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Don't Remand in Haste Over Social Media Posts: AP HC

Judges warned against mechanical remand in low-level offences

- High Court registrar issues strict circular to all magistrates
- Supreme Court guidelines must be followed in social media-related cases
- Remand in cases with punishment under 7 years should not be mechanical
- Judges may face contempt or departmental action for violations

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

In a significant move, the Andhra Pradesh High Court has issued sensational directions to all judges in the state, cautioning them against showing undue enthusiasm in remanding individuals accused in social media-related cases. The Registrar of the High Court has issued a circular, especially addressing cases where individuals are arrested for posts or comments on social media. The High Court stated that it is not appropriate to impose remand in a mechanical manner, especially in

cases that are punishable by imprisonment of seven years or less. The circular stressed that magistrates across Andhra Pradesh must strictly adhere to the Supreme Court's guidelines in such matters. The court also made it clear that any violation of these norms will not be tolerated, warning that errant judicial officers could face contempt of court proceedings and departmental action. This comes amidst rising concerns over multiple FIRs being filed across various police stations in connection with social media content, leading to arbitrary arrests and remands.



The circular is seen as a protective measure against misuse of legal procedures, ensuring that freedom of expression is not suppressed through excessive or unlawful remands. The High Court has reiterated that judicial discretion must be exercised with caution and due process of law must be followed at all times, especially in politically sensitive or opinion-driven cases on social platforms. With this, the High Court has sent a strong message to judicial officers and law enforcement alike, asserting that the rule of law must prevail and that remand should not be used as a tool of intimidation or punishment.

VR High School Set for Grand Reopening After 150 Years

- Education Minister Nara Lokesh to inaugurate restored historic institution
- Digital education facilities introduced for poor children
- 1,050 students admitted on a single day; free meals, buses, uniforms, bicycles provided
- Reopening spearheaded by Minister Ponguru Narayana and daughter Sharani
- 14 government schools in Nellore to be upgraded by next academic year

TPN Correspondent | Nellore

The historic VR High School in Nellore, which traces its roots back to 1875, is all set to be reopened in a grand ceremony on Monday by State Education Minister Nara Lokesh. Spearheading the efforts to revive the institution is State Municipal and Urban Development Minister Dr. Ponguru Narayana, who has overseen the extensive modernization of the school with the help of Narayana Educational Institutions and NCC. Inspecting the final preparations along with his daughter Ponguru Sharani, Minister Narayana expressed satisfaction over the fast-paced development and recalled his own educational journey at VR High School. He criticized the previous YSRCP government for allowing the historic school to decay and emphasized that the school is now being restored to international standards. As part of the revival, digital class-



rooms, free transportation, meals, uniforms, and even bicycles have been arranged for the students. Over 5,000 applications were received, and 1,050 underprivileged students were admitted in a single day. The initiative aims to make VR High School a model for all government schools in Nellore district. State Waqf Board Chairman Abdul Aziz praised the transformation, calling it a revolutionary step in public educa-

tion. He said the institution now rivals private schools and commended the minister's vision of establishing world-class facilities for poor children. Former MLA Mekapati Chandrasekhar Reddy lauded the project, stating that Minister Narayana's name will be etched in history for his service to the education sector. He also praised Sharani Narayana for supporting her father's dream and said VRC is now a leader among corporate-style schools. Sharani shared her happiness at being part of the initiative and confirmed that all admissions were done in a single day. She noted that the school now offers international curriculum and sports infrastructure, providing holistic education to students.

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Flood Flow Increases to Srisailem Reservoir

Flood flow into the Srisailem reservoir has been rising steadily due to continuous rains in the upper catchment areas of the Krishna River. In a significant development, the water level rose by five feet in a single day, reaching 878.40 feet on Sunday. According to irrigation department officials, a massive 1,30,780 cusecs of water is currently entering the reservoir from the Jurala and Sunkesula projects, while an outflow of 67,399 cusecs is being maintained downstream toward Nagarjunasagar. Of this, 35,315 cusecs is being discharged through the left bank power station and 31,084 cusecs through the right bank power station via hydroelectric generation. The full reservoir level (FRL) of Srisailem is 885 feet, and the project has reached 878.40 feet, up from 873.90 feet recorded the previous day. With such high inflows, officials expect the reservoir to reach full level within the next 24 hours if the current flow continues. The total water storage capacity of the project is 215.80 TMC, and it has now touched 179.89 TMC, showing a sharp increase in water reserves. Irrigation officials continue to monitor the inflow and outflow patterns closely as the situation develops.

Srisailem Dam Leakage...

- No Danger, Only Maintenance Needed
- Rubber seal damage caused minor leak, says expert Kanhaiya Naidu
- Dam safe, but urgent repairs advised due to rusting gates

TPN Correspondent | Srisailem

Minor water leakage from the gates of Srisailem Dam, a crucial water source for the Telugu states, has sparked concerns among the public. However, dam expert Kanhaiya Naidu has clarified that there is no threat to the structural integrity of the dam and assured that the situation is under control. After inspecting the dam, Kanhaiya Naidu attributed the leakage to aging rubber seals and rust formation, citing that the gates haven't been painted since 2010. He stressed that although the leakage has caught public attention, it is well within the internationally permissible safety limits. "The current leakage is not even 10% of the standard safety threshold," he explained. Naidu emphasized that timely maintenance can extend the lifespan of the dam gates, which are currently 40 years old, by another 20 to 30 years. "If the government ignores the issue now, the cost of completely replacing the gates will be very high," he warned. He instructed the Superintendent Engineer and concerned officials to immediately begin repair work and repainting. The focus should be on restoring the damaged rubber seals and removing rust from the affected areas to avoid any escalation. Reassuring the public, Kanhaiya Naidu said, "There is no need to panic. The dam is safe. But routine maintenance has been neglected for years, and it is time for the government to step in and release necessary funds." The Srisailem Dam, constructed four decades ago, plays a vital role in irrigation and power generation in both Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. With increasing water inflows due to recent rains, public attention turned to the condition of the dam. Officials have also been asked to stay vigilant and complete all preventive maintenance activities before the water level rises further. Naidu's comments have helped calm public concerns while placing a renewed spotlight on the urgency of long-overdue dam maintenance work.



Notices to 113 YCP Leaders Over Jagan's Rentapalla Rally



Palnadu Police issue notices under PDPP Act for unauthorized rally

TPN Correspondent | Palnadu

In connection with the rally organized during the visit of former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy to Rentapalla last month, the Palnadu district police have issued notices to 113 YSR Congress Party (YCP) leaders. The action has been taken under the Prevention of Damage to Public Property (PDPP) Act, citing violations during the event. According to police sources, a rally and DJ sound system were conducted

without prior permission during Jagan's visit to Sattenapalli on June 18. Officials stated that the organizers failed to seek mandatory clearance for the event, which led to a public disturbance and potential risk to law and order. The 113 leaders have been directed to appear before the Sattenapalli Town Police Station on Sunday for questioning. The notices clearly mention that their presence is required in relation to the investigation into the unauthorized assembly, usage of sound systems, and traffic obstruc-

tion. Police also indicated that more individuals may face inquiry if additional evidence emerges. The move is being seen as part of increased enforcement against political rallies held without proper permission, especially in sensitive or high-profile areas. This development has stirred political reactions, with YSRCP cadre alleging targeted action against their party members, while police maintain that the enforcement is in line with the law and applies to all parties equally.



AP to support Centre in addressing Climate Change

- AP Adopts Five-Point Strategy to Tackle Climate Change
- Partners with Centre to scale up energy efficiency and green energy
- State aims for ₹8,000 crore EE investment by FY 2031



In the Presence of Union Minister for Housing, Energy & Urban development, GOI Shri Manohar Lal Khatter the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh Shri N. Chandra Babu Naidu is distributing Energy Efficiency Appliances to Beneficiary recently in Vijayawada. - File Photo.

TPN Correspondent |
Vijayawada

In a bold move to tackle climate change and contribute to India's sustainable development goals, the Government of Andhra Pradesh has adopted a comprehensive Five-Point Climate Strategy, signaling a strong commitment to clean energy transition, aggressive energy efficiency, and environmental sustainability. The strategy was announced by Chief Secretary K. Vijayanand after a high-level meeting with officials from the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), Ministry of Power, Government of India. The initiative is in alignment with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's climate mission and reflects the state's resolve to become a national role model in clean energy initiatives.

Fisheries Sector Gets National Recognition

In a major boost to the MSME sector, the Fisheries cluster in West Godavari district has been selected under BEE's "Energy-Intensive Clusters" program for implementing global best-in-class energy efficiency technologies. Chief Secretary Vijayanand thanked the BEE and the Ministry of Power for this recognition, which he said would open new pathways for innovation and sustainability

in the fisheries industry. BEE Southern States Media Adviser A. Chandrasekhar Reddy met with the Chief Secretary to review and coordinate feedback and strategies across Kerala, Karnataka, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, and Andhra Pradesh. During this interaction, Chief Secretary Vijayanand conveyed that Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has instructed departments including Energy, Panchayati Raj, Housing, Tourism, Women & Child Welfare, and Roads & Buildings to adopt time-bound energy efficiency goals. Recently, the Chief Minister inaugurated three key initiatives with Union Minister Shri Manohar Lal Khattar Urja Veer (Energy Volunteers), Energy-efficient appliances in housing programs and Efficient cooking technologies for Anganwadis. These initiatives have been widely lauded as part of a forward-looking energy governance model. A high-level delegation from Delhi's Energy Efficiency division is expected to visit Andhra Pradesh soon to finalize a detailed department-wise action plan and oversee its timely execution.

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The Five-Point Climate Strategy Includes:

1. Aggressive Energy Efficiency Implementation:

Andhra Pradesh will scale up energy efficiency (EE) adoption across key sectors in partnership with BEE, EESL, and CESL. The state is targeting ₹8,000 crore in EE investments by FY 2031, leveraging energy effi-

ciency's potential to deliver 40% of total emission reduction.

2. Accelerated Renewable Energy Deployment:

Under the Integrated Clean Energy Policy (ICEP) 2024, the state is aiming for 78 GW of solar and 35 GW of wind energy generation, cementing its status as a future hub for green

power.

3. Massive Afforestation Campaign:

A state-wide mission is underway to plant 1 crore saplings in a single day, followed by 5.58 crore saplings over the next year, with a long-term objective to raise green cover from 30% to 50% by 2047.

4. Adoption of Global Energy Efficiency Practices:

Andhra Pradesh will study and implement international best practices in energy efficiency, especially in the building, industrial, and MSME sectors, with support from BEE and the Ministry of Rural Development.

5. Statewide Awareness and Youth Engagement:

The AP State Energy Conservation Mission (APSECM) will lead a mass awareness drive, including the formation of Energy Clubs in schools and colleges, positioning students as key influencers of behavioral change.

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Minister Narayana further announced plans to upgrade 14 govern-

ment high schools in Nellore by next academic year. DSR Construction Company and MP Vemireddy Prabhakar Reddy have already adopted

two schools, and work is underway at Santapet Model School Guntabadi. Prominent attendees included Corporation Commissioner Nandan,

Deputy Mayor Roop Kumar Yadav, former Municipal Chairperson Talapaka Anuradha, State Minority Cell President Nanne Saheb, Prin-

cipal Venkatrao, MEO Tirupal, and several other leaders who expressed support and appreciation for the project.

From Watchman to Power Broker

- Shocking Rise of Arji Narasimha Murthy in Rajahmundry Health Dept
- Whistleblower claims Rs. 100 crore illegal wealth...

TPN | V.V.S Madhu Babu

Vijayawada: Serious allegations have surfaced against Arji Narasimha Murthy, a Senior Assistant in the Regional Director of Health office, Rajahmundry, exposing a disturbing tale of unchecked power, massive corruption, and manipulation of government norms in Andhra Pradesh's health department. Murthy, who started his career as a watchman in the Zonal Malaria Office, Rajahmundry, has now emerged as the unofficial power center controlling staff transfers, postings, and appointments in Zone 2, despite being just a Senior Assistant on paper. His meteoric rise through the ranks is raising serious questions about the integrity of administrative processes and the silence of higher officials. From Watchman to Senior Assistant – A Questionable Journey Murthy's colleagues who joined with him 22 years ago are still working as attenders, while he has climbed the ladder to the senior assistant level—allegedly bypassing all norms and



regulations. As per GO 344, an employee should be transferred after 3 years, yet Murthy, transferred from Bhimavaram to Rajahmundry, continues to hold influence in the same RD office through backdoor deputations, even

Questions That Demand Answers:

- How did a former watchman rise to wield such unchecked power in the Health Department?
- Why is there no audit or vigilance inquiry into Murthy's real estate empire and his role in transfer scams?
- How did the system allow one individual to defy GO 344 and departmental transfer norms repeatedly?
- What role did higher officials and political connections play in this sustained abuse of power?

when deputations were officially banned. Empire Built on Transfers?

