



TDP eyes Jubilee Hills bypoll to re-enter Telangana politics

Major parties preparing strategies for Jubilee Hills by-election

TDP likely to field Suhasini, eyeing alliance momentum from AP

Congress, BRS, BJP already in candidate selection mode



Parties Say Yes for the Battle...

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Special Desk: Hyderabad is once again at the center of Telangana politics. Following the demise of Jubilee Hills MLA Maganti Gopinath, the political heat is rising around this high-profile constituency. With the by-election expected later this year, all major parties—Congress, BRS, BJP—and now TDP are in action mode, each trying to outmaneuver the other to clinch the coveted urban seat.

the party of expanding the successful TDP-Janasena-BJP alliance model from Andhra Pradesh into Telangana. Though there are still some differences from Telangana BJP leaders, back-channel discussions hint at a possible understanding ahead of the Greater Hyderabad elections. Sources say the TDP leadership is seriously considering fielding Nandamuri Suhasini as its candidate in Jubilee Hills. The idea is to consolidate sup-

TDP's Push to Regain Ground in Telangana

While Congress and BRS have already begun internal deliberations and formed committees to finalize their respective candidates, the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) has also jumped into the fray with renewed focus. The party, which has been on the sidelines in Telangana, now sees the Jubilee Hills bypoll as a springboard to revive its fortunes in the state. TDP's re-entry plan is not just about Jubilee Hills—it's about the bigger picture. There's talk within

port under the Nandamuri legacy and create momentum around the party's return. Suhasini has remained active in the party ranks, and her candidature could unite a wide section of voters, TDP leaders believe. The Congress is also leaving no stone unturned. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has formed a special committee with Ponnampati Prabhakar, Tummalapudi Nageswara Rao, and Vivek to assess the local dynamics. Several names are under consideration—former cricketer Azharuddin, PJR's daughter Vijaya Reddy, and Naveen Yadav. With Jubilee Hills having a strong Muslim voter base, any understanding between Congress and MIM could significantly alter the outcome. Meanwhile, BRS is likely to field a member from Maganti Gopinath's family to retain the emotional connect, though there's also talk of bringing back former MLA Vishnuvardhan Reddy if that doesn't materialize. This bypoll is set to become a litmus test for the future of many parties in Telangana. Jubilee Hills constituency was formed in 2009 after bifurcation from

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Modi Stopped War With Pakistan Despite Our Support: Kharage

- Kharage alleges Modi halted Pakistan war due to Trump's call
- PM visited 42 countries but skipped Manipur, says AICC chief
- Congress govt in Telangana credited for first caste census, fulfilling promises



TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge launched a scathing attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi and former Chief Minister KCR during the Congress 'Social Justice Rally' held at LB Stadium in Hyderabad. In a fiery speech, Kharge accused the Prime Minister of halting India's confrontation with Pakistan midway during Operation Sindoor, despite the Congress party fully backing the ini-

tiative. Kharge claimed that the Congress stood in full support of the government during the Pakistan standoff, but Modi stopped short of decisive action after receiving a call from then US President Donald Trump. "Indira Gandhi was not afraid of America's threats in 1971. But Modi halted the war with Pakistan

when Trump called. Why?" he asked. Kharge questioned whether anyone from BJP or RSS had laid down their lives for the country like Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi. He also took sharp digs at Modi for not visiting the violence-hit state of Manipur. "Modi has gone to 42 countries in the past few years but has not found time to visit Manipur, which has been in flames. Is Manipur not a part of our country?" Kharge asked, accusing the Prime Minister of ignoring domestic tragedies while focusing on international optics. Turning to state politics, Kharge praised the Telangana Congress leadership for defeating the BRS and forming a government that is fulfilling its electoral promises. "Revanth Reddy and Bhatti Vikramarka are working unitedly for the people. They have proved that Congress stands for development and justice," he said. Kharge highlighted several schemes

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Even if One Number Wrong, I'll Resign: Revanth's Open Challenge

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Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy issued a bold open challenge to former CM K. Chandrashekar Rao, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and Union Minister Kishan Reddy, daring them to come forward for a public discussion on employment numbers. He asserted that his Congress government has successfully provided 60,000 government jobs within its first year in power and vowed to resign if even a single number in that claim is proven false. Speaking at the Congress Party's 'Social Justice Struggle' rally held at LB Stadium in Hyderabad, Revanth made it clear that transparency and accountability are at the core of his administration. "If even one figure is off, I will bow down and resign," he declared emphatically. Revanth expressed supreme confidence in the Congress Party's growing popularity and governance record, stating that they will return to power in the next Assembly elections with a landslide of 100 seats. "If even one seat falls short, I will take full responsibility," he added. Rejecting skepticism over Congress's tenure, the CM affirmed that all party leaders were working with unity and purpose. "We are not running a one-man show.

Revanth Reddy says 60,000 govt jobs filled in one year

Pledges to resign if even one number is wrong

Predicts 100-seat Congress victory in next Assembly polls

Ours is collective governance, built on social justice," he stated, assuring that all party workers would be rewarded with suitable positions. Highlighting achievements in the agricultural sector, he noted that the Congress government had spent ₹1.04 lakh crore in 18 months for farmer welfare. Taking a jab at the previous BRS regime, Revanth reminded the

audience how they discouraged paddy cultivation. "They said growing paddy is a noose around your neck. But under our rule, Telangana produced 2.80 crore metric tonnes of paddy. That's our answer," he said.

He added that critics who expected the government to falter in delivering on Rythu Bharosa and welfare schemes were disappointed. "We promised a caste census and SC classification — and we delivered within one year," Revanth affirmed.

Taking a symbolic tone, he declared, "We are ending the Kalvakuntla dynasty's dominance. We raised the tricolor and are now ruling straight from the hearts of the people."

With this fiery speech, Revanth sought to reaffirm Congress's grip on Telangana and reinforce the party's commitment to social justice, employment, and transparent governance.

Allu Family in Trouble Again

- ED questions Allu Aravind in ₹101.48 crore Ramakrishna Bank scam
- ED steps up investigation; Aravind questioned for over 7 hours
- Allegation of ₹101.48 crore loan default by Ramakrishna Electronics
- Aravind summoned again; role in company still unclear



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Special Desk: The Allu family has once again found itself in the spotlight, this time over financial irregularities in the Ramakrishna Electronics Bank scam. After recent headlines involving actor Allu Arjun in the Sandhya Theater stampede case, the focus has now shifted to veteran producer Allu Aravind, who was grilled by Enforcement Directorate (ED) officials for over seven hours. The questioning was linked to a ₹101.48 crore loan taken from Union Bank of India by Ramakrishna Electronics, which remains unpaid. Suspecting money laundering, the ED filed an ECIR based on a case registered by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), triggering a deeper probe. In 2024, the ED conducted raids in Hyderabad, Kurnool, and Ghaziabad, seizing cash worth ₹1.45 crore. According to sources, ED officials are investigating whether Allu Aravind had any direct or indirect links to the company's transactions. His name

reportedly surfaced during the financial probe of the firm's dealings. Though his exact role is yet to be confirmed, the ED has summoned him for a second round of questioning next week.

Officials believe that several bank officials may have violated Reserve Bank of India (RBI) norms by approving high-value loans and allegedly diverting funds. The extent of Allu Aravind's involvement, if any, remains under investigation.

Allu Aravind, a prominent figure in Tollywood, is the son of legendary actor Allu Ramalingaiah and the founder of Geetha Arts, one of the most successful film production banners in the Telugu film industry. Known for producing numerous blockbuster films, Aravind is also the father of star hero Allu Arjun and actor Allu Sirish.

As the probe deepens, the developments surrounding Allu Aravind's questioning have stirred serious discussion within the film and financial circles, with the industry now watching closely for the next moves from the ED.

Josh in Congress After Grand Success of ‘Samajika Nyaya Samarabheri’

- Over 50,000 Congress workers attend rally at LB Stadium
- Kharge, Revanth, Mahesh Goud lead powerful speeches
- TPCC’s first major show of strength under new leadership

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Hyderabad turned into a Congress stronghold on Friday as the “Samajika Nyaya Samarabheri Sabha,” led by newly appointed TPCC President MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud, witnessed an overwhelming turnout and marked a major political success for the party in Telangana.

The LB Stadium, packed to capacity, saw the participation of over 50,000 grassroots leaders, workers, and sympathizers, transforming the event into a massive show of strength. The volume of attendees created traffic jams around the city, with hundreds of buses and private vehicles making their way to the venue from all corners of the state. The public meeting carried a clear message — that the Congress is committed to social justice, equity, and inclusive governance. The event also



served as a platform to showcase the organizational depth and renewed discipline under Mahesh Kumar Goud’s leadership, who has taken charge of the TPCC with a fresh vision. AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge graced the occasion as chief guest and was joined by key national and state leaders including AICC General Secretary KC Venugopal, Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, AICC in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan, Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, and several state ministers. Their

presence added significant weight to the event. The speeches by Kharge, Revanth Reddy, Bhatti Vikramarka, and Mahesh Kumar Goud electrified the gathering. Each of them highlighted the Congress government’s commitment to fulfilling its guarantees and pushing for caste census, SC classification, and rights for gig workers. Revanth reiterated the government’s achievements, while Kharge called out the BJP’s failures on issues like Manipur and Pakistan.



Ahead of the event, TPCC had deployed newly appointed vice-presidents and general secretaries as constituency in-charges for smooth coordination — a move that paid off. Their ground-level mobilization ensured massive turnout and flawless organization. For Mahesh Kumar Goud, this was the first major test after taking charge as TPCC President. The successful conduct of the Sabha has not only elevated his stature but also reaffirmed the Congress cadre’s faith in his leadership.

The rally, organized with the upcoming local body elections in mind, has given a fresh boost to the Congress party in Telangana. The roaring crowd, passionate slogans, and strategic messaging have set the tone for the next phase of political activity in the state. The resounding success of the Samajika Nyaya Samarabheri Sabha has infused new life into the Congress camp, signaling that the party is gearing up with renewed vigor and unity for the battles ahead.

KCR Reviews State Issues from Hospital



- BRS chief discusses farmers’ concerns, urea crisis with party leaders
- Key leaders including KTR, Harish Rao meet KCR at Yashoda Hospital

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Even while undergoing treatment at Yashoda Hospital in Somajiguda, BRS chief and former Chief Minister K. Chandrababtu Naidu (KCR) remains focused on public issues and the political situation in the state. On Friday, he held a detailed review with party leaders who came to consult and visit him, demonstrating his continued involvement in party affairs and people’s problems.

Leaders including K.T. Rama Rao, Harish Rao, MLAs, former MLAs, and other senior party members gathered at the hospital. During this informal but significant meeting, KCR engaged in in-depth discussions on several burning issues in the state. He particularly sought updates on the challenges faced by farmers, including the ongoing urea shortage and irrigation concerns. Leaders reportedly conveyed that farmers in many districts are struggling to access urea, and flagged the controversy surrounding the Banakacharla irrigation water issue, expressing dissatisfaction with

the state government’s approach. KCR is said to have patiently listened to the inputs and collected feedback from field-level leaders, signaling his intent to stay connected with grassroots realities. His review focused on public grievances, agricultural stress, and ground-level developments, even as he recovers under medical supervision. The unexpected but impactful review meeting from the hospital has become a talking point within BRS circles, showing KCR’s continued grip over party operations and state issues despite his health condition.

CPM MLA Sambasiva Rao, MLC Satyam Demand Judicial Probe into Sigachi Accident

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Kothagudem CPM MLA Kunamaneni Sambasiva Rao and Nalgonda MLC Nallikanthi Satyam have expressed deep grief over the tragic accident at Sigachi Industries in Pashamilaram, Patancheru mandal, Sangareddy district. The leaders visited the injured victims undergoing treatment at Dhruva Hospital on Friday and interacted with their families. Speaking to the media, MLA Sambasiva Rao described the incident as one of the most devastating industrial accidents in the country in recent times, despite the advancement in modern industrial technology. While appreciating the Telangana government’s prompt relief response, he stressed the need for a thorough investigation and stringent action against those responsible. MLC Nallikanthi Satyam blamed the mishap on serious lapses in safety standards, lack of inspections, and employment of untrained workers. He alleged that Pollution Control Board (PCB) officials were acting under the influence of



the industry owners and failed to enforce mandatory safety protocols. “The state government must register a criminal case against the management of Sigachi Industries and order a judicial inquiry,” MLC Satyam demanded. He also emphasized the need for enforcing safety audits across all hazardous industries in the state to prevent future tragedies. The leaders reiterated that only a comprehensive investigation can reveal the real causes of the accident and ensure justice to the affected families. They urged the government to take long-term steps to enhance workplace safety in all chemical and industrial units operating in Telangana.

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Khairatabad. Since then, it has seen intense contests—P. Vishnuvardhan Reddy (Congress) won in 2009, Maganti Gopinath (TDP-turned-BRS) won in 2014, 2018, and 2023. Now, with TDP sensing an opportunity and preparing surveys, they are gearing up to spend big and assert their relevance. The political arithmetic here is complex, with each party counting its

strengths and aiming to pull off a surprise. The buzz is clear—Jubilee Hills is no ordinary bypoll. It has turned into a launchpad for parties planning their future in Telangana, especially the TDP, which is looking to write its second chapter in the state’s political history. All eyes are on who takes the big leap and how voters respond.

