

Weather Forecast

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Tension at Rajendranagar Agricultural University

Attempt to level with JCBs... Students blocked

Police enter the scene... Students not allowed to come out of the hostel

TPN | V. Krishna Kumar
Special Desk: The Kanche Gachibowli HCU (Hyderabad Central University) dispute might have ended, but a new flashpoint has emerged at Rajendranagar. Midnight chaos unfolded at Professor Jayashankar Agricultural University as multiple JCBs rolled into the botanical gardens and began razing trees. Loud mechanical sounds jolted hostel students awake, who rushed out to find bulldozers uprooting massive trees under the cover of darkness. As students gathered to question and obstruct the operation, tension escalated. Police vehicles soon arrived, and officers disembarked shouting loudly, creating panic. Students fled in fear, while others who stayed were blocked inside their hostels by police barricades. They were reportedly threatened with legal action and physical violence if they tried to record videos or contact the outside world. According to reports, the land-leveling was part of preparations for Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's scheduled Vanamahotsavam event on Monday. However, student groups suspect a deeper motive—fearing this is the beginning of groundwork for the proposed Telangana High Court building, for which 100 acres have already been allocated within the university. The midnight operation has sparked outrage, with many pointing out the eerie similarities to the previous HCU land controversy, where the government faced backlash for



environmental violations. That issue saw the Supreme Court intervene and demand restoration of forest land, even warning of jail if encroachments continued. The current operation has left students confused and angry. They argue that Vanamahotsavam means planting trees where there are none—not destroying existing forests and replacing them with saplings. “Why raze trees only to plant more?” questioned a student. Others are now urging the Supreme Court to take note and intervene once again, warning that 100 acres of forested land will disappear if this continues unchecked. Adding to the confusion, the Vice Chancellor of Rajendranagar Agricultural University issued a clarification. He stated that the trees being removed—mainly Subabul and Eucalyptus—were already marked for clearance. “We had given tender permissions in May

itself to remove them over 20 acres. In the future, we plan to remove such species from another 150 acres and replace them with plants of medicinal value,” he explained. Despite the clarification, students remain unconvinced. The timing, secrecy, and forceful police presence in the middle of the night have led many to suspect that more than just tree replacement is underway. Meanwhile, lawyer associations have also raised objections, questioning the need to shift the High Court from the city to the university premises. As tension lingers, demands grow for the police to be withdrawn from campus and for full transparency from the government. Students say they won't stay silent as yet another educational institution faces ecological and institutional damage under the guise of development.

KTR and Me Are Enough to Counter Revanth Reddy...

Congress delaying Kalvakurthi motor operations despite flood flow

Harish Rao questions allocation of 65 TMC Krishna water to AP

NDSA silent on Polavaram & SLBC failures, but rushed to Medigadda

Farmers suffer as Godavari waters go unused due to “political vendetta”



while, in reality, he was starving his own people. “He is beating the mouths and stomachs of the people there by not giving them water,” Rao stated. Highlighting the continued flooding of the Srisa- ilam reservoir since May 30, Harish Rao questioned why the Kalvakurthi Lift Irrigation Scheme motors had not yet been switched on even after 36 days. “Why is Kalvakurthi not being given water even after so many days? Are they again planning to release water to Chandrababu like last year?” he asked. Harish Rao also slammed the Congress-led Telanga- na government for allo- cating 65 TMC of Krishna water to Andhra Pradesh, calling it an act of “Guru- dakshina” to CM Chan- drababu Naidu. “Since Telangana formation, this is the least Krishna water utilization seen under any government,” he remarked.

Srisaillam 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 | Srisaillam
Minor water leakage from the gates of Srisaillam 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

Flood Flow Increases to Srisaillam Reservoir

Flood flow into the Srisaillam 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 hydro-electric generation. The full reservoir level (FRL) of Srisaillam 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.



Congress Leader Gaddam Chandrasekhar Reddy Arrested in Explosives Case

Shifted to Nizamabad Jail; brother Gaddam Surya absconding

TPN Correspondent | Nizamabad

In a major development, Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) General Secretary Gaddam Chandrasekhar Reddy was arrested late last night in connection with the explosives case that surfaced in KPR Colony of Nizamabad two days ago. The police arrested Chandrasekhar Reddy at his residence around 10 PM and later shifted him to Nizamabad jail. The case pertains to the seizure of explosives including gelatin sticks found in a suspicious manner within the district headquarters. As part of the investigation, police have already taken three individuals into custody, and during interrogation, the accused allegedly revealed that the explosives were sourced from Gaddam Chandrasekhar

Reddy.

Based on these revelations, the police acted swiftly to detain the Congress leader. Meanwhile, a manhunt has been launched for his brother, Gaddam Surya, who is currently absconding. Police sources confirm that he is being considered a key figure in the case. Officials stated that the case is being investigated in depth, and further details will be revealed following a thorough interrogation of the arrested individuals. The seizure of explosives has raised serious concerns, and the authorities are trying to determine the intended use and possible networks behind the illegal stockpiling. The arrest of a high-ranking political leader in connection with such a case is expected to trigger sharp political reactions in the state.





Pashamilaram Explosion: Death Toll Rises To 43



- **Another injured victim dies during treatment**
- **Nine people still missing under the debris**
- **Rubble removal and search operations continue**

TPN Correspondent | Sangareddy
The death toll in the devastating explosion at Sigachi Industries in Pashamilaram, Sangareddy district, continues to rise, casting a deep shadow of grief over the affected families. Officials confirmed on Sunday that the number of deaths has reached 43.

