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CM Revanth's Delhi Visit Triggers Buzz

Revanth to stay in Delhi for two days

Metro Phase-2, Ring Road, and fertilizer crisis to be discussed

Clarity on nominated posts and Tirumalagiri public meet

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Telangana: Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has once again embarked on a two-day tour of New Delhi, sparking considerable political buzz. This visit, which starts today, is expected to go beyond administrative engagements, with significant political implications as well. Sources reveal that CM Revanth plans to meet top Congress leaders to discuss internal party dynamics and seek clarity on the pending appointment of nominated posts. The visit comes just days after AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge's Telangana tour, raising its strategic importance. The CM is likely to brief the party high command about the situation on the ground and take inputs on strengthening the party ahead of the upcoming local body elections scheduled for September. In parallel, CM Revanth will also push for central support on key infrastructure projects. He is set to meet Union Ministers seeking approvals for the second phase of the Hyderabad Metro Rail project and the Regional Ring Road, both of which

have seen delays despite earlier discussions. Additionally, with the monsoon sowing season underway, the CM will appeal to the Centre to intervene in addressing the acute shortage of urea and fertilizers faced by Telangana's farmers. Party sources also hint at plans to invite Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi to a public meeting slated for July 14 in Tirumalagiri, Tungaturthi constituency, which marks the launch of new ration cards. The invitation is expected to be extended during this Delhi visit. Revanth Reddy's tour comes at a crucial juncture for the Congress in Telangana, as internal factionalism has been intensifying post-elections. His discussions with the high command are expected to revolve around measures to unify the party and finalize the leadership structure at various levels ahead of the municipal polls. With administrative and political agendas tightly packed into this two-day schedule, CM Revanth's Delhi tour is being seen as a balancing act between governance needs and party consolidation.

CM urges Centre to allow Telangana to host 40th National Games

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy met Union Sports and Youth Affairs Minister Mansukh Mandaviya in Delhi and made a strong pitch for Telangana to host upcoming national and international sports events. The CM specifically requested that the 40th National Games, along with other major competitions including the Khelo India Games, be allotted to the state. As part of his efforts to strengthen Telangana's sports ecosystem, Revanth Reddy urged the Centre to allocate funds under the Khelo India scheme for the training of athletes and the development of modern sports facilities across the state. He highlighted the need for support to enable Telangana to nurture talent and create world-class infrastructure. In addition, the CM appealed for the resumption of railway fare concessions for athletes participating in national games, a benefit that was available earlier but has since been discontinued. The Chief Minister was accompanied by MPs Dr. Mallu Ravi, Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy, and Government Advisor (Sports) A.P. Jitender Reddy during the meeting with the Union Minister. Revanth Reddy's Delhi visit is being seen as part of a broader effort to bring national focus to Telangana's development and secure more central assistance for key sectors like sports, infrastructure, and public welfare.



Did HYDRA Exempt Akbaruddin Owaisi?



Union Minister slams govt over inaction on illegal structures

"Revanth Reddy has lost his voice; has the law become KCR's tool again?"

BJP warns of counteraction if media houses are attacked

Congress-BRS-MIM nexus shielding KCR's family from arrest

TPN | Srikanth Gurram
Telangana: Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar launched a scathing attack on the Telangana government, accusing it of selective enforcement, shielding the Owaisi family, and turning a blind eye to media intimidation. He demanded to know whether the Hyderabad Development Authority (HYDRA) had given special exemption to MIM MLA Akbaruddin Owaisi's illegally constructed college on Salkam Cheruvu lakebed, while poor families were mercilessly evicted in the Musi catchment areas. Bandi Sanjay, who visited Venkatravapalle in Medipalli mandal of Jagtial district to inaugurate cen-

tral government-funded development projects, lashed out at what he termed as "double standards and cowardice" by the Revanth Reddy-led Congress government. "Is Akbaruddin Owaisi above the law? Why hasn't a single notice been served to demolish the illegally built college? Is the law only for the poor who live in huts?" He questioned how the same HYDRA officials who demolished small houses and huts of the poor could excuse large-scale encroachments on lake lands by influential political families. "Is this the state government's decision, or the arrogance of an official protecting the powerful?" he demanded. Bandi Sanjay also warned the BRS leadership and Congress government against any move to suppress media freedom, particularly targeting ABN Andhra Jyothy and Andhra Jyoti newspaper. Referring to past attacks on Maha TV and current threats, he said: "If you attack ABN and Andhra Jyoti, we will respond within two hours. BJYM will show you what resistance looks like." He accused the Congress government of aligning with the very BRS leaders it once opposed, questioning why no arrests have

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HC Reserves Verdict on CM Revanth's Quash Petition

Defamation case filed by BJP leader Vasam Venkateshwarlu



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Telangana: A key development has emerged in the defamation case filed against Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. The High Court on Monday reserved its verdict on the quash petition filed by the Chief Minister, seeking relief from the ongoing defamation case lodged by BJP leader Vasam Venkateshwarlu. The case stems from certain remarks made by Revanth Reddy during the parliamentary election campaign, which Vasam Venkateshwarlu alleged were defamatory. The matter is current-

ly under trial in a lower court, while Revanth's legal team approached the High Court to have the case dismissed entirely. The High Court bench took up the matter for hearing and, after listening to arguments from both sides, stated that the final verdict will be announced later, reserving its judgment. This legal battle adds to the list of politically sensitive cases involving top state leaders amid an increasingly charged atmosphere between the Congress and the BJP in Telangana.

Search Continues for Missing Workers in Sigachi Factory Blast

- Eight workers still missing in Pashamylaram factory debris
- DNA tests confirm two more deaths; toll reaches 42

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Even a week after the devastating explosion and fire at Sigachi Industries in Pashamylaram, the search for eight missing workers continues, as rescue teams from Fire Services, SDRF, HYDRAA, and local police comb through the debris, looking for any remaining human traces.



The tragic incident at the microcrystalline cellulose powder manufacturing unit in Panchacheru mandal, Sangareddy district, occurred on June 30 and has now claimed 42 lives, with two more injured victims succumbing on Sunday. Meanwhile, families of the missing workers continue to wait in despair at the help centre set up near the site. They have pleaded with authorities to expedite debris clearance, hoping for some closure.

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INJUSTICE DONE TO TELANGANA DURING BRS RULE: MINISTER JUPALLY



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Telangana: Tourism, Culture and Excise Minister Jupally Krishna Rao launched a scathing attack on the previous BRS government, alleging that a grave injustice was done to Telangana, especially in the Krishna Basin. Addressing the media at the Achampet MLA camp office alongside MLAs Vamsi Krishna and Rajesh Reddy, the Minister questioned whether former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao and then

Irrigation Minister T. Harish Rao were responsible for the lack of progress in key irrigation projects. He pointed out that despite the BRS government incurring debts of ₹8 lakh crore, major projects such as Palamuru-Ranga Reddy and Kalwakurthy lift irrigation remained incomplete. He further accused the previous administration of transferring

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Falcon Scam: COO Aryan Singh Arrested

- Rs. 4,215 crore fraud through fake investment app
- Telangana CID nabs COO Aryan Singh in Punjab
- ₹4,215 crore duped from over 7,000 investors
- 10 arrests so far, hunt on for others



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In a major breakthrough in the sensational ₹4,215 crore Falcon App scam, Telangana CID officials arrested Aryan Singh, the Chief Operating Officer (COO) of the fraudulent company, Falcon Group. The arrest took place in Bathinda, Punjab on July 4, and the accused was brought to Hyderabad on transit remand and later sent to judicial custody. The scam was operated through a company named Capital Protection Force Pvt Ltd, which launched a fake app called 'Falcon Invoice Discounting'. The app lured people with promises of high interest rates on short-term investments, allegedly backed by deals with prominent multinational companies. The promoters used social media and telecallers to advertise the app and collect funds.

According to CID Additional DG Charu Sinha, the app duped 7,056 people across the country, with a total fraud amount of ₹4,215 crore. Of these,

4,065 victims lost ₹792 crore. Three cases registered at the Cyberabad Economic Offences Wing were transferred to the CID, and eight more cases were filed against the company elsewhere in the country.

Aryan Singh, the fifth accused in the case, was closely involved in the fraud along with company MD Amar Deep Kumar. Singh acted as the frontman, interacting with victims and issuing fake receipts. Investigators found that he collected ₹14.35 crore directly and diverted ₹1.62 crore to his personal account.

After the scam came to light, Singh fled to Nanded and later hid in a gurdwara in Bathinda. A CID team arrested him following a tip-off and recovered two mobile phones and important documents.

So far, 10 people have been arrested in connection with the case. Authorities continue to search for other accused who remain at large.

TPCC Appoints In-Charges for Joint Districts

- Organizational structure to be completed up to village level soon
- AICC in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan issues directives



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In a key step towards strengthening party organization across Telangana, the Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) has appointed in-charges for all the joint districts. TPCC Chief Mahesh Kumar Goud made the appointments following instructions from AICC in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan, who conducted a virtual meeting with all the newly appointed leaders.

The Zoom meeting, attended by Meenakshi Natarajan, TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud, and the 10 newly appointed district in-charges, outlined clear responsibilities and immediate goals. AICC in-charge Natarajan emphasized the need to complete the party's organizational structure at the grassroots level. She instructed all in-charges to immediately enter the field and start preparing for local-level committee formations.

The Congress party has already appointed vice-presidents and general secretaries based on parliamentary constituencies. Now, with the addition of district-wise in-charges, the organizational machinery is being extended to reach every village.

Newly Appointed District In-Charges:

- Khammam – Sri Vamshi Chand Reddy, CWC

- Member
- Nalgonda – Sampat Kumar, AICC Secretary
- Warangal – Adluri Laxman Kumar, Minister
- Medak – Ponnampati Prabhakar, Minister
- Hyderabad – Jagga Reddy, TPCC Working President
- Mahabubnagar – Kusuma Kumar, PAC Member
- Adilabad – Anil Yadav, Rajya Sabha MP
- Karimnagar – Addanki Dayakar, MLC
- Nizamabad – Azmath Hussain, Wakf Board Chairman
- Rangareddy – Shivasena Reddy, SAT Chairman

The TPCC leadership has made it clear that the party must be election-ready at all levels. With committees soon to be formed in every mandal and village, the Congress party aims to mobilize grassroots support and address local issues with strengthened leadership.

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been made in massive scandals like Kaleshwaram, e-Formula, phone tapping, farmhouse case, and electricity procurement scams.

“Revanth Reddy... you were jailed during the tenth paper leak case. Where has your courage gone now? Why are KCR, KTR, and their family not in jail despite court orders?” Bandi Sanjay asked.

He further alleged that the Congress government has become a puppet of BRS-MIM interests, giving protection to those involved in illegal land grabs, sheltering those with alleged terrorist links, and allowing media suppression to flourish under its rule.

Amid the strong political commentary, the Union Minister also inaugurated and announced

several development projects under the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Sadak Yojana, CRIF, and MN-REGS, including A new road from Dammannapet to Kacharam via Kalvakota and Rangapur at a cost of ₹2.47 crore, Construction of a bridge worth ₹1.80 crore on the same road and 9 internal roads in Medipalli mandal (₹1.58 crore), 8 CC roads in Bhimaram (₹2.29 crore), and additional ₹36 lakh worth of projects under MPLADS. He claimed that ₹20,000 crore worth of works have been brought to Karimnagar Parliament constituency in the past six years under BJP leadership.

“We work beyond politics after elections. Our only agenda is people's development,” he concluded.

INJUSTICE DONE TO TELANGANA DURING BRS RULE: MINISTER JUPALLY

Telangana's rightful share of Krishna River water to Andhra Pradesh and neglecting critical infrastructure like canals, distributors, and motor installations.

Minister Jupally further highlighted that Telangana, which holds 68.5% of the Krishna catchment area, was unjustly allocated only 299 TMC of water, while Andhra Pradesh received 512 TMC. He condemned BRS leaders

for spreading false propaganda against the Congress government and asserted that they lacked the moral right to speak on Krishna Basin projects.

He assured that under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, the Congress Praja government is fully committed to completing all pending projects in the Krishna Basin and delivering irrigation water to the farmers of Telangana.

Search Continues for Missing Workers in Sigachi Factory Blast

Human remains recovered have been sent to the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) in Hyderabad for DNA analysis, which confirmed the identities of D. Ramanjaneyulu from Andhra Pradesh and Muthukuri Akhil from Telangana on Sunday. The process of identifying the remaining eight is still underway, with 38 bodies already identified.