Modi Stopped War With Pakistan Despite Our Support: Kharge

being implemented by the Telangana Congress government, including free bus travel for women, ₹8,200 crore in financial support to farmers through Rythu Bharosa, and free rice for the poor. He also noted that Telangana was the first state in the country to conduct a caste census under the Congress administration. In a significant announcement, he revealed that the state govern-

ment is in the process of bringing a new law for the welfare and rights of gig workers, reinforcing the Congress’s commitment to marginalized communities and social justice. Kharge concluded his speech by calling on Congress leaders and cadre to continue fighting for equity and dignity, stressing that social justice would remain the cornerstone of the party’s agenda.

EC Shocks 13 Parties in Telangana

Show-cause notices for failing to contest polls in 6 years

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In a significant move, the Telangana State Election Commission has issued show-cause notices to 13 registered political parties that have not contested any elections in the last six years. The Commission has asked these parties to explain why their recognition should not be revoked, signaling a strong message against inactive political outfits in the state. The notices, issued through the respective district collectors and election officers, were served on Friday. The Commission directed district officials to publicize the matter through newspapers and social media, ensuring transparency in the process. Parties have been instructed to respond promptly, and the collectors must submit a comprehensive report on each case by July 10. State Chief Electoral Officer Sudarshan Reddy stated that the final recommendation, based on the district-level reports, would be forwarded to the Central Election Commission. The move is part of an ongoing effort to clean up the electoral landscape by removing non-functional political entities from official records. Parties That Received Notices:

1. Telangana Karmika Rythu Rajyam Party – Hanamkonda
2. Indian Minorities Political Party – Hyderabad
3. Jago Party – Hyderabad
4. National People’s Congress – Hyderabad
5. Telangana Lok Satta Party – Hyderabad
6. Telangana Minorities OBC Rajyam – Hyderabad
7. Yuva Party – Hyderabad
8. Bahujan Samaj Party (Ambedkar-Phule) – Medchal Malkajgiri
9. Telangana Students United for Nation Party – Medchal Malkajgiri
10. Andhra Pradesh Rashtra Samaikya Samiti Party – Ranga Reddy
11. National Women’s Party – Ranga Reddy
12. Yuva Telangana Party – Ranga Reddy
13. Telangana Praja Samithi (Kishore, Rao, Kishan) – Warangal



The Election Commission’s decision underscores the importance of active political participation and accountability in a democratic setup. Inactive parties that merely retain registration without engaging in electoral processes will now face the threat of de-recognition unless they provide a valid justification for their non-participation.



Feroz Khan says he respects women, didn't mean to offend

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Congress leader Feroz Khan appeared before the Secunderabad Women's Commission on Friday and clarified his recent controversial remarks. Facing questions from Commission Chairperson Nerella Sarada, Feroz Khan asserted that he has always respected women and never intended to speak in a disrespectful manner. Addressing the controversy surrounding his use of the word "kikutaru", Feroz explained, "It is not a bad word. In Hindi, it simply translates to 'kya ukadarta'. There's no need to take it as an insult." He firmly stated that he sees no reason to apologize, either to the poet concerned or to anyone else. Acknowledging that public figures need to be more cautious with their language, Feroz Khan said, "From now on, I will try to use words like 'garu' and 'ji' before I speak. But sometimes, what can I do if I speak in a flow?" He added that he has given hundreds of public lectures without any complaints, and advised people not to take spontaneous words too seriously. The Women's Commission is expected to submit a report based on his explanation.

We Will Regain Power With 90 Seats: TPCC Chief



TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud expressed strong confidence that the Congress Party would once again form the government in Telangana by securing 90 seats in the upcoming elections. Addressing party leaders during a key meeting held at Gandhi Bhavan on Friday, Goud said the Congress would win on the strength of its welfare and development agenda and its sincere commitment to social justice. Speaking at the wide-ranging TPCC meeting, Mahesh Goud stated that the recent distribution of political posts across the state stands as proof of the party's dedication to social equity. "Our government has ensured that all sections are represented fairly. A person from the upper caste has been made Chief Minister, I, a BC, have been made the PCC chief, four Dalits have been inducted as ministers, and another Dalit has been appointed as the Speaker," he said. Reiterating the party's inclusive approach, he said this kind of representation was rarely seen before and it reflects Congress's ideological foundation. He asserted that this inclusive governance would resonate with the people in both rural and urban areas. In a strategic move ahead of the local body elections, Mahesh Goud announced the organization of a major political rally titled 'Social Justice Struggle'. He revealed that AICC President Mallikarjuna Kharge would be attending the event and would provide guidance and directions to the Congress cadre at the grassroots level, particularly to village-level party presidents. Calling upon the newly appointed leaders, he said, "Everyone who has received new responsibilities from the party should work with full dedication and contribute to the Congress victory in the coming elections." With the Congress positioning itself as a champion of social justice and aiming to strengthen its organizational roots ahead of local polls, Mahesh Goud's statements signal a politically charged campaign season in Telangana.

"I Will Become CM One Day..." Says Kavitha

BRS MLC rules out new party, asserts leadership claim within BRS
Kavitha vows to become CM even if it takes 10-20 years
Blames internal sabotage, says KCR is surrounded by 'demons'
Admits political rift with KTR, eyes MLA seat in next election

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In a bold and emotional revelation, Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) MLC Kalvakuntla Kavitha has declared her long-term political ambition to become the Chief Minister of Telangana, even if it takes her a decade or more to achieve it. In a candid interview, Kavitha opened up about internal strife within the party, her strained political equation with brother K.T. Rama Rao (KTR), and her determination to stay within BRS rather than float a new party. "I won't launch a new party. BRS is my party," Kavitha asserted, while expressing deep dissatisfaction with the way the party has been functioning. She alleged that several "demons" have surrounded her father and party chief K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR), and that BRS will only survive if these elements are removed. She squarely blamed these internal forces for the party's downfall and the loss of her own Nizamabad MP seat.

Kavitha said she lacked support during critical moments, particularly during her interrogation in the Enforcement Directorate case. "Even in the ED case, I stood alone without proper backing from my party," she remarked. On her relationship with KTR, Kavitha admitted there are no personal differences but acknowledged a clear political gap. "A letter I wrote to KCR was leaked. That led to this situation," she noted. Regarding speculations around phone tapping, she said she didn't believe KCR was behind it but suspected lower-level officials might have done it. She expressed confidence that there is growing discontent among the public against the current Congress government, and said she believes BRS has a real chance to return to power in the next elections. Kavitha also declared her intention to contest as an MLA and vowed to strengthen her cultural and social organization 'Jagruthi' across all con-



stituencies. Meanwhile, her father and BRS president KCR was hospitalized at Yashoda Hospital in Somajiguda on account of fever and fatigue. Doctors confirmed that he is stable but suffering from elevated blood sugar levels and low sodium levels. Kavitha visited him at the hospital and spoke to the doctors about his health.

Etela's Close Aide Ramidi Venkat Reddy Set to Join BRS



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In a significant political development, Alwal Venkatapuram leader and Etela Rajender's close follower Ramidi Venkat Reddy is all set to join the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS). Sources reveal that the decision comes in the wake of Etela being sidelined in the BJP, particularly with the denial of the state president post. According to reliable information, Venkat Reddy and his close associates have been holding discussions with BRS MLC Kalvakuntla Kavitha over the past two days. Their decision to shift loyalties is reportedly just a matter of

formality now. "We felt that when our leader Etela Rajender, who has served the people with dedication, did not get the respect he deserved in the BJP, there was no future for us in the party," Ramidi Venkat Reddy is said to have told close associates. The move is expected to further dent BJP's hold in key pockets of Telangana, especially in constituencies where Etela once had significant influence. Reddy's switch could also mark the beginning of more desertions, as Etela's supporters re-evaluate their political future ahead of the local elections.

No Loss Even If You Leave The Party: Telangana BJP Chief Warns



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Telangana BJP President Ramachandra Rao issued a stern warning to dissenting voices within the party, asserting that discipline and ideology are non-negotiable in the BJP. Speaking to the media on Friday, Rao stated in clear terms that the party will not suffer even if individual leaders decide to leave. "There's no great loss to the BJP if someone walks away. The party stands on ideology, not on individuals," he declared. Rao emphasized that no leader is above the party and reminded everyone of a significant historical precedent: "Even Balraj Madhok, one of the founders of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh, was suspended for indiscipline. The same principles apply today. We will not tolerate deviation from the party's line," he said. These remarks come in the backdrop of Goshamahal MLA T. Raja Singh's resignation from the BJP due to dissat-

isfaction with internal affairs. Rao's comments are being viewed as a direct response to growing unrest among some sections of the state BJP leadership. Apart from addressing internal dissent, Ramachandra Rao also took to social media to launch a scathing attack on the Congress Party. He accused the Congress of organizing events under the guise of promoting social justice, while in reality, suppressing marginalized communities. "Telangana has become an endless source of exploitation for the Congress," he said. He criticized the Congress for its failure to implement the six guarantees promised during the assembly elections and accused them of deceiving Backward Classes, Scheduled Castes, and Scheduled Tribes. "They talk about 'Jai Bapu, Jai Bhim, Jai Samvidhan', but they trample on the very ideals these slogans stand for," Rao said. Rao further reminded that the Congress once imposed the Emergency and crushed democratic values, adding that its current approach continues to undermine justice and constitutional norms. With local body elections nearing and internal strife emerging within the Telangana BJP, Ramachandra Rao's assertive comments reflect the party's attempt to restore order and draw sharp contrasts with the ruling Congress government.

Has A Single BC Been Made CM in 50 Years?: Bandi Sanjay

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Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay lashed out at the Congress party, accusing it of decades of neglect towards Backward Classes (BCs). Responding to the Congress-led 'Social Justice Struggle' meeting, Sanjay demanded that the event be renamed as 'Social Injustice Samara Bheri', arguing that the Congress has no moral right to talk about social justice. Speaking to media persons, Sanjay posed direct questions to the Congress leadership: "Has the party that ruled the country for over 50 years ever made a single BC leader the Prime Minister? Has it appointed even one BC as Chief Minister?" He questioned the basis on which the Congress was holding such a meeting when its own record towards BC representation was dismal. He further criticized the Telangana Congress government, pointing out that BCs constitute half of the state's population, yet they have not been adequately represented in the current cabinet. He said that apart from Ponnam Prabhakar, no significant ministry has been allocated to other BCs, exposing the party's superficial commitment to social justice. Bandi Sanjay also took aim at the Congress government for failing to implement its much-publicized six guarantees. "What happened to the promises made during the elections? Has even a single one been implemented in full?" he questioned, alleging that the state leadership has failed to deliver on its core promises. On the issue of urea shortage, Sanjay dismissed the Congress government's claims, stating that the drama being played out in the name of fertilizer shortage is a political move aimed at defaming the central government. He alleged that the state agriculture minister Tummala Nageswara Rao is being misled by officials and insisted that the Centre is fully supportive of Telangana's fertilizer needs, even beyond the requested quantities. Confident about the BJP's growing support base in the state, Sanjay stated, "People are increasingly leaning towards the BJP in the upcoming local body elections. The Congress is afraid of this shift, which is why it is resorting to diversionary tactics." His sharp criticism signals an aggressive tone from the BJP ahead of the local polls, placing a spotlight on caste representation, governance gaps, and perceived failures in Congress's delivery of election promises.



Take Preventive Measures to Curb Infections: GHMC Commissioner

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GHMC Commissioner R.V. Karnan urged officials to take comprehensive precautions to prevent the spread of seasonal and vector-borne diseases during the monsoon. He chaired a one-day workshop at the GHMC headquarters on Friday with officials from GHMC, medical and health departments, and research institutions to review preparedness and strategies for disease prevention. Zonal Commissioners Anurag Jayanthi, Apoorva Chauhan, Hemant Sahadev Rao, Additional Commissioners Raghu Prasad, Subhadra, CMHO Dr. Padmaja, and health officials from Hyderabad, Medchal, Rangareddy, and Sangareddy districts participated. Also present were Osmania University Professor J. Venkateswara Rao and IICT scientist K. Lakshmi Narayana Raju. Commissioner Karnan stated that fogging and Anti-Larval Operations (ALO) have been intensified across GHMC limits to tackle diseases like dengue and malaria. He called for fur-

ther enhancement of these operations and urged officials to share innovative suggestions. “Public cooperation, along with the coordination of elected representatives and departmental support, is vital in disease prevention,” he stressed. He instructed auxiliary medical officers to act as nodal officers in urban areas and suggested that ANMs, ASHA workers, Anganwadi teachers, and SHG members replicate awareness and education programs from rural areas within the city. **CMHO Padmaja’s update on field actions:** Dr. Padmaja detailed the fever surveys, ALO and fogging programs carried out under Urban Malaria schemes. She said mosquito control fogging is happening daily in 150 wards, with each ward covered weekly. IEC (Information, Education & Communication) programs are also being run in schools and colleges to build awareness. Experts emphasize science-led disease prevention:



- Dr. Venkateswara Rao, Deputy Director of the NVBDCP, elaborated on dengue and malaria prevention protocols.
 - Dr. Balaji, Joint Director of IDSP, spoke on seasonal disease preparedness.
 - Professor Venkateswara Rao from Osmania University explained mosquito behavior and how technology can help identify and control high-risk areas.
 - Scientist K. Lakshmi Narayana Raju of IICT shared innovative lake-restoration methods to prevent mosquito breeding, including natural composting of organic waste.
- District officials report rising cases:**
Hyderabad DMO Dr. Venkanna

warned that dengue cases peak in September and stressed aggressive anti-larval and awareness programs, especially around schools, markets, and theaters. Medchal’s Dr. Uma added that emergency response teams are being deployed in high-risk zones with support from GHMC. Rangareddy malaria officials noted that local collectors are conducting teleconferences to monitor high mosquito-density zones and direct clean-up operations in dumping areas and stagnant water locations. The GHMC CPRO released the statement following the workshop.

