



EX MP MVV WILL BE ARRESTED SOON...?

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Andhra Pradesh: Another YSRC leader is going to be a remand prisoner very soon. Ex-MP Mr. MVV Satyanarayana, who is basically a realtor, is getting into a big scoop. The ex-MP visited the office of the Director, Town Planning, a week back, which is located at Mangalagiri. He argued with the Director, Town Planning, Vidyullata, for not giving permission for his 24-floor building at Visakhapatnam. As per the complaint of the Town Planning Director, he threatened her severely. The Director has given a complaint to the police and a case was registered accordingly. In 2019, he became an MP on behalf of YSRC from Visakhapatnam. But later onwards, many allegations have come against him and his business. Encroaching roads and including them into his real estate ventures, subsequently selling them, has been



noted. Many politicians have raised their voices against his encroachments. Janasena Corporator Murthy Yadav has agitated against his encroachments several times. In 2023, a kidnap issue exposed many financial irregularities of the ex-MP. A clash with a partner led to this kidnap. This incident became a headline in the media and everybody turned their eyes to his business. He started a film production house and produced

four to five films also. But even when he was MP, Mr. Jaganmohan Reddy removed him from the in-charge post, deputing another. It means Mr. Jagan had declared that he would not be an MP candidate again. He was thrown into a position to contest as MLA from Vizag East constituency against his will. The problem is that, keeping all these issues with him, he busted out on the Town Planning Director and gave himself into the hands of the police. Now, there is a buzz that he will be arrested very soon. Moreover, all his encroachments on government places and all other issues will become grounds to register more cases against him. Like that, one more YSRC leader will roam between prison and court for months together, it seems. Already the police are busy listing all his irregularities and allegations mounted on him. The details will be revealed very soon.



Jagan Slams Babu's 'Red Book' Rule

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Former Chief Minister and YSRCP chief YS Jagan Mohan Reddy accused the Chandrababu Naidu government of imposing an "emergency-like situation" through a "Red Book Constitution," stifling dissent in Andhra Pradesh. Visiting Nellore, Jagan met jailed former minister Kakani Govardhan Reddy and consoled former MLA Nallapareddi Prasanna Kumar Reddy, whose house was attacked. Addressing the media, he condemned the government's tactics. Jagan questioned restrictions on his movements, asking if meeting party members was a crime. He described unprecedented police deployment, barricades, and road excavations to block his supporters, alleging Naidu's fear of public backlash against his governance. Jagan claimed Naidu's administration, riddled with unfulfilled promises like Super Six and Seven, has led to public discontent, prompting efforts to silence opposition voices. Highlighting injustices, Jagan cited 14 cases against Kakani, with new charges filed as bail is granted, and the violent attack on Prasanna's home by 80 armed men, damaging property and threatening his 83-year-old mother. He warned that such actions sow "poisonous seeds" that will harm democracy, urging Naidu to end this "wrong tradition." Jagan accused the government of targeting YSRCP leaders with false cases, citing examples like Pinnelli Ramakrishna Reddy, Nandigam Suresh, and others.

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June 2026 Set as Deadline for Plastic Ban

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Andhra Pradesh is set to become a single-use plastic-free state by June 5, 2026, with the State Secretariat leading the way by achieving this goal by August 15, 2025, announced Principal Secretary (Municipal Administration & Urban Development) S. Suresh Kumar. Speaking at an awareness and training program held at the Secretariat on Friday, Kumar outlined Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu's vision to eliminate single-use plastics, aligning with the Swarna Andhra, Swachha Andhra campaign. Kumar highlighted the environmental and health hazards of single-use plastics, including microplastics that harm humans, animals, and ecosystems, contributing to pollution and even cancer risks. He detailed a robust action plan to ban items like plastic bottles, cups, plates, and carry bags in the Secretariat, replacing them with reusable and biodegradable alternatives. RO plants will ensure drinking water availability, and stainless steel bottles will be provided to employees. Three-colored dustbins for waste segregation will also be installed. Swachha Andhra Corporation MD B. Anil Kumar Reddy revealed the formation of a Secretariat Plastic-Free



Taskforce, chaired by the GAD Principal Secretary, to enforce the ban. Awareness programs for MLOs and vendors began on Friday, with promotional materials launching on August 5, a trial ban on August 11, and full implementation by August 15. Environmentally friendly alternatives will be promoted to ensure compliance. The initiative follows Naidu's directive to ban single-use plastics in 17 municipal corporations by October 2, 2025, and establish circular economy parks and recycling centers. The state aims to boost its GSDP by ₹15,000 crore annually through sustainable waste management, creating jobs for 1 lakh people. Employees and vendors were urged to cooperate in making the Secretariat a model for a plastic-free Andhra Pradesh.