Sigachi Industries, in a statement, confirmed that of the 143 workers present at the time of the incident, 61 escaped unhurt, 14 have recovered from injuries and 18 are still undergoing treatment. The company reiterated its

commitment to support the victims' families, offering ₹1 crore compensation for each deceased worker and promising to cover full medical treatment costs for the injured.

Authorities are ensuring that the deceased are sent to their native places in ambulances with police escort, with two constables accompanying each body.

As the rescue and identification operations continue, pressure mounts on both the company and the administration to provide answers, ensure justice, and prevent such disasters in future.

Vanamahotsavam Should Become a People's Festival: Konda Surekha

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Telangana Forest, Environment, and Endowments Minister Konda Surekha has urged the people of the state to celebrate Vanamahotsavam as a Janamahotsavam — a true people's festival — to spread awareness about environmental protection and collective responsibility. She made these remarks during the statewide launch of the plantation drive held on Monday at Rajendranagar Agricultural University, where Chief Minister Revanth Reddy formally inaugurated the initiative by planting Rudraksha saplings.

The event marked the start of this year's green initiative aimed at expanding green cover and strengthening the state's ecological balance. Addressing the gathering, Minister Konda Surekha highlighted the cultural and spiritual significance of protecting nature. “Vriksho Rakshati Rakshitah — Trees protect those who protect them — this is not just a saying but a deep-rooted belief in our Indian tradition,” she said.



She said that under the leadership of CM Revanth Reddy, the Congress government is committed to making Telangana greener and environmentally sustainable. The Minister emphasized that Vanamahotsavam should not remain symbolic but should be conducted in a target-driven, coordinated, and structured manner in all districts. She instructed the Forest Department and allied bodies to identify plantation lands in advance and use the monsoon season efficiently for mass drives. Surekha also focused on the need for post-plantation care, such as regular

watering, fencing, and monitoring of sapling survival rates, to ensure that the campaign translates into lasting environmental improvement.

The event was attended by several key dignitaries including CM's Advisor Vem Narender Reddy, Legislative Council Chief Whip Patnam Mahender Reddy, MLAs T. Prakash Goud and Kale Yadayya, MP Mallu Ravi, PCCF Dr. Suvarna, Agricultural University VC Dr. Aldas Janaiah, HMDA Commissioner Sar-

faraz Ahmed, and GHMC Commissioner R.V. Karnan.

Minister Konda Surekha concluded by making a heartfelt appeal to the public: “Vanamahotsavam should not end in a day. It should turn into a people's movement, where citizens across Telangana actively participate in making the state greener and cleaner for future generations.”

Forest officials later declared the inaugural drive a huge success, with a strong turnout and enthusiastic participation from all sections of society.

Surprise Inspections At Wellness Centers On Minister's Orders

Arogyasri CEO, officials conduct field visits



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Following reports of irregularities in wellness centers across Telangana, Health Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha has taken serious note of the situation and ordered surprise inspections by senior health department officials. Acting on his instructions, Arogyasri CEO Uday Kumar and other top officials have been conducting inspections at wellness centers for the past two days. The move came after the minister expressed strong dissatisfaction over the negative media coverage regarding the

functioning of wellness centers. He reportedly lashed out at department officials, questioning their field-level monitoring and demanding accountability. As part of the inspections, officials have been thoroughly checking for availability of medicines, attendance of doctors and staff, and the overall functioning of the wellness centers. The aim is to assess the ground reality and ensure that public health services are being delivered as intended.

Officials are also interacting with local staff and patients to gather direct feed-



back. These inspections are expected to continue across more locations in the coming days, with the health department preparing to submit a report to the minister based on their findings. The government is likely to initiate corrective measures and action against negligent staff once the inspection data is fully compiled. The Health Minister is said to be firm on ensuring transparency and accountability in primary healthcare delivery under the state's wellness center network.

Indiramma Houses Sanctioned for 536 Chenchu Families

Dream of home fulfilled for tribals, says Minister Ponguleti
13,266 Chenchu families to be covered in phased manner
Govt to deposit ₹5 lakh per house in 5 stages

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Nagarkurnool: In a major initiative aimed at providing housing security to tribal communities, the Telangana State Government has launched the distribution of Indiramma house grants to 536 Chenchu families across Nagarkurnool district. State Ministers Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy and Jupally Krishna Rao led the program on Monday, with the event held in multiple tribal villages including Amaragiri, Molachinthalapalli, Peddakothapalli, Yapatla, Mareduman, and others.

Speaking at the event, Revenue and Housing Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy stated, “We are fulfilling the dream of a home for the tribal poor through the Indiramma house scheme. This is CM Revanth Reddy’s vision of inclusive welfare through the Indiramma Praja government.” The minister added that 13,266 Chenchu families from 21 constituencies under the ITDA (Integrated Tribal Development Agency) would be allotted houses in phases. He announced that the state government will deposit house

construction funds directly into the beneficiaries’ bank accounts in five installments: ₹1 lakh at basement level, another ₹1 lakh at roof level, ₹2 lakh after slab work, and a final ₹1 lakh at the time of housewarming — totaling ₹5 lakh per house. He emphasized that the bills for the Indiramma Houses would be cleared every Monday to ensure timely construction. “The houses will not only offer shelter but also social dignity and financial security to the poor,” he said, adding that girl children were also

among the primary beneficiaries in this phase. Excise Minister Jupally Krishna Rao, along with MLAs Dr. Rajesh Reddy and Dr. Vamsi Krishna, and Nagarkurnool Collector Badavat Santosh, participated in the event. The program also witnessed active participation from Congress mandal leaders, village elders, and beneficiaries. Minister Ponguleti highlighted that 3,500 houses will be allotted per constituency and directed officials to identify 1,500 more beneficiaries to be included in the coming phases.



He slammed the previous government for confining its housing schemes to advertisements without actual delivery. He also reiterated the ongoing success of other welfare programs like ₹500 LPG cylinders, 200 units of free power, and free RTC travel for women under the current Indiramma

Praja government. The Minister concluded by stating, “This government, unlike the previous one, is not just making promises but is showing visible results within 10 months. The dream of homeownership for the most backward sections is finally a reality.”

Conspiracy to Mislead Palamuru Farmers: Uttam Kumar Reddy

Kalwakurthy lifts will run on schedule, no need for panic

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Irrigation Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy has slammed the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) for spreading “deliberate lies” aimed at confusing Palamuru farmers. He alleged that BRS is intentionally trying to create panic over irrigation by falsely accusing the Congress government, especially with regard to the Kalwakurthy lift irrigation project. The minister stated that former minister Harish Rao has been repeatedly misleading the public, ignoring facts and past records. “He has become accustomed to lying more than Goebbels,” Uttam remarked. He added that under the Congress government, Telangana witnessed record paddy cultivation and harvest, including an all-time high production of 283 lakh metric tons of paddy in a single year. “BRS had spread similar lies before the Yasangi season too, trying to frighten farmers then. Even now, they’re trying to do the same,” he said, pointing out that the Congress government has



supported agriculture with timely irrigation, better crop insurance, and financial support per acre. Uttam clarified that Kalwakurthy lifts are activated in late July or early August every year, and this time will be no different. He listed past activation dates — July 27 in 2023, July 13 in 2022, and similar dates in previous years — to show consistency. He accused the BRS of mismanaging the Kaleshwaram project by building three major barrages — Medigadda, Annaram, and Sundilla — with faulty “secant pile” technology, making them unsafe. “Medigadda collapsed due to poor planning and engineering, and the National

Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) has raised serious concerns,” he said. He dismissed Harish Rao’s suggestion to lift water from Kannepalli as another tactic to mislead the public. The minister assured that all decisions related to irrigation and water release schedules would be taken based on scientific assessments and discussions in the upcoming SCIWAM meeting on the 11th of this month. Further, he exposed how the previous BRS government allegedly supported the diversion of Krishna River water to Andhra Pradesh. “During BRS rule, Andhra Pradesh took 1,225 TMCs of Krishna water illegally between 2014 and 2023. BRS remained silent even when the capacity of Pothreddypadu was increased to 88,000 cusecs,” he stated. Highlighting Congress’s efforts, he said that more land has been cultivated and more irrigation water used than ever before in Telangana’s history — particularly in the Godavari and Krishna basins — during the Congress tenure.

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Telangana BJP President Ramachandra Rao has declared that his party is approaching the upcoming Jubilee Hills by-election as a serious challenge. He asserted that the ruling party will not be able to win if a strong opposition emerges. Addressing the media on Monday, he dismissed any talk of internal rifts within the BJP and outlined the party’s future plans. He announced that a comprehensive state committee would be formed within the next 25 days after discussions with key party leaders. Rao emphasized that the new committee would ensure fair representation for all social groups and strengthen the BJP’s organizational structure across the state. Clarifying speculations, he said, “There are no factions in the party. We are all united and committed to the party’s principles.” He added that the BJP would now give full attention to local body elections, unlike in the past, and take steps to fortify its presence at the grassroots level.



On a broader note, Ramachandra Rao launched a sharp attack on both the opposition BRS and the ruling Congress. He condemned BRS activists for allegedly attacking media houses, calling it “an evil trend” and said the BJP will not tolerate such acts. “Despite a public rejection in the elections, BRS leaders have not learned their lesson,” he said, demanding immediate government protection for media outlets. He mentioned that he had directed BJYM workers to provide security to the ABN Andhra Jyothi office and warned of strict action if attacks on the press or the public continue. “If you attack media organizations,

khaddar! We will even look into T News,” he said, issuing a warning to the BRS while asserting the BJP’s commitment to freedom of expression. Targeting the Congress government, Rao lashed out at its silence on an illegal college building constructed by MIM MLA Akbaruddin Owaisi in Salkam Cheruvu, Old Basti. He questioned the logic behind sparing the building citing student welfare, while illegal constructions by the poor in the Musi catchment areas are removed. He issued a final warning to the government, saying, “If the illegal building is not demolished immediately, BJP will do it on behalf of the people.”

Upgrade All Facilities for New Hospitals, Says Damodara Raja Narasimha

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Telangana Health Minister Damodara Raja Narasimha issued key directions to health department officials on upgrading infrastructure in the new TIMS Hospitals and Warangal Super Specialty Hospital. He stressed that all purchases—medical, diagnostic equipment, and furniture—must reflect future medical needs and match corporate standards. The Minister advised consulting doctors familiar with equipment used in corporate hospitals to finalize procurement lists. He emphasized that furniture should address the functional needs of doctors, staff, and patients, anticipating high patient inflow in the coming months. Highlighting the importance of quality and accountability, he insisted that every item must carry



a warranty, and suppliers should be made responsible for maintenance. “There should not be a single item lying idle or under repair,” he asserted. Focusing on medicine availability, Damodara Raja Narasimha asked the DME, VVP Commissioner, and Director of Health if essential drugs are available in government hospitals. Noting the rise in seasonal

illnesses, he ordered three months’ worth of medicine stock be maintained in Central Medicinal Stores. He further directed that platelet separation machines in hospitals be kept fully functional and that all diagnostics—scans and tests—must be conducted at T-Diagnostic Hubs. “No patient should be referred outside for tests,” he emphasized. He also instruct-

ed that samples from PHCs should be collected and test reports delivered within 24 hours. The Minister reviewed progress on district medicinal stores initiated last year. He reminded that funds had already been sanctioned and asked officials to begin and expedite construction of permanent buildings for these stores.

Tummala Reviews Bhadrachalam Temple Works

Foundation stone laid for central lighting from Ambedkar Center to Charla Road

TPN | Anvesh Reddy

Bhadrachalam: Telangana agricultural Minister Tummala Nagaswara Rao visited Bhadrachalam on Monday and laid the foundation stone for various development works. Among them was a key central lighting project to be constructed from Ambedkar Center to Charla Road, aimed at improving visibility and safety in the temple town. Following the formal launch, Minister Tummala proceeded to the Bhadrachalam Sri Sita Ramachandra Swamy Temple, where he reviewed the progress of the ongoing development works. Interacting with officials on-site, he directed them to complete all remaining works by the end of August without

further delay. He emphasized that a pleasant and organized atmosphere should be ensured for the devotees visiting the temple. “Darshan arrangements should be improved and all amenities must be in place by the time the festive season begins,” the Minister instructed. Referring to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy’s previous visit to Bhadrachalam, Tummala recalled the CM’s assurance of ₹36 crore for temple development. “That amount was sanctioned immediately. The CM has also promised to provide any further assistance required. So, I urge officials not to delay these works and take the development program forward with full speed,” he said.