Former Governor and CM Sri Konijeti Rosaiah birth anniversary Commemorated at DGP Office



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The birth anniversary of former Governor and former Chief Minister of united Andhra Pradesh, Sri Konijeti Rosaiah, was observed with solemnity and reverence at the DGP Office on Friday. The program was organized under the instructions of the State Government. Additional Director General of Police (Law and Order), Sri Mahesh M. Bhagwat, IPS, led the commemorative ceremony by garlanding the portrait of Sri Konijeti Rosaiah and offering a ceremonial salute in his honour. The gathering remembered Sri K. Rosaiah’s exemplary statesmanship, humility, and unwavering commitment to public service. His enduring contributions to governance and administration were recalled with deep respect by the officers and staff present. Inspector General of Police (CID & Coordination) Sri M. Srinivasulu, C.S.O Sri CH Yogeshwar Rao, DSPs Sri Udaya Bhaskar and Sri A. Venugopal, officials and staff of the DGP Office participated in the program.

Cyberabad Police Hold Awareness Meet with Spa Owners



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The Cyberabad Police on Friday organized a joint awareness and coordination meeting with spa and massage centre owners across the Madhapur Zone. The session was held at the Cyberabad Commissioner Office Auditorium and was led by the Anti-Human Trafficking Unit (AHTU), Law & Order Wing, and the Special Operations Team (SOT). The primary focus of the session was to raise awareness about legal compliance, strengthen vigilance against human traffick-

ing, and foster cooperation from spa businesses to protect public safety and the city’s image. The Cyberabad Police have issued a set of strict guidelines for spa centres to ensure lawful and transparent operations. As per the latest regulations, no sexual activity of any kind is permitted on the premises. Spa centres must operate strictly between 9:00 AM and 9:00 PM, and the premises should not be used for residential purposes or be connected to any residential areas. Only qualified therapists with credentials in Physiothera-

py, Acupressure, or Occupational Therapy are allowed to offer services. All staff members, including housekeeping personnel, must be above 18 years of age, and their complete details must be maintained in employee registers. Additionally, spas are required to clearly display their name, license information, working hours, services offered, and corresponding fees. CCTV surveillance is mandatory at all entrances, reception areas, and common spaces, with recorded footage to be securely stored for a minimum of three months. In accordance with the POSH Act, centres with more than ten employees must constitute an Internal Complaints Committee to handle workplace grievances. Reinforcing the Telangana High Court’s 2021 directives, the Cyberabad Police reminded spa owners that customer registers must include the name, address, contact number, and date of visit for verification purposes. These registers should be readily accessi-

ble for inspection by any police officer of Sub-Inspector rank or above. Moreover, the main entrance doors of spa centres must remain open during operating hours to ensure public transparency and safety. Police warned that any violations of these rules will attract stringent legal action under the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act and other applicable laws. The meeting saw participation from senior officers including Madhapur DCP Dr. Vineeth G. IPS, Women & Child Safety Wing DCP Srujana Karnam, Madhapur SOT DCP Shoban Kumar, Madhapur SOT ADCP Srinivas Reddy, W&CSW ACP Satyanarayana, Miyapur Law & Order ACP Srinivas, and AHTU Inspector Jamesh Babu. Several spa centre representatives from the Madhapur zone also took part. The police made it clear that the intent is not to harass legitimate businesses, but to ensure full compliance with the law to prevent any misuse of spa establishments.

Plantation Drive Held at Upparipally Government School

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As part of a green initiative, a plantation drive was organized by Excellency School and College at the government school in Upparipally, Thoonkunta Municipality. Shamirpet Circle Inspector Srinath and Municipal Commissioner Jyoti attended the event as chief guests and joined students in planting saplings. Speaking on the occasion, CI Srinath expressed his happiness in participating alongside students and emphasized the importance of instilling environmental awareness in young minds. “If we plant more saplings today, they will become the shield of tomorrow for future generations,” he said. He stressed that children should be educated on their responsibility to protect the environment from a young age. Excellency School and College Principal Neerja Kaushik echoed these sentiments, stating that building environmental consciousness in children is a key aspect of their overall development. She thanked the local administration for supporting the initiative. The event saw enthusiastic participation from students, faculty, and local community members. Excellency Campus Head Bhanu Prasad, Senior Administrative Officer Ramchandra Rao, and several local leaders were also present. The sapling drive aimed not just at greening the school surroundings but also at instilling a sense of civic and ecological duty among students.



Ganja Seized in Two Separate Cases in Saroornagar and Dholpet

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Excise enforcement authorities have cracked down on ganja smuggling in two separate incidents in Saroornagar and Dholpet, seizing a total of over 4 kilograms of the banned substance. In the first case, STFC Team SI Shobharani, acting on credible information, seized 3 kilograms of ganja in the Halmasguda area under the Saroornagar Excise Station limits. The accused, Sabavat Hanuma, a resident of

Chintathanda village in P.A. Pally mandal of Nalgonda district, was reportedly living in the area and selling ganja. STFC CI Venkateshwarlu confirmed that the accused and the seized ganja have been handed over to the Saroornagar Excise Station for further legal action. In a separate case in Dholpet, the STFA team raided a residential house at 13-1-514/25 based on a tip-off and recovered 1.126 kilograms of ganja. Team leader Anji Redda said

that a woman identified as Mayabai was arrested on the spot. Additionally, a case has also been registered against Baldev Singh, who is said to be linked to the illegal activity. The accused was handed over to the Dholpet Excise Station. Officials said that strict action will be taken against those involved in the smuggling and sale of banned narcotics and that the drive against illegal drugs will continue across Hyderabad.

Experience Offers Solutions, Says Excise Commissioner at Shastri’s Felicitation



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Prohibition and Excise Commissioner C. Hari Kiran lauded the value of experience in governance and administration, stating that “Experience provides solutions to problems,” as he paid tribute to K.A.B. Shastri, Joint Commissioner of the Excise Department, who retired on June 30 after a distinguished 36-year career. Speaking at a grand retirement felicitation ceremony organized by the Excise Officers Association at Minerva Grand Hotel in Secunderabad on Thursday night, Commissioner Hari Kiran said, “Though Shastri was not very acquainted with technology, his vast experience helped the de-

partment navigate many complex challenges. In the nine months I observed his work, there was never an instance that caused anger or disappointment.” He added that although losing such experience is a setback for the department, retirement is a natural transition and a “mistake we cannot prevent.” Additional Commissioner Syed Yasin Qureshi, who also spoke at the event, remarked that Shastri’s decades of service have been of immense value to the Excise Department. “His commitment and calmness under pressure became a model for others,” he noted.

In his farewell address, Shastri reflected on his career, saying, “In our early days, we believed it was our duty to train the lower-level staff and execute higher officials’ orders without complaint. That quiet discipline became my Sri Rama Raksha – my protection throughout service.” The event was attended by retired officials, family members, and senior officers including Medak DC J. Hari Kishan, Joint Commissioner Suresh Radhod, and other dignitaries. The program concluded with the felicitation of Shastri and his spouse, marking a warm and emotional send-off to a dedicated public servant.

DGP Jitender Lays Foundation for New Police Stations in Kodangal

₹10 crore allocated for construction of 4 modern police stations
DGP urges youth to stay away from drugs and lead meaningful lives
Special drive to curb interstate drug trafficking in Telangana

TPN | V. Krishna Kumar
Vikarabad: Telangana Director General of Police Dr. Jitender on Friday laid the foundation stone for four new police stations in Kodangal, Vikarabad district, aimed at enhancing law and order infrastructure in the region. The total cost of the construction is estimated at ₹10 crore. The Bhoomi Puja ceremony took place at the police station premises in the town center.

Accompanied by Police Housing Corporation Chairman Gurnath Reddy, Vikarabad District Collector Pratik Jain, DIG Tapsir Egbal, SP Narayana Reddy, and Housing IGP Ramesh, the DGP formally launched the project. The proposed police stations include the Kodangal Police Station at ₹2.96 crore, Circle Police Station at ₹84.50 lakh, Dudyal Police Station at ₹3 crore, and Bommaraspet Police Station at ₹2.96 crore.

Speaking on the occasion, DGP Jitender emphasized that the government is committed to developing police infrastructure with modern amenities to ensure public convenience and effective law enforcement. He assured that the construction of the police stations will be completed promptly and made operational at the earliest. Addressing the growing menace of drug abuse, the DGP issued a strong appeal to the

youth of Telangana. "Addiction is ruining lives and breaking families. Young people should understand the devastating effects of drugs and choose a better path for their future," he warned. He further added that the police department has intensified surveillance to prevent the movement of drugs from other states and is taking strict legal action against those involved in the illegal trade. Officials including Tandoor Sub-Collector Uma Shankar Prasad, Assistant Trainee Collector Harsh Chaudhary, Parigi DSP Srinivas, Kada Special Officer Venkat Reddy, Tehsildar



Vijayakumar, and several local leaders also participated in the event. The initiative marks a significant step in strengthening grassroots policing while also reinforcing the state's resolve to fight the drug menace.

Bandi Sanjay To Distribute 20,000 Bicycles To Students

TPN | Srikanth Gurram
Karimnagar: Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar is set to mark his birthday on July 11 with a large-scale welfare initiative. As a gift from Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Bandi Sanjay will distribute 20,000 bicycles to tenth class students across his Karimnagar parliamentary constituency. This initiative aims to support students studying in government and residential schools who often face transportation challenges. Recognizing the need, especially among poor families, Sanjay decided to provide bicycles to help students commute safely to and from school, including for special evening classes in their crucial academic year. In the first phase, around 5,000 bicycles—each worth ₹4,000—will be distributed on July 8 or 9. The bicycles will feature Prime Minister Narendra Modi's photo on one side of the rod and Bandi Sanjay's photo on the other. An additional order for bicycles was placed with a reputed manufacturing company last month, and the remaining units will be distributed in phases



by mandal and assembly constituency. According to constituency-wise data, Karimnagar district has 3,096 tenth class students, while Rajanna Sircilla has the highest among them with 3,841 students. Jagtial district accounts for 1,137 students, followed by Siddipet with 783, and Hanmakonda with 491 students. In total, 9,348 tenth class students stand to benefit. Apart from this, each of the 66 divisions under the Karimnagar Corporation will receive 50 bicycles. Every mandal will be allotted 100 bicycles. Addi-

tionally, 50 bicycles will be distributed to each ward in Huzurabad, Jammikunta, Husnabad, Sircilla, Vemulawada, Choppadandi, and Kothapalli municipalities. Even village panchayats will receive 10 to 25 bicycles each. Bandi Sanjay's team is preparing to roll out the distribution in a systematic, phase-wise manner once all the bicycles arrive. This gesture is expected to significantly ease the burden on underprivileged students and stands as a personal and political outreach effort linked to both Sanjay's birthday and Modi's welfare image.

SP Rohit Raju Reaches Out to Tribals

Community Connect Program held in Lakshmidevipalli Mandal

TPN | Anvesh Reddy
Bhadradri Kothagudem: In a step toward strengthening ties with tribal communities, Bhadradri Kothagudem District SP Rohit Raju IPS participated in the Community Connect Program organized in Gutthikoya village, Gangamma Colony of Lakshmidevipalli mandal on Friday. The event was conducted by Lakshmidevipalli Police and witnessed the participation of Additional SP (Operations) G. Narender and Kothagudem DSP Rahman. Speaking at the event, SP Rohit Raju said the police department is committed to the welfare and development of tribal people in the district. He emphasized that providing basic facilities in remote areas is a priority and urged the local tribal youth to pursue education seriously as a means to uplift their lives and communities. He appealed to villagers to inform the police if any strangers are seen entering their village, highlighting the importance of community vigilance. With the onset of the monsoon, SP Raju also advised the residents to maintain cleanliness around their homes to prevent mosquito-borne diseases such as dengue, malaria, and typhoid. As part of the outreach, the SP personally distributed blankets and mosquito nets to 27 families in the village. He also assured



the residents that efforts are underway to resolve longstanding electricity and mobile network problems by coordinating with the relevant departments. Later, SP Rohit Raju visited the Madde group and interacted with the tribal families there to understand their current situation and challenges. The police team reiterated their continued support and presence in the region. SB Inspector Srinivas, Chunchupally CI Venkateshwarlu, Lakshmidevipalli SI Ramana Reddy, SI Karthik, and personnel from the Lakshmidevipalli Police Station and Special Party were also part of the initiative, reaffirming the department's commitment to inclusive policing.