One more victim, Jitender, who had been critically injured in the blast and was receiving treatment at Dhruva Hospital, succumbed to his injuries, further adding to the toll. Additionally, authorities have identified another body that was recovered from beneath the rubble. Despite the ongoing rescue efforts, the whereabouts of nine people re-

main unknown. The families of the missing are left in anguish as they wait for any news of their loved ones. Rescue personnel continue the painstaking task of clearing the debris from the collapsed building, working around the clock to find those still trapped.

The explosion, which occurred at the Sigachi industry unit, triggered a massive fire and structural collapse, making recovery operations extremely challenging. Officials have stated that efforts to locate the missing individuals are still underway and will continue until the last person is accounted for.

The tragedy has left the entire region in shock, and grieving families are demanding answers and accountability. With the death toll climbing and the search ongoing, the full impact of the Pashamilaram industrial disaster is still unfolding.

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He further criticized the double standards in central intervention, alleging that when the diaphragm wall and guide wall of Polavaram collapsed, or when the SLBC tunnel failed, the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) never intervened. “But when two pillars fell at Medigadda, BJP’s Kishan Reddy immediately sent the NDSA,” Harish Rao claimed. He accused Revanth Reddy and Kishan Reddy of joining hands to do “petty politics” in Telangana. “They fight in Delhi for cameras and hug in Hyderabad,” he al-

leged. Harish Rao expressed deep concern about the water levels in the Godavari. “Currently, 73,600 cusecs are flowing near Medigadda, and Godavari is at 96 meters at the Kannepalli pump house – more than enough to lift water. Just turn on the motors and water can reach the fields,” he said. Calling it criminal negligence, Harish Rao concluded by accusing Revanth Reddy of “intentionally troubling farmers due to his hatred towards KCR and the BRS.”

Srisaillam Dam Leakage...

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 Srisaillam 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.

No Matter How Many Conspiracies, We Will Stand Tall...

TPN Correspondent | Madhira

“No matter how many conspiracies are hatched, we will stand tall for the people,” declared Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka on Sunday, while addressing a public gathering at Madhira as part of the Indiramma housing patta distribution program. In a powerful speech, Bhatti targeted the opposition, saying their anxiety stems from the sweeping success of the Congress government’s welfare agenda. “The opposition is worried because our welfare schemes have no parallel. We’re eradicating poverty with action, not slogans,” he said. “Our government’s aim is to restore dignity to every citizen by ensuring every poor family owns a home.” He revealed that the Congress government has already spent ₹22,500 crore in just one year for constructing 4.5 lakh houses, each worth ₹5 lakh. He claimed no other state in India had ever undertaken such an extensive housing effort in a single year. BRS couldn’t even clear bills for the houses sanctioned during Congress rule before 2014. They turned public



needs into electoral tools. They ruled for ten years but didn’t build homes. Instead, they looted the state and lived lavishly,” he said. Praja Government’s Vision for Inclusive Welfare Bhatti recalled his People’s March padayatra, walking from Adilabad to Khammam to understand the real conditions of the poor. “People showed us houses without windows, doors, or basic food. Many families lost loved

ones without ever owning a proper home. That’s when we made the promise—to build homes for all,” he said. Reiterating the government’s commitment to public welfare, Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka highlighted several initiatives currently benefiting people across Telangana. He stated that 93 lakh families are receiving subsidized rice to ensure food security. To ease the burden of household expenses, gas cylinders are being provided at just ₹500. Additionally, the government is supplying 200 units of free electricity per household, reducing power costs for families. “In three months, we waived farm loans for nearly 2 lakh farmers, depositing ₹21,000 crore. Under Rythu Bharosa, we are giving ₹12,000 per year, and already ₹9,000 crore was deposited within nine days this season.” Till date, ₹17,500 crore has been spent under Rythu Bharosa, he added. “Through Indira Kranthi Pathakam, we have already released ₹21,000 crore in interest-free loans to women’s self-help groups (DWCRA),” Bhatti said, adding that the government aims to make at least one crore women into crorepatris within five years.

Develop Govt Schools in Telangana: Konda Vishweshwar Reddy

Chevella MP calls for reforms in public education sector

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Telangana: Chevella MP Konda Vishweshwar Reddy emphasized the urgent need to develop government schools in Telangana, stating that the state must improve public education infrastructure to match private institutions. He made these remarks while attending a program organized by the Lakshya Sadhana Foundation at Vijay Tagore Garden in Himayath Nagar on Sunday. The event, which included a Patapuja Mahotsavam with golden flowers and a Sneha Vattabhishekam for school childhood friends, was organized by Lakshya Sadhana Foundation coordinator Pragya Raju. MP Vishweshwar Reddy, along with Devanatha Jeeyarswamy, lit the



ceremonial lamp and inaugurated the program. Speaking on the occasion, Vishweshwar Reddy said, “Government schools are not on par with private schools, and there is a serious need for focused development to ensure that poor students receive quality education.” He lauded the Lakshya Sadhana Foundation’s efforts in promoting karate for children and supporting orphans, describing it as a no-

ble mission that should be recognized and supported. He further praised the organization for nurturing orphaned children with care and dedication and noted the positive impact of yoga and karate training being imparted to students through the foundation’s programs. “Education is the foundation of a strong society. Helping orphaned children and promoting physical and mental well-being through yoga and

karate is commendable,” he said. The event witnessed the honoring of yoga gurus and participation from students across various schools involved in yoga and karate training. Several dignitaries were present, including former Chevella MLA K.S. Ratnam, BJP State Executive Members Kanjarla Prakash and Chenivelli Prabhakar Reddy, BJP Mandal President Srikanth, Aziznagar’s Madhav Reddy, and Mudigonda Mahendrayadav, Bisa Narasimha, and others from the yoga community. The program concluded with a message encouraging support for underprivileged children and a collective appeal to the government to prioritize public school development across Telangana.