Hyderabad City Police Launches “Safety Club” in Schools

Focus on physical, cyber, drug, and emotional safety
Students to lead campaigns and awareness drives

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In a major initiative aimed at empowering youth and creating a culture of safety in schools and colleges, the Hyderabad City Police officially launched the “Safety Club” program at AV College on Monday, in collaboration with the Government of Telangana, educational institutions, and civil society organizations. The event was attended by students from AV College, St. Theresa’s, and Bharat Scouts and Guides. The Safety Club initiative focuses on four key safety verticals: physical safety, cyber safety, substance abuse prevention, and mental health and emotional well-being. The clubs aim to foster a student-led en-

vironment of awareness and resilience, aligning with Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy’s vision for youth empowerment. Notably, AV College is the CM’s alma mater. Welcoming the gathering, AV College Principal Rajalingam said, “In today’s world, safety extends beyond physical security—it must include emotional, digital, and social awareness. Hosting the Safety Club is a proud moment, especially since this college is where our Hon’ble CM studied.” Deputy Commissioner of Police (Central Zone), Smt. Shilpavalli IPS, emphasized that this initiative is about preparing students, not policing them. “This program equips students with the tools to respond, report,

and resist. It’s part of our proactive approach to community safety under the leadership of DG & CP Sri C.V. Anand IPS,” she said. She praised AV College and the efforts of SHO Domalguda and ACP Gandhinagar in organizing the launch. Hyderabad District Collector Smt. Harichandana IAS delivered the keynote address and commended the city police for their proactive approach. “Safety Clubs are more than awareness—they build character, civic sense, and responsibility,” she said, encouraging students to become “change agents.” She also stressed the importance of avoiding distractions and addictions, adding that these clubs will help in transforming Telangana into a safe, drug-



free state. Structure and Activities of Safety Clubs
The Safety Clubs will function under a four-tier system: Principal as Chairperson, a teacher (Balamitra) as Convener, a parent volunteer as Safety Guide, and students as Safety Advocates. Regular reviews, peer interaction, and awareness campaigns will be conducted. **Key activities include:**

- Cyber Smart Campaigns
 - Drug-Free Campus Drives
 - Mental Health Week Programs
 - Safety Skills Workshops
 - Peer Ambassador Programs
 - Parent Cafés & Digital Detox Toolkits
 - Legal Awareness & Rights Sessions
- The launch concluded with a pledge by students and an interactive session with police

officials. Smt. Devika, Deaddiction Therapist, and Sri Ashish Chakravarthy from the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) also participated. Hyderabad City Police emphasized that the Safety Clubs will help meet mandates set by the National Education Policy (NEP) and CBSE regarding student safety and mental health, while building a generation that is self-aware and socially responsible.

Resolve Prajavani Complaints Promptly: GHMC Commissioner

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GHMC Commissioner R.V. Karnan has directed officials to act swiftly and resolve all complaints received during the Prajavani grievance redressal program held on Monday across Greater Hyderabad. The Commissioner interacted directly with the petitioners at the GHMC headquarters and issued instructions to department heads for immediate resolution of each case. A total of 200 complaints were registered across GHMC limits, with 74 complaints received at the headquarters alone. Of these, 37 complaints were related to the Town Planning Department, followed by 7 each from the Tax Section and Housing, 5 from Vigilance, 4 from Engineering, 3 from Health and Sanitation, 2 from Finance, and 1 each from Legal, LWS, Admin, UBD, and UCD departments. Additionally, 4 complaints were received through phone calls. Commissioner Karnan emphasized that no negligence would be tolerated in addressing public grievances. “Heads of Departments must ensure there is no repetition of the same issue from petitioners. Every concern must be resolved on priority,” he said. A total of 126 complaints were received across the six GHMC zones, with the highest number reported in the Kukatpally Zone at 55. This was followed by 28 complaints in Serilimgampally, 27 in Secunderabad, 9 in LB Nagar, 6 in Charminar, and 1 in Khairatabad. Top GHMC officials including Additional Commissioners Raghu Prasad, Venugopal, Satyanarayana, Geetha Radhika, Mangatayaru, along with CE Sahadev Ratnakar, CCP Srinivas, Housing CE Nityananda, and other engineering, estate, housing, and sanitation officials took part in the program.



Threats to Girl After Breakup...

Accused threatened to leak photos, sent messages to victim’s father

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A 23-year-old man has been detained by Filmnagar police for allegedly threatening a young woman who ended their relationship. The accused, identified as Varaprasad from Sangareddy, had been residing in Alvin Colony and was in a relationship with an engineering student from OU Colony. According to police, the woman broke off the relationship due to Varaprasad’s inappropriate behavior. Following the breakup, he began threatening her, warning that he would share personal photographs on social media if she did not reconcile with him. He also sent a step further and sent intimidating WhatsApp messages to her father. Disturbed by the threats, the young woman approached Filmnagar police and lodged a complaint. Based on her statement and evidence, police arrested Varaprasad and initiated legal proceedings. Officials stated that strict action will be taken in such cases and urged women to report harassment without hesitation.

Boy Dies After Leg Surgery, Family Alleges Medical Negligence

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Tragedy struck a family in Hyderabad as a five-year-old boy, Tulsi Ram, died allegedly due to medical negligence at TX Hospital on Road No. 12, Banjara Hills. The boy, who was initially admitted with a leg injury, reportedly died of a heart attack following complications after surgery. According to the boy’s mother Ashwini, Tulsi Ram had injured his leg six months ago and had already undergone an operation at the same hospital, for which they paid ₹2 lakh. Recently, he



developed an eye infection and was readmitted on Friday, after which doctors advised another surgery.

Doctors assured the family that the child was stable and performed surgery again at 7 PM on Saturday. However, on Sunday evening around 6 PM, the child’s right leg reportedly turned green, raising concern. When the mother informed the doctors, they responded only around 8 PM, stating that he had developed an infection and moved him into the operation theatre. Multiple scans were conducted and by midnight, doctors informed Ashwini that the boy’s condition had stabilized. However, by the early hours of Monday, the child had

slipped into a coma and was later declared dead, reportedly due to a heat stroke and cardiac complications. Devastated, Ashwini collapsed upon hearing the news. She alleged that doctors neglected warning signs and failed to act in time. “We brought him in for a leg injury, and they killed my child,” she cried. The family and relatives gathered outside the hospital and staged a protest demanding action against the doctors. Banjara Hills police reached the scene and spoke to both the grieving family and the hospital staff.

Appeal for Muslim Graveyard in Jubilee Hills

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A serious appeal has been made to the Telangana government by the Muslim residents of Jubilee Hills constituency, especially from Rahmat Nagar and Borabanda divisions, for the allocation of a dedicated graveyard (Kabrastan). The demand has grown louder due to increasing space constraints at existing burial sites and the absence of any new allocation for years. The Jubilee Hills constituency comprises seven divisions, two of which—Rahmat Nagar and Borabanda—have a minority population of nearly 40%. The existing Muslim graveyards are located in Sriram Nagar and Andubad, while another is situated



in Borabanda under the neighbouring Allapur division. However, these are proving insufficient and inaccessible, leading to logistical and emotional distress for grieving families. Leaders from local minority associations expressed dissatisfaction over the previous government’s inaction, accusing it

of using minority groups politically without addressing core needs like burial spaces. They urged the current Congress-led Revanth Reddy government to correct this historic oversight by immediately allocating land for a Muslim graveyard in these areas. They emphasized that the provi-

sion of a Kabrastan is not just a religious requirement but a basic social and cultural necessity. In Islam, burial of the deceased is a sacred ritual, believed to bring peace to the soul and closure to the family. The community highlighted that every religion has its burial grounds and that Muslims too deserve a dignified space to observe their last rites as per their beliefs. The community leaders reiterated that this is not a political demand, but a humanitarian and constitutional one. They appealed to CM Revanth Reddy and the Minority Welfare Department to treat this issue with utmost urgency and provide a dignified solution to thousands of Muslim families in the region.

House Burglars Caught in Jeedimetla

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In a swift operation, the Jeedimetla Police arrested a three-member house burglary gang and recovered ₹2.15 lakh in stolen cash along with a mobile phone. The arrests were made in connection with Crime No. 656/2025 under Section 305 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). The burglary took place on the night of July 2, at the residence of Nelage Sangamesh, a milk booth owner in Apuroopa Colony, S R Naik Nagar, Jeedimetla. Sangamesh had gone to visit his mother-in-law in Muthangi when the incident occurred. His daughter, who stayed back, noticed an unknown person leaving the house around midnight. On returning home, Sangamesh found that ₹3.5 lakh and a VIVO mobile phone were missing. Following credible information, the police apprehended the suspects—Mohammad Asif (A1), Md. Asif (A2), and Mohammed

Ameer (A3)—on July 7 during a routine vehicle check at Shapurnagar X Road. The suspects failed to produce valid documents and were brought in for questioning. During interrogation, they confessed to the crime, leading to recovery of the stolen items. The recovered property includes ₹2,15,000 in cash and one VIVO mobile phone. Additionally, the police seized a Samsung mobile phone and a white Suzuki Burgman motorcycle that was used in the commission of the crime. Modus Operandi: A1, a milk vendor, used his knowledge of the employer’s routine to plan the burglary. On the night of the crime, A2 entered the house while A3 stood watch outside. They used a white Suzuki Burgman bike without a number plate. The gang, addicted to alcohol and online betting, committed the theft to overcome financial issues. The crime was aborted mid-act when the victim’s



daughter noticed the intruder. The case was monitored by DCP K. Suresh Kumar, IPS, and ACP P. Naresh Reddy, and cracked by a dedicated team led by Inspector G. Malleth. The team included DI S. Kanakaiah, SI N. Shyam Babu, ASI R. Srinivas Reddy, HC

D. Raja Shekar, and constables Prem Kumar, Naresh, Mohan, Rajkumar, and Subba Rao. Officials noted that further investigation is underway to trace the remaining stolen amount and check if the accused were involved in other offenses.



Mallampet Residents Stage Dharna Demanding Road Access

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Tensions flared in Mallampet as residents under Dundigal Municipal limits of Medchal district staged a road dharna demanding immediate reopening of the old Hyderabad Road, which they claim has been unfairly blocked. The protest was led by former councillor Anjaneyulu and witnessed participation from several villagers and local residents. The protest centered around the boundary wall of the Praneeth Antilia gated community, which had earlier been demolished. Residents allege that the boundary and barriers had obstructed the village road as per the original Mallampet layout, causing severe traffic congestion and inconvenience for the general public. In the past, villagers had already lodged complaints with HYDRA (Hyderabad Road Development Authority), pointing out discrepancies between the actual road usage and the approved village map. Responding to those complaints, authorities-initiated demolition of internal and external road obstructions, including the Praneeth Antilia boundary wall, to allow free flow of vehicles and resolve the bottlenecks near the Mallampet Outer Ring Road junction. While this action was seen as a relief to many, residents of Praneeth Antilia objected to the demolition of their wall, claiming it was unjustified. They even launched a relay hunger strike demanding justice and restoration of the wall. Reacting to the hunger strike, Mallampet residents staged a fresh protest on the road, reiterating their demand for full road access. “We have tolerated traffic problems for too long. This is a public road and must be opened immediately,” said former councillor Anjaneyulu, addressing the protestors. He urged HYDRA and the concerned authorities to act swiftly and provide permanent relief to local commuters. Locals also voiced concerns about how private constructions are overriding public access routes, and called for strict enforcement of the original village layout. The protest ended with a renewed call for opening the obstructed road and restoring the rightful road map of Mallampet as per official records.