Married Woman Found Dead in Medchal, Husband Missing

Family alleges murder; police begin investigation

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A 22-year-old married woman, Prashanthi, was found dead under suspicious circumstances in Medchal on Friday, triggering shock and concern among locals. The incident occurred within the limits of the Medchal police station, where police are now investigating the case. Prashanthi, a native of Muppala village in Kandukuru mandal, Andhra Pradesh, had been married to Rambabu, a mason, for less than a year. The couple had recently rented a room at KLR Ventures in Medchal town and moved in about a month ago. They have a five-month-old baby. According to the victim's relatives, calls to Rambabu's phone on Friday morning went unanswered as the device was switched off. Concerned, the family members went to the house and were horrified to find Prashanthi dead. Her infant child was found crying beside the body, while Rambabu was reportedly missing from the scene. Relatives have alleged that Rambabu may have killed Prashanthi and fled the location. The Medchal police arrived at the scene shortly after being alerted and began collecting preliminary information. Forensic teams are expected to assist in determining the cause of death. Police have registered a case and are actively searching for Rambabu. Further investigation is underway to determine whether it was a case of murder or suicide. The postmortem report is awaited to establish the exact cause of death.



Collector Visits Welfare School, Urges Students to Build Bright Futures

Collector Manu Chowdhury reviews facilities and meal quality

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Medchal Malkajgiri District Collector Mikkilineni Manu Chowdhury inspected the Telangana State Social Welfare Residential School and Junior College (Girls) in Kishtapur under Medchal municipal limits on Friday. During his visit, the Collector encouraged students to study with dedication and shape a golden future for themselves. Interacting with the students, he inquired about the facilities provided at the school, including the quality of food and overall living conditions. The Collector examined the daily menu chart and inspected the day's meals, ensuring they



matched the prescribed plan. He also asked the students about their academic streams in the intermediate sections and the total student strength. Addressing infrastructural needs, the Collector advised the school Principal to ensure sufficient tables and chairs in

the dining hall. He also directed staff to maintain a register for tracking the expiry dates of cooking supplies and to regularly check the quality of stored utensils. As part of the inspection, he reviewed the under-construction hall on the second floor.

School Principal Lalitha and Zonal Officer Rajitha submitted a list of required repairs and improvements, including drainage pipelines, toilet renovations, mosquito net installations, and new flooring. The Collector asked them to submit detailed proposals along with estimated costs for both major and minor repairs, assuring that the needs would be taken up for appropriate action. The visit was a step toward improving the learning environment for students and boosting morale through both infrastructure development and motivational guidance from the district administration.

Rohingyas Caught Near BJP Leader's House in Nadar Gul

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Tension prevailed in Nadar Gul after BJP workers caught four Rohingya youths moving suspiciously near BJP State Leader Andela Sriramulu Yadav's residence and handed them over to the Mirpet police. The incident has raised serious concerns within the party as the workers suspect that the individuals were attempting a reconnaissance or possible raid. According to reports, another Rohingya youth was seen standing outside

Andela's house, pretending to be someone purchasing old goods. When one of the workers approached him for questioning, he fled the spot, abandoning his vehicle. This further deepened suspicion among the BJP cadre, who believe this youth was also part of a planned activity targeting their leader. Mirpet Inspector Nagaraju confirmed that the police are questioning the detained youths and are probing the incident from all possible angles. Authorities are also verifying the identities and

backgrounds of those caught, including whether they have valid documentation and what exactly their intent was near the BJP leader's residence. The BJP leaders have demanded a thorough investigation, stressing that any attempt to target their members must be dealt with seriously. Meanwhile, the incident has triggered political speculation in the area, with locals and party activists closely watching how the case unfolds.

The Dragon-Scorpion Embrace, And Why India Can't Afford To Ignore It

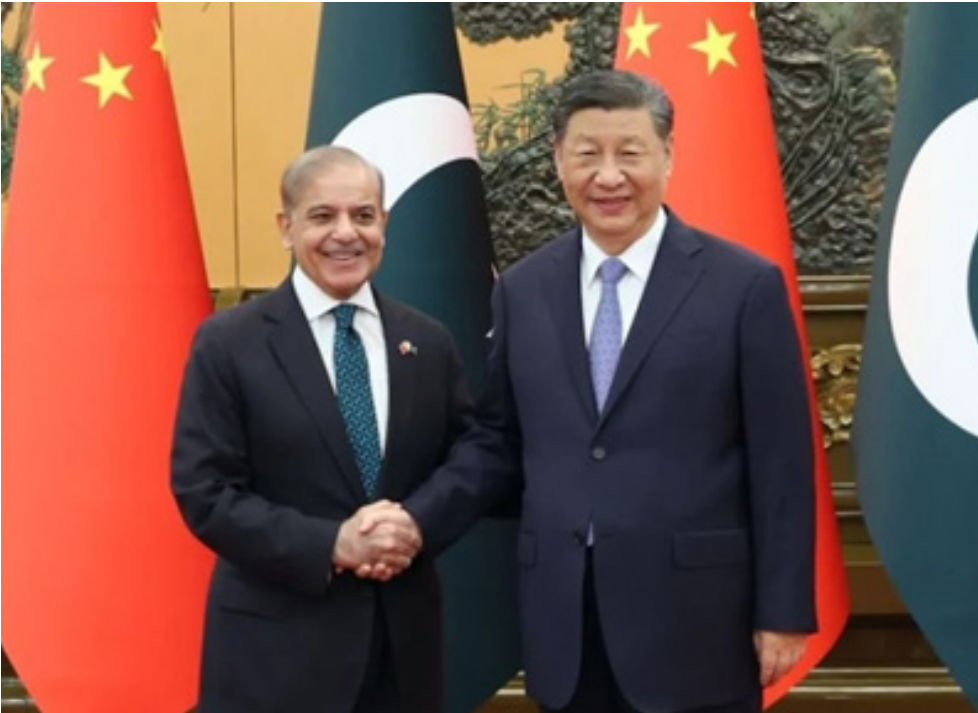
The China-Pakistan Nexus: A Strategic Challenge for India's Future

The geopolitical landscape of South Asia has always been complex, marked by long-standing rivalries and calculated moves. In recent years, however, one development has drawn increasing strategic concern from New Delhi: the deepening and more assertive alliance between China and Pakistan. This relationship is far more than a simple partnership born of shared antagonism towards India. It represents a sophisticated and multi-layered collaboration with serious implications for India's security, economic progress, and regional influence.

Historically, India's understanding of the China-Pakistan relationship has often been limited to Pakistan's dependence on Chinese military hardware and Beijing's diplomatic protection at global forums like the United Nations. While these factors remain relevant, they only scratch the surface of a far broader and more complex engagement.

Beyond Military Ties: Economic and Strategic Depth

The China-Pakistan partnership extends deeply into economic and strategic spheres, exemplified most clearly by the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). As a flagship project of China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and its largest foreign investment in dollar terms, CPEC is more than a developmental venture for Pakistan. It is



a strategic conduit that secures China's foothold in South Asia and the Indian Ocean region. The corridor runs through Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, a territory India claims as its own, and links Gwadar Port on the Arabian Sea directly to China's western provinces. This connection bypasses longer and more vulnerable shipping routes like those through the Malacca Strait or the Suez Canal, drastically cutting transit time and costs. For China, Gwadar is not just a commercial hub but a strategic naval outpost, enabling it to project power into the Indian Ocean and challenge India's maritime dominance.

Mutual Dependence and Strategic Calculus

For Pakistan, China is an indispensable partner, providing critical economic support and diplomatic shielding, especially on sensitive issues like cross-border terrorism that India highlights on international platforms. Beijing's consistent blocking of UN sanctions against Pakistan-based terrorist entities underscores this protective stance. China, on the other hand, views Pakistan as a vital geostrategic ally that counters India's rising economic and diplomatic power. By fortifying Pakistan, Beijing ensures that India re-

mains entangled on its western front, limiting its ability to expand influence regionally and globally.

India's Imperative: Vigilance and Strategic Response

India cannot afford complacency. The reality of a "two-front" challenge from China and Pakistan demands constant vigilance and readiness. Recent border clashes, featuring advanced Chinese military equipment in Pakistani hands, starkly illustrate this evolving threat.

Moreover, China's efforts to foster a "trilateral nexus" involving Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Afghanistan—ostensibly for regional stability—are in fact calculated moves to marginalize India and forge a China-centric regional order. This subtle diplomatic encirclement aims to shift South Asian power balances decisively in Beijing's favor.

A Multi-Pronged Strategy for India

India's response must be comprehensive, combining robust defense with strategic diplomacy and economic resilience.

- 1. **Strengthening Defense:** *Maintaining a credible, modernized military posture is essential to deter aggression on both western and northern fronts. Investments in indigenous defense technologies and continuous modernization are critical imperatives.*

- 2. **Diplomatic Outreach:** *India should deepen partnerships with regional neighbors and global allies wary of China's ambitions. Collaborations with Southeast Asian nations, Quad countries, and other like-minded powers can create a counterbalance to China's hegemonic designs.*
- 3. **Economic Growth and Connectivity:** *Accelerating domestic economic growth and expanding alternative connectivity projects, such as the International North-South Transport Corridor and the Chabahar Port, can reduce dependency on Chinese infrastructure and increase India's strategic reach.*

Ultimately, India does not need to match China's resources pound for pound but must develop credible means to resist and counterbalance China's expansive ambitions.

Conclusion

The China-Pakistan nexus is no transient alliance but a deeply entrenched geopolitical reality that India must engage with through foresight and strategic depth. India's resilience, economic dynamism, and diplomatic skill will determine its ability to safeguard national interests and assert its rightful place on the global stage. Ignoring or underestimating this evolving challenge risks conceding influence and security to a Beijing that is steadily reshaping the regional order to its advantage.

India's Manufacturing Renaissance: Building a Global Export Powerhouse

India is rapidly repositioning itself on the global economic stage, expanding its footprint in international export markets through strategic infrastructure upgrades, policy reforms, and a visionary long-term plan anchored in 'Viksit Bharat 2047'. This transformation is driven by initiatives aimed at boosting manufacturing competitiveness, simplifying business processes, and fostering an ecosystem conducive to innovation and growth.

Key government programs like 'Make in India' and 'Ease of Doing Business' reforms have created a robust foundation for manufacturers by enhancing efficiency, scalability, and resilience. The introduction of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) has been pivotal, removing inter-state trade barriers, simplifying compliance, and integrating the economy. These measures have reduced logistics costs and strengthened India's export competitiveness.

Production Linked Incentive (PLI): A Catalyst for Growth

The Production Linked Incentive scheme, launched in 2020 and now covering 14 critical manufacturing sectors, has been instrumental in accelerating India's economic resurgence. By rewarding incremental production, exports, and investment, the PLI program has attracted investments exceeding Rs 1.61 lakh crore and stimulated production worth Rs 16.5 lakh crore. It has also bolstered exports, which reached approximately \$61.76 billion by March 2025.

These achievements underscore the PLI's success in positioning India as a competitive manufacturing hub globally. The government's commitment to scaling up the PLI budget further highlights its central role in India's growth strategy.

Infrastructure Modernisation: Rail and Maritime Sectors Lead the Way
Modernising infrastructure is critical to reducing costs and enhancing supply chain reliability. Indian Railways, a lifeline of the nation, is undergoing a



sweeping transformation with an unprecedented \$109 billion capital outlay planned for 2026-31. This investment is driving demand for rolling stock and enabling India's emergence as a global rail technology player. The success of the Vande Bharat Express—India's indigenously developed semi-high-speed train—and recent export orders, such as the Rs 2,000 crore locomotive contract from Guinea, showcase India's engineering prowess and export potential. Collaborative manufacturing ventures with global firms like Alstom further strengthen India's position in international rail markets. In maritime manufacturing, India aims to become a top-five shipbuilding nation by 2047, supported by the Rs 25,000 crore Maritime Development Fund and policy reforms that boost domestic competitiveness. The Sagarmala programme is modernising ports, enhancing multimodal connectivity, and reducing logistics costs. Inland waterway cargo movement has surged 320% since 2014, signaling a shift toward efficient, eco-friendly freight options.

Connectivity and Logistics: The Backbone of Competitiveness
India's flagship projects like the Dedicated Freight Corridor and PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan are revolutionising logistics by cutting transit times, reducing costs, and streamlining infrastructure development across sectors. The integration of 434 projects under PM Gati Shakti, backed by an ₹11.17 lakh crore investment, is transforming India's logistics landscape. The warehousing sector is also expanding rapidly, propelled by e-commerce growth and automation, and

contributing to India's improved ranking (38th) on the World Bank's Logistics Performance Index.

Broadening Horizons: Construction and Beyond

Infrastructure growth is driving demand across sectors like construction equipment and building materials. India's expertise in prefabrication, energy-efficient materials, and low-carbon technologies is enabling sustainable, high-quality manufacturing that supports mega infrastructure projects domestically and abroad. This ecosystem reduces import dependence and elevates indigenous technological capabilities.

The Export Engine: Policy, Talent, and Opportunity

India's competitive labour costs, abundant skilled workforce, and supportive policies attract global companies diversifying supply chains. Exports are diversifying beyond traditional sectors, with strong gains in electronics, pharmaceuticals, chemicals, and food processing. While challenges remain in meeting global quality benchmarks, India's manufacturing transformation is robust and poised for further growth.

Conclusion: From Build to Innovate

India's manufacturing resurgence is comprehensive and forward-looking, spanning diverse sectors and emphasizing technology and value addition. Continued infrastructure investment and policy support will cement India's role in global supply chains, especially as businesses seek to mitigate over-dependence on single markets. Poised to be a strategic global partner, India offers scale, innovation, and resilience, ready to lead in the evolving landscape of global trade. This is India's historic opportunity to move from 'build and export' to 'innovate and lead' on the world stage.