Heavy Rains Forecast for Telugu States

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a rain alert for both Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, warning of heavy rains over the next three days due to the intensified southwest monsoon and formation of surface depressions in the Bay of Bengal. Telangana Weather Outlook Rains are expected to continue across Telangana till July 11, with the northern districts likely to receive particularly heavy downpours. A yellow alert has been issued for 15 districts including Adilabad, Mulugu, Jayashankar Bhupalpally, Suryapet, Nalgonda, Medak, Siddipet, Bhuvanagiri, and Nagarkurnool. The IMD has forecast thunderstorms with lightning and wind speeds up to 30-40 kmph, particularly on July 7, advising residents in low-lying areas and farmers to remain cautious and prepared for possible flooding or crop damage. Andhra Pradesh Weather Outlook In Andhra Pradesh, moderate to heavy rains are expected across several coastal and Rayalaseema districts for



the next three to four days. The rainfall is attributed to a surface depression in the Bay of Bengal that is enhancing moisture in the region. Rain is likely in Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Parvathipuram Manyam, Alluri Seetharamaraju, Visakhapatnam, Kakinada, Nellore, Anantapur, and Chittoor districts. Thunderstorms and lightning may occur in North Coastal Andhra, Yanam, and parts of Rayalaseema.

The Meteorological Department has also advised fishermen not to venture into the sea as gusty winds and turbulent sea conditions are likely to prevail along the coastal regions. Authorities across both states are on alert, and disaster response teams have been kept ready in vulnerable areas. Citizens are urged to follow local weather advisories and updates regularly to ensure safety during the rainfall period.

Saree Gift For Women On Vijayadashami

- 65 lakh self-help group women to receive 2 sarees each
- 1.30 crore sarees to be distributed across Telangana
- Weaving work underway in Sircilla with 5,000 powerloom workers
- ₹318 crore allocated by BC Welfare Department



TPN Correspondent | Telangana
The Telangana government has brought festive cheer to women in self-help groups by announcing the distribution of sarees to 65 lakh beneficiaries across the state. Each woman will receive two sarees, with the distribution planned around the time of Vijayadashami (Dussehra). Officials revealed that around 1.30 crore sarees will be required for the initiative, amounting to nearly 4 crore meters of fabric. So far, one crore meters of sarees have already been woven and are ready for processing, while the rest are still in production. This massive task is being carried out by about 5,000 powerloom workers in Sircilla on a daily basis. Unlike the previous government's Bathukamma sarees initiative, which distributed

sarees to women during the Bathukamma festival, the current Congress government has made a new move. This time, sarees will be distributed specifically to members of women's self-help groups under DWCRA. To support this scheme, the BC Welfare Department has already released ₹318 crore, and the saree designs have been finalized by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. The government is aiming to complete production by the end of September, in time for distribution during the Dussehra festival. However, officials clarified that if the timeline cannot be met, distribution will be conducted on an alternative date. This move is being seen as a welfare measure aimed at women empowerment, as well as a boost to the handloom sector in Sircilla, which has been closely associated with textile production for years.

13,000 Indiramma Houses Sanctioned for Chenchus

- Additional 9,000 houses allotted for tribal constituencies
- Minister Ponguleti to distribute documents in Munнанur

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

In a major initiative aimed at uplifting one of the most backward tribal communities in Telangana, Revenue and Housing Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy announced that the Indiramma government led by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy is sanctioning 13,266 Indiramma houses for the Chenchu tribes across 21 constituencies under four ITDAs—Utnur, Bhadrachalam, Munнанur, and Eturu Nagaram. The decision follows recommendations from both Governor Jishnu Dev Varma and Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, who stressed the importance of permanent housing for tribals, particularly the forest-dwelling Chenchus, who have lived for decades without access to proper shelter. Minister Ponguleti, in a press statement released on Saturday, said the sanction letters will be personally handed over to Chenchu families at Munнанur in Achampet constituency on Monday, where he will be joined by local MLA Dr. Vamsi Krishna. He emphasized that the Chenchu community, which depends on hunting and forest produce for livelihood, has lived in makeshift huts without any permanent structure. This move marks the first time

any government has sanctioned housing specifically for Chenchus in the regions they actually reside in. District-wise allocations include:

- Utnur ITDA (10,836 houses): Adilabad (2,848), Asifabad (3,371), Khanapur (2,257), Sirpur (227), Bellampalli (223), Bodh (163), Mancherla (157), Nirmal (153)
- Bhadrachalam ITDA: Aswaraopet (274)
- Munнанur Chenchu Special Project (2,156 houses): Achampet (785), Mahabubnagar (245), Parigi (63), Tandoor (174), Kollapur (105), Kalwakurthy (120), Vikarabad (63), Devarakadra (64), Nagarjunasagar (17)

While the official sanction for each constituency in the state is 3,500 houses, Minister Ponguleti revealed that an additional 8,750 houses—ranging between 500 to 700 extra houses per constituency—have been allocated to tribal constituencies under ITDAs, taking the total higher for these vulnerable communities. To ensure smooth implementation, ITDA Project Officers have been designated as nodal officers to oversee the sanction and construction of these Indiramma houses in tribal regions. This move is being viewed as a landmark effort to bring dignified living conditions to forest-dwelling communities, fulfilling a long-ignored need for housing and aligning with the broader vision of inclusive development as advocated by the state government.

