50, 23 companies gained and 27 lost. Larsen & Turbo, Sun Pharma, NTPC, Maruti, Tata Consumer Products were the top gainers. Hero Moto, Power Grid, Bajaj Auto, Eternal, Coal India were the biggest losers. Today, the Infra, IT, Defense, FMCG, Consumer Dura-

bles, and Commodities indices rose marginally. Realty, media, PSU bank, mobility, auto, tourism, healthcare indices rose.

Market breadth on NSE today was equal for buyers and sellers. Out of a total of 3057 stocks traded, 1508 gained and 1465 lost. 85 shares touched their 52-week high and 35 touched their 52-week low. The upper circuit was 94 and the lower circuit was 26.

The rupee weakened by 60 paise to settle at 87.42 against the dollar. HSBC raised its target on Nippon AMC to Rs. 690 and gave it a hold rating. Nuama has given a buy rating to Varun Beverages with a target price of Rs. 606. JBM Auto Q1 profit rose 11% to Rs 37 crore from Rs 33.4 crore. Welspun Living Q1 profit fell 52% to Rs 89.3 crore from Rs 186 crore. M&B Engineering IPO received a response of 0.50 times on the first day afternoon. It is noteworthy that HSBC has given a buy rating to Ather Energy with a target price of Rs 450. NSDL IPO received a response of 1.45 times till the first day afternoon. New India Assurance shares rose 15% on the rise in Q1 profit. Power Grid net profit grew 7% to Rs 3653 crore from Rs 3412 crore. By the afternoon of the second day, Lakshmi India Finance's IPO received a response of 0.86 times.



India's FDI Dilemma

Balancing Sovereignty and Global Investment Goals

India finds itself at a crossroads in its pursuit of foreign direct investment (FDI). While the country aspires to become a global economic powerhouse and attract international investors, its retreat from key international frameworks such as Bilateral Investment Treaties (BITs) paints a conflicting picture. This duality has led to a paradox: a government advocating for FDI while enacting policies that may deter it.

India's economic liberalization began in the early 1990s under Prime Minister Narasimha Rao and Finance Minister Manmohan Singh. At that time, reforms allowed foreign investments through automatic and approved routes, laying the foundation for India's FDI journey. However, three decades later, the trajectory has lost momentum. According to the IMF's 2024 Article IV report, India's share in global FDI fell sharply from 6.5% in 2020 to 2% in 2023. UNC-TAD's 2024 report and past World Bank rankings emphasize the need for policy stability and deeper trade integration to regain investor trust.

A key area of concern is India's withdrawal from the Investor-State Dispute

Settlement (ISDS) mechanisms. While the move is intended to preserve national sovereignty and regulatory space, it has raised alarm among investors who seek legal predictability and enforcement. The 2015 Model BIT reflects India's cautious approach, emphasizing domestic legal remedies and echoing principles akin to Latin America's Calvo Doctrine.

India terminated over 60 BITs between 2016 and 2019, coinciding with a 32% drop in greenfield FDI projects. Scholars suggest this may have contributed to a 30% fall in overall investment inflows. Despite reforms in patent laws and business regulations, high-profile arbitration cases like Vodafone and White Industries continue to haunt investor sentiment.

Moving forward, India must strike a delicate balance—preserving its sovereign right to regulate while fostering a policy environment that reassures foreign investors. Rebuilding FDI momentum will require not just legal clarity and policy coherence, but also a transparent, geopolitically neutral approach that aligns domestic priorities with global economic aspirations.



India-China Econ Thaw Begins, Caution Persists: FM

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has acknowledged early signs of improving economic engagement between India and China, but stressed the need for a "sense of caution" as the two Asian powers navigate a complex relationship. Speaking at the launch of A World in Flux: India's Economic Priorities, Sitharaman remarked that both nations are showing interest in increased interaction, including recent relaxations in visa norms.