According to credible sources, Murthy's estimated illegal income over the past 18 years exceeds ₹100 crores, with real estate assets spread across Rajahmundry, Hyderabad, and Vijayawada. The core of this wealth is reportedly built on lucrative "transfer deals"—charging ₹1 to ₹3 lakhs per transfer and even more for new appointments. It's alleged that any staff member seeking transfers within Zone 2 must go through Murthy, and he applies GOs in twisted ways to favor those who pay bribes. As per insider claims, RDs and DDs who are posted in Rajahmundry end up working under Murthy's directions, raising concerns about who truly runs the department. A Web of Favors and Cronies One glaring example cited is Head Nurse Shiva Leela, who has been posted at Vijayawada Dental Hospital for 34 years without a single transfer, allegedly under Murthy's protection. At least 10 other health staffers are also enjoying long stints in prime locations, defying all transfer rules, thanks to Murthy's lobbying. Adding to the suspicions, bank ac-

count transactions reportedly show financial dealings between Murthy and senior officials, including former DDs like Sessa Reddy and Ganapathi Rao. Whistleblowers claim credit card bills and other transactions indicate a corrupt nexus between Murthy and top health officials. Political Protection? Murthy's influence is believed to stem from his links with a former Deputy Director who served as Officer on Special Duty (OSD) to the then Health Minister during the previous YSRCP regime. This connection allegedly allowed him to manipulate postings even when out of the RD office and return within 3 days through special orders, a privilege unheard of for any lower-tier staff. The silence of senior officials is deafening. The government is now under pressure to launch a full-scale investigation into Arji Narasimha Murthy's tenure, finances, and role in what appears to be a massive corruption network thriving inside the health department—a network that continues to erode trust in public institutions.

Ours Is a People’s Govt, the People Are the Rulers

First step in good governance is a people’s victory, says Minister Subhash

TPN | K Govinda Raju

Ramachandrapuram: State Labour Minister Vasamsetty Subhash asserted that the alliance government in Andhra Pradesh is truly a people’s government, stating that “the people are the real rulers.” He emphasized that the first year of governance under the leadership of Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu has been dedicated to ensuring both development and welfare, and the current campaign is aimed at taking this message directly to the public. As part of the “First Step in Good Governance” campaign, Minister Subhash, along with former Kakinada Rural MLA Pilli Ananthalakshmi and TDP Kakinada Rural Coordinator Pilli Sattibabu, conducted a door-to-door campaign on Sunday in PallapuVeedhi, Ramalayam, Meraka Veedhi, and Kothur areas of Indrapalem. The minister was warmly welcomed by residents, who greeted him with garlands



and traditional aarti. During his visit, Subhash personally explained the development initiatives and welfare measures undertaken by the coalition government over the past year and gathered citizen feedback via the My TDP App. Speaking at the campaign, the Minister reminded that despite good performance between 2014 and 2019, the TDP suffered losses due to its failure to communicate achievements effectively. “This time,

we will not repeat that mistake. Every good deed and initiative is being taken to the people’s doorsteps,” he said. Subhash criticized the previous YSRCP government, alleging that the state’s brand image had been tarnished under its rule. He stated that the coalition government has now restored investor confidence and attracted investment proposals worth ₹9.34 lakh crore, which could create up to 8.5 lakh jobs. He also mentioned that global giants

like Google, TCS, and Cognizant have shown interest in investing in Andhra Pradesh. He added that the state is disbursing pensions to 64 lakh beneficiaries, amounting to ₹34,000 crore annually, the highest in India. He also noted revival efforts including the Polavaram Project, construction of Amaravati, scrapping of the Land Titling Act, and resumption of 77 stalled projects. Taking aim at YSRCP chief Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, Subhash said, “They’re spreading poison in the name of caste and religion. Calling Jagan’s jail trip a fight for justice is a joke — it’s nothing but a comfort trip. This is a government of integrity, and we are taking our achievements to the people, who are responding with blessings.” Among those present were TDP district general secretary Penke Srinivas Baba, state Shettibali Corporation director Dr. Chappidi Venkateswara Rao, and several constituency and booth-level leaders and convenors.



Kodali Nani Meets Vallabhaneni Vamsi After Jail Release

Former Ministers Perni Nani also present with Kodali

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada

In a move that has sparked political curiosity, former Minister Kodali Nani today met former MLA Vallabhaneni Vamsi, who was recently released from jail after spending around 130 days in judicial custody. The meeting took place shortly after Vamsi’s release and was attended by former Minister Perni Nani and other senior YSRCP leaders. During the visit, Kodali Nani enquired about Vamsi’s health and well-being. Sources indicate that the two leaders also held a closed-door discussion on the latest political developments in Andhra Pradesh, especially in the wake of the TDP-led alliance returning to power. Both Vamsi and Kodali Nani share a long-standing friendship dating back to their days in the Telugu Desam Party (TDP). While Kodali Nani joined the YSRCP in its early phase, Vamsi continued with the TDP until after the 2019 elections, eventually switching sides and strongly criticizing TDP and its leadership, particularly targeting Nara Lokesh. In recent times, there has been growing speculation about legal troubles for some YSRCP leaders. Rumors about the “Red Book” allegedly maintained by TDP’s Nara Lokesh had suggested that names like Vamsi and Kodali Nani were listed for potential action under the new regime. While Vamsi has already faced jail time, reports indicate that Kodali Nani too might face legal action soon, although there has been no official confirmation. With the political landscape shifting rapidly in Andhra Pradesh post-2024 elections, this reunion of two fiery ex-legislators is bound to keep the rumor mills active, especially given their aggressive stance against the current ruling alliance in previous years.



Duvvada Vani Vs Duvvada Srinu

- MLC Duvvada Srinivas suspended from YCP
- ZPTC member Duvvada Vani now active, eyes Tekkali seat
- Vani seeks YSRCP high command’s support to replace her husband

TPN Correspondent | Srikakulam

The political landscape in the Tekkali constituency of Andhra Pradesh is undergoing a dramatic shift following the controversy surrounding YSRCP MLC Duvvada Srinivas. Once a prominent name in the region, Srinivas has found himself sidelined from party affairs after a viral scandal involving his relationship with Divvela Madhuri. The YSRCP high command, embarrassed by the incident, suspended him from party responsibilities. This has left a vacuum in the constituency’s political dynamics—one that his wife, Duvvada Vani, appears keen to fill. Vani, who is currently serving as the ZPTC member from Tekkali, has reportedly distanced herself from Srinivas after the affair surfaced. Sources say she is now eyeing a stronger political role, with ambitions to contest from Tekkali in the next elections. Once overlooked for a ticket in favor of her husband, Vani had previously served as the party in-charge of the constituency but remained quiet in recent months due to personal disputes. Now, with Srinivas suspended, Vani is reportedly trying to reclaim her influence by engaging actively in public meetings and party events. During a recent ZP general meeting, her sharp remarks regarding poor sanitation in Tekkali town and her threat to go on a hunger strike if the situation doesn’t improve caught significant attention. She also asserted that the YSRCP had made visible progress in village development during its tenure, indicating her intent to project the party’s legacy under her leadership. Meanwhile, the current constituency in-charge Perada Tilak, who also lost the 2019 elections, is being subtly challenged by Vani. In the recent YSRCP district-wide meeting, she made visible efforts to interact with former minister Botsa Satyanarayana and reportedly discussed key matters with him privately. Party insiders suggest she is keen to be viewed as a serious contender for the Tekkali seat and not just the sidelined wife of a suspended leader.

AP MARKFED Drives Transparent Tobacco Procurement for 2025 Season

AP Govt Ensures Fair Prices for Tobacco Farmers

TPN | Sumanth Jangam

Vijayawada: The Andhra Pradesh Marketing Federation (AP MARKFED) is advancing its 2025 HD Burley Tobacco procurement, launched on June 19, to support farmers under the Hon’ble Chief Minister’s directives. Dilli Rao, IAS, Managing Director (In-Charge), emphasized the initiative’s focus on transparency and farmer welfare, utilizing digital platforms like CMAPP and APAIMS.

As of July 5, AP MARKFED has procured 2,245 bales (2,088 metric tonnes), valued at ₹17.20 crores, benefiting 724 farmers across 11 centers in Bapatla (Inkollu, Pangulur, Parchur, BK Palem, Chirala), Guntur (Guntur, Pedakakani), Palnadu (Chilakaluripet, Edlapadu), and Prakasam (Gundlapalli) districts. The process will continue until September 2025. Farmers must register via CMAPP with Village Agriculture Assistants’ help

and be enrolled in APAIMS. SMS notifications specify procurement dates, centers, and quantities. Strict quality standards mandate bales to be clean, uniform, with ≤20% moisture and 25-150 kg weight. Fungus-infected or non-compliant bales face rejection, with deductions of 1 kg for thin stalk leaves and 2 kg for thick stalk leaves.

Pricing is grade-based: HDR (clean, honey-colored, mature) at ₹120/kg, HDM (me-

dium, light honey-colored) at ₹90/kg, and HDX (thin, ash) at ₹60/kg. The process includes biometric authentication, QR code tagging, and digital payments.

Dilli Rao urged farmers to meet quality standards and contact local officials for support. “We are committed to fair and seamless procurement,” he said. For queries, farmers can reach Village Agriculture Assistants or MARKFED officials.

YCP Conspiring to Politicize Ponnur Incident: MLA Dhulipalla

TPN Correspondent | Ponnur

MLA Dhulipalla Narendra has levelled serious allegations against the YSR Congress Party, claiming that the Ponnur attack incident is being deliberately politicized by the opposition party to tarnish the image of the ruling government. He accused the YSRCP of orchestrating a malicious campaign for political mileage. Speaking to the media, Dhulipalla alleged that there was a conspiracy behind the attack on Nagamalleshwara Rao, and that YSRCP cadres were present in the area at the time of the incident. He claimed that the original plan was to target senior TDP leaders Bandlamudi Baburao and Ashok, and that the attack on Nagamalleshwara Rao was part of a bigger play hatched by the YCP faction. He further stated that after the attack, the police attempted to shift the injured person to the Guntur Government Hospital, but YSRCP leaders deliberately obstructed the process and transferred him to a private hospital instead. Dhulipalla questioned this move, alleging that it was done with political intent, not for the welfare of the victim. “Their only aim is to twist the incident and portray the government in a bad light, even if it means manipulating the facts and misguiding the public,” the MLA asserted. He warned that TDP will not remain silent in the face of such conspiracies and that the truth will come out in the investigation. Dhulipalla demanded a fair and impartial probe into the entire episode and urged authorities to identify those responsible for spreading misinformation and attempting to incite unrest.



MLA Vanamadi Visits Talupulamma Lova Punyakshetram



TPN | NV Surya

Tuni: Kakinada City MLA Vanamadi Venkateswara Rao (Kondababu) visited the sacred Talupulamma Lovapunyakshetram on Sunday. Temple priests and Vedic scholars warmly welcomed the MLA, who performed special prayers at the shrine. He was presented with the holy silk robes of the Goddess. On the occasion of the first Ekadashi festival, Assistant Commissioner of Endowments Penmatsa Vishwanath Raju supervised a special “Laksha Tulasi Puja” conducted by temple priests. The holy event drew a massive crowd, with over 33,000 devotees offering prayers to the deity. To ensure smooth traffic flow, the police department successfully implemented parking rearrangements, easing congestion. For devotees’ convenience, temporary primary health centers were set up within the temple premises, with medical staff from Thetagunta PHC rendering their services. Temple volunteers also assisted in crowd management and service coordination. The temple earned a total revenue of ₹8,50,543 through various services, including prasadam sales, vehicle pujas, darshan tickets, cottage rentals, and donations. The well-managed arrangements during the festival won appreciation from devotees and officials alike, with police efforts in traffic regulation being particularly praised.

Shouldn't the Police Act Against Drug Peddler Selling Bonofix and Ecofix to Children?

TPN | V.V.S Madhu Babu

Vijayawada: In a shocking revelation, it has come to light that children in Vijayawada are getting intoxicated using tyre puncture solutions like Bonofix and Eco Fix. These chemicals, typically used for mechanical purposes, are being misused by minors who inhale the solution through cloths to experience a hallucinogenic high—leading to an alarming rise in petty crimes and attacks in the city. According to locals, Bezawada youth are increasingly becoming addicted to these easily available chemical solutions. It is alleged that Paila Sukumar Babu, the owner of Sri Vijayadurga Iron and Hardware Stores, located beside the fish market on Besant Road, is openly selling Bonofix and Ecofix to children. Reports claim that his shop has become the primary adda for minors seeking these substances. Residents further claim that under the influence of these substances, children are committing thefts and assaults, endangering public safety and themselves. What's more alarming is the allegation that Sukumar Babu is importing these solutions from Delhi using fake GST credentials and storing them in large quantities at a warehouse in Ramakrishnapuram.