We Are Acting Beyond Politics on Dumping Yard Issue

BRS leader urges united fight to protect people’s interests



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BRS state leader Chimmala Govardhan Reddy made it clear that the party is working beyond political lines when it comes to the dumping yard issue and emphasized that the interests of the people are of utmost importance. A media conference was organized at the CGR Trust office in Gummadidala Municipality Center, where Mandal BRS President Kothapalli Prabhakar Reddy, former Nallavalli Sarpanch Domadugu Shankar, JAC leaders, farmers, and local villagers participated. Speaking at the event, Govardhan Reddy said, “From the beginning, we have opposed the dumping yard proposal not as a political move, but as a fight for public welfare.” He stated that the matter is currently under

hearing at the National Green Tribunal (NGT) in Chennai, and people should continue to stand united irrespective of political affiliations. He urged everyone to avoid posting controversial or misleading messages in WhatsApp groups, which could lead to unnecessary tensions among the public. “Let us not create differences among ourselves through words. Unity is our strength, and only through unity can we protect the people’s rights,” he said. Govardhan Reddy reiterated that the BRS party will always stand with the people and continue to oppose any decisions that harm the environment or public health. He stressed the importance of following the legal path while also intensifying public awareness.

Pending Road Work Gets Green Signal from Deputy CM

- **MLA Kavvampalli urged swift completion of halted works**
- **Ganneruvaram Congress leaders’ welcome positive response**

TPN | Srikanth Gurram

Karimnagar: Relief is in sight for the halted Gundlapalli-Potlur double road construction in Ganneruvaram mandal as Deputy Chief Minister and State Finance Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka has assured immediate clearance of pending contractor bills. The assurance came when Manakondur MLA Dr. Kavvampalli Satyanarayana, accompanied by a delegation of Congress leaders from Ganneruvaram, met Bhatti at the Secretariat in Hyderabad on Monday. They explained that road work on the ₹71 crore project was brought to a standstill after the contractor halted operations

due to non-clearance of bills, leading to inconvenience for locals and motorists, especially during the monsoon. Responding positively, Bhatti Vikramarka promised to speak with departmental officials and ensure that the pending bills are cleared without delay. He also instructed the MLA to monitor the completion of the stalled work and ensure no further disruptions due to bureaucratic delays or political interference. The delegation that called on the Deputy CM included contractor Kamalodeen, Ganneruvaram Mandal Congress President Musku Upender Reddy, and local leaders Alluri Srinath Reddy, Kommera Ravinder



Reddy, Aluvala Koti, Chitkuri Anantha Reddy, Juvvadi Manmohan Rao, Chintala Sridhar Reddy, Boddu Sunil, Sangu Venu, Baddam Sampath Reddy, Dundu Mallesham, Chintalapalli Narasimha Reddy, Boora Venkatesh, Matangi Anil, Varukulu Venkat, Dr. Narsayya, Tirupati Goud, and others. The Congress leaders expressed gratitude for the Deputy CM’s proactive approach and said they were hopeful that the long-delayed project would now be completed promptly.

Tension in NKpally as Farmers Protest Land Takeover



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Rangareddy: High tension prevailed in NKpally village of Moinabad mandal, Rangareddy district, as farmers staged a protest against what they called the government’s forceful attempt to occupy their agricultural land without prior notice or consent. According to the farmers, officials entered the area on Monday morning with JCB machines and began leveling work on 99.14 guntas of land in survey number 180, claiming it was for a proposed cowshed. The land in question has been cultivated by local farmers for over 70 years. Vil-

lagers say the government took over the land unilaterally, locking it in official records, and then arrived with police support and machinery to initiate development without engaging with the farmers. As soon as the farmers noticed the activity, they rushed to the spot and attempted to stop the work. However, they were met with a police lathi-charge, leaving the protestors deeply angered. The situation quickly turned tense, with local residents and affected farmers raising slogans and demanding justice. They condemned the actions as anti-democratic and ac-

cused the authorities of trying to evict them under the guise of development. One of the farmers alleged, “We have been cultivating this land for decades. Now suddenly the government comes with JCBs and police? We demand either 1,000 yards of land or the return of our ancestral lands.” In a confrontation earlier, when questioned by farmers, Chevella RDO and Moinabad MRO reportedly stated, “We will give you 300 yards or let’s see what can be done,” further fueling anger among the villagers who found the offer inadequate and vague.

The protesting farmers are now appealing directly to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and the local MLA to immediately intervene. They are demanding a thorough inquiry into the conduct of the officials involved and strict action against those who attempted to dispossess them using force. Locals say this incident is another example of rising concerns about land rights and government procedures in the district, particularly when communication with long-time cultivators is overlooked in favor of sudden enforcement.

Community Connect Held in Maoist-Affected Regalla Village

Police distribute essentials, urge cooperation against Maoist activity

TPN | Anvesh Reddy

Bhadradri Kothagudem: In a continued effort to build trust and improve public engagement in Maoist-affected areas, the Bhadradri Kothagudem District Police, under the direction of SP Rohit Raju IPS, organized a Community Connect program in Regalla Gutthikoya village under the jurisdiction of Karakagudem Police Station on Monday. Additional SP (Operations) G. Narender led the initiative, accompanied by Manuguru DSP Ravinder Reddy. The program saw active participation from the police, who conducted a door-to-door inspection across the village to assess the ground situation and interact directly with local residents. As part of the community outreach, the police distributed tablets and books to school-going children, essential house-



hold items to women, and volleyball kits to village youth. In a thoughtful gesture aimed at the current monsoon conditions, plastic raincoats were also provided to women working in the fields to shield them from harsh weather. Speaking on the occasion, OSD Narender emphasized the de-

partment’s commitment to supporting tribal communities living in remote, Maoist-affected areas. He reiterated that the police are not just enforcers of law but also protectors of the people’s welfare. District SP Rohit Raju IPS conveyed through the program that the police are actively

working to ensure the delivery of essential services like education, healthcare, and transportation to remote villages. He urged villagers to remain vigilant and immediately inform the police if they notice any unknown persons entering their village. He cautioned them against offering any form of assistance to banned Maoist groups. The program witnessed participation from Edulla Bayyaram CI Venkateshwarlu, Karakagudem SI PVN Rao, and personnel from both the local police station and the special party teams. The Community Connect Program has been recognized as a vital part of the district police’s ongoing efforts to maintain peace, encourage development, and strengthen cooperation with the public in vulnerable regions.

Men must lead the way too: Gender equality is a shared responsibility

Gender equality is not just a women’s issue, it’s a social and economic necessity that calls for collective action from everyone, especially men. While much of the public discourse around gender equality rightly focuses on empowering women, sustainable and transformative change will only come when men actively participate in breaking down gender barriers, both at work and at home.

Men, as colleagues, leaders, policy-makers, and influencers, are in a unique position to shape inclusive cultures. They have the power to challenge stereotypes, advocate for fair workplace policies, and use their influence to foster environments where women can thrive without discrimination or bias. But more importantly, when men engage in gender equality efforts, they not only support women, they benefit themselves, their families, and the broader society.

Traditional masculinity norms, emphasizing dominance, competitiveness, and emotional suppression, do not serve modern workplaces or relationships. These outdated ideas also burden men by pressuring them into rigid roles. In contrast, embracing gender equality opens space for emotional intelligence, collaboration, and a healthier work-life balance for everyone. When gender roles are shared, whether it’s in household

responsibilities or leadership positions, society becomes more balanced, empathetic, and productive.

Breaking barriers

Despite these clear benefits, many men remain hesitant or disengaged when it comes to gender equality. One major barrier is distancing, a belief that gender-based issues such as workplace harassment don’t concern them directly. Some men claim, “I don’t harass women. This isn’t my problem.” Others become defensive, seeing such initiatives as anti-male rather than pro-equality.

Socialization is another hurdle. From a young age, many boys are conditioned to accept gender-based jokes, dismiss “feminine” traits, or assert themselves in ways that reinforce harmful power dynamics. These behaviors are often normalized in male peer groups and carried into adulthood, where they contribute to workplace discrimination, bias, and harassment.

Many men also doubt their capacities, feeling ill-equipped to engage in conversations about gender or to advocate for change. The fear of “saying the wrong thing” or “not knowing enough” often keeps them on the sidelines. And then there’s fear, the fear of losing social standing among male peers, being mocked, or being seen as too sensitive or soft.



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These barriers are not insurmountable. What’s required is a willingness to learn, reflect, and take action. Men must understand that staying silent or passive perpetuates inequality. Breaking these patterns starts with self-awareness and a conscious decision to be part of the solution.

How men can contribute

1. Listen and Learn

Men must take time to truly listen to women’s experiences without inter-

ruption, defensiveness, or judgment. Understanding the challenges women face—from workplace bias and underrepresentation to harassment and cultural expectations—is the foundation for empathy and advocacy. Men should seek out books, podcasts, workshops, and direct conversations that broaden their perspectives and deepen their understanding of gender dynamics.

2. Advocate for Inclusive Education

Change begins early. Men, especially those in leadership roles or parenting positions, can promote inclusive education that emphasizes equality, respect, and shared responsibility. School curricula should celebrate women’s contributions across disciplines and history, while open discussions about fairness and gender roles should be encouraged among boys. Teaching young boys that strength lies in empathy and respect—not dominance—builds future generations that value equity.

3. Promote Healthy Masculinity

Men must redefine masculinity to include emotional expression, vulnerability, and kindness. Healthy masculinity does not mean weakness—it means being strong enough to stand up for what’s right and support others. When men model these behav-

iors in both public and private spaces, they encourage others to let go of toxic expectations and embrace more balanced, supportive roles in society.

A Shift That Benefits All

True gender equality is not achievable without addressing roles and expectations both at work and at home. Men who take equal responsibility in household duties and childcare demonstrate that gender roles are not fixed, and they pave the way for more equitable partnerships. In the workplace, men can advocate for parental leave, flexible work hours, and policies that allow everyone to thrive.

Moreover, diverse and inclusive workplaces perform significantly better. Research shows they experience higher employee satisfaction, lower turnover, and greater innovation. Gender-balanced leadership teams make stronger decisions and contribute to better financial outcomes. But this level of inclusivity doesn’t happen on its own, it requires a personal and collective commitment to identifying and addressing unconscious bias. The path to gender equality begins with action. Men must recognize their role not as bystanders, but as active participants. They must lead not with dominance, but with empathy, courage, and a sense of fairness. Gender equality is not a favor to women, it’s a shared responsibility that makes life better for everyone.



Cease the Cess: Time for Structural Reforms in India’s GST System

Can BRICS Be Compromised Like the SCO? Not This Time

As Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrives in Rio de Janeiro for the 17th BRICS Summit, the global stage is markedly different from that of last month’s SCO meeting in Qingdao. At the SCO, India’s push to spotlight cross-border terrorism following the Pahalgam attack was undermined by a China-Pakistan nexus. A joint statement, backed by nine of ten members including Russia, China, and Iran, sidestepped India’s concerns while ironically labeling Baloch resistance as terrorism — a diplomatic sleight of hand India refused to endorse.

But BRICS isn’t the SCO. And Rio isn’t Qingdao.

This time, Xi Jinping is absent — for the first time in the summit’s 12-year history. Vladimir Putin is attending virtually, constrained by geopolitical realities. That leaves Narendra Modi as the senior-most leader among BRICS founding members, stepping into a spotlight China once dominated. India, backed by a surging economy and growing global clout, enters the summit not just as a participant but as a driving force.

BRICS is a truly multipolar platform, unlike the SCO — often seen as a Chinese-dominated playground. Brazil and South Africa, both with strong bilateral ties to India, act as natural counterweights to any Chinese attempts at overreach. With defence and economic cooperation — such as Brazil’s interest in India’s Akash missile system — India is building a formidable network of allies.

India’s expectations at the BRICS summit are clear: secure a strong, unambiguous condemnation of state-sponsored terrorism, particularly the Pahalgam attack, in language acceptable to India. Early indicators suggest key partners are aligned with India’s position.

More broadly, India is asserting its role as a voice for the Global South. Unlike the SCO, BRICS offers India a serious platform where its concerns are respected and its leadership welcomed. In this new global order, India is no longer a silent observer — it’s a determined actor, and at BRICS, it’s playing to win.

Living Ethically in Challenging Times: Insights from the Dalai Lama



In today’s fast-changing world marked by globalization, technological advances, and cultural diversity, living ethically is more crucial than ever. His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama offers a timeless and universal vision of ethics that transcends religious boundaries, emphasizing shared human dignity and values. According to the Dalai Lama, core virtues like compassion, tolerance, forgiveness, and self-discipline are not confined to any one religion but are inherent qualities that anyone can nurture through education and conscious effort.