Is AAP's Fortune Turning? Two Bye-Election Wins Offer Hope but Not Certainty

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) recently celebrated victories in the Gujarat and Punjab bye-elections, signaling a possible resurgence after setbacks earlier this year. These wins in states traditionally dominated by the BJP have sparked discussions about whether the party, once seen as a Delhi-centric outfit, is now poised for a broader national role. However, political analysts caution that two wins alone cannot definitively predict AAP's future trajectory.

Founded in 2012 by Arvind Kejriwal, the AAP emerged from the anti-corruption movement led by Anna Hazare. Kejriwal quickly rose to prominence by becoming Delhi's youngest Chief Minister in 2013, and the party ruled the capital uninterruptedly from 2015 until early 2025. However, the February 2025 Delhi Assembly election saw a dramatic shift, with AAP losing power to the BJP, which won 48 of the 70 seats. The defeat was a major blow, with Kejriwal himself losing his seat and some top leaders facing electoral setbacks.

The recent bye-election victories, however, offer a glimmer of hope. AAP retained the Ludhiana West seat in Punjab with Sanjeev Arora defeating Congress candidate Bharat Bhushan Ashu by over 10,000 votes. In Gujarat's Junagadh district, Gopal Italia won against BJP's Kirit Patel in Visavadar by a margin of 17,554 votes. Both wins came with double the margins of AAP's previous performances in 2022, suggesting growing voter support in these regions.

Atishi, former Delhi Deputy Chief Minister and a key AAP leader, emphasized the importance of these victories. She said they reflected the public's demand for effective governance and urged critics not to underestimate Kejriwal's model, which the party aims to replicate nationwide. The wins suggest that despite recent losses, AAP remains a relevant force capable of bouncing back. Still, the challenges for AAP remain significant. The party's welfare-centric policies primarily target lower-income groups, including slum dwellers, migrant workers, and daily wage earners, who constitute its



core voter base. Meanwhile, the middle class—once a stronghold of AAP support—has grown disenchanted, feeling overlooked by the party's focus on subsidies and cash transfers rather than policies benefiting salaried professionals. This alienation contributed to the party's loss in Delhi.

Moreover, AAP's reputation took a hit when Kejriwal and some senior leaders were jailed on corruption charges, further damaging the party's image. Though Kejriwal handed over power to Atishi before the Delhi elections, the damage was done. Despite this, Kejriwal's political charisma has not completely faded, and his unpredictable political moves continue to keep the party in the spotlight.

Looking ahead, AAP is also expected to gain a seat in the upcoming Rajya Sabha elections, with speculation that Kejriwal himself might enter the upper house, despite his earlier reluctance. This could signal a renewed phase of political activity and strategic repositioning.

In national politics, AAP is part of the Opposition coalition INDIA and worked with Congress in the 2024 general elections. However, the alliance did not deliver the desired results for either party. Following the bye-election wins, Kejriwal announced that AAP might contest future elections independently, marking a potential shift away from coalition politics.

In conclusion, while the recent bye-election victories provide a boost and signal that AAP is far from politically finished, two wins cannot guarantee a dramatic turnaround. The party faces the critical task of regaining the trust of the middle class, repairing its image, and expanding its appeal beyond its core base.

PM Modi Conferred with Trinidad and Tobago's Highest Civilian Honour

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi was conferred with The Order of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, the Caribbean nation's highest civilian honour, during his two-day visit to the country. The award recognises Modi's influential global leadership, humanitarian contributions during the Covid-19 pandemic, and his efforts to strengthen ties with the Indian diaspora worldwide. Accepting the honour, PM Modi said, "Honoured to be conferred with 'The Order of the Republic of Trinidad & Tobago'. I accept it on behalf of 140 crore Indians." This is Modi's first visit to Trinidad and Tobago as Prime Minister and marks the first Indian prime ministerial-level bilateral visit to the nation since 1999. The honour was announced by Trinidad and Tobago Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar, who praised the visit as a celebration of shared values and a historic cultural bond between the two nations. The recognition comes as part of Modi's ongoing five-nation tour, which also included Ghana, where he was earlier awarded The Officer of the Order of the Star of Ghana, one of the



country's highest national honours. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) cited Modi's "distinguished statesmanship" and growing influence on the world stage as reasons for the series of accolades. This latest award adds to a growing list of foreign honours conferred upon the Indian Prime Minister. As of now, Modi has received over two dozen in-

ternational awards for his diplomatic leadership, global outreach, and development-focused policies. The honours from Ghana and Trinidad and Tobago reflect India's rising profile in the Global South and Prime Minister Modi's ongoing efforts to deepen bilateral relationships with key nations across Africa, the Caribbean, and beyond.

Actor Vijay Declared TVK's Chief Ministerial Candidate, Rules Out Alliance with BJP or DMK



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Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) has officially named actor-turned-politician Vijay as its Chief Ministerial candidate for the upcoming 2026 Tamil Nadu Assembly elections. The decision was finalized during the party's state executive committee meeting held today at the TVK headquarters in Chennai. A special resolution passed during the meeting also confirmed that TVK will not align with either the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) or the ruling Dravida

Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK).

The party emphasized its independent political path and outlined plans for a large-scale state conference to be held next month. Additionally, it announced a village-level outreach campaign aimed at spreading TVK's ideology directly to the people.

Vijay, who chaired the executive committee meeting, played a central role in shaping these decisions. The meeting also addressed various national

and state-level issues, notably Union Home Minister Amit Shah's recent remarks on the English language. The party strongly criticized his comments, labeling them as "malicious" and an attack on Tamil Nadu's long-standing two-language policy.

TVK reiterated its firm opposition to the imposition of Hindi or Sanskrit in Tamil Nadu, stating that such moves go against the cultural and linguistic identity of the state. The party made it clear that it would resist any central attempt to undermine Tamil linguistic heritage.

Furthermore, the executive committee condemned the Election Commission of India's recent electoral roll revision drive. TVK claimed the move was politically motivated, aimed at reducing minority votes and boosting support for the BJP, calling it a threat to democratic principles. As part of its campaign strategy, several decisions were also taken to expand Vijay's public outreach programs, marking the beginning of an assertive political push ahead of the 2026 elections.

'India's Interest More Important, Not Deadline': Piyush Goyal On US Trade Talks

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India will not rush into finalising any trade deal under deadline pressure, Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal affirmed today, highlighting that only a "win-win" agreement that safeguards national interest will be acceptable. His remarks come amid heightened speculation that India and the United States are nearing the final stage of an interim trade deal, with the suspension of US reciprocal tariffs set to expire on July 9. Speaking at the 16th Toy Biz B2B Expo in Delhi, Goyal emphasized that India's approach to global trade negotiations remains firm, strategic, and centered on securing long-term benefits for the country. "India never enters into trade deals based on deadlines or time pressure. A deal is accepted only when it is fully matured, well-negotiated, and in the national interest," he stated. India is pushing for greater market access for its labour-intensive sectors, while the US seeks tariff concessions for its agricultural exports. These points remain under discussion as negotiators from both countries work toward a balanced outcome. Goyal said trade discussions are ongoing not just with the US but also with



multiple other partners, including the European Union, Oman, New Zealand, Chile, and Peru. "It should be a win-win agreement, and only when India's interests are safeguarded. National interest will always be supreme," he reiterated. Experts believe the India-US interim deal aims to lay the foundation for a broader, more comprehensive agree-

ment in the future. Atul Keshap, president of the US-India Business Council, noted the complexity of negotiating around agriculture, calling it a sensitive sector due to its cultural and political importance in both countries. Goyal's remarks echo a consistent Indian trade philosophy: economic engagement without compromising sovereignty or core interests.



Nara Lokesh Offers Land at 99 Paise to IT Giants, Says Inspired by PM Modi's Gujarat Model

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Andhra Pradesh IT Minister Nara Lokesh has launched an aggressive investment strategy to turn the state into a major tech hub by offering land to top IT companies at a nominal lease rate — as low as 99 paise. Lokesh said the move was inspired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 2008 strategy as Gujarat Chief Minister, when he attracted Tata Motors by offering land at Re 1. Speaking to NDTV, Lokesh confirmed that software giants Cognizant and Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) have already taken up his offer. Cognizant has been allocated 21.31 acres in Visakhapatnam on lease for Re 1 and is expected to invest ₹1,582.98 crore and generate 8,000 jobs. Similarly, TCS was given 21.16 acres at 99 paise per acre and has committed ₹1,370 crore, with plans to create 12,000 jobs. Lokesh declared this offer open to the world's top 100 IT companies, signaling Andhra Pradesh's ambitions to become a major destination for global tech investments. He emphasized Visakhapatnam's potential as a future IT hub and global center for chemical manufacturing, alongside plans for a new airport and India's largest steel plant. On political matters, Lokesh dismissed the three-capital plan pushed by former CM Jagan Mohan Reddy, pointing to the TDP's sweeping victory in the 2024 elections, especially in Visakhapatnam, where the YSRCP didn't win a single seat. He said the mandate was a rejection of the plan and a call for development-focused governance. Addressing the water-sharing issue with Telangana, Lokesh advocated cooperation and conservation, while also stressing his administration's commitment to legal accountability, referring to his "redbook" of past irregularities under the previous regime.



India Backs Religious Freedom Amid Dalai Lama Succession Row; China Warns Against 'Interference'

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Amid escalating tensions over the Dalai Lama's succession plan, India reaffirmed its commitment to religious freedom while refraining from direct involvement in religious matters. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) stated on Friday that the government "does not take any position or speak on matters concerning beliefs and practices of faith and religion," but added that it "has always upheld freedom of religion for all in India and will continue to do so." The statement came just hours after China sharply objected to recent comments made by India's Minority Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju, who supported the Dalai Lama's right to decide on his own reincarnation. China has claimed it must approve the successor to the 14th Dalai Lama, Tenzin Gyatso. Earlier this week, the Dalai Lama declared that the "institution of the Dalai Lama will continue" and that only the Gaden Phodrang Trust — his official institution — will have the authority to recognize his reincarnation. He categorically rejected any Chinese involvement in the process, stating that "no one else has any such authority to interfere in this matter." China responded strongly, with Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning urging India to recognize the "anti-China separatist nature" of the Dalai Lama. She called on India to avoid interfering in Beijing's internal affairs and to act with caution on Tibet-related issues to avoid damaging bilateral ties. India, while avoiding a direct diplomatic confrontation, stood firm on its principles of religious freedom. The Dalai Lama, who has lived in exile in India since 1959, remains a sensitive issue in India-China relations. The latest developments underline the growing geopolitical and ideological divide between the two countries over Tibet and religious autonomy.

Trump Proposes UFC Fight at White House to Celebrate America’s 250th Independence Anniversary

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President Donald Trump has unveiled a unique plan to mark the 250th anniversary of American independence by hosting a UFC (Ultimate Fighting Championship) match on the grounds of the White House. Announcing the idea during an event in Iowa, Trump said he envisions a full-scale UFC fight with an audience of 20,000 to 25,000 spectators to kick off a year-long celebration leading to July 4, 2026. “We have a lot of land there,” Trump said, referring to the White House grounds, highlighting his enthusiasm for the sport. An avid UFC fan, Trump has attended multiple mixed martial arts matches recently and shares a close friendship with Dana White, the UFC president. The announcement was made



during the official launch of nationwide festivities commemorating America's 250th birthday. Trump also revealed plans for a grand festival on the Nation-

al Mall in Washington, D.C., along with a nationwide athletic competition featuring high school athletes. “So every one of our national parks, battlefields,

and historic sites are going to have special events in honor of America 250. And I even think we’re going to have a UFC fight,” Trump added enthusiastically. Details on the logistics and security measures for the proposed UFC event remain sparse, as a White House spokesperson stated there was no additional information to share beyond the president’s initial remarks. Trump’s proposal has generated significant buzz, given his recent high-profile appearances at UFC events, including attending fights immediately following his 2024 reelection and a recent championship event alongside Dana White. If realized, the UFC fight at the White House would be a historic and unconventional way to celebrate a major national milestone, blending American sports culture with patriotic festivities.

Tulsi Gabbard Accuses Washington Post Reporter of Harassment; Newspaper Defends Journalism

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US Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard has publicly accused Washington Post senior reporter Ellen Nakashima of harassing intelligence officials and using deceptive methods to gather information. Gabbard claimed Nakashima bypassed official channels, calling senior intelligence officers from a burner phone, refusing to identify herself, and demanding sensitive information. In a post on X, Gabbard said, “Washington Post reporter @nakashimae appears to be actively harassing ODNI staff.” She added that instead of contacting her press office, Nakashima lied about her identity and her association with the Washington Post, calling senior officers covertly. Gabbard described the incident as part of a politically motivated campaign, accusing the reporter and the newspaper of stalking her family in Hawaii and sabotaging the President’s agenda. Ellen Nakashima, an award-winning journalist with decades of experience covering



national security, has been part of three Pulitzer Prize-winning teams. Her work includes reporting on sensitive intelligence operations and foreign threats. The Washington Post’s executive editor, Matt Murray, responded firmly, defending Nakashima’s professionalism. “For three decades, Ellen Nakashima has been one of the most careful, fair-minded, and highly regarded reporters covering national security,” Murray said. He em-

phasized that reaching out to sources beyond official statements is fundamental journalism, not harassment. Murray called Gabbard’s accusations “unfounded” and “personal,” highlighting a misunderstanding of journalism’s role to hold government accountable without fear or favor. This clash reflects ongoing tensions between government officials and the media. Recently, Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth

criticized reporters for allegedly undermining US military efforts, while former President Trump demanded CNN fire national security correspondent Natasha Bertrand over her reporting. CNN reaffirmed its support for Bertrand, standing “100% behind” her journalism. The dispute underscores the complex relationship between national security, media scrutiny, and political interests in the current US political landscape.