In a more disturbing twist, it is being alleged that Sukumar regularly pays protection money to a local police station, and two inspectors from the city are shielding his illegal activities. Despite widespread awareness and complaints from locals, there has been no visible action from the Vijayawada city police, raising serious questions about possible collusion and corruption within the police force. Residents are now demanding immediate intervention. “Why is the police silent when children are being poi-

soned in broad daylight? Why is there no crackdown on Sukumar's illegal warehouse and supply chain?” questioned a local resident. The administration and police are being urged to act swiftly to shut down the illegal sale of these chemical solutions and prosecute those enabling drug-like abuse among children. It remains to be seen whether the police will rise to their duty—or continue to look the other way while the youth of the city fall victim to chemical addiction.



“Ekalavya” Jayanti Celebrated in Kondapalli

TPN Correspondent | NTR District

On the occasion of the birth anniversary of “Ekalavya,” revered as a symbol of Dalit and tribal identity, tributes were paid in Kondapalli Municipality of NTR District on Saturday. The event was marked by floral offerings at Ekalavyu statues located at the ST Colony Kalyana Mandapam and the B-Colony junction. State Party Secretary Jampala Seetharamaiah, Municipality Chairman Chennuboyana Chittibabu, Vice Chairman and Party President Srinivasa Rao, along with other party leaders and local Dalit and tribal representatives, participated in the celebrations and paid their respects. Addressing the gathering, leaders recalled Ekalavya's unwavering dedication to learning and archery. De-

spite being denied formal education, Ekalavya is remembered for his deep reverence to Dronacharya, symbolized by the statue he built and worshipped. Leaders emphasized that in today's era, Ekalavyu stands as an enduring icon of self-respect, struggle, and the assertion of Dalit and tribal rights. The program was organized under the leadership of Kondapalli Municipality ST Cell President Palaparthi Nageswara Rao. Tribal community members including Kampa Koteswara Rao, Raga Jamalaya, and women's leader Smt. Chinuka also played an active role in the arrangements and participation. The event concluded with calls to take inspiration from Ekalavya's legacy and continue the fight for social justice and equality.

DGP Harish Kumar Gupta Visits Kanakadurga Temple



TPN | V.V.S Madhu Babu

Vijayawada: On Sunday, Director General of Police (DGP) Harish Kumar Gupta along with his wife offered prayers at the sacred Kanakadurga Temple on Indrakiladri hill in Vijayawada. The couple was received with traditional temple honors by Executive Officer Sheena Nayak, who welcomed them on behalf of the temple authorities. After darshan, Vedic scholars performed rituals and offered blessings to the DGP and his wife. EO Sheena Nayak presented prasadam and a framed photo of Goddess Kanakadurga to the couple and briefed them on the recent development works undertaken in the temple to enhance facilities for devotees.

Kapu JAC Thanks Govt for Withdrawing Tuni Case

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The State Kapu Joint Action Committee (JAC) expressed gratitude to the Andhra Pradesh government for withdrawing the case related to the Tuni train burning incident, stating that it was an emotional outburst linked to the sentiments of the Kapu community. The committee held a key meeting in Vijayawada to address various unresolved issues facing the Kapus in the state. Speaking on the occasion, State Kapu JAC President Chandu Janardhan said that the JAC convened this meeting to bring the concerns of the Kapu community to the notice of the government. He emphasized that a legal battle would continue in the courts for the implementation of BC reservations for Kapus belonging to different sub-sections within the community. Janardhan also noted that several Kapu leaders, including former MP Hari Rama Jogayya, are already actively fighting in the courts on the issue of reservation rights. Refuting recent narratives, he said that there is no truth to the belief that the nominated posts given to Jana Sena Party in the coalition government were specifically allotted to the Kapus. However, he stressed that the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) is also committed to demanding proportional representation for Kapus in line with their population share. He further appealed to the state government to withdraw the SC/ST Atrocity case filed against the ownership of Point Magazine, asserting that such legal actions are unjust and suppress voices from the community. “We will continue our movement until all the genuine demands of the Kapus, especially on reservation, representation, and legal protection, are met,” said Janardhan.



₹1 Lakh Fine for Drunk Driving in Gudivada

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Gudivada: In a strict enforcement drive against drunk driving, ten individuals were arrested in Nandivada Mandal of Krishna district this month. Each was fined ₹10,000, totaling ₹1 lakh in penalties, according to Sub-Inspector Kudipudi Srinivas. Speaking on the incident, SI Srinivas said that the offenders were caught operating vehicles under the influence of alcohol during routine checks carried out this month. The inspections were conducted under the supervision of CI Someswara Rao and the guidance of District SP R. Gangadhara Rao. All ten violators were produced before the court, which imposed a fine of ₹10,000 on each driver. The SI warned that strict action will continue against those who drive under the influence of alcohol. He also advised the public not to allow underage or unlicensed individuals to operate vehicles and emphasized that driving after consuming alcohol poses a serious risk to both the driver and the public. Authorities reiterated that such enforcement will be a regular practice in the mandal and urged citizens to follow traffic rules strictly for their safety and that of others. The local police aim to reduce road accidents through consistent and firm action against violators.



NRIs Should Support Sports Development in AP: SAAP Chairman Ravi Naidu

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SAAP Chairman Animi Ravi Naidu has urged Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) to take an active role not only in the development of the country and Andhra Pradesh, but also in supporting the state's athletes and sports ecosystem. Speaking at the 8th American Telugu Festival organized by the North American Telugu Society (NATS) in Tampa, Florida on Sunday, Ravi Naidu emphasized the need for global Telugu communities to invest in the talent and dreams of AP's sportspersons. Representing the Andhra Pradesh Sports Authority (SAAP) at the prestigious international gathering, Ravi Naidu launched a special initiative aimed at strengthening support for athletes in the state. A stall set up by SAAP at the festival became a major attraction, showcasing the achievements and potential of AP's sports sector. Highlighting the P-4 scheme introduced by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, the SAAP Chairman released a brochure along with several NRIs and called upon the Telugu diaspora and industrialists to help uplift athletes, particularly those facing financial constraints. The P-4 scheme, which focuses on public-private partnerships and people's

participation, is now being extended to the sports sector to create a sustainable support system. Ravi Naidu said, “Many athletes in Andhra Pradesh possess remarkable talent but are unable to progress due to lack of financial resources and proper facilities. If our NRIs, especially those well-settled in the US, come forward to adopt and support these sportspersons, we can produce champions who shine at national and international platforms.” He stressed the importance of building world-class sports infrastructure and providing financial and moral backing to athletes from the grassroots level. “Such cooperation can take Andhra Pradesh to global recognition in the world of sports,” he said. Ravi Naidu also highlighted that the CM's P-4 policy is already showing encouraging results across sectors and said its implementation in sports is a timely and impactful step. “The AP Sports Authority will work in line with CM Chandrababu Naidu's vision to ensure no talent goes unrecognized or unsupported,” he asserted. He concluded by urging NRIs, industrialists, and business leaders to collaborate with SAAP and extend financial, technical, and moral support to build a strong sporting future for Andhra Pradesh.



CM likely to attend Mega PTM 2.0 on July 10

- District Collector holds review meeting with officials
- Officials instructed to follow SOP without lapses

TPN Correspondent | Puttaparthi

With Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu likely to visit Kothacheruvu on July 10, District Collector T.S. Chetan has directed officials to ensure strong and meticulous arrangements for the visit. Though the official minute-to-minute schedule is yet to be finalized, the Collector emphasized that all preparatory works should be completed in line with standard protocols.

On Sunday, the Collector convened a coordination meeting at Sri Sathya Sai Government Junior College, Kothacheruvu, in the presence of SP V. Ratna, Joint Collector Abhishek Kumar, and other senior officials, to review the arrangements being made for the CM's visit.

The Chief Minister is expected to participate in the Mega Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM) 2.0 event scheduled to be held at ZDPI Boys and Girls Schools and Sri Sathya Sai Government Junior Colleges.

The Collector stated that clear roles and responsibilities have been allocated to district officers to ensure the program's smooth execution. He instructed all departments to strictly follow SOPs, especially in venues and locations where the CM will be present, and emphasized tight police bandobast to ensure public safety.

Later, Collector T.S. Chetan, SP V. Ratna, JC Abhishek Kumar, and former Minister Palle Raghunath Reddy inspected classrooms and the grounds of the schools and college where the event will be held. The team issued on-the-spot instructions to concerned officials to resolve any pending issues quickly. Prior to this, the officials also inspected Puttaparthi Airport as part of the visit preparations.

Key officials who participated in the inspection and review included KRRC Special Deputy Collector Suryanarayana Reddy, RDOs Suvarna (Puttaparthi) and Mahesh (Dharmavaram), DRDA PD Narasaiah, CPO Vijayakumar, DEO Kishtappa, GSV S. Sudhakar Reddy, District Civil Supplies Officer Vamsi Krishna Reddy, District Manager of Civil Supplies Corporation Raju, DPO Samatha, District Transport Officer Srinivas, and SSA PO Devaraj, among others.

Rare Brahma Kamalam Blooms in Vizianagaram

- Flower blossoms for just one hour
- Locals gather for a glimpse and perform puja
- Govind and Shanthakumari grow the sacred plant

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Vizianagaram: A rare and sacred Brahma Kamalam flower blossomed at a residence in Udakalani Phase 2 of Vizianagaram town on Saturday night, drawing significant attention from nearby residents. The flower, known for its spiritual significance and short bloom time, blossomed at exactly 9 PM and withered within an hour.

The plant was nurtured by Govind and Shanthakumari, a couple residing on the fifth floor of Venkatasai Residency, adjacent to the Sai Baba Temple. The couple recently moved to Vizianagaram from Paderu following a job transfer. Govind currently works as an Information and Public Relations Officer in Srikakulam district, while his wife Shanthakumari, a housewife, took special care in growing the Brahma lotus.

As soon as the rare flower bloomed, the family conducted traditional puja rituals, treating the event with deep reverence. Neighbours and other residents from nearby flats gathered at the spot, eager to witness the sacred and uncommon sight. Many described the experience as spiritually uplifting, given the Brahma lotus's



revered status in Hindu tradition. This short-lived bloom has left many in awe, with residents calling it a moment of divine blessing. The event has become the talk of the neighbourhood, with locals sharing photos and expressing gratitude for witnessing such a rare phenomenon.

Man Climbs Tower Over Talliki Vandanam Fund Dispute

TPN Correspondent | West Godavari

A tense situation unfolded in Bhimavaram's Mentevari Thota on Sunday when a man climbed a high-tension electricity tower demanding action over the alleged non-receipt of funds under the state's 'Talliki Vandanam' scheme. The protest shocked the locals, especially the man's daughter who broke down, pleading with him to come down.

The man, identified as Korupalli Shyam, claimed that his children had not received the promised funds under the scheme. He climbed the tower and threatened to stay there unless officials provided him with a written assurance. Despite efforts by his wife and other family members to convince him that the money had already been deposited, Shyam refused to believe them. In an emotional scene, his young daughter cried out from below, "Come down, daddy", as passersby and locals gathered around. The incident drew



public attention, and soon, local police reached the scene and began negotiating with Shyam. After a prolonged standoff, police assured him in writing that the issue would be addressed and necessary steps would be taken. Only after receiving this assurance, Shyam descended from the tower, bringing relief to his worried family and the surrounding crowd. Authorities are now investigating the claim to confirm whether the Talliki Vandanam funds were deposited and if there was a communication gap or technical delay that led to the protest.



Thotapalli Water Released for Kharif by Minister Sandhya Rani

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Parvathipuram Manyam: Andhra Pradesh Women, Child Welfare and Tribal Welfare Minister Gummidi Sandhya Rani on Sunday formally released water from the Thotapalli reservoir to support Kharif cultivation across Parvathipuram Manyam, Vizianagaram, and Srikakulam districts. The water is being released to fill small irrigation tanks, aiming to strengthen water management and ensure availability till the last acre under the ayacut.

Though the Thotapalli project was originally intended to provide irrigation for 1,31,221 acres, officials noted that it is currently irrigating 84,033 acres. Among these, 5,238 acres are being irrigated in Parvathipuram Manyam out of a total planned 13,684 acres. In Vizianagaram, 55,443 acres are receiving water against a planned 78,563 acres, while in Srikakulam, 23,351 acres are being irrigated out of the targeted 38,974 acres.

For the 2024 Kharif season specifically, 40,440 acres are being irrigated through canals in Vizianagaram district and 13,133 acres through ayacut tanks. In Parvathipuram Manyam, 3,754 acres are receiving canal irrigation and 2,269 acres through tanks. Srikakulam district has 14,415 acres under canal irrigation and an additional 5,372 acres also under canal supply. Stabilization of 64,000 acres of ayacut has already been completed under the old Left Main Canal (LMC), Right Main Canal (RMC), and open head channels. The new RMC ayacut has enabled irrigation of 84,033 acres for Kharif 2025, while the old Thotapalli regulator ayacut has covered 64,000 acres.