Minister Reviews Singapore's Waste & Policing Systems

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Andhra Pradesh Municipal Administration and Urban Development Minister P. Narayana is currently on an official visit to Singapore, studying global urban planning and management models to shape Amaravati into a world-class capital city. Over the past six days, the Minister has been reviewing various infrastructure projects and holding discussions with key experts and officials in Singapore. On Friday morning, Minister Narayana, accompanied by CRDA Commissioner Kannababu, visited the ALBA Waste Management Plant. The plant specializes in handling solid waste

collected from households and industries, transforming it through advanced technologies. The Minister examined methods used for plastic and electronic waste recycling, along with the production of energy from other residual waste materials. Singapore officials briefed the Minister on the collection, transportation, and processing systems, which ensure minimal environmental impact. Narayana expressed keen interest in adopting similar models in Andhra Pradesh. The state government is already focusing on efficient solid waste management, including plans to develop waste-to-energy plants and electronic waste recycling facilities. Discussions were held on how some of

What Should've Been Stopped Was Fueled: CM Fires at YSRCP

TPN Correspondent | Kadapa

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu lashed out at the previous YSRCP regime, accusing it of dismantling central schemes and promoting a culture of provocation and destruction. Speaking at a Prajavedika Sabha in Gudem Cheruvu of Jammalamadugu constituency in Kadapa district, Chandrababu expressed sharp disapproval of the opposition's behavior and stressed the importance of responsible leadership. "What should have been reprimanded was let go... Will you provoke instead?" he questioned, in reference to YSRCP's silence on derogatory remarks made against Kovur MLA Prashanthi Reddy. "If a leader himself encourages such actions, what example are you setting for the party? When a person talks wildly, the leader should condemn it. But here, the leader is the one provoking," he said, clearly targeting former CM Jagan Mohan Reddy.

Drawing a sharp contrast, Chandrababu emphasized that while destruction is easy, maintaining and nurturing progress is the real challenge. "During YSRCP's five-year rule, they destroyed good initiatives. They even stopped central government schemes. Now we have to pick up the pieces," he remarked.

Chandrababu also warned miscreants, stating that drones are being used for surveillance and those who create trouble for the people will not be spared. "If you believe a newspaper witness and jump into Godavari holding a dog's tail, what will happen?" he said sarcastically. He affirmed his commitment to the development of the Jammalamadugu region and announced that the work for the long-pending Kadapa Steel Plant had begun. "Clear orders have been given to complete the first phase of the plant by December 2028. This will be a game changer for the region," he said. Chandrababu also highlighted tourism and infrastructure plans, announcing that Gandikota,

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CM Chandrababu Travels in Auto

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu surprised locals in Gudenchervu village of Jammalamadugu constituency by arriving personally to distribute a widow's pension. He visited the home of beneficiary Ulsala Alivelamma in YSR Kadapa district and interacted with her family to understand their living conditions and challenges. During the visit, Chandrababu spoke with Alivelamma's elder son Venugopal, a handloom worker, and inspected his loom. Venugopal informed the CM that his son Harshavardhan, aged 6, received support under the 'Talliki Vandanam' scheme. Later, the Chief Minister spoke with her younger son Jagadish, an auto driver. In a rare gesture, Chandrababu traveled in Jagadish's auto to the nearby Prajavedika, engaging in conversation about the family's financial struggles during the ride.

Remand Extended for Accused in Liquor Scam

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The Vijayawada ACB court has extended the judicial remand of all the accused in the high-profile Andhra Pradesh liquor scam case till August 13. As many as 12 individuals have been arrested in connection with the scam, including YSRCP MP Mithun Reddy. As the previous remand period concluded on Friday, the SIT officials brought 9 accused from the Vijayawada district jail to the court. The individuals presented include Dhanunjaya Reddy, Krish-

namohan Reddy, Raj K.C. Reddy, Paila Dilip, Venkatesh Naidu, Buneti Chanakya, Balaji Govindappa, Chevireddy Bhaskar Reddy, and Sajjala Sridhar Reddy. Additionally, two more accused were brought from Guntur district jail, while MP Mithun Reddy was brought from Rajahmundry central jail for court proceedings. The court has now directed that all the accused remain in judicial custody until August 13, as the SIT continues its investigation into the multi-crore liquor scam that has rocked the state.



these internationally proven strategies could be customized and implemented in select areas of Andhra Pradesh to enhance urban living standards. Later in the day, the Minister visited the Singapore Police Force Headquarters. He was given a detailed presentation by senior police officials about

Singapore's law enforcement strategies, public safety systems, and the advanced technologies employed to prevent and tackle crime. Minister Narayana appreciated the integration of smart surveillance, data analytics, and public engagement in maintaining law and order. Following his engagements in Singapore, the Minister left for Malaysia on Friday night. In Malaysia, he will continue his study tour focusing on urban development models including iconic structures like the Petronas Twin Towers, convention centers, and road infrastructure. The visit aims to gather inputs that can be adapted to accelerate the progress of Amaravati and other urban centers in Andhra Pradesh.



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known as the 'Grand Canyon of India,' would be developed with ₹85 crore. "We will install a grand statue of Sri Krishnadevaraya there. NTR began the Gandikota project, and I completed it. We've also initiated the lining of Handri-Neeva canal and repairs of local ponds," he added. Recalling the recent election results, he said, "We won seven out of ten seats in the joint Kadapa district in the 2024 elections. In the next elections, we will win ten out of ten. People are with us."