"This could be a beginning, but we have to wait and see how far it goes," she said, noting that while access and economic collaboration might benefit both countries, the past still warrants a cautious approach.

India had imposed strict investment restrictions on China through Press Note 3 in April 2020. This move was aimed at preventing potential opportunistic takeovers of Indian firms during the economic vulnerabilities of the COVID-19 pandemic. While these curbs remain partially in place, recent developments point to a subtle but notable shift in tone.

Sitharaman emphasized that India's priority remains sustaining strong economic growth while playing a proactive role in reshaping global institutions and asserting leadership in the Global South. She also highlighted the importance of having a business-friendly and appealing FDI policy to attract long-term investments.

Commenting on the broader trend in global



trade, she observed that bilateral and regional trade agreements are increasingly taking precedence over multilateral frameworks. However, she refrained from judging whether this trend was beneficial, saying it's "too early to say."

Her remarks come at a time when India is working to position itself as a resilient and stable investment destination amidst shifting global supply chains and geopolitical uncertainty. As New Delhi cautiously re-engages with Beijing, the government appears to be balancing strategic interests with pragmatic economic considerations.

The evolving Indo-China dynamic, while still fragile, may offer opportunities for both economies—provided it is managed with foresight, caution, and mutual respect.

Gold Rate Hike Grabs Investor Attention

Gold prices in India saw a noticeable hike today, July 30, 2025, drawing the attention of investors, jewellers, and consumers alike. With prices reaching significant levels, the precious metal continues to cement its role as a hedge against inflation and a safe-haven investment during global uncertainties. Today's rates highlight a steady upward trend that has been developing over recent months, influenced by both domestic and international factors.

In major cities across India, gold prices for 24 karat have touched new highs. The price per gram of 24K gold stands at ₹10,048, while 22K gold is retailing at ₹9,210 per gram. Meanwhile, 18K gold, commonly used in lightweight and everyday jewellery, is being sold at ₹7,536 per gram. This marks a marginal but consistent rise from the previous day's prices, with cities like Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Bangalore, Hyderabad, and Kolkata reflecting similar patterns.

Experts believe that the rise in gold prices is tied to several global economic concerns, including geopolitical instability, currency fluctuations, and inflationary pressures in the US and Europe. Locally, demand for gold remains strong, especially with the upcoming festive and wedding seasons likely to further push the demand curve



upward. Additionally, gold's traditional appeal as a secure asset in uncertain times is again drawing investors to add it to their portfolios.

In Delhi, the rate for 18K gold increased from ₹7,499 to ₹7,548 per gram overnight, showing the market's responsive nature to broader trends. In Chennai, 24K gold crossed ₹10,098 per gram, among the highest in the country. Such increases are causing many to reassess their buying decisions, with some rushing to purchase ahead of further hikes, while others prefer to wait for potential price corrections.

As global economic conditions evolve, analysts suggest that the volatility in gold prices may persist, urging buyers to stay informed and cautious.

Baba Vanga’s Prediction Comes True After 25 Days?

Anxiety Hits Amid Japan, Russia Tsunami

A massive 8.8 magnitude earthquake struck off Russia’s Kamchatka Peninsula on Wednesday, triggering tsunami alerts across Japan’s Pacific coast and reviving an eerie prophecy from a decades-old manga. The incident, marked as the region’s strongest since 1952, caused tsunami waves measuring 3–4 metres to hit parts of Russia, while smaller waves were reported in Japan.

What has shocked many is the resurfacing of predictions made in Watashi ga Mita Mirai (The Future I Saw), a manga by Japanese artist Ryo Tatsuki. The manga, first published in 1999, has previously gained attention for foreseeing major events like the death of Princess Diana, the 2011 tsunami, and the COVID-19 pandemic. This year, fans pointed to a warning in the manga suggesting a disaster in July 2025. While July 5 passed uneventfully, this week’s quake has revived the prophecy, with social media now abuzz, dubbing Tatsuki the “New Baba Vanga.”