Russia Launches Massive Overnight Missile and Drone Strike on Kyiv, Injuring 23

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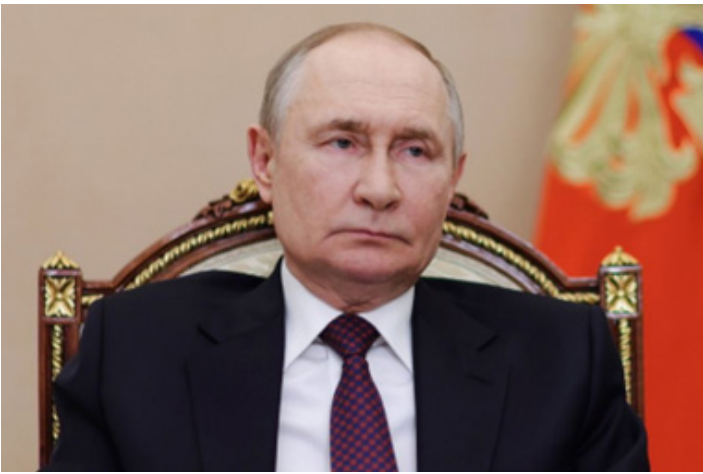
In the largest aerial assault since the war began, Russia unleashed a barrage of 550 missiles and Shahed drones across Ukraine overnight, primarily targeting the capital Kyiv. The relentless attack left 23 people injured, with 14 hospitalized, and caused extensive damage across multiple districts of the city. The Ukrainian Air Force reported that its air defenses successfully intercepted 270 targets, including two cruise missiles. Additionally, 208 other objects vanished from radar, believed to be jammed by electronic warfare. Despite these efforts, Russian forces managed to strike eight locations with nine missiles and 63 drones, scattering debris over at least 33 sites in Kyiv. The assault involved mainly Shahed drones, supplemented by 11 missiles. Kyiv bore the brunt of the attack, with emergency services reporting damage across five of the city’s ten districts. In the Solomianskyi district, a five-story residential building was partially de-



stroyed, and a seven-story building suffered a rooftop fire. Fires also broke out at a warehouse, a garage complex, and an auto repair shop. Throughout the night, residents and journalists in Kyiv heard the constant drone buzz, explosions, and machine-gun fire as Ukrainian forces engaged to repel the aerial offensive.

The strike followed closely on the heels of President Donald Trump’s phone call with Russian President Vladimir Putin and his public comments about the U.S. decision to pause shipments of certain weapons to Ukraine. The pause affects key munitions such as Patriot missiles, AIM-7 Sparrow air-to-air missiles, and Stinger missiles,

all crucial for defending against drone and missile attacks. This latest massive strike comes less than a week after a similar large-scale Russian assault, when Moscow launched 537 drones, decoys, and 60 missiles against Ukraine. The ongoing attacks highlight the intense and escalating aerial warfare in the region.



Trump and Putin Maintain Firm Stances on Ukraine in Phone Call

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In a recent hour-long phone conversation on Thursday, US President Donald Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin held discussions over the ongoing conflict in Ukraine but stuck to their respective positions. According to Kremlin foreign policy aide Yuri Ushakov, Putin reaffirmed that Russia’s military campaign in Ukraine will continue until all of Moscow’s objectives are fully achieved. While Putin emphasized that Russia remains open to pursuing a diplomatic solution to the conflict, he insisted that the root causes of the crisis must not be ignored. “Moscow will continue to seek a diplomatic resolution but will not leave the underlying issues unaddressed,” Ushakov said during a briefing after the call. On the other hand, President Trump urged Putin to halt hostilities as soon as possible. Trump’s appeal reflects growing international pressure to find a peaceful end to the war that has caused significant human and economic tolls on both sides. The phone call comes amid escalating violence and intense fighting in Ukraine, including recent large-scale missile and drone strikes targeting Kyiv. These ongoing attacks underline the high stakes and complexity of the conflict. In related news, Major General Mikhail Gudkov, deputy head of the Russian Navy and a former marine brigade commander active in Ukraine’s Kursk region, was reportedly killed in action. Gudkov was one of Moscow’s most senior military officers engaged in the conflict, and his death marks a significant loss for the Russian armed forces. As the war continues, both leaders remain entrenched in their views, with no immediate breakthrough expected. The world watches closely as diplomatic efforts and military actions unfold, shaping the future of Ukraine and international relations.



Three Indians Abducted in Mali Amid Al-Qaeda-Linked Terror Attacks India Seeks Their Safe Release

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India has expressed deep concern following the abduction of three Indian nationals in Mali amid a surge of terror attacks in the West African nation. The three Indians, employed at the Diamond Cement Factory in Kayes, were forcibly taken hostage during a coordinated armed assault on July 1, according to the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA). Though no group has yet claimed responsibility for the kidnappings, the Al-Qaeda-linked Jama’at Nusrat al-Islam wal-Muslimin (JNIM) has claimed credit for coordinated attacks across Mali on the same day. The situation has heightened fears about escalating violence in the region. In response, the Indian government has urgently called upon the Malian authorities to take all necessary steps to ensure the safe and speedy release of the abducted citizens. The Indian embassy in Bamako is maintaining close and continuous communication with local law enforcement, government officials, and the management of the Diamond Cement Factory. The MEA confirmed that senior officials are actively monitoring developments and engaging at multiple levels to facilitate the hostages’ early and safe return. The families of the abducted individuals are also being kept informed and supported during this distressing time.

SEBI Bars US Firm Jane Street from Indian Markets Over Alleged Market Manipulation

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has taken strict action against US-based trading firm Jane Street and three of its related entities by barring them from participating in the Indian securities market. The regulator has ordered the entities to deposit illegal gains amounting to Rs 4,843.5 crore into an account in favor of SEBI and imposed a freeze on their bank accounts. The entities affected include Jane Street's Indian and Asian arms: JSI2 Investments Private Ltd, Jane Street Singapore Pte. Ltd, and Jane Street Asia Trading Ltd. According to SEBI's order, Jane Street earned an extraordinary profit of Rs 43,289.33 crore through trading in index options on Indian exchanges between January 2023 and March 2025. The investigation revealed that on 14 expiry days, Jane Street followed a pattern of heavily buying Bank Nifty futures and selling large volumes of



Bank Nifty options during the morning session. Later in the afternoon, the firm aggressively sold substantial amounts of Bank Nifty futures, thereby influencing the index's closing levels on expiry days. A notable example cited in the SEBI

order is January 17, 2024, when Jane Street bought Bank Nifty futures worth Rs 4,370 crore in the morning and sold Bank Nifty options worth Rs 32,115 crore. By afternoon, it sold futures contracts worth Rs 5,372 crore, resulting in a significant short position of Rs 46,620 crore in Bank Nifty options. This strategy softened the Bank Nifty's closing price, enabling Jane Street to pocket Rs 735 crore in profits in the options segment, offset by a Rs 61.6 crore intraday loss in cash and futures, culminating in a net gain of Rs 673.4 crore on that day alone. SEBI's order prohibits all Jane Street group entities from trading or engaging in any market-related activities in India. The firm has contested SEBI's interim findings and indicated plans to engage with the regulator further. This enforcement underscores SEBI's commitment to maintaining fair and transparent market practices.

Indian Stock Market Opens Marginally Higher Amid Mixed Global Cues

Mumbai: The Indian stock market opened slightly higher on Friday, with benchmark indices showing modest gains amid mixed global signals. Early buying interest was seen in the IT, PSU bank, and financial services sectors. At 9:34 am, the Sensex was trading 32.52 points, or 0.04%, higher at 83,271.99, while the Nifty gained 3.45 points, or 0.01%, to 25,408.75. The Nifty Bank index rose by 9.90 points, or 0.02%, to 56,801.85. Despite the positive start, the Nifty 50 failed to maintain momentum and slipped below its intraday support level of 25,450, forming a bearish candlestick on the daily chart. Hardik Matalia, Derivative Analyst at Choice Broking, noted that this could signal a potential trend reversal, though confirmation is still awaited. He added that a sustained move above 25,600 could open the way for a rally toward 25,750. On the downside, immediate supports lie at 25,222 and 25,120, which could be considered entry points for long positions. The Nifty Midcap 100 and Smallcap 100 indices showed healthy gains of 0.15% and 0.13%, respectively, with midcaps trading at 59,771.65 and smallcaps at 19,051.80. Among Sensex constituents, Bajaj Finance, Bajaj Finserv, BEL, HDFC Bank, and Hindustan Unilever Limited were top gainers, while Trent, Tata Steel, Tech Mahindra, and Titan



lagged behind. On the institutional front, Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) continued their selling streak for the fourth day, offloading equities worth Rs 1,481.19 crore on July 3. Conversely, Domestic Institutional Investors (DIIs) remained net buyers with purchases totaling Rs 1,333.06 crore. Globally, most Asian markets including Bangkok, Hong Kong, Japan, Seoul, and Jakarta traded lower, while China closed in positive territory. Meanwhile, US markets closed sharply higher on Thursday, with the Dow Jones, S&P 500, and Nasdaq ending up by 0.77%, 0.83%, and 1.02%, respectively. Viram Shah, CEO of Vested Finance, attributed the US gains to a stronger-than-expected jobs report and a dip in unemployment to 4.1%.

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

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

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

In contrast, manufacturing, which constitutes the bulk of the IIP, provided some support with 2.6% growth, driven by



increased production in machinery, non-metallic minerals, and basic metals. However, this was still notably below the 5.1% growth recorded in the same month last year, indicating persistent softness in industrial momentum.

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

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

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

Sugar Production Expected to Rise 15% to 35 Million Tonnes in 2025-26

India's sugar production is projected to increase by 15 percent to around 35 million tonnes in the 2025-26 sugar season, driven by a favourable monsoon that is expected to boost sugarcane acreage and yields, according to a Crisil Ratings report released on Friday.



by 200 basis points to around 8.7-9 percent in FY25.

The report highlights that above-average monsoon rains will particularly benefit key sugar-producing states such as Maharashtra and Karnataka, helping improve cane output. This growth in sugar production is likely to ease domestic supply shortages that have plagued the industry in recent years.

The increased supply could also support higher ethanol diversion, as sugar mills ramp up production of ethanol for blending with gasoline. Additionally, improved output may revive sugar exports if backed by appropriate government policies.

The report also noted the challenges faced by sugar mills in the previous fiscal year, including high sugarcane costs, subdued ethanol prices, and weak exports, which compressed operating profitability

Looking ahead to fiscal 2026, the report anticipates a recovery in sugar mills' operating margins to about 9-9.5 percent, supported by improved supplies and potentially greater ethanol blending.

Overall, the forecasted rise in sugar production marks a positive turn for the industry, offering some relief to producers and contributing to a more stable sugar supply in the domestic market. The potential boost in ethanol diversion aligns with India's broader energy blending goals and may help reduce dependence on fossil fuels.

As the sugar sector continues to recover, policy support will remain critical to sustain growth in exports and improve the financial health of sugar mills amid fluctuating global and domestic market conditions.

RBI Announces Underwriting Auction for Rs 32,000 Crore Government Securities



Mumbai: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced an underwriting auction for government securities worth Rs 32,000 crore, scheduled for Friday, July 4, 2025. The auction will include both the issuance of a new government security and the re-issuance of an existing bond. The securities up for auction comprise a new Government Security (GS) maturing in 2040 and a re-issue of the 6.90% GS maturing in 2065. Each security carries a notified amount of Rs 16,000 crore. The auction will be conducted through a multiple price-based method via the RBI's Core Banking Solution (E-Kuber) system, allowing Primary Dealers (PDs) to submit their bids electronically. An underwriting auction is a mechanism RBI uses to ensure that the entire amount of government bonds on offer is fully subscribed, even if market demand is uncertain. Primary Dealers play a crucial role as underwriters in this process, committing to purchase any unsold

portion of the bonds. This commitment helps the government raise funds smoothly to meet its expenditure requirements. Under the RBI's underwriting commitment scheme, each Primary Dealer has a Minimum Underwriting Commitment (MUC) of Rs 381 crore for each of the two securities. They are also required to place bids for at least Rs 381 crore under the Additional Competitive Underwriting (ACU) auction. The underwriting commission, or fee paid to PDs for their underwriting commitment, will be credited to their accounts on the day the securities are issued. This auction forms part of the government's regular borrowing program and underscores the RBI's role in ensuring smooth functioning of debt market operations. By conducting such auctions, RBI effectively manages government borrowing, maintaining stability and investor confidence in the debt markets.