To further enhance irrigation efficiency, the state government has sanctioned high-priority restoration works under the State Disaster Management Fund (SDMF). Desilting and repair works of the Right Main Canal are being carried out at an estimated cost of ₹470.72 lakh. Additionally, ₹67.60 lakh has been allocated in 2025 for ten maintenance works to ensure continued functionality of the irrigation network. Officials said the coordinated release and ongoing works will significantly improve irrigation sustainability and crop outcomes for thousands of farmers in the region.

Medical Mafia Busted in East Godavari

- Viagra, abortion kits sold without prescription
- Illegal sales at inflated prices exposed in Rajahmundry
- Drugs sourced from Hyderabad, supplied to villages

TPN Correspondent | Rajahmundry

A major illegal drug racket has been uncovered in East Godavari district, with drug control officials raiding several medical shops in Rajahmundry and seizing large quantities of prescription-only drugs being sold without authorization. The bust exposed a disturbing network involving the illegal sale of Viagra tablets, abortion kits, and other restricted medications.

In a recent series of surprise raids, officials uncovered that several medical outlets in Rajahmundry were freely selling these drugs without prescriptions, violating health and safety regulations. Many of the drugs were being sold at prices much higher than the MRP, putting lives at risk and exploiting vulnerable patients.

Authorities revealed that not only were medical shops involved, but even some RMP and PMP doctors were complicit in the distribution of these drugs across rural and tribal areas in the district. The investigation found that these medications were being illegally imported from Hyderabad and distributed without any tracking or regulation.

One person from Rajahmundry was arrested on the spot with a large haul of restricted drugs, including Viagra and abortion kits. These drugs were reportedly being distributed to remote villages and agency areas with no regard for legal or medical oversight.



Officials have seized multiple medical shops found violating norms and confirmed that legal action has been initiated against all involved. The raids are part of an intensified crackdown on the medical mafia, and further inspections are expected in other parts of the district. Authorities urged the public to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity in the sale of medical products. They also warned that strict penalties will be imposed on anyone involved in such illegal operations, stressing that the health and safety of the public must not be compromised for profit.

Godavari Water Level Rises at Dhavaleswaram Barrage

TPN | Ch. Sri

East Godavari: The Godavari River is witnessing a steady rise in water levels following consistent rainfall in its catchment areas. Inflows from upstream tributaries and smaller streams have contributed to the increase, prompting the irrigation authorities to take precautionary measures to manage the river's flow.

At the Dhavaleswaram Cotton Barrage in East Godavari district, officials have lifted multiple gates to release the accumulating water downstream. A total of 66 gates in the Dhavaleswaram arm, 42 gates in the Ralli arm, 20 gates in the Madduru arm, and 29 gates at Vijjeswaram have been opened up to a height of 40 feet, facilitating the discharge of 1,89,129 cusecs of water.

As of Sunday, the water level at Dhavaleswaram was recorded at 10.80 feet, and the flow is expected to increase further if rainfall continues in the upstream areas. In view of irrigation requirements, the department is releasing 4,200 cusecs to the Eastern Delta, 2,450 cusecs to the Central Delta, and 5,800 cusecs to the Western Delta, ensuring uninterrupted water supply for agricultural fields.



Upstream at Bhadrachalam, the river also showed a minor increase, with the water level reaching 20.30 feet on Sunday evening. Officials are keeping a close watch on further developments.

The irrigation department is actively coordinating the discharge to balance flood management and agricultural supply. Farmers and residents in low-lying areas have been advised to stay vigilant as weather forecasts predict continued rainfall in the Godavari basin.

Authorities praised the efficiency of the barrage operations and confirmed that all precautionary steps are in place to handle any emergency. The current inflow pattern is being monitored round the clock, with regular updates being shared with relevant departments.

Blood in Emergencies

Blood is a vital, life-saving fluid that becomes indispensable during emergencies. Despite significant advancements in medical technology, there is still no artificial substitute for human blood. It can only be donated by one person to another, making voluntary blood donation critical—especially during surgeries, accidents, childbirth, and for children suffering from conditions like Thalassemia and Sick-le Cell Anemia who require regular transfusions.

As a general rule, a region needs blood units equivalent to 1% of its population. In developed countries like the United States, the percentage of blood donors stands at around 2%. However, in our country, it is only about 0.8%, resulting in a persistent and significant shortage. This gap has remained over the years, prompting continuous efforts to raise awareness among eligible youth and dispel common myths about blood donation.

All collected blood is screened and stored in licensed Blood Centers, which are authorized under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940. These centers strictly adhere to prescribed guidelines and perform mandatory testing for diseases such as HIV, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, Malaria, and other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs).

The foundation of modern blood transfusion began in 1901, when Dr. Karl Landsteiner, an Austrian-American immunologist and



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pathologist, discovered the major blood groups and developed the ABO blood typing system. He is rightly regarded as the Father of Blood Transfusion. Among blood groups, negative types are rarer, making them more difficult to obtain during emergencies. A particularly rare blood group, Bombay Blood Group, discovered in 1952 by Dr. Bhende in Mumbai, lacks the H antigen on red blood cells and is found in only about one in a million people globally.

Blood has four major components: Red Blood Cells (RBCs), White Blood Cells (WBCs), Platelets, and Plasma, and their usage depends on the patient's medical condition. To meet emergency needs more effectively, the number of blood donors in our country must increase to at least 1% of the population.

Any healthy individual between 18 to 65 years of age, weighing 45 kg or more, and having a hemoglobin level of 12.5 g/dl, is eligible to donate 350 to 400 ml of blood once every three months (for men) and once every four months (for women). The human body replenishes the donated volume quickly: plasma within 24 hours, RBCs in 3–4 weeks, and iron levels in 6–8 weeks.

Doctors recommend regular blood donation for health benefits. It helps eliminate dead cells, promotes better circulation, flushes out excess iron, and enhances the functioning of vital organs. Regular donation can also reduce the risk of cardiovascular diseases by lowering blood viscosity and improving blood flow.

India should aim for 100% voluntary blood donation, eliminating the need for replacement donors during emergencies. In certain surgeries like cardiac or liver procedures, surgeons prefer live donors, as warm, freshly donated blood is believed to offer better myocardial protection and improved post-operative outcomes.

Organizations such as NGOs, NSS, NCC, and the Red Cross should intensify awareness campaigns among youth and establish as many Blood Donor Clubs as possible. These efforts will help ensure the availability of live donors during critical surgeries and improve emergency preparedness across the country.

The Hidden Mental Health Risks of AI Chatbots: Psychotic Episodes and Declining Critical Thinking



As AI platforms like ChatGPT become increasingly integrated into professional and personal lives, troubling mental health concerns are emerging. Recent reports suggest that heavy reliance on AI for tasks may be eroding critical thinking skills and motivation among users. More alarmingly, some individuals are experiencing severe psychological effects, including psychotic episodes, after extended interactions with chatbots.

Meetali Jain, a lawyer and founder of the Tech Justice Law project, has recently been contacted by over a dozen individuals who reported delusional episodes or psychotic breaks linked to their use of ChatGPT and similar AI platforms. Jain is currently leading a lawsuit against Character.AI,

alleging that its chatbot manipulated a 14-year-old boy through deceptive, addictive, and sexually explicit conversations, contributing to his tragic suicide. The lawsuit seeks damages and changes to the company's practices to prevent similar harms.

Google, which provides foundational technology and infrastructure to Character.AI, has denied a significant role in the development of the chatbot's technology. However, Google has not commented on the increasing reports of psychotic episodes connected to chatbot usage. OpenAI, the creator of ChatGPT, has stated that it is working on automated tools to identify and mitigate harmful interactions but acknowledges that the company has yet to find effective ways to alert users who

might be experiencing severe mental health crises during their use of AI.

OpenAI CEO Sam Altman recently admitted that while ChatGPT has issued warnings to users in distress in the past, these alerts often go unheeded or misunderstood. The company is still grappling with how to recognize and respond to signs of users being "on the edge of a psychotic break."

The growing anecdotal evidence highlights a critical gap in understanding and managing the psychological impact of generative AI. As these technologies become more private and pervasive, addressing the mental health risks they pose is becoming an urgent challenge for developers, regulators, and users alike.

Vanamahotsavam: A Strong Hope For Greener Telangana

Telangana is starting a big green mission called Vanamahotsavam 2025. Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and Forest, Environment and Endowments Minister Smt. Konda Surekha are leading this effort to make the state greener. Today, they will officially begin this programme by planting a sapling at Rajendranagar Agricultural University, a place known for plant research.

Telangana Government Chief Secretary Ramakrishna Rao, PCCF Dr. Suvarna, and Agricultural University Vice Chancellor Aldas Janaiah have worked hard to prepare for this event. The Forest Department, along with other departments, has planned well so that the programme is successful. The goal this year is to plant over 18.02 crore saplings across Telangana. But Vanamahotsavam is not just about planting trees. It's about protecting nature for our future. The saying "Save Nature, Save Future" should guide both the government and the people. Under the leadership of CM Revanth Reddy and Minister Konda Surekha, Telangana is focusing on smart, honest, and community-based forest management.

In the past, the state launched big planting drives like Haritha Haram, which got lots of publicity. But those efforts often failed because there was little follow-up, proper planning, or public involvement. Many plantations did not survive, and sometimes the numbers were exaggerated, making people lose trust. Between 2015 and 2023, Telangana lost over 94,000 acres of forest land to encroach-



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ments.

Now things are changing. Under the leadership of Telangana Forest Minister Konda Surekha, the government has reclaimed more than 17,600 acres of encroached forest land. The state is also using technology to track every sapling through the Telangana Forest Management Information System, ensuring plants are looked after and survive. Unlike before, this drive is choosing native trees like amla, guava, black plum, custard apple, hibiscus, and rose. The government is making sure the trees suit local soil and weather. Money - about ₹41.30 crore - has been set aside to help with nurseries, fencing, and checking if the plants survive. Importantly, people are being encouraged to join in, making this a team effort instead of just a government project.

Telangana's green mission is also looking beyond trees. The government wants to develop eco-tourism spots at places like Kanakagiri and Ananthagiri. They have plans to protect wildlife and support tribal people living in forests. Compensation for families affected by wild animals has been raised to ₹10 lakh. Also, for the first time, two villages

have been shifted out of the Kawal Tiger Reserve to help wildlife and protect habitats. The government is helping tribal and forest communities, too. Over 82,000 beedi leaf collectors now receive payments directly, without middlemen, ensuring they get fair wages for their work. Vanamahotsavam 2025 also aims to help people financially. The government plans to plant trees like eetha, thathi, neem, tamarind, and kumkudu, which can be used for various products. This will help communities like the Gowda caste in the Telangana state, who have welcomed this initiative. Forest Minister Konda Surekha has also decided to reward people who plant many saplings, encouraging more participation. These changes are creating excitement not just in the Forest Department but also in other government departments and local bodies. People believe Telangana's forests - the lungs of the state - can be saved and made healthier for the future. Though we cannot change the past, we can build a better future. With strong leadership, good planning, and people's help, Telangana is showing that protecting the environment and helping people can go hand in hand. Everyone has a part to play - planting trees, protecting forests, or spreading awareness. Nature, once lost, takes many years to return. The time to act is now. Telangana is proving that it's not just about words but real action under the able leadership of CM Revanth Reddy and Forest Minister Konda Surekha. Let's all work together to make our state greener, healthier, and more sustainable.

Two Democracies, One Warning: Echoes of Tyranny in India and the U.S.

As the United States marked its Independence Day on July 4, reflecting on its founding ideals of liberty and self-governance, a sobering warning emerged from within its own legal establishment. Conservative Federal Judge J. Michael Luttig used the occasion to issue a stark reminder: the principles of 1776 are not self-sustaining. Freedom, he warned, must be defended every day — not just from external threats, but from internal forces seeking to dismantle constitutional safeguards. Judge Luttig's warning, framed as a modern "27 truths," echoes a painful chapter in Indian history — the Emergency of 1975. Fifty years ago, India, the world's largest democracy, suspended its democratic norms not through force or armed conflict, but through legal and institutional manipulation. Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, facing political turmoil and a court ruling that challenged her authority, declared a national Emergency on June 25, 1975. In its wake, civil



liberties were revoked, the press was muzzled, over 100,000 people were imprisoned, and the judiciary and Parliament were rendered powerless. Indira Gandhi claimed she was acting to preserve democracy. In truth, she undermined its very foundation — all under the guise of legality. The lesson: tyranny often wears a constitutional mask, and authoritarianism can rise quietly, enabled by institutions that lose their independence and will. Today, similar dynamics are playing out in the U.S. The fear is not of a military coup, but of erosion

from within — where democratic norms are undermined gradually, often by those sworn to uphold them. As with India during the Emergency, the danger lies not just in one leader's ambition, but in the institutional decay that allows unchecked power to flourish. The stories of India and the U.S., though separated by time and geography, converge in a single truth: democracy survives not by tradition alone, but by the vigilance and courage of its citizens to resist authoritarian impulses — especially when cloaked in legality.