Comments online reflect growing anxiety. “Not the exact date, but you have to respect Ryo Tatsuki,” one user wrote. Another tweeted, “Mas-



sive 3 Feet Tsunami Alert after a powerful 8.8 Earthquake—Tatsuki did it again!”

The quake hit about 125 km southeast of Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky at a shallow depth of 19.3 km, causing panic across Russia’s Far East. In Japan, tsunami sirens rang out, coastal evacuations were ordered, and fishing boats were sent out to sea. The Fukushima nuclear plant took precautionary measures, though no damage or radiation leaks were reported.

While Japan only recorded small tsunami waves with no major destruction, authorities remain on high alert. The unsettling coincidence between fiction and reality has triggered a wave of speculation, with many drawing comparisons between Tatsuki’s manga and the legendary predictions of Baba Vanga—raising questions about fate, foresight, and fear.

Engineers Create Innovative Robotic Arm to Assist People With Mobility Impairments

In a major step forward for assistive technology, engineers at Virginia Tech have developed a robotic system designed to support individuals with mobility impairments in completing everyday tasks. The system features a robotic arm equipped with an adaptive gripper capable of handling objects of various sizes, shapes, and textures with remarkable precision and care. This innovation is particularly effective for handling delicate items like fruits, vegetables, and baked goods.



Traditional robotic grippers typically fall into two categories: soft grippers and rigid end-effectors. Each type has its own limitations—soft grippers struggle to lift irregular, heavy objects, while rigid grippers often fail to grasp small or fragile items effectively. To overcome these challenges, the team introduced a new hybrid approach called RISOs, which merges *Rigid end-effectors with **SO*ft adhesives.

“Our philosophy is that if you are going to provide someone with a robot to help them, it needs to mimic how a person would naturally perform the same task,” explained Dylan Losey, associate professor of mechanical engineering. “This way, the robot acts more like an extension of the user’s own movement, making it

more intuitive and user-friendly.”

The RISOs system can switch between gripping modes—using either rigid fingers to pinch or soft, adhesive materials that attach and release objects gently. This hybrid functionality enhances the robot’s ability to manipulate a broader range of objects, combining strength with sensitivity.

The team also enabled the robot to receive inputs via joystick and developed a soft, bubble-like fingertip that deflates upon contact, creating a temporary adhesive bond for secure gripping.

This breakthrough could significantly improve the quality of life for people with physical limitations, giving them greater independence in performing routine activities.

Bitchat vs WhatsApp

Offline Messaging App Sparks Buzz



In an era where WhatsApp is deeply woven into our daily routines, a surprising new challenger has emerged—Bitchat, a messaging app that doesn’t require Wi-Fi or mobile data. Launched by Twitter co-founder Jack Dorsey, Bitchat is gaining attention for its unique ability to function completely offline using only Bluetooth technology.

What sets Bitchat apart is its Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) mesh networking system, which allows users to send messages to nearby devices within a 30-meter range. Instead of routing messages through central servers like WhatsApp or Telegram, Bitchat sends messages by splitting them into small encrypted data packets, which are then broadcast via BLE. These packets are reassembled into the original message on the recipient’s phone if they’re within range. If not, the data can “hop” through other Bitchat-connected devices until it reaches the destination.

Importantly, all messages are end-to-end encrypted and

stored temporarily in device memory. Each message has a Time-To-Live (TTL), after which it disappears, offering enhanced privacy and security—features that modern-day users increasingly demand.

Social media is abuzz with excitement over the app’s potential. Users are imagining practical uses, like communicating during crowded events or in places with poor signal coverage. One user joked, “I built ‘Sitchat’ too—no phone, just two people sitting and chatting,” poking fun at tech’s cyclical nature.

Others compared Bitchat to fictional tech from the series Silicon Valley, calling it the real-world version of “Pied Piper.” With over 9 million views on related posts, Bitchat is clearly striking a chord.