Six Indian Cities Featured Among World’s Top 100 Food Destinations, Mumbai Ranks 5th

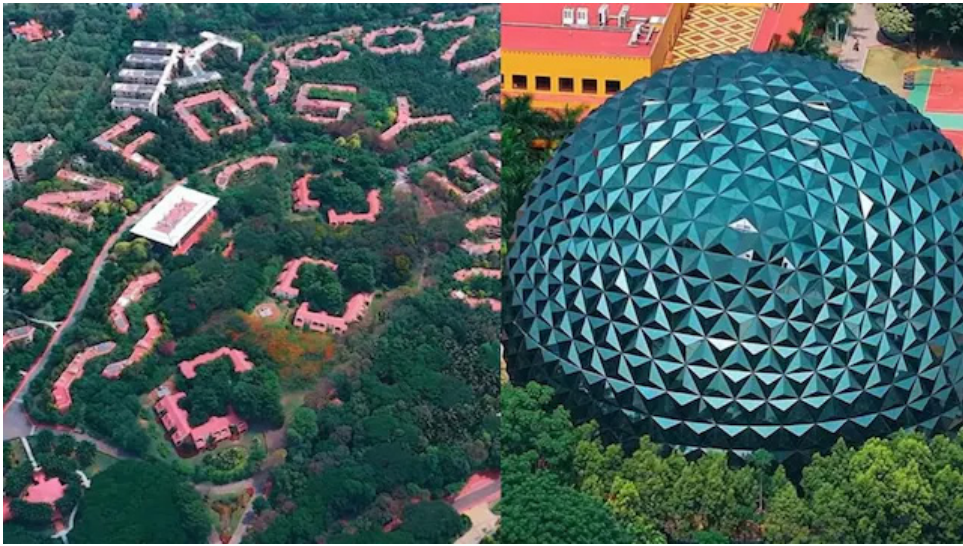
India’s rich and diverse culinary heritage has earned global recognition, with six Indian cities featured in TasteAtlas’s list of the Top 100 Food Cities worldwide. Mumbai leads the pack, securing an impressive 5th place, followed by Amritsar (43), Delhi (45), Hyderabad (50), Kolkata (71), and Chennai (75). Often oversimplified as “spicy” or “rich,” Indian cuisine is far more complex, shaped by geography, culture, and centuries-old traditions. Each city’s food scene tells a unique story—from the bustling streets of Mumbai to the sacred kitchens of Amritsar’s gurudwaras. Food historian Alok Singh explains that Indian cuisine’s magic lies in how common ingredients like rice, lentils, spices, and vegetables are transformed using distinct regional techniques and cultural influences. Mumbai’s Kheema Pav and Koliwada Prawns reflect the city’s vibrant, coastal spirit. In Amritsar, dishes like Kulcha-Lassi and the simple, soulful



langar meals speak of deep-rooted traditions. Delhi’s culinary identity blends Mughal grandeur with street food energy, exemplified by iconic Chole-Bhature. Hyderabad’s famed biryani showcases Iranian and Mughal origins, fused with Telangana’s spices and flavors. Kolkata offers Kathi rolls and Mughlai parathas, combining British and Mughal legacies with Bengali flair, while Chennai’s crispy dosas, fluffy idlis, and tangy sambhar echo the region’s climate and cultural fabric. These rankings celebrate authentic street food and local flavors, not just upscale restaurants. The emotional connection to food is integral to Indian culture—each dish is a sensory memory passed down generations. Indian cuisine continues to evolve and inspire globally, with dishes like butter chicken, masala dosa, and paneer tikka gaining international popularity. This recognition by TasteAtlas affirms India’s position as a world leader in culinary diversity and heritage.

Stunning Aerial Video Shows Infosys Mysore Campus Resembling a Mini-City

An aerial video of the Infosys campus in Mysore is going viral, giving viewers a breathtaking look at what is arguably one of the most iconic corporate training centres in the world. Spanning 350 acres, the campus looks more like a self-sufficient mini-city than a traditional tech training facility.



The footage, originally shared on Instagram, opens with an impressive top-down view of buildings cleverly arranged so that their rooftops spell out “INFOSYS.” The drone then glides over the striking dome-shaped Infosys Multiplex, a popular landmark on the campus known for screening movies every weekend. Following this, it showcases the Infosys Global Education Centre (GEC), a massive building that serves as the heart of the training operations.

The campus features well-planned roads, traffic systems, lush green zones, and residential blocks—making it feel like a self-contained urban environment. Viewers were quick to react with admiration and nostalgia. One user commented, “It’s heaven on Earth,” while another shared, “I got trained here. Infosys taught me coding. It was the seed of my ca-

reer.”

With a capacity to train 10,000 students at once, Infosys Mysore is one of the world’s largest corporate education centres. The drone footage has already racked up over four million views, sparking memories among former trainees and drawing praise for its scale, architecture, and thoughtful planning.

One nostalgic viewer wrote, “Thank you for this drone shot. I just went back in my memory by 15 years.” For many, the video is more than just a visual treat—it’s a trip down memory lane and a testament to Infosys’ legacy in India’s IT sector.

From Bangles to Bottles: Firozabad Emerges as Global Hub for Liquor Bottle Manufacturing

Firozabad, a city in Uttar Pradesh traditionally known for its colorful glass bangles, is now making global headlines for a different kind of glasswork — liquor bottles. The city, long synonymous with craftsmanship, has evolved into a major manufacturing hub for high-quality glass bottles used by premium foreign liquor brands around the world.



These bottles, often seen on shelves of international liquor stores, are crafted in Firozabad’s glass factories. The process involves melting glass at extremely high temperatures — up to 1,400°C — and moulding it into customized bottles designed to match the branding needs of global clients. Each order is tailored, with factories producing bottles in various shapes, sizes, and textures as per the specifications of popular brands.

Local businessman Krishna Mohan Gupta shared that his factory alone caters to numerous foreign clients. Renowned liquor labels like Johnnie Walker, Captain Morgan, Elephant Gin, Tuborg, and multiple vodka brands rely on bottles made in Firozabad to package their products. The

bottles are shipped in bulk to countries across Africa and neighboring regions, where they are filled and distributed.

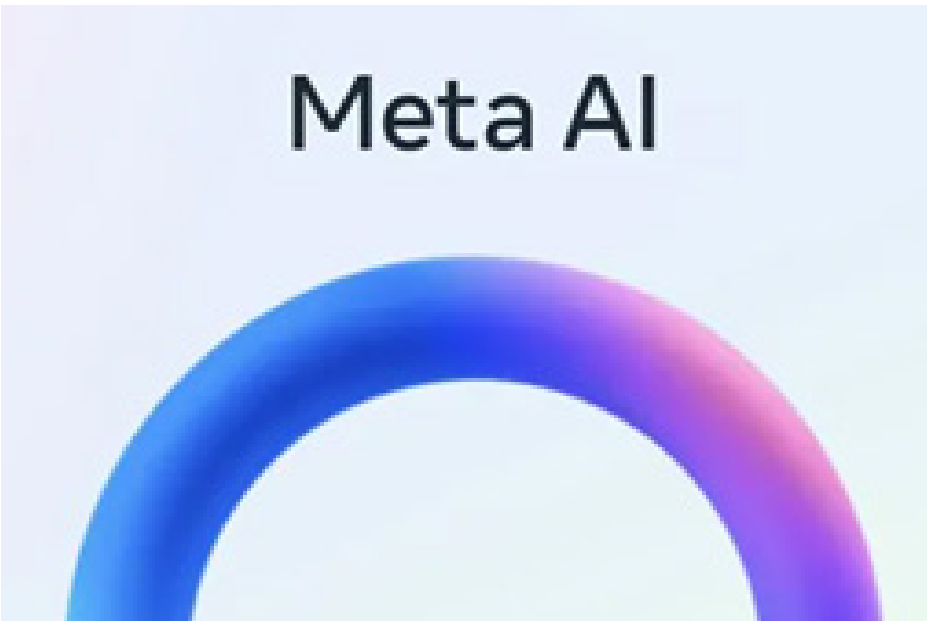
Firozabad’s transformation from a bangle-centric economy to a crores-worth glass bottle industry is a significant shift. While it still produces bangles and decorative items, the city’s growing reputation as a supplier for the international liquor industry reflects its adaptability and skilled workforce.

What once was a small-town glass industry is now a key player in the global supply chain. With increasing demand, Firozabad is proving that Indian craftsmanship, when combined with industrial precision, can shape not only tradition but also global commerce.

Meta Tests AI Chatbots That Could Slide Into Your DMs

Meta is exploring new AI chatbots that may proactively message users first, initiating conversations in direct messages (DMs). These customizable chatbots, part of an internal initiative called “Project Omni,” are designed to re-engage users by following up on previous conversations and remembering past interactions. For instance, a chatbot named “The Maestro of Movie Magic” might reach out with a friendly message like, “I hope you’re having a harmonious day! Have you discovered any new favorite soundtracks or composers? Or would you like recommendations for your next movie night? Just let me know!” This approach aims to make conversations feel more natural and personalized. Meta confirmed that while these chatbots can send follow-up messages, they will only do so after a user starts the initial conversation. If a user does not respond, the chatbot won’t continue messaging. The follow-up message window is limited to 14 days after the first contact, and users must have sent at least five messages within that period to trigger a follow-up. This ensures users aren’t spammed and keeps interactions meaningful.

These AI chatbots are built through Meta’s AI Studio, a no-code platform available via Facebook and Instagram. Launched last year, AI Studio allows anyone to create chatbots with distinct personalities and memories. Users can design chatbots for various purposes—like a chef suggesting recipes or an interior designer offering home decor advice. Creators and influencers can also use these bots to manage fan interactions and respond to messages more efficiently. Overall, Meta’s new chatbot initiative aims to enhance user engagement by providing tailored, ongoing conversations across its social apps, while respecting user control and interaction preferences.



Instagram Service Restored for US Users After Widespread Outage

Instagram experienced a significant outage on Wednesday that impacted thousands of users across the United States. According to Downt detector, a popular outage tracking website, the number of reported incidents has sharply decreased, indicating that the service disruption is easing. At the peak of the outage, Downt detector recorded 16,747 problem reports from users experiencing issues with Instagram. However, by 12:10 p.m. ET, the number of reported incidents had dropped dramatically to 849, suggesting that Instagram’s services were being restored and returning to normal functionality. Downt detector aggregates outage reports from various sources, providing real-time updates on service disruptions. The sudden spike in reports highlighted the widespread nature of the Instagram outage, which affected user access and functionality on the platform. While the exact cause of the outage has not been officially disclosed by Instagram or Meta, such disruptions often arise from server issues, software bugs, or maintenance glitches. Instagram users across the United States reported difficulties in loading the app, sending messages, and accessing content during the peak of the outage. Instagram’s leadership, including head Adam Mosseri, has been actively outlining the platform’s roadmap for 2025, focusing on improv-



ing user experience and introducing new features. Despite this recent hiccup, the platform continues to be a key social media space for millions of users. As of now, Instagram is back up and running for most users in the US, and the platform is expected to continue monitoring its systems to prevent future outages. Users experiencing lingering issues are advised to check Downt detector and Instagram’s official communication channels for updates. This incident serves as a reminder of the challenges large social media platforms face in maintaining seamless service for their vast user base.



Wimbledon 2025: Jannik Sinner Cruises Past Vukic to Reach Third Round

World No. 1 Jannik Sinner delivered a dominant performance on Centre Court as he powered past Australia's Aleksandar Vukic 6-1, 6-1, 6-3 to reach the third round of Wimbledon 2025. The Italian star was in complete control from start to finish, showcasing his class in a match that never truly looked competitive. Sinner, aiming to win his first Wimbledon title, was far superior to the 93rd-ranked Vukic in the opening two sets, barely giving his opponent a chance. Though Vukic showed brief resistance in the third, Sinner closed out the match—albeit needing six match points—under fading light, sealing the win with his 12th ace. “I struggled a bit to close it out. I’m very happy, Centre Court is such a special occasion,” said Sinner after the match. Reflecting on the tense final game, he added, “Yes, I enjoyed it because I won the game! If not, I don’t know—things can change quickly. If he breaks me

there, it can go a long distance.” Despite his French Open heartbreak last month, where he lost a dramatic final to Carlos Alcaraz, Sinner has bounced back impressively. Except for a minor setback in Halle where he lost to Alexander Bublik, his Wimbledon campaign has been flawless so far. In a surprising move, Sinner parted ways with long-time trainer Marco Panichi and physiotherapist Ulises Badio just days before the tournament. Yet, the shake-up hasn’t affected his form. The 23-year-old has yet to drop serve and has conceded only 12 games in his first two matches. Next, he faces unseeded Spaniard Pedro Martinez in the third round as he continues his pursuit to become Italy’s first Wimbledon champion. “Every match is tough in Grand Slams,” he said. “I’m staying focused and trying to improve each round.”

President Murmu Flags Off Trophies for 134th Durand Cup

President Droupadi Murmu officially unveiled and flagged off the trophies of the prestigious Durand Cup Tournament 2025 at a ceremonial event held at the Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre on Friday. The event marked the beginning of the 134th edition of Asia’s oldest football tournament, set to kick off later this month.

In her address, the President emphasized the vital role sports play in shaping society. “Sports promote discipline, determination, and team spirit,” she said. “They have the power to unite people across regions and cultures. In India, sports have become a strong force for national integration, inspiring pride when the tricolour flies high on global stages.”