KTR had Secret Meetings with Lokesh

Sama Rammohan Reddy slams KTR for hypocrisy and political desperation

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

The political heat in Telangana intensified as TPCC Media Committee Chairman Sama Rammohan Reddy launched a fierce attack on BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao (KTR), accusing him of political double standards and secretive dealings with Andhra Pradesh Minister Nara Lokesh. Speaking at Gandhi Bhavan, Rammohan Reddy ridiculed KTR's challenge to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for a public debate on farmers' welfare. "You once asked who Revanth Reddy was. Now you're desperate to be mentioned alongside him," he said, dismissing KTR's challenge as a mere publicity stunt. He further alleged that KTR has no moral authority to speak on farmers' issues, pointing to the BRS government's failure to address the wave of farmer suicides during its decade-long rule. "You didn't even acknowledge their deaths. Now you want to debate welfare?" he asked. In a sensational claim, Rammohan Reddy accused KTR of holding multiple secret meetings with AP Minister



Nara Lokesh. "While the Telangana government is fighting for our rightful share in Krishna and Godavari waters, KTR is busy conspiring behind closed doors," he said, demanding that KTR disclose who benefits from these clandestine discussions. Meanwhile, the Congress government, led by CM Revanth Reddy, has reiterated its firm stance on protecting Telangana's water rights. The CM has accused former CM KCR of compromising the state's interests in 2015 by allowing Andhra Pradesh to draw water from the Godavari without proper allocation. The ongoing war of words has also sparked a debate over the venue for a public discussion. While KTR has proposed the Hyderabad Press Club for a debate on July 8, the Congress insists that such a discussion must take place on the floor of the Assembly4.

Eatala Joins Protest Against Dumping Yard in Hindu Cemetery

TPN | Srikanth Gurram

Hyderabad: Malkajgiri MP Eatala Rajender on Sunday participated in a peaceful protest organized by the residents of Macha Bollaram, expressing strong opposition to the illegal dumping yard set up within the premises of a Hindu cemetery. Locals staged a dharna demanding immediate removal of the dumping yard, citing emotional distress and religious violation. The land in question, around 15 acres, was donated by local elder Shri Samala Venkata Reddy many years ago for use as a Hindu burial ground. Since then, the area has served as a final resting place for the community. However, locals allege that the state government has now converted part of this sacred land into a dumping yard, causing severe inconvenience and hurting Hindu sentiments. Standing in solidarity with the protestors, MP Etala Rajender assured that he would lead the fight to protect the sanctity of the Hindu cemetery. "Turning a burial ground into a garbage yard is not only illegal but also deeply disrespectful. I will be at the forefront of this battle to ensure justice is delivered," Etala said during his



address to the protestors. Several prominent BJP leaders and local representatives joined the dharna, including District Convener Dr. S. Mallareddy, State Mahila Morcha President Mrs. Shilpa Reddy, District Vice President Sri Adireddy Rajireddy, and Official Spokesperson of State Mahila Morcha Mrs. Velugapuni Saritha Rao. Others present were Assembly Co-Convenor Sri Shivaji Raju, District OBC

Vice President Sri Ashok, and senior leaders Sri Satish Sagar, Sri Chakradhar, Kalidindi Madhuri, Prakash Rao, Madhu, and Srinivas, along with District Leaders, Local BJP Leaders, and RWAJAC-Machhabollaram Members. The protestors urged the government to respect religious sanctity and community sentiments and demanded that the dumping yard be removed immediately from the cemetery premises.

Fertilizer Shortage Under Congress Rule: KTR Slams Govt

TPN Correspondent | Telangana

BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) has launched a sharp attack on the Congress government over the severe shortage of fertilizers across Telangana, accusing it of failing the farmers despite lofty promises like Rythu Bharosa and loan waivers. Addressing the issue on Sunday, KTR expressed concern that farmers, already under pressure due to weather and market conditions, are now forced to suffer due to an unprecedented shortage of fertilizers. "The situation has become so dire that the government cannot even provide one bag of fertilizer after taking loans in the name of agriculture," he criticized. He revealed that there is a shortage of 1.94 lakh metric tons of fertilizers across the state and questioned the Congress government's silence on the issue. "Why is there such a huge shortfall? What is the government doing about it?" he



asked. KTR also raised the issue of a steep price hike in urea bags, stating that the cost has gone up from ₹266 to ₹325. "Who allowed this increase? Who is responsible for burdening the farmers like this?" he demanded to know. Alleging that the shortage may be man-made, KTR said that there are clear signs of artificial scarcity being created by vested interests. He demanded a comprehensive inquiry to uncover the truth and take action against those responsible. "The government must not remain a silent spectator while the backbone of the state—its farmers—are pushed into deeper distress," KTR stated. "It is time the Congress government showed accountability instead of hiding behind hollow promises." He urged the ruling party to take immediate corrective measures to restore fertilizer availability and protect farmers from further economic setbacks.

Leaders Pay Tribute to Jagjivan Ram in Medchal

TPN Correspondent | Medchal

On the occasion of the 39th death anniversary of former Deputy Prime Minister Babu Jagjivan Ram, Congress leaders and public representatives across Medchal district paid heartfelt tributes, vowing to work towards fulfilling the vision he stood for—social justice and upliftment of the underprivileged. At Devarayamjal under Thoonkunta Municipal limits, a special tribute event was organized where party members and locals garlanded the statue of Jagjivan Ram. Medchal-Malkajgiri District RTA Member Jaipal Reddy led the ceremony and highlighted Jagjivan Ram's illustrious political journey of more than three decades, during which he held key ministerial portfolios and advocated consistently for the welfare of marginalized communities. "Jagjivan Ram's dedication to the upliftment of weaker sections is a guiding light even today," said Jaipal Reddy. "It is our responsibility to carry forward his legacy and work to achieve the dream he

envisioned—an India free from social inequality." Among those present were Sri Sita Rama Swamy Devasthanam Chairman Lakshminarayana, trustee Nanigalla Harigopal, former trustee Bakkola Srinivas, and local leaders including Ramu, Eeragall Mahender, Nanigalla Harikrishna, and Sai Kiran. In a separate tribute program held at Ambedkar Bhavan in Medchal Municipality, former ward member Panuganti Ravinder led the gathering. The event witnessed participation from key local figures including former Medchal Market Committee Chairman Udandapuram Satyanarayana, former Upas- arpanch Marri Narasimha Reddy, former councilor Kaude Mahesh, Cheruvu Kommu Sekhar Goud, Rannagari Santosh Goud, Bikshapati Goud, Yadagiri, Nagaraju, and others. Both events concluded with a unified appeal from leaders to continue Jagjivan Ram's mission of empowering Dalits and backward communities and to commit themselves to inclusive development and equality in governance.