As conversations around digital privacy and decentralization grow, Bitchat could offer a glimpse into the future of communication—a world where we stay connected, even when the internet doesn’t.

All You Wanted to Know About Death

Death remains one of life’s most mysterious and often avoided topics, even though it is the most certain. Across cultures, people grapple with questions about what happens as we die, how to deal with grief, and how to prepare for the end. While traditions may differ, the questions surrounding death are universal.

In ancient Indian mythology, the Mahabharata captures this existential dilemma when Yudhishtira answers the Yaksha’s question: “What is the greatest truth of life?” His answer was simple and profound: “Death.”

Despite its inevitability, most people avoid discussing death—often until it is too late. However, understanding the process of dying can ease fear and prepare loved ones for what lies ahead.

In the final weeks of life, a person’s appetite typically declines, and they tend to



sleep more. Near death, physical signs like irregular breathing, blue-tinted skin, and weak pulse may appear. Some people experience confusion or hallucinations, while others lose consciousness gradually.

A common phenomenon near the end is the “death rattle”—a gurgling sound caused by the buildup of saliva in the throat when a person can no longer swallow. Though distressing for families, it is not painful for the dying individual.

Can dying people still hear? Research shows that some may respond to familiar voices or sounds, even in unconscious states. Studies, including brain scans, support the idea that hearing may be the last sense to fade.

Pain at the end of life depends on the illness and care received. With proper pain relief, most discomfort can be managed. Near-death experiences—such as seeing a bright light or feeling

peaceful—have been reported by many people revived after cardiac arrest.

Around the world, “Death Cafés” offer safe spaces to talk about death. In India, such gatherings are growing, helping people face mortality with openness and clarity.

Understanding death better may not remove the fear—but it can certainly bring peace.

‘World Sleeping on Coimbatore’?

A recent social media post has unexpectedly thrust Coimbatore into the national spotlight, sparking praise, pride, and some necessary corrections. The viral tweet came from Sidharth, a self-described policy and geopolitical strategist, who stated, “The world is sleeping on Coimbatore. While everyone’s chasing hype in Bengaluru, Chennai and Hyderabad, Coimbatore is quietly building factories, startups, and talent.”

The statement struck a chord with many. Social media users echoed his thoughts, celebrating Coimbatore as a “self-made city” known for its silent but steady progress. Some even compared its growth trajectory to cities like Denver and Boulder in the US, citing its innovation, entrepreneurial spirit, and industrial legacy. Many



called attention to the city’s solid economy, largely driven by family-run businesses, engineering firms, and homegrown brands. One user remarked, “It’s one of India’s strongest private sector economies, built without noise or glamour.”

Some speculated that Coimbatore might soon emerge as a tech destination, with major IT companies potentially setting up

operations there due to its cost efficiency and infrastructure.

However, not everyone agreed with the idea that Coimbatore is just “rising.” Several locals and industry insiders pushed back, insisting that the city’s contribution to Indian industry has been evident for decades. “No, no one is sleeping on Coimbatore. It’s already there. It’s just that it doesn’t wear the glam of the IT world,” one user clarified. Another added, “Coimbatore, my city—it’s not building, it’s built. It’s an industrial hub and always has been.”

The viral post has reignited conversations around India’s Tier-2 cities, which are often overlooked despite their significant contributions. Whether it’s rising or already risen, Coimbatore is undeniably on everyone’s radar now.

India Drawn into Group C with Japan

Vietnam & Chinese Taipei for AFC Women’s Asian Cup 2026



India has been placed in a challenging Group C for the AFC Women’s Asian Cup 2026, set to take place in Australia from March 1 to 21. The draw, held at Sydney Town Hall on July 29, featured Indian midfielder Sangita Basfore as one of the draw assistants.

The Blue Tigresses will face Vietnam in their tournament opener on March 4 at the Perth Rectangular Stadium. They will then take on Asian giants Japan on March 7, followed by a match against former champions Chinese Taipei on March 10 at the Western Sydney Stadium.