He proposes a concept of “secular ethics” — a moral framework independent of religion but grounded in common sense, scientific understanding, and universal human experience. Ethics, he teaches, is not a religious duty but a human responsibility rooted in compassion and inner values.

Central to his message is the importance of cultivating inner peace and emotional resilience

through mindfulness and compassion training. Drawing on neuroscience and psychology, the Dalai Lama highlights how even brief mental training can reduce distractions such as worry and fantasy, laying the foundation for wisdom. He warns that neglecting this inner work can leave individuals vulnerable to destructive emotions and prevent them from realizing their full potential for growth and transformation.

A practical exercise he recommends involves reflecting on the lives of people we admire — whether spiritual leaders, compassionate professionals like doctors or teachers, or historical figures known for selfless service. By contemplating their kindness and dedication, we can internalize these qualities and inspire ourselves to live more ethically. Importantly, the Dalai Lama stresses that ethical living is about more than noble thoughts; it requires transforming our daily actions and responses to suffering.

He outlines three progressive stages of ethical development: restraint from harm, nurturing positive virtues, and selfless dedication to others’ welfare. These must be applied not only to our actions but also to speech and thoughts, since the mind is the source of all behavior. True ethical transformation begins within.

On justice, the Dalai Lama offers a compassionate view that balances fairness with mercy. He challenges punitive approaches like the death penalty, arguing that punishment should focus on prevention and rehabilitation rather than revenge. This vision promotes accountability, transformation, and social harmony.

Ultimately, the Dalai Lama calls for ethics to be seen as a shared human endeavor, bridging divides and uniting people beyond religious or cultural differences. His message offers a hopeful blueprint for cultivating kindness, compassion, and cooperation in an increasingly interconnected world.

'Kejriwal's' Politics in Bihar: Shock for Congress?



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July 08: In a move that has sent shockwaves through the INDI alliance, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) chief and former Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has announced that his party will contest the upcoming Bihar Assembly elections independently, without partnering with the Congress or any other INDIA bloc members. This decision further widens the growing rift within the opposition alliance, particularly between AAP and Congress.

The decision comes after Kejriwal reportedly expressed strong displeasure with the Congress's recent conduct, particularly its actions in the Gujarat Visavadar by-poll, where the party fielded a candidate against AAP. Kejriwal viewed this as a direct attempt to sabotage AAP's chances, despite being alliance partners at the national level. This is not the first sign of dissent within the INDI alliance. The Trinamool Congress has already distanced itself from Congress in West Bengal. Now, with AAP

charting its own course in both Haryana and Bihar, the cracks in the alliance are becoming more pronounced. The Congress and RJD — key alliance partners in Bihar — are expected to be hit hard if AAP succeeds in splitting the anti-BJP vote. AAP's Bihar strategy focuses on key urban and Dalit constituencies, where Congress has traditionally had influence. Kejriwal's campaign is expected to highlight issues of education, healthcare, power supply, and corruption — areas where AAP claims proven governance

- AAP to fight Bihar elections without alliance
- Kejriwal furious over Congress's Gujarat move
- Setback for INDIA bloc unity in key states

Flag-Hoisting Ceremony at Ayodhya’s Ram Temple Likely in November; PM Modi May Attend as Chief Guest

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A grand flag-hoisting ceremony is expected to be held at the Ram temple in Ayodhya this November, marking a major milestone in the temple's ongoing construction. According to officials from the Shri Ram Janmbhoomi Teerth Kshetra trust, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to attend the event as the chief guest, adding significance to what is anticipated to be another historic occasion following the consecration of Ram Lalla earlier this year. Two dates — November 16 and November 25 — are currently under consideration, with astrologers working to determine the most auspicious timing. The



final schedule will be announced once the detailed programme is finalized. The flag will be ceremonially hoisted atop the temple's 161-foot-high main spire amid traditional Vedic chants, devotional music, and elaborate worship rituals. Flags will also be raised on the spires of other tem-

ples within the complex, symbolizing progress toward the completion of the entire temple project. Temple trustee Anil Mishra confirmed that preparations are in full swing, and the event will be no less grand than the January consecration ceremony. A large number of guests—including

saints, religious leaders, prominent dignitaries, and devotees from India and abroad—are expected to attend. The Ayodhya administration has begun making large-scale logistical arrangements, including booking hotels, dharamshalas, and guest houses to accommodate the influx of visitors. Sources also revealed that the ceremony might include a Ram Katha (narration of Lord Ram's life) and performances by celebrated musicians and artists, enhancing the spiritual and cultural significance of the event. This flag-hoisting ceremony is being seen as a symbolic affirmation of the temple's growing religious and national prominence.

PM Modi at BRICS Summit in Brazil Calls for Global Governance Reform, Strengthens Ties with Latin America

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi, participating in the 17th BRICS Summit held in Rio de Janeiro on July 7, 2025, emphasized India's commitment to climate goals, global health, and equitable international governance. During the session on “Environment, COP30, and Global Health,” Modi highlighted India's success in meeting its Paris Agreement targets ahead of schedule, showcasing the country's leadership on climate action. Modi also held key bilateral meetings with the Presidents of Bolivia and Uruguay, where discussions focused on enhancing partnerships in trade, investment, and capacity building. The leaders agreed to explore new areas of cooperation to strengthen ties between India and Latin American nations. A day earlier, on July 6, PM Modi met with Cuban Presi-



dent Miguel Diaz-Canel Bermudez on the sidelines of the summit. The two leaders discussed deepening cooperation in pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, traditional medicine, and digital infrastructure, including India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI). The conversation also covered collaboration in Ayurveda, disaster management, and technical training. At the summit's session on

“Peace and Security and Reform of Global Governance,” Modi reiterated India's long-standing call for structural reforms in global institutions. He voiced concern over the “double standards” often faced by the Global South and advocated for a more inclusive international order. The BRICS Leaders' Declaration, adopted on July 6, reflected several of India's core priorities, particularly

in counter-terrorism and fair representation of developing nations. PM Modi also joined fellow BRICS leaders, partner nations, and outreach invitees for a symbolic group photograph, underscoring India's active engagement on the global stage. The summit marked a renewed focus on South-South cooperation and India's growing influence in shaping global discourse.



Tahawwur Rana’s Journey from Army Deserter to 26/11 Conspirator

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Tahawwur Hussain Rana, recently extradited to India after years of legal wrangling, has disclosed significant details about his involvement in the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks. The 64-year-old Pakistani-Canadian is accused of facilitating the deadly assault that killed over 170 people. During interrogation by Mumbai Police's crime branch, Rana revealed he assisted David Coleman Headley—the main scout for the attacks—in identifying key targets, including Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus. Rana's journey began in Pakistan's military. He completed his MBBS at the Army Medical College, Rawalpindi, in 1986 and served as a captain in the Pakistani Army. He was posted in volatile regions like Sindh, Balochistan, Bahawalpur, and Siachen. While stationed in Siachen, he developed pulmonary edema and went AWOL, later being declared a deserter. He claimed Headley promised to help erase this blemish from his military record in exchange for his help.

Rana said the Pakistani military trusted him, even deploying him on a secret mission to Saudi Arabia during the Gulf War. He later lived in Germany, the UK, the US, and eventually settled in Canada, where he started businesses in meat processing, real estate, and retail. Rana and Headley had known each other since their time at Cadet College Hasan Abdal in the 1970s. Rana claimed Headley attended Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) training camps in 2003-04 and described LeT as a spy network more than a purely ideological outfit. Rana admitted to founding the Immigrant Law Centre, a front Headley used to survey attack targets in cities like Mumbai, Delhi, and Goa. Rana visited Mumbai just days before the attack, staying in Powai on November 20–21, 2008, and left for Beijing via Dubai shortly before the carnage. He has confessed to knowing key Pakistani handlers, including Sajid Mir, Major Iqbal, and Abdul Rehman Pasha, and is alleged to have closely coordinated with LeT and ISI operatives.



Peace Time Is an 'Illusion': Rajnath Singh Calls for Constant Preparedness and Indigenous Growth in Defence

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Monday declared that “peace time is nothing but an illusion,” urging India's defence establishment to maintain high preparedness even during periods of calm. Speaking at the Controllers' Conference 2025, hosted by the Defence Accounts Department (DAD) at DRDO Bhawan in New Delhi, Singh highlighted the strategic importance of financial agility and indigenous capabilities in defence. Referring to the recent Operation Sindoor, Singh praised the performance of indigenously developed defence equipment, stating it had significantly boosted global demand for India-made military products. “Most of the equipment we once imported is now being manufactured in India,” he said, crediting strong policy direction and leadership for the transformation. Stressing the importance of financial efficiency, Singh warned that even a small delay in processes could directly impact operational readiness. He encouraged the DAD to evolve from being just a “controller” to a “facilitator,” especially as private sector participation in defence continues to grow. Citing data from the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, he noted that global military spending reached \$2.7 trillion in 2024—creating immense opportunities for India's indigenous defence sector. Singh also praised DAD's new motto, “Alert, Agile, Adaptive,” as a reflection of the proactive mindset needed today. The minister emphasized internal reform, advocating for self-assessment over external audits. He further urged the DAD to integrate defence economics, including social and economic impact analysis of R&D and dual-use technologies, into planning. Singh concluded by calling for a broader view of defence budgets—not as expenses, but as long-term investments that stimulate economic growth.

Trump Slams Musk’s ‘America Party’ as ‘Ridiculous,’ Calls Him a ‘Train Wreck’

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U.S. President Donald Trump has dismissed Elon Musk’s announcement of a new political party—the “America Party”—calling the move “ridiculous” and labeling the billionaire entrepreneur a “train wreck.” Speaking to reporters before boarding Air Force One in Morristown, New Jersey, Trump said, “It’s always been a two-party system. Starting a third party just adds to confusion. Third parties never work.” He emphasized the continued strength of the Republican Party and criticized Musk for trying to split it.

Musk launched the “America Party” in response to Trump’s recently signed tax-cut and spending bill, which Musk claims will add \$5 trillion to the national debt and “bankrupt the country.” He also vowed to target Republican incumbents who supported the legislation, known as the “big, beautiful bill,” in next year’s midterm elections.

The feud marks a dramatic shift in their relationship. Musk previously supported Trump’s 2024 campaign financially and made frequent White House appearances. Their falling out intensified after the bill removed green energy credits for Tesla, and Trump threatened to pull federal contracts and subsidies for Musk’s companies.

On Truth Social, Trump also criticized Musk’s ally, billionaire astronaut Jared Isaacman, whom Trump nominated to lead NASA but withdrew before Senate confirmation. Trump cited concerns over Isaacman’s polit-



ical affiliations and his ties to Musk, saying, “It’s inappropriate to have a close friend of Elon run NASA when SpaceX relies so heavily on it.” The party’s launch also sparked backlash from financial circles. Azoria Partners postponed its Tesla-focused ETF launch, citing a

conflict of interest. Azoria CEO James Fishback urged Tesla’s board to evaluate Musk’s political ambitions and whether they’re compatible with his CEO duties. The clash adds a new dimension to the already volatile U.S. political and business landscape.

Israel Strikes Houthi Ports in Yemen After Red Sea Ship Attack; Rebels Respond with Missile



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Israel launched airstrikes early Monday targeting Houthi-controlled ports and facilities in Yemen, following a weekend attack on a Liberian-flagged ship in the Red Sea. The Houthis responded by firing a missile at Israel, escalating tensions in an already volatile

region. The strikes hit ports at Hodeida, Ras Isa, Salif, and the Ras Kanatib power plant. According to the Israeli military, these ports serve as transit points for Iranian weapons used in attacks against Israel. The Israeli forces also targeted the Galaxy Leader, a ship seized by the Houthis in 2023, alleging it was being

used to monitor Red Sea traffic. Defense Minister Israel Katz warned of more retaliation, stating, “What’s true for Iran is true for Yemen. Anyone who raises a hand against Israel will have it cut off.” The Houthis claimed they intercepted the Israeli strike, but provided no evidence. Hours later, a missile was fired at Israel, triggering sirens near the Dead Sea. Though the missile made impact, there were no immediate reports of injuries.

The escalation follows Sunday’s assault on the Magic Seas, a Greek-owned vessel, which was attacked by small arms, RPGs, and bomb-laden drone boats. The crew was forced to abandon the ship, which took on water. A nearby vessel rescued them.