2,847 Non-Bailable Warrants Executed by Rachakonda Police in 30 Days

- 2024 accused physically produced in court
- Drive aimed at clearing backlog

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

In a significant step towards clearing judicial backlog, the Rachakonda Police Commissionerate has successfully executed 2,847 non-bailable warrants (NBWs) in just 30 days as part of a special operation that began earlier this year. The initiative, aimed at making Rachakonda a “NBW-free commissionerate,” saw notable coordination across multiple states.

At the beginning of January, there were 1,088 pending NBWs in Rachakonda. By the end of April, this number had grown to 2,847, prompting police to form nine special teams within the state and deploy additional teams to trace accused in other states like Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Rajasthan.

By June 30, 2,024 of these warrants



were executed by physically producing the accused before the respective courts. The remaining 823 warrants were submitted in court with requests for necessary legal procedures.

Of particular note, 1,408 warrants issued prior to 2023 were executed, indicating the police’s focus on long-pending cases. In the process, the police also discovered that 52 accused had passed away, while 14 were already lodged in various jails—those warrants were regularised. In 13 cases, the accused had absconded during trial but were

successfully re-secured. Additionally, four persons wanted in narcotics-related cases were apprehended, helping expedite their trial proceedings.

What are Non-Bailable Warrants (NBWs)?

A non-bailable warrant is issued by a criminal court when a person fails to appear despite summons, is evading arrest, or the court believes their presence cannot be ensured through a bailable warrant. It gives the police the authority to arrest and produce the accused before the court. NBWs are issued under Section 76 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNSS) and Section 74 of the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC).

Officials say that this operation has significantly contributed to reducing the backlog of pending cases in Rachakonda and has enhanced the accountability of absconding accused in the judicial process.

48 Special Trains Announced by South Central Railway

Tirupati, Kacheguda, Narasapur routes covered



TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

In view of increasing passenger demand, South Central Railway (SCR) has announced that 48 special trains will be operated across key routes to ease the rush. These special services will run from July 9 to September 25, providing additional travel options for passengers.

According to a statement released by SCR, the Tirupati-Hisar route will see 12 special services, with trains running every Wednesday and Sunday. On the Kacheguda-Tirupati route, 8 trains will operate on Thursdays and Fridays.

The highest number of special trains—16 in total—will be operated between Narasapur and Tiruvannamalai, with services scheduled for Wednesdays and Thursdays.

SCR officials have also clarified that advance reservation is available for all these special services. Passengers are encouraged to book early and take advantage of the additional capacity provided.

For further information including train numbers, timings, and boarding points, passengers are advised to visit the official South Central Railway website or contact railway enquiry services.

FIR Filed Against Ratan Ranjan for Malicious Remarks on Women

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

As part of the Congress party’s ongoing awareness campaign in Bihar to promote hygiene among rural women through sanitary pad distribution, a controversy has erupted over defamatory and insensitive remarks made against Indian women.

In this context, Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi has also been targeted with false and malicious information, allegedly as part of a politically motivated narrative. One such individual, Ratan Ranjan, is accused of insulting Indian women with his comments during this campaign.

Taking serious objection to this, the Telangana State Youth Congress, under the leadership of State President Jakkidi Shiva Charan Reddy, filed a formal complaint against Ratan Ranjan with Abids ACP Praveen Kumar on Sunday. Following the complaint, an FIR has been registered.

The Youth Congress emphasized that the sanitary pad distribution initiative was started with the sole aim of creating awareness about hygiene among underprivileged wom-



en, particularly in rural Bihar. The comments made against this effort were described as deeply disrespectful and politically motivated.

Several Youth Congress leaders participated in this protest and complaint filing, including Vidya Reddy, State Coordinator, Youth Congress Super Shakti Shee, Deepak Pragya, Vice President, State Youth Congress, Haridhar, President, Khairatabad District Youth Congress and Nara Nihar, Gurram Shyam Charan Reddy, Yaramala Ram Reddy, Suresh, Vijandla Sai (Khammam District President), and Paramesh (Khairatabad District Vice President). The Youth Congress reiterated that insulting women under the guise of political commentary will not be tolerated and that they will take legal action against anyone spreading misinformation or making derogatory remarks.

Spurious ‘Levipil 500’ Seized in Telangana

DCA Raids at Hyderabad, Karimnagar; Fake Anti-Epileptic Drug in Circulation

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The Drugs Control Administration (DCA), Telangana, has seized counterfeit versions of ‘Levipil 500’ tablets, an anti-epileptic medicine used to treat seizures in patients with epilepsy. The spurious tablets falsely claimed to be manufactured by Sun Pharma Laboratories Ltd, one of India’s leading pharmaceutical companies.