Group C is one of the toughest in the tournament. Japan, ranked 7th globally, are former World Cup winners (2011) and two-time Asian Cup champions (2014, 2018). Vietnam, ranked 37th, are coming off their 2023 Women’s World Cup debut and are hungry for a return to the global stage. Chinese Taipei, ranked 42nd, boast three Asian Cup titles, though their last came in 1980.

India, currently ranked 70th, are the lowest-ranked team in the group. However, head coach Crispin Chettri expressed cautious optimism, stating, “It’s a tricky group, but we can compete with Vietnam and Chinese Taipei. Our preparation now has to be smart and focused.”

Sangita Basfore added, “We’ve played all three teams before. Our dream is to reach the World Cup in Brazil, and now we’re just one step away.”

The top two teams from each group, along with the two best third-placed teams, will qualify for the quarterfinals. The four semifinalists will book direct tickets to the 2027 FIFA Women’s World Cup, while quarterfinal losers will get another shot through playoffs.

India will be looking to overcome the heartbreak of 2022, where a COVID outbreak forced their withdrawal from the tournament.

Ayush Shetty Reaches Macau Open Quarters

India’s Ayush Shetty continued his fine run at the Macau Open BWF Super 300 tournament by storming into the quarterfinals with a dominant win over Chinese Taipei’s Huang Yu Kai on Wednesday.

Seeded seventh, Shetty, ranked 31st in the world, displayed complete control over the proceedings as he dispatched the world No. 66 Huang in straight games, 21-10, 21-11, in just 31 minutes. His aggressive gameplay and consistent shot-making left no room for a comeback from his opponent.

India also tasted success in mixed doubles, where the fifth-seeded pair of Dhruv Kapila and Tanisha Crasto, currently ranked 18th in the world, delivered a commanding performance. They defeated Thailand’s Ratchapol Makkasasithorn and Nat-tamon Laisuan 21-10, 21-15 in a quick 26-minute match to advance to the next round.

However, the day was not entirely positive for the Indian contingent.

In men’s singles, Sathish Kumar Karunakaran saw his campaign come to an end after a hard-

fought loss to Malaysia’s Justin Hoh. Despite a close opening game, Sathish could not sustain momentum and went down 19-21, 12-21 in 37 minutes.

India suffered another setback in mixed doubles, with Rohan Kapoor and Ruthvika Shivani Gadde bowing out in the pre-quarterfinals. The 34th-ranked duo lost a close contest to Chinese Taipei’s Wu Guan Xun and Lee Chia Hsin 20-22, 17-21 in a match that also lasted 37 minutes.

With Shetty and the Dhruv-Tanisha duo advancing, India will look to keep its hopes alive in the tournament as the quarterfinals approach. All eyes will now be on the remaining players to carry the Indian challenge forward in Macau.



India to Play CAFA Nations Cup 2025



As part of their preparations for the AFC Asian Cup 2027 Qualifiers final round, the Indian senior men’s football team will take part in the CAFA (Central Asian Football Association) Nations Cup 2025. The tournament is scheduled from August 31 to September 8, and will be jointly hosted by Uzbekistan and Tajikistan.

India has been placed in Group B, which will be played in Dushanbe, Tajikistan. The Blue Tigers are set to face hosts Tajikistan on August 29, defending champions Iran on September 1, and Afghanistan on September 4, according to an official release from the All India Football Federation (AIFF).

This participation marks an important phase in India’s road to the Asian Cup, offering crucial international exposure against higher-ranked Central Asian teams. Iran, currently the region’s top footballing side, will be a major challenge, having won the inaugural edition of the tournament in 2023 with a 1-0 victory over Uzbeki-

stan.