Speaking specifically about football, the President described it as more than a game—calling it a passion shared by millions. She highlighted how tournaments like the Durand Cup not only preserve the spirit of the sport but also nurture emerging talent and provide a platform for future football stars. President Murmu also lauded the Indian Armed Forces for their continued support in keeping the Durand Cup tradition alive. The 134th Durand Cup will be held from July 22 to August 23, spanning six venues across five Indian states. Imphal in Ma-



nipur makes a return as a host city after two years, while Kokrajhar in Assam retains its hosting status for the third straight year. Jamshedpur (Jharkhand) and Shillong (Meghalaya), which debuted as venues last year, also continue as hosts. The tournament’s heart remains in Kolkata—India’s football capital—which

has served as the home base since 2019. Matches will take place at top venues including Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan and Kishore Bharati Krirangan in Kolkata. Defending champions North East United FC will aim to retain their title after a memorable win against Mohun Bagan last year.

Women’s Euro 2025: Spain Crushes Portugal 5-0 in Dominant Opener

Reigning world champions Spain made a resounding start to their UEFA Women’s Euro 2025 campaign by thrashing Portugal 5-0 in their Group B opener at Bern’s Wankdorf Stadium on Thursday.

Veteran striker Esther González, 32, etched her name in history as the oldest player to represent Spain at the tournament—and opened the scoring just 87 seconds into the game. Moments later, 18-year-old Vicky López, the youngest player on the squad, added Spain’s second goal in a memorable generational handoff. Captain Alexia Putellas, returning to a major tournament after missing Euro 2022 due to a knee injury, netted Spain’s third goal with a classy finish in the 41st minute. Her leadership and poise in midfield proved vital throughout the match. “It’s something we’ve looked forward to



for so long, and we’ve finally shown what we’re capable of,” Putellas told Spanish broadcaster TVE. “There’s a lot to be proud of.”

Portugal goalkeeper Inês Pereira had a busy night, making several key saves but unable to keep Spain at bay. Mariona Caldentey set up López’s goal after Pereira

cleared a cross, and Claudia Pina’s strike rebounded off the post for González to tap in her second and Spain’s fourth in the 43rd minute. Substitute Cristina Martin-Prieto capped the rout with a header in stoppage time. Despite a slightly less sharp second half, Spain remained in total control, dominating possession and executing a seamless passing game.

Notably, two-time Ballon d’Or winner Aitana Bonmati, recently recovered from viral meningitis, was introduced late in the game, replacing López in the 81st minute. “We’re thrilled she’s back,” said Putellas.

The match began with a moment of silence for Portuguese and Liverpool forward Diogo Jota, who tragically died in a car crash. Spain next faces Belgium on Monday, who edged past Italy 1-0 earlier in the day.

India vs England 2nd Test Day 3: Shubman Gill Shines, India Push for Early Breakthroughs

India resumes Day 3 of the second Test against England at Edgbaston in a commanding position, with their sights set on early wickets to build on the momentum created by a record-breaking performance from Shubman Gill on Day 2.

After England stumbled to 25/3 in their first innings, they managed a mini-recovery to close Day 2 at 77/3. Joe Root (18*) and Harry Brook (30*) will continue the innings for the hosts, hoping to consolidate and close the gap on India’s massive first-innings total. The day belonged entirely to Shubman Gill, whose sensational knock of 269 propelled India to a mammoth 587. In the process, the young Indian batter shattered five major records, including becoming the youngest Indian to score a double century in England and the highest individual score by an Indian at Edgbaston.

Gill’s innings was a blend of composure and aggression, featuring exquisite stroke play and relentless focus. His innings helped India gain complete control of the match and put England under immense pressure. On the bowling front, India made early inroads with debutant pacer Akash Deep impressing in his first outing. Filling in for Jasprit Bumrah,



Deep struck twice with the new ball, removing openers Ben Duckett and Zak Crawley. Mohammed Siraj added another crucial breakthrough by dismissing Ollie Pope, putting England on the back foot.

With England still trailing by a significant margin and India’s bowlers fired up, the third day promises to be a crucial one. India will look to break the Root-Brook partnership early and potentially push for a follow-on.

All eyes will also remain on Shubman Gill, who, after rewriting the record books, now eyes more milestones in what is becoming a defining Test series for the young star.

Djokovic Marches On, Sinner Cruises, Swiatek, Krejckikova Survive Scares

Novak Djokovic continued his quest for a historic 25th Grand Slam title with a commanding performance at Wimbledon, sweeping aside British wildcard Dan Evans 6-3, 6-2, 6-0 in just one hour and 47 minutes. The 38-year-old Serbian superstar, tied with Margaret Court at 24 majors, is determined to make history on the lawns he holds close to his heart.

“It means I’ve been playing quite a long time!” joked Djokovic after sealing his 99th Wimbledon match win. “Wimbledon has a special place in my heart. Any history made here is extra special.”

Despite losing the last two Wimbledon finals to Carlos Alcaraz, Djokovic believes the All England Club offers him the best shot at that elusive 25th Grand Slam.

Meanwhile, world number one Jannik Sinner also eased into the third round. The US and Australian Open champion dismantled Australia’s Aleksandar Vukic 6-1, 6-1, 6-3, dropping just 12 games across his first two matches. He now faces Spaniard Pedro Martinez. “There have been so many upsets, so we try to stay focused,” Sinner said.

For British fans, hopes took a hit as Jack Draper fell to 36-year-old Marin Cilic. The Croatian, making a comeback after major knee surgery, fired 53 winners en route to a 6-4, 6-3, 1-6, 6-4 victory. “The emotions are incredible,” said Cilic, a 2017 Wimbledon fi-



nalist.

In the women’s draw, top seeds continued to struggle. Only Aryna Sabalenka remains among the top five. Defending champion Barbora Krejckikova battled past Caroline Dolehide 6-4, 3-6, 6-2, while Iga Swiatek came from behind to beat Caty McNally 5-7, 6-2, 6-1.

Former champion Elena Rybakina crushed Maria Sakkari 6-3, 6-1, and 18-year-old Russian Mirra Andreeva edged past Lucia Bronzetti 6-1, 7-6 (7/4), continuing her dream run.



Power Star Pawan Kalyan to Launch Theatrical Trailer of RK Sagar’s The 100

RK Sagar, who rose to household fame with the iconic television serial Mogali Rekulu, is making a powerful return to the big screen with his upcoming film The 100. Stepping into the role of a dynamic IPS officer named Vikranth, Sagar promises to showcase a never-before-seen avatar in this high-octane action drama. The film has already generated buzz with its intriguing teaser, which was unveiled by none other than Anjana Devi, the mother of Megastar Chiranjeevi. The teaser's gritty visuals and compelling tone have set high expectations among fans and moviegoers alike. In a major boost to the film's promotions, Power Star Pawan Kalyan has now come on board to launch the theatrical trailer of The 100. The trailer will be officially released on July 5th. RK Sagar, a known admirer of Pawan Kalyan and an active supporter of the Jana Sena Party, had earlier participated in the party's election campaigns. His connection with Pawan Kalyan has now translated into this strong show of support for his cinematic comeback. Directed by Raghav Omkar Sasidhar and jointly produced by Ramesh Karutoori and Venki Pushadapu under the banners of KRIA Film Corp and Dhamma Productions, The 100 is shaping up to be a gripping action entertain-



er. The film is slated for release in cinemas on July 11th, exactly a week from now. With RK Sagar's return, a riveting storyline, and Pawan Kalyan's backing, The 100 is poised to make a notable impact at the box office. All eyes are now on July 5th as fans eagerly await the theatrical trailer launch.

Keerthy Suresh’s Uppu Kappurambu Now Streaming on Amazon Prime Video

The long-awaited satirical drama Uppu Kappurambu, starring National Award-winning actress Keerthy Suresh and actor Suhas, is now available for streaming on Amazon Prime Video. Directed by Ani I.V. Sasi, who previously helmed Nuvvila Nuvvila, the film brings an unconventional story to the screen with a blend of humor and social commentary. Set in the quirky, fictional village of Chitti Jayapuram, Uppu Kappurambu revolves around an unexpected and rather bizarre crisis involving the village graveyard. What begins as a seemingly ordinary rural tale quickly unfolds into a satirical exploration of tradition, bureaucracy, and community dynamics, all laced with sharp wit and emotion. Keerthy Suresh delivers yet another standout performance, this time in a character that balances vulnerability with resilience. Suhas adds charm and depth to the narrative, complementing Keerthy's role with a grounded portrayal. The supporting cast features notable names such as Talluri Rajeswari, Shatru, Babu Mohan, Vishnu Oi, and Duvvasi Mohan, each adding their own flavor to the vibrant village setup. The film's music, composed by Sweekar Agas-



thi, elevates the emotional and comedic beats of the story, while Radhika Lavu's production underlines a strong commitment to fresh, content-driven cinema. Now streaming in Telugu along with several other Indian languages, Uppu Kappurambu offers viewers a refreshing alternative to conventional storytelling. With its unique setting, layered performances, and satirical edge, the film is sure to strike a chord with audiences looking for something different on OTT. Stay tuned for more updates and reviews as the film continues to make waves on streaming platforms.

Hari Hara Veeramallu Trailer Breaks Records, Surpasses Pushpa 2 Milestone

Power Star Pawan Kalyan's upcoming period action adventure Hari Hara Veeramallu is already making waves ahead of its theatrical release on July 24. The film's trailer, which dropped just yesterday, has received a staggering response from audiences across the globe. Within 24 hours of its release, the Telugu version of the trailer alone amassed over 48 million views, setting a new all-time record. In total, across all language versions, the trailer has clocked an astonishing 61.7 million views—surpassing all expectations and setting a new benchmark in Indian cinema. The makers proudly declared, “This is not just a record—it's a warning for all future films.” One of the major talking points is how Hari Hara Veeramallu has officially overtaken the trailer view record set by Pushpa 2. Until now, Pushpa 2 held the 24-hour record in South India with 44.67 million views. However, Hari Hara Veeramallu surged past it, even outperforming Pushpa 2's fastest milestone of 47 million views in 23 hours. Starring Pawan Kalyan as a fierce and intelligent warrior from the 17th century during the Muslim rule in India, the film is set to be a grand historical spectacle. Nidhhi Agerwal plays the female lead, while acclaimed actors like Bobby Deol, Anupam Kher, and Sathyaraj will be seen



in significant roles. The film is produced by A. Dayakar Rao under the Mega Surya Productions banner, with presentation by A.M. Ratnam. Originally directed by Krish, the film saw a change in leadership mid-production, with Jyothi Krishna, Ratnam's son, stepping in to complete the remaining portions. With sky-high expectations and record-breaking numbers, Hari Hara Veeramallu is shaping up to be a major cinematic event.

NC24: Naga Chaitanya Gears Up for a Mythological Thriller With Renewed Energy

Following the massive success of Thandel, Naga Chaitanya is back in the spotlight with his upcoming film, tentatively titled NC24. Directed by Karthik Dandu of Virupaksha fame, this unique mythological thriller is being produced by BVSN Prasad under SVCC in association with Sukumar Writings. Bapineedu is presenting the film, which has already sparked curiosity with its concept and striking visuals. The makers recently dropped a behind-the-scenes video, which received a great response from fans and film circles alike. The team has already wrapped up a key schedule and is reportedly thrilled with the footage shot so far. Now, the production moves into its next major phase, with a new schedule kicking off today in Hyderabad. This one-month-long shooting phase will be held across three major locations in the city, focusing on some pivotal sequences. Naga Chaitanya, affectionately known as Chay, is seen back on set with renewed energy. A newly released image shows him in an intense avatar, gripping an axe and rope—hinting at the action-packed and mystical tone of the film. Joining Chay are other key cast members, who are also participating in this schedule. The team is currently tight-lipped about their identities but promises to reveal the full cast soon. Ragul Dharuman is handling the cinematography, while the music is being composed by the talented Ajaneesh B Loknath. Naveen Nooli takes charge of the editing. NC24 is touted to be the most expensive film of Naga Chaitanya's career, and expectations are sky-high.



The official title announcement is expected shortly, further fueling anticipation for this one-of-a-kind cinematic experience.

Coolie: Aamir Khan’s Rugged Look Unveiled in Rajinikanth’s Gangster Epic

In a thrilling promotional reveal during the events for Sitaare Zameen Par, Bollywood icon Aamir Khan confirmed his much-rumored cameo in Coolie, the high-voltage gangster drama headlined by Superstar Rajinikanth. Directed by the ever-sensational Lokesh Kanagaraj, Coolie has already captured the attention of fans across the country, and Aamir's involvement has taken the buzz to another level.

This evening, the makers of Coolie dropped the highly awaited first-look poster of Aamir Khan—and it has set the internet ablaze. Aamir is seen in a gritty,

massy avatar as Dahaa, a character that exudes raw power and swagger. With a cigarette pipe tucked between his lips, a worn-out baniyan, and an intense glare, Aamir's look signals a strong, impactful presence in the film's narrative.

Though his role is a cameo, sources reveal that Aamir's screen time is around 15 minutes, making a grand appearance during the film's climax. His scenes with Rajinikanth are expected to be explosive, and fans are eagerly anticipating this rare cinematic face-off between two of Indian cinema's biggest icons.

Coolie also boasts a stellar ensemble cast featuring Nagarjuna, Upendra, Shruti Haasan, Soubin Shahir, and Sathyaraj in key roles. The film is backed by Sun Pictures, with music composed by Anirudh Ravichander, adding further weight to the project's commercial appeal. Slated for a grand release on August 14, 2025, Coolie is shaping up to be a mass entertainer with high emotional stakes, intense action, and a dash of star-studded magic. With Aamir Khan now officially part of the mix, expectations are soaring for what could be one of the year's biggest cinematic spectacles.