Houthi attacks on Red Sea shipping surged after the Israel-Hamas war began. Between late 2023 and early 2025, they targeted over 100 vessels. Though attacks had paused after U.S. strikes in March, the Magic Seas incident marks a potential return to more frequent maritime threats.

The situation unfolds as Israel considers a ceasefire with Hamas and as Iran’s nuclear negotiations hang in the balance, adding further complexity to the regional crisis.

Putin Urges BRICS to Adopt Independent Payment System Using National Currencies

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Russian President Vladimir Putin has called for the creation of an “independent settlement system” within BRICS to facilitate trade using national currencies, aiming to reduce reliance on Western financial systems and boost efficiency.

Speaking via video at the Main Plenary Session of the 17th BRICS Summit in Rio de Janeiro on July 7, Putin stressed the need to expand the use of national currencies among BRICS members—Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa—and emphasized the benefits of a dedicated financial infrastructure.

“It is necessary to further expand the use of national currencies in mutual settlements,” Putin said. “The creation of an independent settlement and depository system on the BRICS platform will make currency transactions faster, more efficient, and safer.”

Citing 2024 trade data, Putin highlighted that 90% of Russia’s trade with BRICS nations was conducted in local currencies, including the ruble. He emphasized that this trend reflects growing financial cooperation and reduced dependence on Western financial institutions. In addition to trade settlements, Putin also proposed a BRICS-wide investment platform aimed at increasing reciprocal capital



investments. He suggested that the New Development Bank (NDB) play a central role in attracting funds from BRICS economies and countries of the Global South and East. “The idea is to jointly develop agreed instruments for supporting and attracting funds,” he said. Putin further stressed the importance of expanding cooperation in key areas such as politics, security, economics, and culture. He

noted BRICS’ growing influence and diversity, highlighting its expansion to include major players from Eurasia, Africa, the Middle East, and Latin America.

The 17th BRICS Summit focused on peace, global governance reforms, trade, and multilateral cooperation, reinforcing the group’s role as a counterbalance to Western-dominated institutions.

Bangladesh Tribunal to Decide on Framing Charges Against Sheikh Hasina on July 10



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Bangladesh’s International Crimes Tribunal has scheduled July 10, 2025, to determine whether formal charges will be framed against former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and two of her top aides. The charges stem from alleged crimes against humanity during a deadly uprising in July last year that led to the fall of Hasina’s government.

The accused include Hasina, former Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal, and ex-police chief Chowdhury Abdullah Al-Mamun. They face five counts, including murder, attempted murder, torture, and the use of lethal force during the month-long unrest. The tribunal will hear petitions from defense lawyers arguing for dismissal of what they call “baseless” charges. This follows a separate ICT verdict last week, in which Hasina was sentenced in absentia to six months in prison for contempt of court—the first sentence handed down against her since she lost power on August 5, 2024. A UN report estimates that up to 1,400 people were killed in the military crackdown under her government during the uprising.

In addition, Dhaka’s anti-corruption court has summoned Hasina, her family, and several former officials to appear in six graft cases linked to land plot allocations. The accused, including her children Sajeeb Wazed Joy and Saima Wazed Putul, and niece Tulip Siddiq, have been ordered to appear by July 20 or face trial in absentia. Arrest warrants have already been issued amid reports the family has gone into hiding or fled abroad, including to India.

The tribunal’s July 10 decision could mark a major turning point in the legal reckoning of Hasina’s nearly 16-year rule.

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 provoking 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.

Jindal India Secures Approval for Rs 3,600 Crore Steel Plant Project in Odisha

Jindal (India) Limited has received official approval from the Odisha government to establish a new steel plant valued at Rs 3,600 crore. This marks a significant step in the company's ambitious plan to invest a total of Rs 15,000 crore in Odisha over three phases, aiming to complete the project by 2030.

The upcoming steel facility will focus on manufacturing special coated steel products, catering to the growing demand for high-quality steel in various industrial sectors. A key highlight of the project is the installation of advanced coating lines, which will boast an impressive annual production capacity of 9.6 lakh metric tonnes. These coating lines are expected to be operational by 2027, accelerating the company's entry into the specialty steel market.

This greenfield project underscores Jindal India's commitment to expanding its footprint in the steel manufacturing sector while contributing to Odisha's industrial growth. The company's phased investment approach is designed to ensure sustainable development and gradual capacity enhancement, aligning with market demand and technological advancements.

The Odisha government's approval demonstrates the state's continued support for industrial development, with a focus on attracting large-scale investments that can generate employment and foster economic progress. The new plant is anticipated to create numerous job opportunities, both directly and indirectly, benefiting local communities and supporting ancil-



lary industries.

By investing in cutting-edge technology and modern infrastructure, Jindal India aims to produce steel products that meet international standards, positioning itself as a key player in India's steel sector. The project is also expected to boost the state's export potential by supplying high-value coated steel to domestic and global markets.

Overall, the approval for this Rs 3,600 crore steel plant project is a major milestone for Jindal India and Odisha alike. It reflects the growing confidence in Odisha as an industrial hub and highlights the steel sector's vital role in the country's infrastructure and manufacturing landscape. The project's successful implementation will contribute significantly to the region's economic development and the company's long-term growth ambitions.

India Needs 10% Annual Nominal GDP Growth to Achieve Viksit Bharat by 2047: CII President

Rajiv Memani, President of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), emphasized that India must sustain an average nominal GDP growth rate of 10% annually to realize its ambitious vision of Viksit Bharat (Developed India) by 2047. This growth target is crucial for India to emerge as a strong, self-reliant, and developed economy by its 100th year of independence.

Memani pointed out that achieving this growth will require concerted efforts across sectors, enhanced investment, innovation, and reforms to improve productivity and competitiveness. He stressed the importance of maintaining a stable macroeconomic environment and fostering an ecosystem conducive to business expansion and technological advancement.

Highlighting recent developments, Memani referred to the interim trade agreement signed between India and the United States, describing it as a significant step that will help eliminate existing uncertainties in bilateral trade relations. This pact is expected to provide Indian exporters with greater access to the vast US market, thereby boosting trade volumes and opening new opportunities for Indian businesses.



The trade deal also signals stronger economic ties between the two countries, which could attract further foreign investment and collaboration in technology, manufacturing, and services. According to Memani, such partnerships will play a vital role in accelerating India's growth trajectory and supporting the broader goals of the Viksit Bharat initiative.

In conclusion, Rajiv Memani reiterated that sustained high nominal GDP growth, supported by strategic trade agreements and economic reforms, is essential for India to transform into a developed nation by 2047. Achieving this milestone will require the combined efforts of government, industry, and stakeholders to create a resilient and dynamic economy capable of meeting future challenges.



Mumbai markets opened lower on Monday, with benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty declining amid caution ahead of the crucial July 9 US tariff deadline, weak Asian market trends, and foreign fund outflows. The BSE Sensex dropped 170.66 points

to 83,262.23 in early trade, while the NSE Nifty slipped 53.75 points to 25,407.25. Market volatility was driven by uncertainty over the US-India trade deal, experts noted.

July 9 marks the end of a 90-day sus-

Markets Slip in Early Trade Amid Tariff Deadline Concerns and Weak Asian Cues

pension period on Trump-era tariffs that imposed an additional 26% import duty on certain Indian goods entering the US. Investors are closely watching developments as any extension or modification of this suspension could impact trade and market sentiment.

Among the Sensex constituents, Bharat Electronics Ltd, Tech Mahindra, HCL Technologies, Eternal, ICICI Bank, and Sun Pharma were the main laggards in early trading. Conversely, Trent, Asian Paints, Hindustan Unilever, Bajaj Finserv, and HDFC Bank showed gains.

Asian markets painted a mixed pic-

ture with Japan's Nikkei 225, Shanghai's SSE Composite, and Hong Kong's Hang Seng trading lower, while South Korea's Kospi moved higher. US markets had ended positively on Friday, providing some support.

V K Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Investments, highlighted that market movements were influenced by concerns over the US-India trade negotiations and fallout from Sebi's report on Jane Street. He added that a potential interim trade agreement ahead of the tariff deadline would boost market sentiment.

Prashanth Tapse, Senior VP (Research)

at Mehta Equities, noted that the looming tariff deadline could continue to drive volatility in the coming days.

Global oil benchmark Brent crude also slipped 0.63% to USD 67.87 per barrel, adding to cautious trading.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) sold equities worth Rs 760.11 crore on Friday, reflecting continued cautious sentiment among global investors.

On Friday, markets had closed higher with the Sensex rising 193.42 points (0.23%) to 83,432.89 and the Nifty gaining 55.70 points (0.22%) to 25,461.

Rupee Falls 26 Paise to 85.66 Against US Dollar Amid FII Outflows and Weak Equities

Mumbai: The Indian rupee weakened by 26 paise to 85.66 against the US dollar in early trade on Monday, pressured by foreign institutional investor (FII) outflows and a sluggish start to the domestic equity markets. The US administration's recent warning to trading partners to finalize new trade deals before the July 9 deadline added to market uncertainty. The threat of higher tariffs coming into effect from August 1 is weighing on investor sentiment and adding pressure on the rupee.



Despite the losses, the rupee's fall was limited due to a weaker US dollar, declining global crude oil prices, and an increase in India's foreign exchange reserves. At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened at 85.53 before sliding further to 85.66. On Friday, it had closed at 85.40 against the greenback.

Anil Kumar Bhansali, Head of Treasury and Executive Director at Finrex Treasury Advisors LLP, said the rupee has been trading in a range of 85.30 to 85.60 over recent days. He noted that while nationalized banks have been buying dollars on dips, exporters and other inflows have been selling during upticks, keeping the currency within this band. Bhansali expects the rupee to trade between 85.30 and 85.80 for the day. The dollar index, which measures the strength of the greenback against a basket of six currencies,

declined 0.10% to 97.08, as concerns grow over the US administration's unpredictable tariff policies and their impact on economic growth and inflation.

Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, also eased 0.66% to USD 67.85 per barrel in futures trading.

Meanwhile, Indian equity markets showed weakness with the Sensex dropping 170.66 points to 83,262.23 and the Nifty falling 53.75 points to 25,407.25 in early trade.

India's foreign exchange reserves increased by USD 4.84 billion to USD 702.78 billion for the week ending June 27, according to the Reserve Bank of India. Meanwhile, FIIs sold equities worth Rs 760.11 crore on Friday, reflecting continued cautiousness among foreign investors.

Crude Oil Prices May Rebound as Supply Stabilizes and Geopolitical Tensions Ease

New Delhi: Crude oil prices could see a recovery soon as supply conditions stabilize and geopolitical tensions ease, experts say. Despite ongoing concerns over weak global demand, market watchers are cautiously optimistic that crude prices may bounce back if key technical support levels hold firm.

On Friday, West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude traded around the mid-USD 65 range amid thin holiday trading and subdued demand, particularly from major economies like China and the Eurozone. However, the upcoming OPEC+ meeting and the US tariff deadline are drawing traders' attention and could influence price movements.

Tejas Shigrekar, Chief Technical Research Analyst for Commodities and Currencies at Angel One Ltd, highlighted a mixed but hopeful outlook. He pointed out that although global manufacturing slowdowns have dampened demand, OPEC+ production cuts—mainly led by Saudi Arabia and Russia—continue to tighten supply, preventing a sharper decline in prices.

“These coordinated output cuts are providing a price floor despite softer demand projections from OECD countries,” Shigrekar explained. He added that barring any major supply disruptions, crude futures are expected to remain within a broad range, supported by strategic buying.



Geopolitical tensions that previously pushed prices higher have somewhat eased following a ceasefire between Iran and Israel and Iran's renewed commitment to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. Although risks in the South China Sea and Middle East persist, there have been no major supply chain disruptions.

Traders are now focusing on the July 5 OPEC+ meeting, where a third consecutive production increase of 411,000 barrels per day is likely to be approved for August. Technically, Shigrekar noted that WTI crude prices could rebound if they hold above the USD 62.70 support level.

In the domestic market, prices could rise to Rs 6,000–6,200 if they break above Rs 5,780, but a slip below Rs 5,550 may trigger a fall toward Rs 5,330 or even Rs 5,000, analysts warned.

Elephants Serenaded by Caretaker Show the Internet What True Love Looks Like

A heart-melting video capturing a moment of deep emotional connection between a caretaker and two elephants is leaving the internet teary-eyed. Shared by Lek Chailert, the founder of Thailand's Save Elephant Foundation, the video is a powerful reminder of the bonds that can form between humans and animals when trust and love are at the center.