The top two teams from each group will advance to the play-off stage, with both matches scheduled for September 8. The third-place match between the group runners-up will be held in Dushanbe, while the two group winners will contest the final in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

Group A, hosted in Tashkent, features Uzbekistan, Kyrgyz Republic, Turkmenistan, and invited side Oman.

The CAFA Nations Cup is a biennial tournament with six regular members: Afghanistan, Iran, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. India and Oman have been invited as guest participants in the second edition of the tournament.

India’s involvement in this competitive regional event is expected to provide valuable match practice, strategic insights, and help fine-tune the squad ahead of crucial AFC qualifiers.

Zverev Returns with Victory at Toronto Masters After Mental Health Break

Alexander Zverev marked his return to tennis with a solid win at the ATP Toronto Masters, defeating Australia’s Adam Walton 7-6(8), 6-3 to book a spot in the third round. This match was Zverev’s first in over a month, following a break to recover from mental burnout after an early exit at Wimbledon.

During his time away, the world No. 3 visited Rafael Nadal’s academy in Mallorca for guidance and consultation. His comeback in Toronto wasn’t without challenge—he trailed 1-4 in the first-set tiebreak but stormed back, eventually clinching the match in just over 90 minutes. A 52-shot rally and a total of 499 career wins underscored his effort. “It was not the prettiest match,” Zverev admitted, “but sometimes it’s just about winning.” Next, Zverev will face Italy’s Matteo Arnaldi, who beat qualifier Tristan Schoolkate 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.



Other seeded players also advanced. Third seed Lorenzo Musetti dismissed James Duckworth 7-5, 6-1 in a clinical display, breaking the Australian with a double fault at 5-1 and sealing the match with an

ace. Musetti, bouncing back from recent losses at Wimbledon and Washington, now faces American Alex Michelsen.

Fifth seed Holger Rune defeated France’s Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard 7-6(9), 6-3, securing his first hard-court win since March. “It was a tricky match,” Rune said. “I served well and stayed focused in key moments.”

Eighth seed Casper Ruud saw off Roman Safiullin 6-3, 6-3, while 11th seed Karen Khachanov cruised past Juan Pablo Ficovich 6-4, 6-2. Defending champion Alexei Popyrin beat Canadian wildcard Nicolas Arseneault, and 10th seed Daniil Medvedev overcame Czech Dalibor Svrčina despite 40 unforced errors. Denis Shapovalov’s home woes continued with a 7-6(4), 7-5 loss to Learner Tien, extending his winless run in Canada since 2019.

Bumrah Likely to Miss Series-Decider at Oval

Akash Deep Likely Replacement

Star Indian pacer Jasprit Bumrah is likely to sit out the crucial fifth Test against England at The Oval, starting Thursday, July 31. Sources indicate the decision is a precautionary one, made in consultation with the BCCI medical team to manage Bumrah’s workload and safeguard his long-term fitness, particularly his back. Bumrah featured in the first, third, and fourth matches of the five-Test series but was rested for the second Test at Edgbaston. Ahead of the series, the BCCI had already clarified that Bumrah would not be fielded in all five matches, citing workload management as a priority. He is expected to be replaced in the playing XI by Akash Deep, who impressed in the domestic circuit and is awaiting his opportunity. According to an ESPNcricinfo report, the BCCI medical team informed Bumrah that skipping the Oval Test is aligned with his long-term well-being,



especially after he bowled 33 overs in England’s massive first innings of 669 at Old

Trafford — the most he has bowled in a single Test innings. He returned figures of 2 for 103, marking the first time in his career he conceded over 100 runs in an innings. Bumrah’s pace has notably dropped over the course of the series. At Headingley, 42.7% of his deliveries exceeded 140kph. This dipped to 22.3% at Lord’s, and just 0.5% at Old Trafford, indicating fatigue and possible strain. Despite the dip in effectiveness, Bumrah remains India’s joint-highest wicket-taker in the series alongside Mohammed Siraj, with 14 wickets each. India, trailing 1-2 in the series, will look to level the contest in the final Test. The team staged a remarkable comeback in the fourth Test, drawing the match after centuries from Shubman Gill, Washington Sundar, and Ravindra Jadeja helped them bat 143 overs in the second innings.