According to a press release issued on July 6, 2025, the DCA acted swiftly based on intelligence inputs, conducting raids in Hyderabad and Karimnagar, where the fake drugs were found in circulation. In Hyderabad, the counterfeit Levipil 500 tablets were seized from Arvind Pharma Distributors, located in SBI Colony, Kavadiiguda. Simultaneous-



ly, officials also conducted a raid at Venu Medical Agencies, located in Sai Nagar, Doctors Street, Karimnagar, where similar counterfeit drugs were found.

Levipil 500 contains Levetiracetam 500 mg, a crucial medicine prescribed

for controlling epilepsy. The presence of fake versions in the market poses serious health risks to unsuspecting patients, particularly those dependent on this medicine for seizure control.

Authorities have warned the public and healthcare providers to be vigilant and report any suspected counterfeit medicines immediately. The DCA has assured that further investigation is underway, and stern action will be taken against those involved in the manufacture or distribution of fake drugs.

This seizure once again highlights the urgent need for tighter pharmaceutical supply chain monitoring, as counterfeit drugs not only endanger lives but also erode trust in critical healthcare systems.

Antilia Residents Protest Boundary Wall Demolition

APR Pranav Antilia holds relay hunger strike in Qutbullapur

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Residents of the APR Pranav Antilia gated community in Qutbullapur staged a relay hunger strike, demanding the reconstruction of their compound wall demolished on June 24th. The protest was marked by slogans asserting their right to the road and questioning the fairness of the demolition. The residents alleged that officials from Hydra removed the boundary wall unfairly without proper inquiry or notice. “Is it fair to demolish our compound wall?” they questioned during the demonstration. The protestors took to the streets shouting, “Protect Antilia, this is not just an attack on a wall but on our community.” Holding placards and chanting slo-



gans like “We want our road – our road is our right”, the residents urged the authorities to investigate the matter thoroughly and restore their demolished wall immediately.

They demanded that Hydra officials acknowledge the facts on record and halt further disruption to their gated community. The residents emphasized that their intention is not to hinder development but to ensure their rightful protection and safety.

The protest is expected to continue until authorities respond and provide a solution.

Paid Internships at DRDO for Engineering and Science Students

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is offering a valuable paid internship opportunity for final-year engineering and science students across its various laboratories, including CHES in Hyderabad and DEAL in Dehradun. These internships are designed to provide hands-on research experience to students in core defence-related technologies.

The Centre for High Energy Systems and Sciences (CHES) in Hyderabad has announced 20 internship vacancies for students pursuing final-year graduate or postgraduate degrees in Physics, Mechanical Engineering, Electronics, and Computer Science. Interested candidates must apply online by July 15. Similarly, the Defence Electronics Applications Laboratory (DEAL) has issued a notification to recruit 45 interns in the disciplines of Electronics, Computer Science, and Mechanical Engineering. The last



date to apply for DEAL internships is July 18.

In addition, the Electronics and Radar Development Establishment (LRDE) is also offering internship positions, with the last date for applications being July 14.

Candidates will be selected purely based on their academic performance. Selected interns will receive a stipend of ₹5000 per month during the internship period, as per DRDO guidelines.

Eligible students are encouraged to visit the official website drdo.gov.in for complete information and to submit their applications on or before the respective deadlines. These internships offer an excellent opportunity for students to gain exposure in defence R&D and contribute to national innovation.

732 Drunk Driving Cases in Hyderabad Over Weekend

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Over the weekend, a total of 732 drunk driving cases were registered in Hyderabad, with 105 cases reported under Hyderabad Commissionerate and 627 cases under Cyberabad limits. The cases were booked between Friday, July 4 and Saturday, July 5, highlighting growing concerns over road safety violations. In Hyderabad, traffic police arrested 105 individuals caught driving under the influence in the Abids, Chikadpally, and Saifabad areas. All of them were produced before the Metropolitan Magistrate Court in Nampally, which imposed a total fine of ₹2.39 lakh. Among the violators, 75 were fined ₹2,100 each, while 12 others paid ₹3,100. One person was given a court rising and fined ₹3,300. Additionally, 17 individuals were sentenced to imprisonment and fined ₹41,000 in total. Meanwhile, Cyberabad traffic police booked 458 two-wheelers, 39 three-wheelers, 116 four-wheelers,

and 14 heavy vehicles for drunk driving. The Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) levels among the offenders were alarming — 548 had BAC between 35 mg/100 ml and 200 mg/100 ml, 48 had levels between 201 mg/100 ml and 300 mg/100 ml, while 31 individuals recorded 301 mg/100 ml to 500 mg/100 ml. The legal limit is 30 mg per 100 ml of blood.

Authorities warned that any individual found driving in an inebriated condition and causing a fatal accident will be booked under Section 105 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), which pertains to culpable homicide not amounting to murder. The maximum punishment under this section is 10 years of imprisonment along with a fine. Police urged the public to act responsibly and refrain from drunk driving, emphasizing that strict legal action will be taken against violators to ensure the safety of all road users.

Modi Government Fulfilling Mukherjee’s Aspirations: Bandi Sanjay

- Article 370 repeal, Make in India reflect Mukherjee’s vision
- Benefits delivered without middlemen, says Union Minister
- Tributes paid on Shyama Prasad Mukherjee’s birth anniversary