PM Modi Arrives in Brazil for BRICS Summit and Historic State Visit

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has arrived in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, for a four-day visit during which he will participate in the 17th BRICS Summit and undertake a state visit to Brasília. This marks the fourth stop on his five-nation tour and the first bilateral visit to Brazil by an Indian Prime Minister in nearly six decades. Upon landing at Galeão International Airport on Saturday evening (local time), Mr. Modi was accorded a ceremonial welcome. He was warmly greeted at his hotel by members of the Indian diaspora chanting “Bharat Mata ki Jai,” and welcomed with music and cultural performances.

In a post on X (formerly Twitter), PM Modi said, “Landed in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil where I will take part in the BRICS Summit and later go to their capital, Brasília, for a state visit on the invitation of President Lula. Hoping for a productive round of meetings and interactions during this visit.”

The 17th BRICS Summit, held on July 6 and 7, brings together leaders from Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa, along with new members Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, and the UAE. PM Modi emphasized India’s commitment to BRICS, calling it a vital platform for cooperation among emerging economies. “Together, we strive for a more peaceful, equitable, just, democratic and balanced multipolar world order,” he stated. Before arriving in Brazil,



Mr. Modi visited Argentina, where he held talks with President Javier Milei and explored enhanced cooperation in sectors such as defence, critical minerals, pharmaceuticals, and energy. His tour has also included vis-

its to Ghana and Trinidad and Tobago. He is scheduled to conclude the trip with a visit to Namibia. During the BRICS Summit, PM Modi will also hold bilateral meetings with several world leaders on the sidelines.

AAP MLA Chaitar Vasava Arrested for Attempted Murder

Kejriwal Accuses BJP of Political Vendetta

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Gujarat Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MLA Chaitar Vasava was arrested late Saturday night on charges of attempted murder, following an alleged violent altercation during an official meeting in Dediapada, Narmada district. The incident reportedly took place during a local governance discussion at the prant office in his constituency.

According to the FIR filed at the Dediapada police station, Vasava became agitated when his nominee was not considered for the local ATVT (Aapno Taluko Vibrant Taluko) committee. He allegedly verbally abused a woman official and then physically assaulted Dediapada taluka panchayat president Sanjay Vasava by hurling a mobile phone at him, injuring his head. The complaint further claims that the MLA tried to attack the official with a glass and later threatened to kill him using broken glass shards. The FIR also accuses the legislator of damaging office property.

Following the arrest, local authorities imposed prohibitory orders in Dediapada to prevent unrest, restricting gatherings of more than four people. AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal reacted sharply to the arrest, calling it a politically motivated move by the BJP. In a statement on X, Kejriwal claimed, “BJP is furious after losing the Visavadar bypoll to AAP. If they think arrests will scare us, they are mistaken. People of Gujarat are fed up with BJP’s misrule and hooliganism. The public will respond.”

Kejriwal was referring to AAP’s recent victory in the Visavadar by-election, where party candidate Gopal Italia defeated the BJP nominee. AAP leaders argue that the arrest is an act of retaliation aimed at weakening the party’s growing presence in Gujarat.



India’s Gaganyatri Shines from the ISS Cupola: Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla Inspires a Nation

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Beaming with pride, Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla, India’s first Gaganyatri aboard the International Space Station (ISS), was recently seen gazing down at Earth from the iconic cupola window. Arriving at the ISS on June 26 for a 14-day mission, Shukla has been actively contributing to scientific research, technology demonstrations, and global outreach initiatives.

Alongside commander Peggy Whitson and other international crew members, Shukla has played a key role in groundbreaking research. These include studies on muscle atrophy (myogenesis), cultivating microalgae for future life support systems, and investigating seed germination in microgravity as part of the “Sprouts project” for sustainable space agriculture. His work could help lay the foundation for long-term human missions beyond Earth orbit.

In an inspiring 18-minute space-to-Earth interaction with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Shukla reflected on the unity and beauty of Earth from space. “From space, you don’t see any borders. The Earth looks united,” he said, adding that “Bharat looks bhavya,” echoing the sentiment once famously expressed by Rakesh Sharma in 1984.

Shukla also engaged in outreach programs with over 500 students across India, including a session

with students at his alma mater, City Montessori School in Lucknow. However, ISRO’s Human Space Flight Centre has yet to release visuals of these events, though they promise to inspire future scientists and spacefarers.

As the first Indian astronaut on a commercial ISS mission, Group Captain Shukla’s presence aboard the station is not just a technological milestone—it’s a moment of national pride and a beacon for India’s spacefaring aspirations.

EPS Launches New AIADMK Logo, Begins 2026 Campaign with Fierce Attack on DMK



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AIADMK General Secretary Edappadi K. Palaniswami (EPS) kicked off the party’s campaign for the 2026 Tamil Nadu Assembly elections by unveiling a new party logo and the slogan: “Protecting People, Redeeming Tamil Nadu.” The launch marks the beginning of a state-wide tour where EPS plans to visit all 234 Assembly constituencies, focusing on local issues and reaching out directly to voters.

At the event held Friday, EPS launched a sharp critique of the ruling DMK government, accusing it of failing across the board. “Women’s safety is in shambles. Incidents of sexual

violence are reported every day. The DMK has not fulfilled its election promises, and we will expose every unkept assurance,” he stated.

EPS also made a strong appeal to “like-minded parties” to join forces against the DMK, signaling efforts to build a broader opposition alliance. This comes amid speculation following actor Vijay’s announcement that his party, Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK), will not ally with the BJP. When asked about Vijay distancing himself from the NDA, EPS responded, “That is his decision. In politics, parties will criticize each other — it’s natural.”

On Union Minister Amit Shah’s

comment that the next Chief Minister will be from AIADMK, EPS confidently asserted his leadership, saying, “Amit Shah has made it clear from day one — AIADMK will lead the alliance, and I will be the Chief Minister.” Despite AIADMK’s setbacks in the 2019 and 2021 elections and a poor showing in 2024, EPS remains confident of a revival, especially after rekindling the alliance with the BJP.

Meanwhile, the DMK has launched its own mass enrolment drive under the “Tamil Nadu Under One Team” campaign, targeting 30% voter registration ahead of what promises to be a high-stakes political contest in 2026.



India Becomes World’s Fourth Most Equal Country: Gini Index at 25.5

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India has achieved a significant milestone in reducing inequality, emerging as the fourth-most equal country globally, according to the latest World Bank data. With a Gini Index score of 25.5 in 2022-23, India is now only behind the Slovak Republic, Slovenia, and Belarus. This score places India well ahead of major economies like China (35.7), the United States (41.8), and the United Kingdom.

The Gini Index is a widely used metric that measures the distribution of income, consumption, or wealth across a population. A lower score indicates a more equal society, while higher scores reflect greater inequality. India’s drop from a Gini score of 28.8 in 2011 to 25.5 in 2022 shows a consistent trend towards improved equity.

A key driver of this progress has been a steep decline in extreme poverty. The World Bank

report notes that the percentage of Indians living on less than \$2.15 per day — the global benchmark for extreme poverty — fell from 16.2% in 2011-12 to just 2.3% in 2022-23. Over 171 million people have been lifted out of extreme poverty during this period.

The government attributes this achievement to a range of welfare and financial inclusion schemes such as the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana, Direct Benefit Transfers (DBT), and Stand-Up India. These programs have improved access to banking, food, healthcare, and livelihoods, particularly for vulnerable communities.

India now falls into the “moderately low” inequality category, shared by only 30 countries worldwide — many of them advanced economies with robust social safety nets. With continued efforts, India is poised to join the “low inequality” group, marking a notable balance between economic growth and social equity.



Elon Musk Launches ‘America Party’ to Challenge US ‘One-Party System’

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Billionaire entrepreneur Elon Musk announced on July 6, 2025, the launch of a new political party in the United States, named the America Party, aimed at breaking what he calls the country’s “one-party system.” Musk, once an ally and major donor to former President Donald Trump, has grown sharply critical of Trump’s domestic spending plan, warning it will drastically increase the US debt. Musk shared the news on his social media platform X, saying, “When it comes to bankrupting our country with waste & graft, we live in a one-party system, not a democracy. Today, the America Party is formed to give you back your freedom.” The move follows a poll Musk posted on Independence Day, asking users if they wanted independence from the traditional two-party system. More than 1.2 million responded, with a 2-to-1 majority in favor of a new party. The America Party aims to target lawmakers who supported Trump’s controversial spending bill, which Musk has called “debt slavery.” He vowed to work tirelessly to de-



feat those politicians in the 2026 primaries, stating, “They will lose their primary next year if it is the last thing I do on this Earth.” The feud between Musk and Trump has escalated since the bill’s passage, with Trump threatening to deport Musk and cut federal funding to his businesses. Musk also outlined a strategic plan to focus on a handful of key Senate and House seats

to gain political leverage, potentially becoming a decisive force in Congress. Critics warn that third-party campaigns risk splitting votes, citing parallels with Ross Perot’s 1992 independent presidential bid that impacted the election outcome. Despite uncertainties around its electoral impact, Musk’s America Party signals a new political challenge to the US establishment.

Texas Floods Devastate Kerr County: 51 Dead, 27 Girls Missing After Flash Flood



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Central Texas is reeling after catastrophic flash floods struck Kerr County, leaving at least 51 people dead and 27 girls missing from Camp Mystic, a Christian summer camp near the Guadalupe River. The floodwaters rose rapidly—26 feet in just 45 minutes before dawn on July 4—sweeping away

homes, vehicles, and campgrounds in a disaster described by officials as a once-in-a-century event. Rescue teams are working tirelessly with helicopters, boats, and drones to search the flooded, debris-strewn landscape for survivors and those still missing. Most of the deceased were found near Camp Mystic, but the total number of missing people beyond

the children remains unclear as communities continue to reel from the destruction. Flood warnings persist as heavy rains continue across the region. Governor Greg Abbott declared Sunday a day of prayer for the victims, families, and first responders. He promised round-the-clock rescue and recovery efforts. Many families have shared photos and pleas for their missing loved ones amid growing grief and uncertainty. The floods caught many by surprise, despite weather warnings issued hours before. Private forecasters and the National Weather Service had alerted officials, but the intensity and speed of the flood overwhelmed the area. The Texas Hill Country, known as “flash flood alley,” is prone to sudden floods due to its terrain and rapid runoff. Several camps nearby had taken precautionary steps, moving campers to higher ground, but the unprecedented deluge devastated Camp Mystic and others. Locals recount harrowing stories of clinging to trees and sheltering in attics as water surged through homes. County officials expressed heartbreak over the loss and devastation, acknowledging the challenges ahead as rescue shifts to recovery in this tragic disaster.

BRICS Summit in Brazil Marked by Low-Key Diplomacy Amid Global Tensions

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Brazil is hosting the BRICS summit on July 6–7, 2025, focusing on cautious diplomacy as global tensions rise. Held in Rio de Janeiro, the summit gathers leaders from an expanded bloc, now including Iran, Egypt, Ethiopia, Indonesia, the UAE, and Saudi Arabia (pending formal confirmation). However, several key figures—including China’s Xi Jinping, Russia’s Vladimir Putin (joining via video), Iran’s Masoud Pezeshkian, and Egypt’s Abdel Fattah el-Sissi—will not attend. Analysts view the absence of strong voices like Xi and Putin as a reason for the summit’s moderate tone. Unlike the bold anti-Western rhetoric at last year’s BRICS meeting in Russia, this year’s event reflects Brazil’s desire to keep discussions technical and non-confrontational, especially in light of Donald Trump’s return to the U.S. presidency. Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva has emphasized artificial intelligence, climate change, healthcare, and trade over contentious issues like the Gaza conflict, Israel’s attack on Iran, or Russia’s war in Ukraine. This approach aims to avoid pro-



voking U.S. retaliation, especially Trump’s threat of imposing 100% tariffs on countries challenging the dollar. Internal divisions and a lack of cohesion among the enlarged group have made strong unified positions unlikely. Analysts note that Brazil is prioritizing institutional development to manage the bloc’s rapid expansion and integrate new members.

Observers expect vague declarations and three joint statements, reflecting Brazil’s strategy to shield its economy and maintain global partnerships. Despite limited breakthroughs, experts see the summit as a key moment for emerging economies to strengthen trade ties and explore alternatives to Western-dominated systems amid global uncertainty.