In the video, Chailert is seen sitting quietly on a dirt mound while two elephants stand gently beside her. One of the majestic animals slowly reaches out with its trunk and softly brushes her feet—a simple gesture, yet one filled with tenderness. As Chailert begins to sing a soothing melody, the elephants appear to respond, harmonizing in their own way with vocalizations that seem to match her tone and mood.

The interaction feels nothing short of magical. The elephants don't just stand idly—they listen, respond, and appear to be emotionally in tune with their caretaker. The scene, bathed in natural light and stillness, conveys an unspoken language of affection, trust, and mutual respect.

Since being posted, the video has gone viral, with

viewers across social media calling it a pure example of unconditional love. Many commented that it felt like watching a sacred bond unfold, one that speaks volumes without a single word being exchanged.

This rare glimpse into the emotional lives of elephants reinforces what animal advocates have long believed: these gentle giants possess profound emotional intelligence and are capable of forming deep, intuitive relationships with those who treat them with care and dignity.

In a world often marked by noise and chaos, this quiet, soulful exchange reminds us of something beautifully simple—love is real, and sometimes, it speaks through a song and the touch of a trunk.

Dengue, Diamonds & Dangerous Searches: Viral GK Quiz Trend Has Netizens Hooked

General knowledge quizzes are making a fun and informative comeback on social media—and this time, they're going viral for all the right reasons. With topics ranging from health and science to geography and internet laws, these one-minute GK Q&A slides are not just entertaining but also surprisingly educational.

Curated by News18 Bengali and widely circulated across platforms, the quiz-style format includes rapid-fire questions that are perfect for quick scrolling and instant learning. Whether you're a student, job aspirant, or just a curious browser, these tidbits of information can sharpen your awareness in no time.

One question asks: Which mosquito bite causes dengue fever? The answer: the female Aedes aegypti mosquito, a known carrier of the dengue virus. Another asks: What is dry ice? It's solid carbon dioxide that sublimates directly into gas, making it popular in science experiments and stage effects.

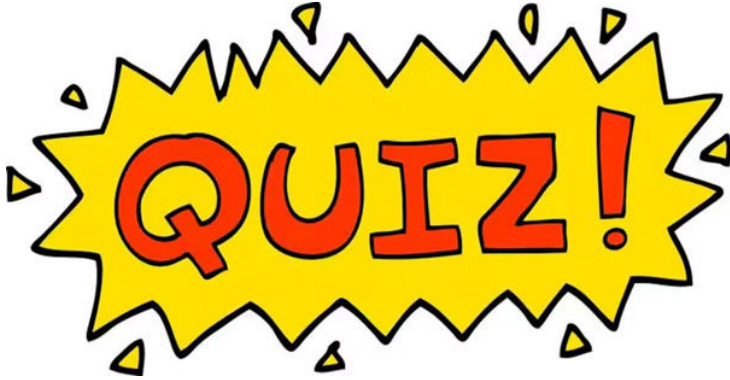
The quiz also touches on pressing environmental issues. For instance, it explains that motorised vehicles emit

harmful gases like CO₂, CO, NO_x, and hydrocarbons—major contributors to air pollution.

A standout fact in the quiz: India's only active diamond mine is located in Panna district, Madhya Pradesh, with reserves estimated at over 976,000 carats. Not only fascinating, but it's also a great addition to any competitive exam prep.

But the quiz takes a serious turn when it addresses illegal Google searches. Topics like child pornography, hacking tools, bomb-making, and pirated content are flagged as criminal offences in many countries, including India. Viewers are warned that even casual curiosity could attract legal trouble or surveillance.

This growing trend of rapid-fire GK sessions is proving that learning doesn't have to be boring—it can be quick, useful, and even a little surprising.



Man Spends 2 Days Searching for Wallet Hiding in Plain Sight — Photo Goes Viral

Losing everyday items like keys or a wallet is a common annoyance, but one man's experience takes that frustration to a new level—and it's leaving the internet both amused and amazed. A Reddit post has gone viral after a user shared how his relative spent two entire days searching for a missing wallet, only to find it right in front of him the whole time.

The baffling twist? The wallet was lying on the bathroom floor, completely camouflaged by the tile pattern. The photo posted shows a typical black-and-white checkered tile floor, with a bath mat and shower curtain in the background. But look a little closer, and you'll spot a black wallet perfectly positioned on a black tile—so well-aligned that it became virtually invisible.

What makes this story so relatable and hilarious is the clever trick our eyes can play on us. The optical illusion

created by the wallet's color and shape blending in with the flooring made it almost undetectable, even to someone actively searching the space multiple times.

The Reddit user wrote that his relative had retraced every step, searched every room, and even checked with friends and neighbors—only to finally spot the wallet after 48 hours of anxiety and confusion. The photo accompanying the post perfectly captures the hidden-in-plain-sight moment and has sparked a wave of similar stories in the comments, with people sharing their own experiences of "invisible" lost items.

The post has since gone viral, garnering thousands of upvotes and shares, proving once again that sometimes, what you're desperately looking for might be right under your nose—or in this case, on the bathroom floor. All it takes is a change in perspective (or tile).

iPhone 17 Pro Max May Pack Apple's Biggest Battery Yet — Here's What to Expect

Apple is gearing up for its next big launch this September, and early leaks suggest that the upcoming iPhone 17 Pro Max could feature the largest battery ever seen in an iPhone. According to a report cited by Forbes, the battery capacity of the iPhone 17 Pro Max may reach around 5,000mAh, a significant bump from the current record-holder, the iPhone 16 Pro Max, which houses a 4,676mAh battery.

If true, this increase may come with a slight design change. The new model is expected to be thicker than its predecessor, going from 8.25 mm to approximately 8.725 mm. The added thickness would help accommodate the larger battery, potentially offering even longer screen-on time, better video playback endurance, and improved battery life for power users.

The iPhone 17 lineup is expected to include four variants:

- iPhone 17
- iPhone 17 Air
- iPhone 17 Pro
- iPhone 17 Pro Max



Leaks also hint at two new color options being introduced this year—green and

purple—adding to the visual appeal of the lineup. Last year's iPhone 16 came in five vibrant shades, including black, white, pink, teal, and ultramarine.

On the hardware front, the iPhone 17 Pro models may see camera upgrades, with enhanced low-light capabilities and improved zoom features expected to be part of the package.

As for pricing, early reports suggest the base model could start around ₹89,900, with the iPhone 17 Air priced at ₹95,000, and the top-end iPhone 17 Pro Max going up to ₹1,64,900.

Apple is likely to stick to its usual launch window in mid-September, with pre-orders beginning soon after and deliveries expected within a week or two.

Note: These details are based on leaks and speculations. Official features and specs will be confirmed at Apple's launch event.

Why Deep-Sea Mining Is Risky, Unnecessary, and Harmful to the Oceans

As pressure builds for a global shift toward cleaner energy, deep-sea mining is being promoted as a source of critical minerals like nickel, cobalt, and manganese. These are used in batteries and electronics. However, scientists and environmental experts argue that this new frontier is highly risky, unnecessary, and could cause irreversible harm to fragile ocean ecosystems.

Deep-sea mining involves collecting rock-like nodules from vast seabed areas, often thousands of meters below the ocean surface. These nodules contain valuable metals, but also serve as habitat for marine life. Research from Australia's national science agency, CSIRO, and other institutions shows that mining these nodules severely damages the seafloor, endangering species that



depend on it—and in many cases, those species may never recover.

While the technology exists, no commercial deep-sea mining is currently underway, though efforts to create a global mining code are ongoing. This includes pressure from compa-

nies like The Metals Company, which has tested mining in the Pacific and is pushing to begin full-scale operations with the backing of nations like Nauru and Tonga.

But experts say the economic rationale doesn't hold up. The minerals in question are not

scarce—land-based reserves are abundant and sufficient for current and future needs. Furthermore, deep-sea mining won't replace existing land mining, meaning the same environmental and social issues will persist, and new ones will be added, including labor exploitation and governance concerns in international waters. Perhaps most critically, the ocean floor is considered the common heritage of humankind under international law. Yet, profits are already being funneled to powerful investors, leaving developing nations burdened with debt and uncertainty.

With high costs, serious ecological threats, and unclear economic benefits, experts argue that deep-sea mining is simply not worth the risk.

Manu Bhaker Leads Indian Shooting Squad for 2025 Asian Championships in Kazakhstan

Olympian Manu Bhaker will headline a strong 35-member Indian shooting contingent for the 16th Asian Shooting Championship, set to take place in Shymkent, Kazakhstan, from August 16 to 30, 2025. The National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) announced the squads on Monday, confirming Bhaker's participation in two individual events—the women's 10m air pistol and the women's 25m pistol, making her the only shooter to qualify for dual disciplines in the senior lineup.

The championship will feature 15 events, including three mixed team competitions, and will run alongside the Junior Asian Championships at the same venue. In addition to the senior squad for the Asian Championship, NRAI also revealed the line-ups for the ISSF Junior World Cup (scheduled for September-October in Delhi) and the senior ISSF World Cup (Rifle/Pistol) to be held in Ningbo, China, from September 7 to 15.



Several prominent shooters have earned their place back in the senior team, including former world champion Rudranksh Patil (men's air rifle), and Olympians Anjum Moudgil (women's 50m rifle 3 positions), Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar (men's 50m rifle 3 positions), Saurabh Chaudhary (men's 10m air pistol), and Kynan Chenai (men's trap).

Other notable names include Esha Singh (25m pistol), Mehuli Ghosh, and Kiran Ankush Jadhav (both in air rifle), who have secured berths in both the Asian and Ningbo World Cup squads. Olympic bronze-medalist Swapnil Kusale and former Asian Games champion Rahi Sarnobat also feature in the team bound for Ningbo.

Meanwhile, Olympian Raiza Dhillon has been named in the junior women's skeet squad for the Delhi World Cup, replacing Mansi Raghuvanshi, who will represent India at the Junior Asian Championships instead.

Mexico Clinches 10th Gold Cup Title with Thrilling 2-1 Win Over U.S.

Mexico successfully defended their CONCACAF Gold Cup crown by defeating the United States 2-1 in a thrilling final held at NRG Stadium in Houston, Texas, on July 6, 2025. This victory marks Mexico's 10th Gold Cup title, further cementing their dominance in the regional tournament.



The United States started strong, taking an early lead just four minutes into the match. Sebastian Berhalter delivered a well-placed free-kick, which found Chris Richards. Richards rose above the defense and powered a header that struck the underside of the crossbar before bouncing down over the goal line. After a brief review, the referee confirmed the goal, giving the U.S. an early advantage.

However, Mexico quickly responded. In the 27th minute, striker Raul Jimenez leveled the score with a close-range finish, capitalizing on a well-executed play to bring the match back on even terms. Jimenez's goal energized the Mexican side and shifted momentum as both teams battled fiercely for control.

The rest of the match saw intense back-and-forth action, with both teams creating chances and defending resolutely. Mexico ultimately found the winner that secured their victory and the coveted Gold Cup trophy, thrilling their supporters in a packed stadium.

This win not only reinforces Mexico's position as a powerhouse in North and Central American soccer but also highlights the growing rivalry between the two nations. The United States fought hard but fell just short in this high-stakes encounter.

The 2025 Gold Cup final will be remembered for its dramatic moments, passionate play, and the celebration of Mexico's historic 10th championship triumph. Fans from both sides witnessed a memorable contest that showcased the best of CONCACAF soccer.

Djokovic and Sinner Face Tough Tests at Wimbledon as Swiatek Finds Comfort on Grass

As Wimbledon reaches its critical stages, Novak Djokovic and world number one Jannik Sinner are preparing for some of their toughest matches yet, aiming to advance towards a highly anticipated semi-final clash. Djokovic, chasing a record-breaking 25th Grand Slam singles title, is set to face Australia's Alex de Minaur in the Round of 16, while Sinner will take on the talented Grigor Dimitrov.



Djokovic showed his dominant form by crushing Miomir Kecmanovic 6-3, 6-0, 6-4 in his previous match, delighting his seven-year-old daughter Tara with a post-match celebration. However, the seven-time Wimbledon champion remains cautious about the challenge posed by de Minaur, who has been in top form on grass courts. The Australian, ranked world number 11, has dropped just one set on his way to the last 16 and is known for his speed and all-around game. Djokovic acknowledged de Minaur as "a complete player" and admitted that facing him on grass is far from an easy task.