TPN | Srikanth Gurram
Karimnagar: Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar stated that the Modi government is truly implementing the vision and ideals of Shyama Prasad Mukherjee, the founder of Bharatiya Jana Sangh, whose life was dedicated to national unity and self-reliance. Paying floral tributes to Mukherjee on his birth anniversary at the MP office in Karimnagar, Bandi Sanjay said, “If the Vajpayee government fulfilled his aspiration of nuclear strength, it was Narendra Modi who brought Mukherjee’s biggest dream to life by revoking Article 370.” He highlighted that Mukherjee’s vision of a self-reliant India is now a reality through Make in India and Startup India initiatives. He also praised the direct benefit transfer system, stating that under the Modi government, welfare benefits are reaching the poor without any middlemen, reflecting the core idea Mukherjee stood for. Joined by BJP District President Gangadi Krishna Reddy, former Mayor Sunil Rao, and other party leaders, Bandi Sanjay participated in the tribute program and later issued a strong statement recounting Mukherjee’s contributions and sacrifices. **“Ek Desh Me Do Vidhan, Do Pradhan, Do Nishan – Nahi Chalega”** The Minister recounted Mukherjee’s legendary slogan and his struggle against Article 370, saying, “He questioned the Congress government’s



permit system to visit Kashmir. His famous words — ‘Ek desh me do Vidhan, do Pradhan, do Nishan – nahi chalega’ — still resonate with every nationalist.” He recalled that Mukherjee was arrested without justification, denied basic facilities in jail, and later died under suspicious circumstances. “The then Congress government not only failed to provide an explanation but did not even order an investigation into his death,” Sanjay said. It was only after Mukherjee’s death that the Nehru government revoked the requirement of a permit to visit Kashmir—the first ideological victory of the Jana Sangh, Bandi Sanjay pointed out. **“A Party May Be Destroyed, But Not Its Ideals”** Reflecting on Mukherjee’s confrontations in Parliament, Sanjay said, “When Nehru mocked him for heading a small party and vowed to crush it, Mukherjee boldly replied, ‘You may

try to destroy the party, but I will destroy that very idea.’ That defiance still inspires us today.” He also mentioned how Babasaheb Ambedkar supported Mukherjee in his commitment to ensure the benefits of independence reached the grassroots level. “Mukherjee was a visionary who even advocated for India to acquire nuclear weapons for its defence.” **“Tribute Through Action, Not Just Words”** Calling Mukherjee the first opposition leader in Parliament to sacrifice his life for the nation, Bandi Sanjay said, “The greatest tribute we can offer him is to implement his ideas. Whether it is national unity, economic self-reliance, or transparent governance, the BJP under Modi is walking in Mukherjee’s footsteps.” He ended by reaffirming the BJP’s resolve to carry forward Mukherjee’s legacy, saying that every policy and reform under Modi’s leadership is a reflection of that great leader’s vision for India.

Devotees Flock to Vemulawada Temple on Ekadashi

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Devotees in large numbers thronged the Sri Rajarajeswara Swamy temple in Vemulawada, also known as Dakshina Kashi, on the occasion of the first Ekadashi festival. With Sunday being a holiday, the footfall of devotees surged from the early morning hours, turning the temple premises vibrant and devotional. Long queues of devotees could be seen lining up for darshan of Lord Rajanna, while many offered cow sacrifices and other religious offerings after their visit. Devotees from not only nearby regions but also distant places arrived in large numbers, seeking blessings during the sacred Ekadashi. To manage the crowd, the temple authorities made special arrangements, ensuring the devotees faced no inconvenience. Security and crowd management measures were stepped up across the temple corridors and queue lines. On the spiritual front, special pujas



and rituals were performed by temple priests, including the Mahanyasa Poorthaka Rudrabhishekam, enhancing the sanctity of the occasion. With the advent of the Ashada month, the Rajanna temple, which had seen lower footfall in recent days, saw a dramatic rise in devotees not just within the main temple complex but also in nearby temples. Notably, the Baddi Pochamma temple in the vicinity also witnessed a surge in pilgrims on Sunday due to the combined influence of Ekadashi and Ashada Masa. The surroundings of the temple became bustling with hundreds of pilgrims, creating a festive and sacred atmosphere.

Commissioner RV Karnan Participates in Ashura Celebrations



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Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) Commissioner RV Karnan participated in the Ashura procession held as part of the Muharram festival on Saturday, July 6, and extended his wishes of peace and prosperity to the people of Hyderabad. As part of the inspection at B.B. Ka Alam, Commissioner Karnan expressed his happiness in joining the Ashura observance, calling the festival a symbol of interfaith harmony and communal unity. He said that Telangana continues to uphold the Ganga-Jamuna tehzeeb, reflecting a culture of peace and brotherhood among all communities. The Commissioner stated that the GHMC made comprehensive arrangements for cleanliness, sanitation, and essential services across all areas involved in the Muharram and Bonalu festivities. Special instructions were issued to ensure that devotees face no inconvenience during the processions. He emphasized the need for collective responsibility in maintaining hygiene at all religious gathering points. Officials were also instructed to install LED lighting and basic amenities at important Ashura Khana locations where large gatherings are expected. The inspection and celebration saw the participation of Charminar MLA Zulfiqar Ali, MLC Mirza Riaz Hussain Effendi, Zonal Commissioner Venkanna, Zonal SE Maheshwara Reddy, Deputy Commissioners, and several other civic and local leaders.

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Five-Year-Old Girl Brutally Murdered in Jagtial

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Tragedy struck Adarshnagar in Korutla town, Jagtial district, as a five-year-old girl named Hitiksha was brutally murdered under suspicious circumstances. The shocking incident has left the local community in deep grief and anger. Hitiksha, the daughter of Ramulu and Naveen, went missing on Saturday evening while playing in front of her house. Despite extensive searches by family members and neighbors, the child could not be located. Distressed, the parents filed a missing complaint with the local police. Upon launching a search operation, police discovered the girl’s body lying in a pool of blood inside the bathroom of a house belonging to Kodupally Vijay, a resident of the

same colony. She was immediately rushed to the hospital, but doctors declared her brought dead. When contacted, Kodupally Vijay claimed he was in Narsampeta, Warangal district, at the time of the incident. However, the police are closely verifying this claim as part of their investigation. A case has been registered, and forensic teams are collecting evidence from the scene. Police officials confirmed that they are treating this as a murder case and are pursuing all leads. The motive behind the gruesome killing is yet to be determined. This horrifying incident has triggered widespread fear and anger in the colony. Locals are demanding swift justice and a thorough investigation into the heinous crime.