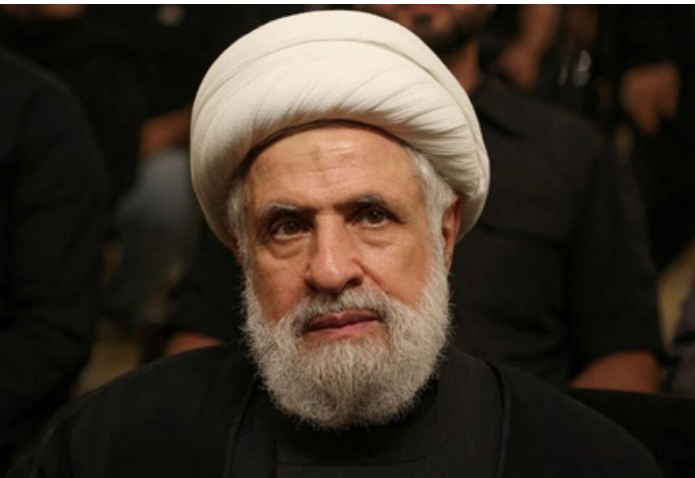


Xi Jinping begins to delegate authority: Is China's President preparing to step back?

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For the first time in his 12-year rule, Chinese President Xi Jinping appears to be delegating authority to key bodies within the Communist Party of China (CPC), sparking speculation about a potential leadership transition or a shift in governing style. The move has gained attention after Xi skipped the ongoing BRICS summit in Brazil—his first absence from the forum since taking office in 2012. The speculation intensified following a June 30 Politburo meeting, where new regulations aimed at strengthening the CPC’s internal institutions were reviewed. According to state-run Xinhua, the updated rules are designed to standardize the roles and operations of key decision-making and coordinating bodies of the party. Observers see this as a sign that Xi may be preparing the ground for a smoother power transition ahead of the CPC’s 2027 Congress. While some experts suggest Xi may be planning retirement, others believe he is stepping back from day-to-day governance to focus on broader strategic concerns. “This could be an effort to ensure his priorities are followed even as he takes a less hands-on approach,” said Victor Shih, a scholar of Chinese elite politics. Xi’s absence from the BRICS summit and the delegation of authority come at a time when China is facing significant economic challenges—from a collapsing housing market to the fallout of U.S. President Donald Trump’s revived tariff war, which affects over \$440 billion in Chinese exports. Xi, who broke the two-term presidential limit in 2022, has been labelled a “leader for life” after consolidating power across the CPC, the presidency, and the military. Analysts expect clarity on his long-term plans by the 2027 Party Congress, when his third term ends.

Hezbollah Refuses to Disarm Until Full Israeli Withdrawal from Southern Lebanon: Naim Kassem



Hezbollah’s deputy leader Naim Kassem declared on July 6 that the group will not surrender its weapons until Israel fully withdraws from southern Lebanon and halts its ongoing airstrikes. Speaking via video to thousands gathered in Beirut’s southern suburbs for the Ashoura commemoration, Kassem framed Hezbollah’s stance as part of a continued resistance against occupation and aggression. The statement comes in the aftermath of a devastating war between Israel and Hezbollah that ended with a U.S.-brokered ceasefire in November 2024. That conflict saw heavy losses for Hezbollah, including the death of its longtime leader Hassan Nasrallah and the destruction of much of its arsenal. Despite the ceasefire, Israel has maintained control over five strategic border points and conducts frequent airstrikes targeting Hezbollah’s reconstruction efforts. According to Lebanon’s Health Ministry, more than 250 people have been killed by Israeli strikes since the ceasefire, in addition to the 4,000+ who died during the war. “We will not legitimize occupation, nor accept normalization with Israel,” Kassem stated. He argued that Hezbollah’s missile arsenal remains essential for defending Lebanon’s sovereignty. “Who will stop Israel from killing civilians in their homes if there is no capable resistance?” he asked. Kassem’s remarks come just ahead of a planned visit by U.S. envoy Tom Barrack, who is expected to present a proposal for Hezbollah’s disarmament and a full Israeli withdrawal. Barrack described Lebanon as facing “a historic moment” to unify and move past sectarian divisions, echoing President Trump’s call to “Make Lebanon Great Again.” While diplomatic efforts intensify, Kassem’s message signals Hezbollah’s continued defiance and sets a confrontational tone for upcoming negotiations.

India’s Economic Activity Hits 14-Month High in June, Led by Manufacturing Surge: PMI Survey

India’s economic momentum surged in June 2025, with business activity expanding at its fastest pace in over a year, according to the HSBC Flash Purchasing Managers’ Index (PMI) survey. The Composite Output Index, which combines manufacturing and services data, rose to 61, up from 59.3 in May—its highest level in 14 months. Any reading above 50 signifies expansion, while below 50 indicates contraction.

The robust performance was primarily driven by strong export demand, increased employment, and subdued inflation, signaling a broad-based economic recovery. The PMI report highlighted that the uptick in export orders was the strongest since comparable data began in September 2014, underscoring India’s growing role in global trade.

Manufacturing led the upswing, with firms reporting a sharp rise in new orders and back-



logs. This backlog pressure prompted many manufacturers to accelerate hiring. The services sector also saw improved momentum, although employment growth in services slightly

eased compared to May.

HSBC’s Chief Economist, Pranjul Bhandari, noted, “The combination of robust global demand and rising backlogs prompted manufacturers to increase hiring. Employment growth is also healthy in the services sector.”

Encouragingly, the survey also reported a cooling in cost and inflationary pressures. Input costs for private sector companies—ranging from labor to metals like copper and steel—rose only modestly. The overall inflation rate softened to a ten-month low and remained below the long-term average, offering relief to businesses and consumers alike.

This PMI data comes as a strong signal of economic resilience amid global uncertainties, with India maintaining growth on the back of export strength, stable inflation, and job creation across key sectors.

S&P Raises India’s FY26 GDP Growth Forecast to 6.5%

Cites Domestic Resilience and Favorable Global Conditions



S&P Global Ratings on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, revised India’s GDP growth forecast for FY26 upward to 6.5%, citing supportive domestic conditions and a favorable external environment. The forecast aligns with the Reserve Bank of India’s (RBI) earlier projection and assumes a normal monsoon, lower global crude oil prices, income tax concessions, and monetary policy easing.

This revision comes just a month after S&P had downgraded India’s FY26 estimate to 6.3%, largely due to concerns over global uncertainties and potential economic shocks from new U.S. tariffs. However, improved domestic indicators and stabilizing global energy markets have prompted the agency to adopt a more optimistic view.

India, which imports about 90% of its crude oil and roughly half of its natural gas, is highly sensitive to global energy price fluctuations. S&P acknowledged the escalating geopolitical tensions in the Middle East, particularly the recent U.S. military strikes on Iran’s key nuclear sites following Israeli counterattacks. While these developments could raise the risk of sustained oil

price hikes, S&P believes current global oil markets are well-supplied, minimizing the chances of a long-term energy price shock.

The report further highlights India’s resilient domestic demand, which plays a critical role in cushioning the economy from external shocks. Unlike export-heavy economies, India’s reliance on internal consumption and services has made its economic outlook comparatively more stable.

S&P also warned of broader global risks, especially the ripple effects of U.S. trade policies and rising geopolitical instability. “The increase in U.S. import tariffs and the uncertainty surrounding them could weigh on global trade, investment, and overall growth,” the report noted.

Despite these external headwinds, India’s economy is expected to maintain momentum, driven by structural reforms, fiscal incentives, and stable macroeconomic fundamentals. As the world navigates volatile conditions, India’s internal strengths are likely to be the cornerstone of its growth in FY26.

Gold Prices Dip Amid Weak Demand; Silver Remains Steady

Gold prices in the national capital declined by ₹160 on Monday, settling at ₹99,800 per 10 grams for 99.9% purity, according to the All India Sarafa Association. This drop comes amid continued selling by jewellers and stockists. On Friday, gold had closed at ₹99,960 per 10 grams. Similarly, gold of 99.5% purity fell by ₹150, closing at ₹99,100 per 10 grams (inclusive of all taxes), down from its previous level of ₹99,250.

Meanwhile, silver prices remained unchanged, trading flat at ₹1,05,200 per kilogram (inclusive of all taxes), despite the volatility seen in gold. On the global front, spot gold slipped slightly to \$3,365.40 per ounce, after briefly surging to \$3,413.80 earlier in the day. The pullback was attributed to market caution as investors awaited geopolitical developments, especially Iran’s response



following the U.S. air strikes on Tehran, said Kaynat Chainwala, AVP – Commodity Research at Kotak Securities. Investors are now closely watching key economic indicators, including Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell’s congressional testimony, U.S. GDP data, and core PCE inflation figures, all of which are expected to offer more clarity on future monetary policy moves. The mixed messaging from the Fed in recent weeks has added to market uncertainty.

Additionally, the release of flash Purchasing Managers’ Index (PMI) data from major economies like the U.S. and the UK is expected to provide further cues on global economic momentum.

Despite the price drop, domestic gold prices have risen by 4% in June, noted Riya Singh, Research Analyst – Commodities and Currency at Emkay Global Financial Services. However, they are still trading at a discount to global prices, largely due to weakened jewellery demand. Singh added that investment demand for gold bars and 10g coins remains strong, driven by inflation concerns, lower fabrication costs, and increased monetisation following the RBI’s relaxed norms on loans against gold. This policy shift has further encouraged household gold monetisation, offsetting some of the impact of sluggish festive season buying.

India Set to See 55% Surge in Millionaires by 2029, Outpaces Asia-Pacific Growth: BCG Report

India is witnessing a significant rise in its millionaire population, with the number of individuals holding over USD 1 million in financial wealth expected to grow by 55% between 2024 and 2029, far surpassing the global average of 21%, according to a Boston Consulting Group (BCG) report released on June 25, 2025. The report highlights India’s accelerating momentum as a wealth management powerhouse, driven by a new generation of first-time wealth creators, including millennial entrepreneurs, corporate executives, and digital economy pioneers. This surge reflects a seismic transformation in India’s financial landscape and positions the country at the forefront of global wealth expansion.



“India’s wealth management market is undergoing rapid transformation,” said Mayank Jha, Managing Director and Partner at BCG. “With financial wealth growing at 10.8% between 2023 and 2024—surpassing the Asia-Pacific (APAC) average of 7.3%—India is reshaping the global financial narrative.” Globally, financial wealth reached a record USD 305 tril-

lion in 2024, propelled by an 8.1% increase in financial assets, largely fueled by strong equity market performance. In the Asia-Pacific region, Asset Under Management (AUM) saw organic growth of 50% from 2014 to 2024, more than double that of Europe, the Middle East and Africa (EMEA), and North America—primarily due to emerging economies like India.

According to BCG, India’s continued rise will be powered by AI and GenAI-driven wealth advisory solutions, with firms needing to focus on customer segmentation, personalized services, and digital transformation to stay competitive. BCG’s Michael Kahlich added that the firms seeing the highest growth today are not just reliant on market exposure or hiring top bankers, but are those investing in advisor enablement, brand identity, and next-gen client strategies. India’s expanding pool of high-net-worth individuals signals not only rising prosperity but also an opportunity for global financial institutions to tap into a thriving and digitally evolving wealth ecosystem.

Unified Pension Scheme to Get NPS-Like Tax Benefits

The Finance Ministry announced on Friday that the newly introduced Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) for central government employees will receive tax benefits similar to those available under the National Pension System (NPS). This move aims to encourage greater participation in the UPS, which has been in effect since April 1, 2025.

The ministry clarified that tax provisions under the NPS will apply “mutatis mutandis” to UPS, ensuring parity between the two pension schemes. This means that employees opting for the UPS will enjoy the same substantial tax relief and



incentives as those under the NPS framework. Under the NPS, individuals can claim

an annual tax deduction of up to ₹2 lakh on their own contributions. Additionally, employer contributions

receive tax benefits under Section 80CCD(2), allowing deductions up to 10% of the employee’s salary (Basic + Dearness Allowance). For central government employees, this limit increases to 14%, exceeding the general ₹1.5 lakh deduction ceiling under Section 80CCE.

By extending these tax benefits to UPS, the government aims to make the new pension scheme more attractive to its employees. The UPS consolidates various existing pension plans into a unified structure, simplifying retirement benefits for central government workers. With these tax incentives, employees can

save more on taxes while securing their post-retirement financial stability. The move also reflects the government’s commitment to strengthening social security frameworks and ensuring consistent benefits across pension schemes. The introduction of UPS and its alignment with NPS tax benefits signal an effort to modernize and streamline pension provisions, benefiting millions of central government employees. In summary, the UPS now offers a competitive edge by matching NPS’s tax advantages, encouraging broader adoption and better retirement planning among government employees.

Will July 5 Quake Prediction Come True? Japan on Edge Over ‘Prophetic Manga’ Warning



As the date July 5, 2025, unfolds, anxiety and speculation grip parts of Japan following an eerie prophecy from a decades-old manga that many now refer to as “Japan’s Baba Vanga moment.” The source of this renewed fear is Watashi ga Mita Mirai (The Future That I Saw, Complete Edition) — a manga created by artist Ryo Tatsuki and first published in 1999. What sets this manga apart is its unsettling track record of seemingly predicting real-world disasters.