Sitara Entertainments Announces Historical Film with Rishab Shetty

Sitara Entertainments has made a major announcement featuring Kantara star Rishab Shetty in the lead role. Produced by Suryadevara Naga Vamsi under the Sitara banner, this upcoming film is set in 18th-century India and revolves around a rebel uprising in the Bengal province. Directed by Ashwin Gangaraju, the movie promises to be a grand period drama, adding to the growing list of high-profile projects associated with Rishab Shetty.

Rishab Shetty, who gained pan-India fame with the blockbuster Kantara—a film he both directed and starred in—is currently working on the Kantara prequel. Although the release of Kantara 2 has been delayed, fans are eagerly awaiting more details about this new Sitara Entertainments production. The makers have already completed pre-production work, indicating the project is progressing well. The release date will be announced soon.

This film marks the 36th project from Sitara Entertainments and is expected to be a significant addition to Rishab Shetty's growing career. Besides this historical drama, Rishab has also signed Jai Hanuman in Telugu, showcasing his expanding presence in the Telugu film industry.

The first look of the Sitara project has already generated excitement, hinting at the film's scale and grandeur. Industry insiders are confident that this will be one of the most ambitious and impactful films of Rishab Shetty's



career, further cementing his reputation as a versatile actor and filmmaker.

Fans can expect more casting announcements and updates soon, as Sitara Entertainments prepares to deliver another memorable cinematic experience with Rishab Shetty at the forefront.

Mouni Roy Poses with Chiranjeevi on Vishwambhara Set, Calls It an Honour



Megastar Chiranjeevi is currently busy with two major films, Vishwambhara and another project helmed by director Anil Ravipudi. Among these, Vishwambhara has recently caught the spotlight again, thanks to a special song featuring Chiranjeevi alongside Bollywood actress Mouni Roy.

The song, choreographed by the renowned Ganesh Master, was filmed recently, and Mouni Roy gave fans a peek behind the scenes through her Instagram posts. She also expressed deep gratitude and admiration for the legendary actor.

“Dancing beside you for the last few days has been an honour, Chiranjeevi sir,” she wrote. “You’re not only a legendary actor but also a truly wonderful human being. I felt immense warmth and respect throughout. Thank you for the unforgettable experience, the kindness, and the best biriyani ever. We love you.”

Mouni also extended her thanks to Ganesh Master for his expert choreography and guidance, while appreciating the entire film crew for their support and seamless coordination during the shoot.

With the song shoot now wrapped up, fans are eagerly awaiting the release date, hoping to see this much-anticipated collaboration soon. Directed by Vassishta Mallidi and produced by UV Creations, Vishwambhara boasts a stellar cast including Trisha, Ashika Ranganath, Unal Kapoor, Ramya Pasupaleti, Esha Chawla, and Ashrita Vemuganti Nanduri.

Adding to the excitement is the film's music, composed by Oscar-winning maestro MM Keeravaani, whose work always elevates the cinematic experience. This special song featuring Chiranjeevi and Mouni Roy is expected to be one of the film's highlights, further raising anticipation for Vishwambhara's release.

Puri, Charmee Surprise Prabhas on Raja Saab Sets



Pan India superstar Prabhas is currently busy filming The Raja Saab, a romantic horror comedy directed by Maruthi, which is scheduled for a grand release on December 5, 2025. Although the project faced some delays, the recent release of a well-edited teaser has generated positive buzz and reignited excitement among fans.

Adding to the good vibes on set, renowned director Puri Jagannadh and actress-turned-producer Charmee Kaur made a surprise visit to meet Prabhas during the shoot. The reunion was a joyous occasion, as Prabhas warmly reconnected with his old friends and collaborators. Prabhas and Puri Jagannadh have previously worked together on popular films like Bujjigadu and Ek Niranjan, while Charmee shared screen space with Prabhas in the movie Chakram.