Meanwhile, Jannik Sinner continues to impress with his dominance, having lost only 17 games so far — tying the men's Open Era record at Wimbledon for fewest games lost to reach the fourth round. The US Open and Australian Open champion

is yet to lose his serve this year at the All England Club. Despite Sinner's strong form, Grigor Dimitrov is not intimidated. The experienced Bulgarian, a former Wimbledon semi-finalist, remains focused on enjoying the tournament even as his opportunities at Grand Slams become rarer.

On the women's side, five-time Grand Slam winner Iga Swiatek is emerging as the key figure in a wide-open draw. After an unexpected semi-final loss at the French Open, Swiatek has used the extra time to adjust to grass courts and recently reached her first grass-court final in Bad Homburg. She described her recent matches as "pretty smooth" and is optimistic about her chances, especially with several top seeds having exited early. Swiatek now eyes a deep run at Wimbledon, possibly reaching the quarter-finals for the second time.

With these marquee matches ahead, Wimbledon promises exciting tennis action in the coming days.

Legendary Former India Captain MS Dhoni Turns 44: A Celebrated Journey of Cricketing Excellence

Mahendra Singh Dhoni, the iconic former captain of the Indian cricket team, celebrated his 44th birthday on Monday. Dhoni is uniquely distinguished as the only captain in international cricket history to have won all three major ICC trophies—the ODI World Cup, the T20 World Cup, and the Champions Trophy.

During his leadership, India's Test team also held the No. 1 ranking for 18 consecutive months, showcasing his prowess across all formats. In recognition of his stellar career, Dhoni was inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame in 2025, an honor befitting his legendary status.

Although Dhoni retired from international cricket nearly five years ago, he remains a vital figure in the Indian Premier League (IPL), representing the Chennai Super Kings (CSK). Despite battling a persistent knee injury, Dhoni stepped



up as the stand-in captain this season when regular skipper Ruturaj Gaikwad was sidelined with an elbow injury. Under Dhoni's resilient leadership, the team managed to secure several important wins, even as they struggled with consistency.

While age and injuries have tempered

his aggressive batting style, with Dhoni sometimes batting as low as No. 8, his enduring charisma continues to fill stadiums across the country during the IPL. Dhoni has been central to all five IPL titles won by CSK, cementing his legacy as their revered 'Thala.'

Looking ahead, Dhoni remains non-committal about his future in cricket. "It depends. I have four-five months to decide, and there's no hurry," he said, emphasizing the increasing effort required to maintain peak fitness at the highest level. He acknowledged the demands of professional cricket, noting that retirement decisions are more than just about form or performance.

For now, Dhoni is enjoying a quieter life in his hometown Ranchi, focusing on his fitness and contribution to the team while reflecting on an illustrious career that has left an indelible mark on Indian cricket.

Sanjog Gupta Appointed as New ICC CEO, Replacing Geoff Allardice

In a significant leadership transition, the International Cricket Council (ICC) has named Sanjog Gupta as its new Chief Executive Officer, replacing Australia's Geoff Allardice, who stepped down earlier this year due to personal reasons. The appointment was confirmed on Monday, with Gupta taking charge immediately. Gupta, a well-known figure in Indian sports broadcasting, was previously CEO (Sports & Live Experiences) at JioStar—a company formed after the merger of Viacom18 and Disney Star. He brings over a decade of experience in media, sports strategy, and league development. His career began in journalism before he joined Star India in 2010, rising through the ranks to head major sports initiatives including the IPL and ICC tournaments. The ICC revealed that over 2,500 appli-



cations were received from 25 countries. Gupta was selected from a shortlist of 12 candidates after a rigorous evaluation by the ICC Nominations Committee, which included deputy chairman Imran Khwaja, ECB chairman Richard Thompson, SLC president Shammi Silva, and BCCI secre-

tary Devajit Saikia. His appointment was ratified by ICC chairman Jay Shah. "Sanjog has been a driving force behind the transformation of sports broadcasting in India and globally," said the ICC, noting his role in expanding properties such as the Pro Kabaddi League, ISL, Premier League, and Wimbledon. Jay Shah praised Gupta's "deep understanding of the global sports and media landscape" and his "passion for technology and fan engagement," which will be crucial as the ICC aims to expand cricket's global reach. Gupta, the ICC's seventh CEO, succeeds Allardice, whose exit in January reportedly stemmed from internal criticism over Pakistan's unpreparedness for the 2025 Champions Trophy. Gupta expressed excitement about leading cricket's next phase of growth on the global stage.



Samantha Ruth Prabhu Turns Heads in Rust Drape at U.S. Event

Samantha Ruth Prabhu once again proves her fashion-forward flair with a breathtaking new look from her recent appearance at an event in the United States. The actress, who also delivered a heartfelt and widely shared speech during the occasion, made just as strong an impact with her sartorial choice.

She chose a striking rust-orange drape, modernized with a structured corset-style blouse that perfectly blended contemporary design with traditional elegance. The ensemble struck a powerful balance—bold yet graceful, refined yet edgy. Samantha’s confident presence elevated the look, giving it a sense of individuality that’s become synonymous with her personal style.

The photos, taken in what appears to be an urban outdoor setting—possibly a street or pedestrian walkway—are both sleek and grounded. Wide-angle shots capture the organic movement of the drape, showing how it flows naturally with her posture. The color choice—a warm, earthy rust—stood out beautifully against the minimalist background, enhancing the richness of the outfit.

What truly sets the look apart is the thoughtful styling. Minimal accessories, natural makeup, and loosely styled hair allowed the outfit itself to be the focal point. It’s clear Samantha and her team intended to let the drape speak for itself, and it certainly does—loudly and stylishly.



The ensemble reflects Samantha’s ability to reinterpret traditional Indian wear with a modern sensibility. While many stars experiment with fusion fashion, few manage to maintain authenticity quite like she does.

Whether it was her powerful words or her unmistakable fashion statement, Samantha Ruth Prabhu has once again captured the spotlight—and rightly so.

Kantara Chapter 1: Rishab Shetty Roars Back in Fiery First Look

Rishab Shetty’s birthday came with a special gift—not just for him, but for fans eagerly awaiting the return to the mystical world of Kantara. The makers unveiled a powerful new poster from Kantara Chapter 1, the much-anticipated prequel to the 2022 blockbuster, and it’s nothing short of explosive.

In the newly released poster, Rishab Shetty is seen in full beast mode, gripping a massive axe and a traditional shield, his face locked in a fierce battle cry. The image captures raw energy, with flames and folklore blazing in the background. It’s a visceral reminder of the elemental power that defined Kantara—but this time, the story dives deeper into the roots of the legend.

Directed and written by Rishab himself, Kantara Chapter 1 explores the mythic origins of the forest, the deity, and the man who becomes its chosen protector. While the original film mesmerized audiences with its spiritual themes and rugged storytelling, the prequel promises to go even further, both in emotion and scale.

The production has officially wrapped, and post-production is in full swing. With everything on track, the film is set for a grand theatrical release on October 2nd, aligning with the Dussehra festivities—perfect timing for a film steeped in myth and tradition.

Produced by Vijay Kiragandur under the Hombale Films banner, Kantara Chapter 1 boasts an impressive team. Arvind S Kashyap returns as cinematographer, promising rich visuals, while B

Ajaneesh Loknath is back to score the soul-stirring soundtrack.

With intensity, intrigue, and an unmistakable Rishab Shetty signature, Kantara Chapter 1 is gearing up to be an unforgettable cinematic chapter. The legend is ready to rise—again.



SJ Suryah and A.R. Rahman Reunite for ‘Killer’: A Pan-Indian Thriller in the Making

SJ Suryah, known for pushing cinematic boundaries both as an actor and director, is stepping into his next ambitious venture titled Killer. Set to be a pan-Indian thriller, the film promises to deliver a compelling blend of storytelling, suspense, and musical brilliance—especially with the legendary A.R. Rahman now officially on board as the composer.

This marks the fifth collaboration between SJ Suryah and the Oscar-winning music maestro, a partnership that has previously gifted fans with memorable musical moments. Taking to social media, Suryah shared his excitement, calling the reunion with Rahman a “dream

come true once again,” and hinting that the music will be one of the film’s stand-out elements.

Killer isn’t just about big names—it also brings in rising talent. Actress Preethi Anju Asrani has been cast in a pivotal role, adding fresh energy to the film’s intriguing narrative. Though plot details remain under wraps, the film is expected to revolve around high-stakes drama, psychological tension, and emotional depth, delivered with Suryah’s signature intensity.

The project is being jointly produced by Sree Gokulam Movies and Angel Studios Movie Hub LLP, two banners known for

backing quality content with commercial appeal. With a strong creative team and a gripping premise, Killer is shaping up to be a high-impact film across multiple languages and markets.

As production gears up, anticipation is already building. Whether it’s the dynamic direction, the pan-Indian scope, or Rahman’s much-awaited soundtrack, Killer looks poised to become one of the most talked-about films of the year. More updates are expected soon as the team dives into filming—until then, fans can revel in the excitement of another epic Suryah-Rahman collaboration in the works.



Vijay Sethupathi, Samyuktha Kick Off Puri Jagannadh’s Pan-India Film in Hyderabad

Renowned director Puri Jagannadh has officially begun filming his latest Pan-India project, and the buzz is already building. The first day of shoot, which began in Hyderabad, features powerhouse performer Vijay Sethupathi alongside the talented Samyuktha, both of whom joined the production on day one.

A grand set has been erected in the city for the first schedule, focusing on talkie portions involving the lead actors. The shoot marks a critical moment for Puri, who is aiming to bounce back with a solid hit. With the spotlight firmly on this high-stakes project, the director is taking a meticulous approach to ensure it delivers on expectations.

Titled unofficially as #PuriSethupathi, the film is being crafted as a Pan-India spectacle, designed to appeal to audiences across languages and regions. The project is jointly bankrolled by Puri himself under the Puri Connects banner, alongside JB Narayan Rao Kondrolla of JB Mohan Pictures. Charmme Kaur comes on board as the presenter, further boosting the film’s profile.

Adding to the excitement, the ensemble cast includes acclaimed actress Tabu and action star Duniya Vijay in key roles. While details about their char-



acters are being kept under wraps, their presence adds substantial weight to the film’s star power.

Though much about the storyline and genre is still under wraps, the early signs point to a stylish, content-rich entertainer that combines commercial flair with powerful performances. The rest of the cast and technical team will be announced soon.

With Vijay Sethupathi at the center of the action and Puri Jagannadh at the helm, this untitled venture is shaping up to be one of the most anticipated films in the coming months. Stay tuned for more updates as the shoot progresses.

‘Ratsasan 2’ Announced: Will Bellamkonda Reprise His Role in Telugu Remake?

In a time where sequels are gaining momentum across Indian cinema, one of the most acclaimed thrillers, Ratsasan (2018), is all set to return with a sequel. The Tamil psychological crime thriller, directed by Ramkumar and starring Vishnu Vishal, is widely regarded as a benchmark in the genre for its intense storytelling and gripping suspense.

Tamil media reports confirm that Ratsasan 2 is officially in the works. Vishnu Vishal, who played the lead in the original, will reprise his role, and Ramkumar will return as director. In a recent interview, Vishnu Vishal shared his excitement about collaborating with Ramkumar again and said that filming for the sequel will commence soon. The announcement has sparked interest among Telugu cinema fans as well, with many wondering if Bellamkonda Sreenivas will take on the Telugu remake of the se-



quel. Rakshasudu, the Telugu adaptation of Ratsasan, was a major hit and is considered one of the best performances in Bellamkonda’s career. With Ratsasan 2 now greenlit, fans are eager to see if Rakshasudu 2 will also materialize.

However, any confirmation about a Telugu remake is expected only after Ratsasan 2 is released. For now, it remains speculation. Meanwhile, Bellamkonda has been seeking a career revival. After the success of Rakshasudu, he hasn’t delivered a major hit in the last five years. His most recent film, Bhairavam, underperformed at the box office. He is currently working on upcoming projects including Kishkindhapuri, Haindava, and Tyson Naidu. Whether or not he steps into the Rakshasudu universe again, fans are hopeful that a gripping thriller remake could bring the much-needed breakthrough in his career.