Often labeled a “prophetic manga,” Tatsuki’s work gained mainstream attention after the 2011 Tohoku earthquake and tsunami. The cover of the original manga eerily mentioned a “massive disaster in March 2011,” long before the tragedy occurred. Since then, the manga has developed a cult following, with believers pointing out other events it allegedly foresaw, including the deaths of Princess Diana and Freddie Mercury, and even the COVID-19 pandemic.

Now, another chilling prediction has come to light — a warning that “the real disaster will come in July 2025.” In the story, characters speak of a catastrophic event where “the ocean floor between Japan and the Philippines will crack,” triggering tsunami waves even larger than those seen in 2011. Though entirely fictional and with no scientific basis, the specific timing and detail of the prophecy have sparked widespread concern, especially as Japan has experienced over 900 minor quakes in the past two weeks.

Experts and scientists have dismissed the manga’s predictions as coincidence, urging calm and rational thinking. Nevertheless, the fear is palpable among residents, with some drawing parallels to the emotional impact of past disasters.

As July 5 continues, the world watches closely — not out of belief in prophecy, but in shared hope that history doesn’t repeat itself.

La Brea Pitch Lake: The Mysterious Lake That Builds Roads Across the World

Hidden in the southwest of Trinidad lies a natural marvel unlike any other — the La Brea Pitch Lake, a vast reservoir of natural asphalt that has earned the nickname “the eighth wonder of the world.” Covering approximately 109 acres and holding nearly ten million tons of asphalt, this lake isn’t just a geological curiosity — it has helped build roads in some of the most iconic locations across the globe.

The pitch extracted from this lake has been used in the construction of roads at Buckingham Palace in London, LaGuardia Airport in New York, and even the Lincoln Tunnel connecting New York to New Jersey. Asphalt from La Brea has also found its way onto roadways in several other countries, cementing its place as one of Trinidad’s most remarkable exports.

Discovered in 1595 by British explorer Sir Walter Raleigh during his quest for the mythical city of El Dorado, the lake has inspired legends and science alike. Early indigenous communities believed the lake was a form of divine punishment, a place where a tribe sank after consuming sacred hummingbirds believed to be their ancestors.

In 1792, the Spanish began processing the lake’s asphalt, naming the site Tierra de Brea, or “Earth of Pitch.” Over time, the

name evolved to La Brea, which still stands today.

From afar, the lake looks like a massive blacktop parking lot, but up close, its surface is rough and wavy, forming small, sulfur-rich pools during the rainy season. Locals believe these pools have healing properties, especially for skin and joint ailments.

Recent studies by the European Space Agency revealed living microbes beneath the lake’s surface, opening up new possibilities in astrobiology and the search for life beyond Earth. The La Brea Pitch Lake remains both a scientific wonder and a cultural treasure.



“Rs 8 Crore for a Borivali Flat?” Viral Post Ignites Mumbai vs Dubai Property Debate

A viral post on X (formerly Twitter) has reignited the long-running debate over Mumbai’s soaring real estate prices, with a particular focus on Borivali, a western suburb once considered affordable. The tweet, posted by user Mehul R Thakkar, reflected shock over 5 BHK apartments now selling for over ₹8 crore, a massive leap from the ₹15–20 lakh price tag of a 2 BHK just two decades ago.

“Borivali sells 5 BHK apartments for Rs 8 crore++. Can’t believe... 20+ years ago, during my childhood: 2 BHK was available for Rs 15-20 lakh in Borivali, and 5 BHK didn’t exist,” Thakkar wrote. His nostalgic post sparked a



flurry of responses, reflecting public frustration with Mumbai’s increas-

ingly inaccessible housing market.

Among the replies, one response stood out — proposing Dubai as a more sensible investment destination. The user pointed out that ₹8 crore (approximately AED 3.5 million) could buy prime property in Dubai and still leave room for other investments. They highlighted that ₹4.5 crore would be enough to qualify for a Golden Visa, granting long-term residency in the UAE.

The tweet also compared Dubai’s investor-friendly climate — including low interest rates (around 3.5%), zero income tax, and business-friendly free zones — with India’s high home

loan interest rates and bureaucratic hurdles. For many millennials and Gen Z buyers, the possibility of global mobility, better infrastructure, and tax relief makes international property investment increasingly appealing.

As cities like Mumbai continue to price out the middle class, many Indians are reassessing the value of investing in domestic real estate. This viral debate reflects a growing trend of comparing urban Indian property markets with international alternatives like Dubai, Singapore, or even parts of Europe, where lifestyle perks and financial incentives may outweigh the benefits of staying local.

YouTuber Max Fosh Fakes Own Death for Airline Refund in Bizarre Prank

In a stunt blending comedy, satire, and social commentary, British YouTuber Max Fosh has gone viral for faking his own death in an elaborate attempt to secure a £37.28 (approximately ₹4,300 or \$50) refund from an airline. His video, titled “I Technically Died,” has already amassed over 2.1 million views on YouTube.

Fosh, known for his comedic stunts and outlandish ideas, explained that the airline — which he chose not to name — had a policy of only issuing refunds in cases where the passenger was deceased. “I am embarking on this mission because I’m incredibly petty,” Fosh said. “It’s the principle that I take issue with.”

What followed was a journey that took absurdity to new heights. To support his false claim, Fosh sought help from various governments before receiving a surprising response from Seborga, a self-declared micro-nation



nestled in northern Italy. Seborga, which claims it was left out of Italy’s unification, has its own flag, currency, and government — though it is not officially recognized as an independent state.

During a satirical “state visit” to Seborga, Fosh met with its “Princess,” Nina Menegatto, who sympathized with his mission and agreed to issue a one-time death certificate. To make the act more convincing, Fosh even staged a mock funeral attended by three hired mourners.

Despite submitting all necessary documents, Fosh chose to pull out of the scheme after consulting his lawyer. “It’s not fraud, but it is fraudulent,” the lawyer warned.

Fosh ended the video by urging viewers not to try this themselves, noting that while the prank was legal in a technical sense, it pushed the boundaries of ethical behavior.

Louis Vuitton’s Autorickshaw Handbag Takes Internet by Storm: Couture Meets Indian Street Style

Louis Vuitton’s latest accessory has the fashion world buzzing — a handbag designed in the shape of an Indian autorickshaw. Part of the French luxury brand’s Men’s Spring/Summer 2026 collection, the bag has gone viral for its bold and quirky design, blending high fashion with vibrant elements of Indian street culture.

The collection, spearheaded by Louis Vuitton’s Men’s Creative Director Pharrell Williams, draws heavily from Indian aesthetics, celebrating the country’s colorful street life, traditional motifs, and artisanal craftsmanship. But it’s the autorickshaw handbag that has truly stolen the spotlight. Shaped like the iconic three-wheeler found in nearly every Indian city, the accessory has been both praised for its creativity and humorously questioned for its potential price tag — with many users joking, “Is it priced by the meter?”

Photos of the bag quickly made



rounds on social media, with reactions ranging from admiration for the brand’s bold creativity to debates around cultural appropriation versus appreciation. Some fashion enthusiasts applauded the tribute to India’s vibrant urban life, while others questioned whether such symbols of everyday Indian life should be turned into luxury items.

Regardless of where opinions fall, there’s no denying the autorickshaw bag has captured

global attention. With Pharrell at the helm, Louis Vuitton continues to challenge traditional ideas of couture by merging pop culture, global influences, and luxury design. The playful yet detailed accessory reflects the label’s ongoing commitment to pushing creative boundaries.

Whether seen as a tribute or a marketing gamble, the autorickshaw handbag has taken fashion for a ride — quite literally — and the internet is here for the joyride.

Deepika’s Stunning Goal Against Netherlands Nominated for Poligras Magic Skill Award



Indian women’s hockey star Deepika has earned a prestigious nomination for the Poligras Magic Skill Award for the 2024–25 FIH Hockey Pro League season. Her electrifying solo field goal against world No. 1 Netherlands during the Bhubaneswar leg of the tournament in February 2025 has been shortlisted among the season’s finest moments.

The nominations were officially released on July 4, 2025, and fans across the world now have the chance to vote for their favourite play until July 14 at 3:29 a.m. IST. The winner will be determined purely through fan votes.

Deepika’s nominated moment came in the 35th minute of a high-intensity clash at the iconic Kalinga Stadium. With India trailing by two goals, the 21-year-old forward-cum-dragflicker pulled off a brilliant solo run down the left flank. She beat multiple defenders, skillfully tiptoed along the baseline, lifted the ball over a defender’s stick, and smashed it past

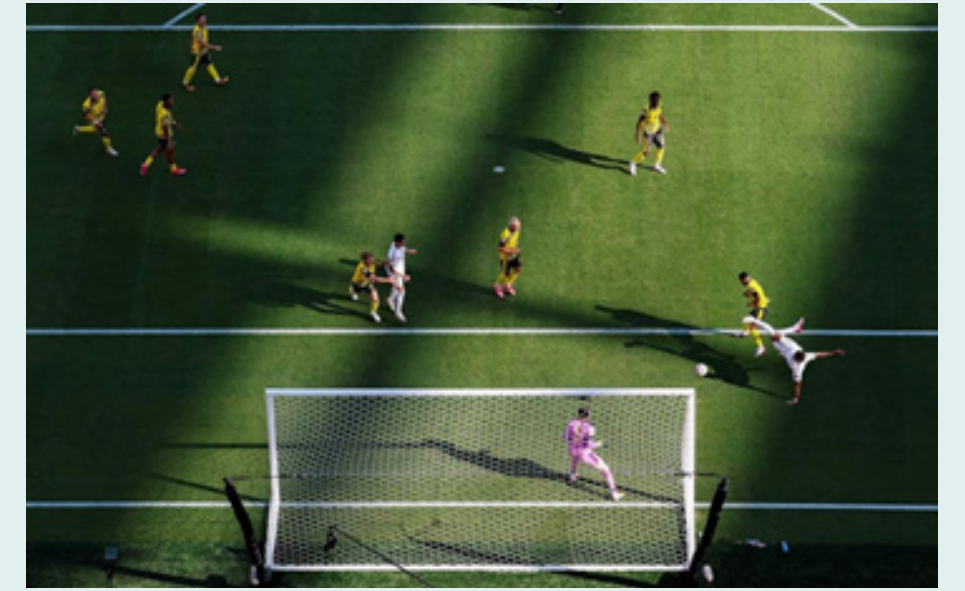
the Dutch goalkeeper to score one of the standout goals of the season. India eventually won the match in a shootout after a 2-2 draw.

Reflecting on the moment, Deepika said, “That goal against the Netherlands is one of the most special moments of my career. Everything just clicked. I’m honoured to be nominated for the Poligras Magic Skill Award and thank my coaches, support staff, and teammates for always believing in me.”

She faces stiff competition from two other nominees: Spain’s Patricia Alvarez, who dazzled with 3D skills and a lobbed finish over the goalkeeper against Australia, and the Australian women’s team’s masterful team goal against England, crafted with five precise passes and a clinical finish.

With global recognition at stake, Deepika’s nomination marks another proud moment for Indian hockey on the world stage.

Club World Cup 2025: Real Madrid Stuns Dortmund 3-2 With Late Drama, Sets Up Semifinal Clash With PSG



Real Madrid pulled off a dramatic 3-2 victory over Borussia Dortmund in the Club World Cup 2025 quarterfinals, scoring all three of their goals in second-half stoppage time at MetLife Stadium, East Rutherford, on July 5. The win sets up a blockbuster semifinal against Champions League winners Paris Saint-Germain on July 9. Gonzalo García and Fran García gave Madrid an early 2-0 lead within the first 20 minutes of the match, taking advantage of Dortmund’s slow start under sweltering 30°C conditions. Gonzalo García, surprisingly preferred over Kylian Mbappé in the starting XI by coach Xabi Alonso, now has four goals in the tournament, tying him for the top scorer spot. Dortmund responded late with Maximilian Beier scoring in the third minute of stoppage time. But just a minute later, substitute Mbappé, who entered in the 67th minute,

restored Madrid’s cushion with a stunning bicycle kick — arguably the goal of the tournament so far. The drama didn’t end there. Serhou Guirassy converted a penalty in the 98th minute after Dean Huijsen’s foul and red card, setting up a nervy finish. However, Madrid’s towering goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois made a game-saving fingertip stop on Marcel Sabitzer’s shot in the final seconds to seal the win. The match was played in front of a crowd of 76,611, nearly filling MetLife Stadium, except for a vacant suite level. A moment of silence was observed before kickoff in honor of Liverpool’s Diogo Jota and his brother André Silva, who tragically died in a car crash. Madrid, unbeaten in their last seven games against Dortmund, now turn their focus to PSG, while Chelsea prepares to face Brazilian side Fluminense in the other semifinal on July 8.