Photos capturing this heartfelt meet-up quickly went viral on social media, delighting fans who enjoyed seeing the camaraderie among the stars and filmmakers. The unexpected visit also gave a boost of energy and motivation to the cast and crew of The Raja Saab

as they continue to work towards the film's release.

Meanwhile, Puri Jagannadh is currently immersed in directing an action-packed entertainer starring Vijay Sethupathi. This film is being produced by both Puri and Charmee Kaur, and it is also aiming for a December release, promising a busy and exciting year ahead for the duo.

With Prabhas's charm, Maruthi's direction, and the support of industry stalwarts like Puri Jagannadh and Charmee Kaur, The Raja Saab is shaping up to be one of the most anticipated films of the year, blending romance, horror, and comedy in a unique way that fans are eager to experience.

Janhvi's Param Sundari Gets New Date First Song Pardesiya Out

Janhvi Kapoor, who is currently busy shooting Peddi alongside Ram Charan, is gearing up for the release of her next Hindi film, Param Sundari. Directed by Tushar Jallota, this romantic comedy was originally scheduled to hit theatres on July 25, 2025. However, the release was postponed to avoid clashing with the buzz surrounding Saiyaara.

The makers have now announced a fresh release date for Param Sundari. The film will premiere in cinemas on August 29, 2025, giving audiences just over a month to look forward to this promising new romance. Alongside the new date, the team also released the film's first song, Pardesiya. This soulful number features the voices of Sonu Nigam and Krishnakali Saha, with music composed by the popular duo Sachin-Jigar.

Janhvi Kapoor stars opposite Sidharth Malhotra, who plays her love interest in the film. Produced by Dinesh Vijan under the Maddock Films banner, Param Sundari promises a refreshing story set against a vibrant cultural backdrop. The plot explores the playful and heartwarming romance between Param, a North Indian man, and Sundari, a South Indian woman, whose contrasting backgrounds create both charming conflicts and moments of connection.

Fans of Janhvi Kapoor and Sidharth Malhotra are excited to see their chemistry on screen, especially in a film that blends humor, culture, and romance. With a fresh release date and the release of the enchanting song Pardesiya, anticipation is building for Param Sundari to be a stand-out film this summer.



90s Film Icons Reunite for Goa Getaway

In a heartwarming celebration of camaraderie and cinematic nostalgia, a group of popular stars from the 1990s and early 2000s reunited in Goa for a special gathering. The reunion, which took inspiration from the annual senior actors' meet that includes Chiranjeevi, Venkatesh, Mohanlal, Balakrishna, Nagarjuna, and others, brought together some of the most beloved faces from Indian cinema's golden era. The attendees included well-known actors like Jagapathi Babu and Srikanth, renowned directors KS Ravi Kumar, Shankar, Prabhudeva, Mohana Raja, and Lingusamy, along with leading ladies of the era—Maheshwari, Simran, Meena, Ooha, Sanghavi, Malavika, Reema Sen, and



Shiva Ranjani. Photos from the gathering are currently trending on social media, giving fans a peek into the stars' joyful reunion. The celebrities were seen enjoying beach strolls, yacht rides, poolside moments, and picturesque sunsets. Their candid pictures and group selfies brought back memories of the films and performances that

defined a generation.

This get-together wasn't just a nostalgic retreat—it also sparked excitement among fans, many of whom expressed a desire to see these iconic stars collaborate again on screen. Social media platforms were flooded with comments praising the bond between the actors and calling for a film featuring this beloved ensemble.

Over the years, reunions like these have become a tradition for many film personalities, fostering a sense of community across generations and industries. With the Goa celebration going viral, this latest gathering serves as a beautiful reminder of the enduring legacy of Indian cinema's 1990s stars—and the timeless connection they continue to share with fans.