Essay Competitions Held at Gadi Maisamma Temple

Over 200 students participate in Telugu, Hindi, and English

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The essay writing competitions organized at Sri Gadi Maisamma Temple in Medchal town received an overwhelming response from students. Held on the occasion of the upcoming Shravanamasa Bonalu festival, the event was conducted under the auspices of the Gadi Maisamma Devotee Team at the Tahsildar’s Office premises. More than 210 students participated enthusiastically in the competitions, writing essays in Telugu, Hindi, and English. Organizers expressed happiness at the strong response and said the prize distribution will be held on August 3, the day of the Bonalu festival. Notably, the event saw participation from students across communities, with no restrictions on religion, symbolizing communal harmony and the inclusive spirit of the



Bonalu festivities. Organizers thanked the participants and parents for their support and assured that similar cultural and literary events will be conducted in the future to encourage young talent.

Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Birth Anniversary Celebrated Grandly

District BJP chief Raj Bhupal Goud hoists party flag

TPN Correspondent | Rangareddy

A grand celebration was held at Almasguda in Maheshwaram constituency on the occasion of Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee’s birth anniversary, organized by Badangpet Municipal BJP President Ramidi Veerakarna Reddy. The event began with a floral tribute to Dr. Mukherjee’s portrait by Ranga Reddy Rural District BJP President Pantangi Raj Bhupal Goud, BJP state executive members, and Maheshwaram BJP in-charge Andela Sriramulu. Party leaders fondly recalled the visionary ideals and sacrifices of Dr. Mukherjee for national integrity and



unity. Later, the newly installed BJP flag was formally hoisted, symbolizing the commitment to Mukherjee’s ideology and principles. The event witnessed active participation from BJP state leader Kolan

Shankar Reddy, former corporation president Cherukupalli Venkat Reddy, and several other local BJP leaders and karyakartas. Leaders reiterated that Dr. Mukherjee’s life continues to inspire the party’s ideological path and commitment to the nation.

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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PRO to Telangana
Forest Minister.

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, thatti, 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.

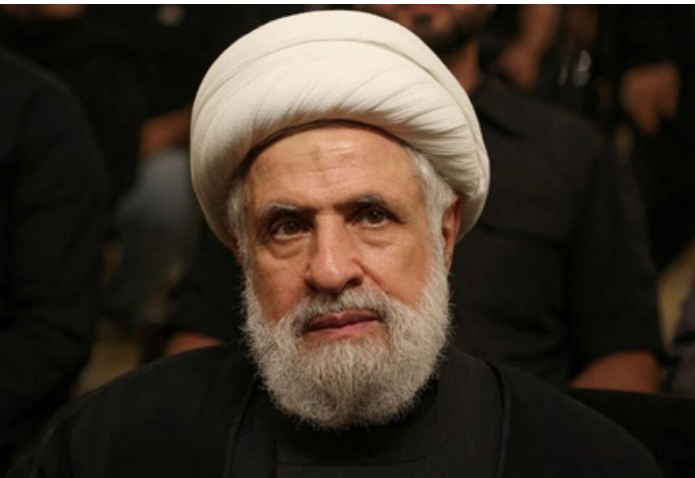


Xi Jinping begins to delegate authority: Is China's President preparing to step back?

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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

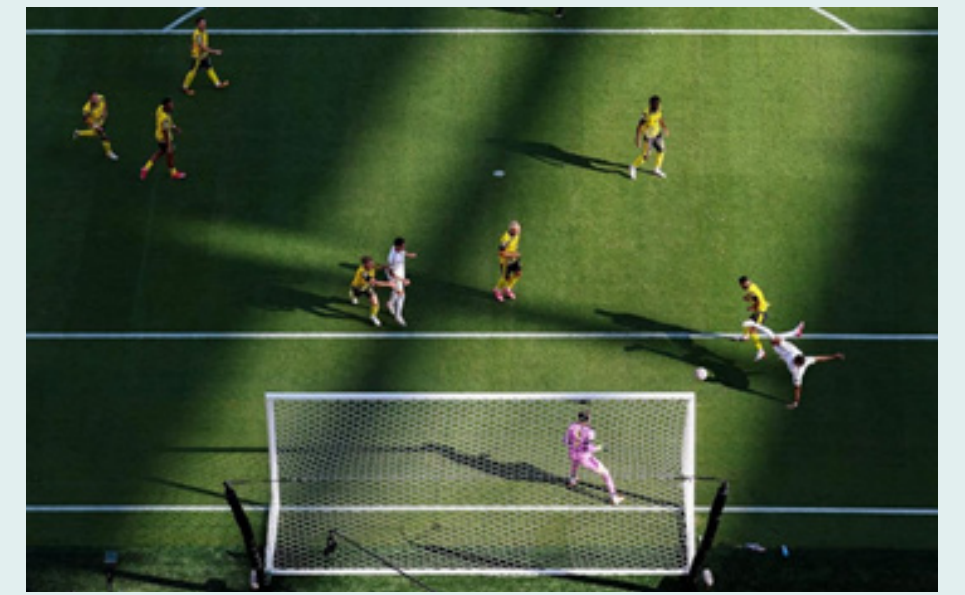
the Dutch goalkeeper to score one of the standout goals of the season. India eventually won the match in a shootout after a 2-2 draw.

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 Nang, 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.