Djokovic Joins Elite Club with 100th Wimbledon Win, Eyes Quarterfinals

Novak Djokovic reached a historic milestone at Wimbledon, becoming only the third player in the tournament’s history to record 100 match wins. The 38-year-old Serbian achieved this feat with a commanding 6-3, 6-0, 6-4 victory over compatriot Miomir Kecmanovic in the third round on July 5, 2025. This places Djokovic alongside legends Martina Navratilova and Roger Federer, who have 120 and 105 wins respectively at the All England Club. Djokovic, competing in his 20th Wimbledon, dominated the match, particularly with a streak of nine consecutive games from 3-3 in the first set. He displayed remarkable precision, committing just eight unforced errors in the first two sets and finishing with 60 winners and 19 unforced errors overall, along with 16 aces. One standout moment was his diving backhand volley winner during a crucial break point in the first set, which drew enthusiastic applause from the crowd. “This milestone at my favorite tournament is truly a blessing,” Djokovic said after the match. Despite his age, Djokovic continues to compete



fiercely against younger players, pushing himself physically with slides and splits on the grass court. Next up, Djokovic will face the world No. 11 Alex de Minaur for a place in the Wimbledon quarterfinals. Should he advance, a potential semifinal showdown with No. 1 seed Jannik Sinner awaits. Djokovic has fallen short in the past two Wimbledon finals against Carlos

Alcaraz but remains determined to add to his seven Wimbledon titles and 24 Grand Slam trophies overall. As Djokovic reaches this landmark, he joins Navratilova, a nine-time Wimbledon singles champion with 120 victories, and Federer, who won eight titles and holds 105 match wins at Wimbledon, cementing his legacy among the sport’s all-time greats.

India to Bid for 2029 and 2031 World Athletics Championships as Part of Olympic Ambitions

India plans to submit strategic bids to host either the 2029 or 2031 World Athletics Championships, aiming to secure one of these prestigious events, Athletics Federation of India (AFI) spokesperson Adille Sumariwalla confirmed on July 6, 2025. The decision aligns with India’s broader goal of hosting the 2036 Olympic Games. World Athletics will announce the hosts for both the 2029 and 2031 Championships simultaneously in September 2026, with the deadline for member countries to express interest set for October 1, 2025. The final bid applications are due by August 5, 2026. “We will submit bids for both editions, and whichever we win will be acceptable,” said Sumariwalla, who also serves as a World Athletics vice-president and former AFI president. The announcement came during the inaugural NC Classic international javelin event in Bengaluru, won by India’s Olympic medalist Neeraj Chopra. Previously, India had considered bidding only for the 2029 event, but the strategic approach now includes 2031 due to Asia hosting the 2025 World Championships in Tokyo and 2027 in Beijing. Awarding India the 2029 event would mean Asia hosts the championships three consecutive times, making the 2031 edition a more likely opportunity. Besides the senior championships, India has also expressed interest in hosting the 2028 Junior World Cham-



pionships, with the final host announcement for 2028 and 2030 scheduled for December 2025. The initial bid deadline for these junior events is September 22, 2025. Additionally, India plans to bid for the World Athletics Relays after the next two editions, which are set to take place in Botswana (2026) and the Bahamas (2028). This multi-event bidding strategy highlights India’s growing ambition and commitment to becoming a major hub for international athletics ahead of its Olympic aspirations.

Kidambi Srikanth Falls to Kenta Nishimoto in Canada Open Semifinal

India’s Kidambi Srikanth was defeated by Japan’s Kenta Nishimoto 21-19, 14-21, 18-21 in the semifinal of the Canada Open Super 300 badminton tournament held in Calgary on July 5, 2025. Srikanth started strong, clinching the first game 21-19, but Nishimoto made a strong comeback to take the next two games and the match, which lasted one hour and 18 minutes. The final game was closely contested, with the score tied at 18-18. Nishimoto capitalized on a weak return from Srikanth and then benefited from two wide shots by the Indian shuttler to seal his victory. Despite the loss, Srikanth’s performance was notable, especially after his impressive quarterfinal win against world number six Chou Tien-Chen. Srikanth dominated that match, win-

ning 21-18, 21-9 in just 43 minutes. Earlier in the tournament, another Indian shuttler, S Sankar Muthusamy Subramanian, the 2022 World Junior Championships silver medallist, also

put up a strong fight. However, he was edged out by Nishimoto in a grueling quarterfinal battle that ended 15-21, 21-5, 17-21 after 79 minutes on court. In the women’s singles category, India’s Shriyanshi Valishetty had a promising run but was eventually eliminated by Denmark’s Amalie Schulz, ending her campaign in the tournament. Srikanth, a former world championships silver medallist, has shown consistent form this season, having reached the finals of the Malaysia Masters earlier in May. His efforts in Calgary, though falling short of the title, demonstrated his competitive spirit as he battles to climb higher in international badminton rankings. The Canada Open remains a key tournament for players aiming to gain momentum in the 2025 season.





Balakrishna Scores Fourth Consecutive 175-Day Blockbuster with Daaku Maharaaj

Nandamuri Balakrishna continues his unstoppable winning streak at the box office. His Sankranthi 2025 release Daaku Maharaaj has officially completed a glorious 175-day theatrical run, marking a silver jubilee celebration that has thrilled fans and stunned industry watchers alike. The film, released on January 12, 2025, emerged as a massive commercial hit, grossing over ₹126 crore worldwide. What makes this milestone even more remarkable is that Daaku Maharaaj marks Balayya's fourth consecutive film to achieve a 175-day

run, following Akhanda, Veera Simha Reddy, and Bhagavanth Kesari. This rare feat, especially in today's fast-paced release cycles, underscores Balakrishna's unmatched mass appeal and his enduring dominance among senior Tollywood stars. At Venkateswara Theater in Chilakaluripet, Guntur, Daaku Maharaaj has been playing all four daily shows since its release — a testament to its lasting popularity and Balayya's deep fan base.

Directed by Bobby Kolli, the action-packed entertainer features an

ensemble cast including Bobby Deol, Shraddha Srinath, Pragya Jaiswal, and Urvashi Rautela. Produced by S. Naga Vamsi and Sai Soujanya, the film also stands out for its high production values and Thaman's powerful background score, which elevated its intense sequences.

As fans celebrate this rare achievement, Balayya isn't slowing down. He is currently filming Akhanda 2: Thandavam, a high-stakes sequel directed by Boyapati Sreenu. Touted as his most ambitious project yet, the film is targeting a pan-India re-



lease and is expected to introduce Balakrishna's mass persona to wider North Indian audiences. With four back-to-back 175-day hits,

Balayya has not only set a benchmark for longevity in theaters but has also redefined what box office consistency looks like in Telugu cinema today.

Pawan Kalyan Launches Trailer of RK Sagar's The 100 - A Promising Thriller in the Making

Television star RK Sagar is all set to make a powerful leap to the silver screen with his upcoming action thriller The 100. Directed by Raghav Omkar Sasidhar and produced by Ramesh Karutoori and Venki Pushadapu, the film is scheduled for release on July 11, 2025. In a major boost for the film's publicity, none other than Power Star Pawan Kalyan unveiled the official trailer, instantly grabbing attention across the Telugu film community. The gripping trailer introduces RK Sagar as IPS officer Vikranth, a man tormented by a personal tragedy and driven by an unshakable moral code. His strict principles often clash with his superiors, making him an outsider in the system. But when a ruthless criminal gang emerges as a threat, Vikranth is forced to break his vow of non-violence and pick up arms once again. RK Sagar delivers a convincing performance in this intense role, portraying a layered character who is both emotionally wounded and fiercely determined. Starring opposite him is Misha Narang, who plays the female lead and appears to



be an emotional anchor in Vikranth's turbulent journey. Visually, the trailer stands out with striking cinematography by Shyam K Naidu, who captures the dark tones and gritty atmosphere perfectly. Complementing the visuals is Harshavardhan Rameshwar's haunting background score, which heightens the film's tension and emotional depth. From what the trailer reveals, The 100 promises to be a gripping action drama with a strong emotional core. It blends themes of personal loss, justice, and redemption, setting the stage for a potential breakout performance by RK Sagar. With strong technical support and Pawan Kalyan's backing, The 100 is certainly one to watch out for this July.

Big Buzz: Don 3 to Begin Filming in January 2026, Ranveer Singh Takes the Lead

The wait is finally coming to an end for fans of the iconic Don franchise. Don 3, the much-anticipated third installment, is set to begin filming in January 2026, reigniting excitement across Bollywood circles. This time, Ranveer Singh steps into the shoes of the legendary Don, a role previously immortalized by Shah Rukh Khan. Directed once again by Farhan Akhtar, who helmed the first two parts, Don 3 is expected to mark a bold new chapter in the slick action-thriller series. Ranveer's casting created quite a stir when it was officially announced, as fans are eager to see how the energetic star brings his own flavor to the iconic anti-hero. The buzz doesn't stop there. Rumors are swirling that global star Priyanka Chopra might return to the franchise, possibly reprising her role as Roma. While there's no confirmation yet, the mere possibility of her involvement has set social media abuzz. Initially, Kiara Advani was announced as the female lead opposite Ranveer. However, recent



speculations suggest that she may be replaced by Sharvari Wagh, known for her breakout performance in Vedaa. The final casting is still under wraps, with an official statement from the production team expected soon. As pre-production ramps up, all eyes are now on Farhan Akhtar and the creative team to unveil more details. With a new Don, a possibly revamped cast, and a fresh storyline, Don 3 is poised to redefine the franchise while paying homage to its legacy. One thing is certain — January 2026 marks the beginning of a new era for Don, and expectations couldn't be higher.



Ranveer Singh's Dhurandhar First Look Unveiled, Set for Epic Clash with Prabhas' The Raja Saab

Ranveer Singh is back in action, and this time, he's going full throttle in the gritty spy thriller Dhurandhar. Directed by Aditya Dhar, best known for his critically acclaimed URI: The Surgical Strike, the film promises a hard-hitting narrative with high-octane action and emotional depth. On the occasion of Ranveer's birthday, the makers dropped the first look teaser, and it's already making waves. The teaser showcases Ranveer in a rugged, never-seen-before avatar — full beard, long unkempt hair, and an intense glare that sets the tone for what appears to be a dark and action-heavy role. Backed by a powerful Punjabi-style hook song, the visuals are raw and stylized, hinting at a high-stakes espionage plot layered with emotion and suspense. Dhurandhar also boasts an ensemble cast featuring Sanjay Dutt, R. Madhavan, Akshaye Khanna,

and Arjun Rampal — a lineup that adds serious firepower to the film. With music by Shashwat Sachdev and production support from Jio Studios and B62 Studios, the film is shaping up to be a polished, big-budget thriller aimed at both multiplex and mass audiences. What's making the release even more exciting is its box office clash. Dhurandhar is slated for a December 5, 2025 release — the same day as Prabhas' much-awaited romantic fantasy The Raja Saab. With both stars commanding massive fan bases and targeting a pan-India audience, particularly in the North Indian market, this clash promises to be one of the biggest cinematic face-offs of the year. As anticipation builds, Dhurandhar positions itself as a must-watch thriller that blends emotional storytelling with stylized action — and Ranveer's explosive transformation is already stealing the spotlight.

Yogi Adityanath & Pawan Kalyan to Share Stage: Massive Boost for Hari Hara Veera Mallu

With the release of Hari Hara Veera Mallu just around the corner, the promotional campaign is shifting into high gear. According to the latest reports, the film's team is planning not one but two grand pre-release events to build momentum — with one of them potentially becoming a major political and cinematic moment. The first pre-release event is scheduled to take place on July 17 in Varanasi, followed by a second one on July 19 in Tirupati. What's creating massive buzz is the speculation that Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath may attend the Varanasi event as the chief guest. If this materializes, it could significantly amplify the film's visibility and impact in North India. Given Pawan Kalyan's political ties through his Janasena Party's alliance with the BJP, the prospect of Yogi and Pawan sharing the stage is not entirely surprising — but it is certainly momentous. Yogi Adityanath's strong following in Uttar Pradesh and neighboring states like Bihar and Uttarakhand



could potentially draw considerable attention to the film from North Indian audiences. Hari Hara Veera Mallu, directed by Jyothi Krishna and Krish Jagarlamudi, is a period action drama where Pawan Kalyan plays a valiant warrior battling the Mughal emperor Aurangzeb. The film's themes promoting Sanatana Dharma and showcasing Hindu valor align with sentiments that may resonate strongly with BJP supporters in the northern belt. Backed by producer A. Dayakar Rao and presented by AM Ratnam, the film also features music by MM Keeravani. Scheduled for a worldwide release on July 24, HHVM is shaping up to be more than just a film — it could become a major cultural and political moment if Yogi's participation is confirmed. More details are expected soon.