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He alleged widespread corruption in liquor, sand, and mining sectors, with TDP leaders profiting while public welfare schemes like Aarogyasri and Rythu Bharosa falter. Jagan vowed that YSRCP would hold wrongdoers accountable, warning officials that justice would prevail when his party returns to power.



Final Key of Mega DSC Released Today

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The Government of Andhra Pradesh conducted the Mega DSC-2025 examinations for filling 16,347 teacher posts across 89 categories from 06.06.2025 to 02.07.2025. After the release of the initial key, objections were invited online from the candidates. A team of subject experts thoroughly examined these objections and prepared the final key. The final key for the teacher recruitment examinations will be available on the official website <https://apdsc.apcfss.in> from Saturday. Candidates can download the final key from the official website of the School Education Department. No objections will be accepted on the final key, informed M. V. Krishna Reddy, Convenor, Mega DSC-2025.



SC Relief for Mohan Babu, Vishnu

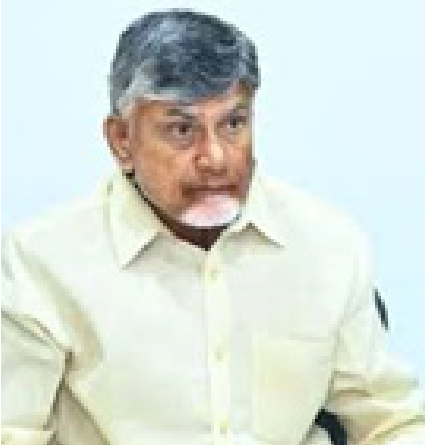
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The Supreme Court has granted relief to veteran actor Mohan Babu and his son Manchu Vishnu by quashing the criminal case filed against them in connection with a protest held in 2019 over pending fee reimbursement dues. The apex court bench comprising Justice BV Nagarathna and Justice KV Viswanathan ruled that the charges filed by police did not warrant prosecution. The case stemmed from a protest conducted by Mohan Babu, Vishnu, and staff of the Sri Vidyanikethan educational institutions in Tirupati on March 22, 2019. They staged a rally demanding the release of long-pending fee reimbursement funds for students, also raising slogans critical of the then state government. As the protest caused traffic disruptions, police registered an FIR under multiple sections for violating the model code of conduct during election season. Despite challenging the FIR in the Andhra Pradesh High Court, Mohan Babu's plea was dismissed. Subsequently, he approached the Supreme Court on March 3 this year. After reviewing the FIR and charge sheet filed by Chandragiri police on March 23, 2019, the Supreme Court observed that the charges were not applicable. The bench remarked that after reading the FIR and charge sheet together, it was unclear how the cited sections of law could be applied to the protest. The court set aside both the FIR and the charge sheet, offering relief to both father and son.

Nominated Posts Soon, Says CM

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Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has announced that the process of filling nominated posts will begin soon and assured that those who have worked hard for the party will be given due recognition. During a teleconference with TDP leaders, ministers, MLAs, MPs, MLCs, and coordinators on Friday, Chandrababu emphasized the importance of party workers and their contributions. He noted that the party had pre-

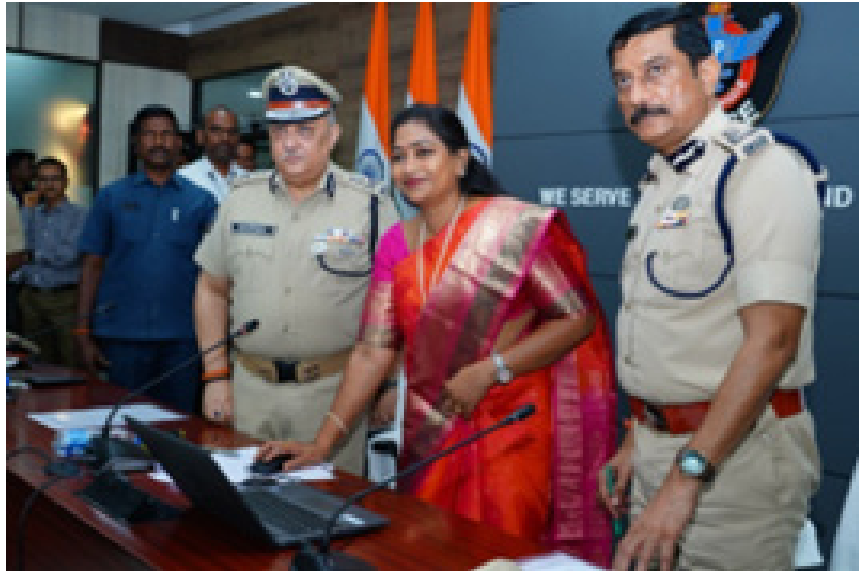


viously suffered due to its inability to effectively communicate

its achievements to the people. This time, he directed the party cadre to ensure that all initiatives of the coalition government are widely publicized among the public. He called on leaders and activists to actively participate in the inauguration events of flagship programs such as Annadata Sukhibhava and free bus travel for women, scheduled to be launched this month. Chandrababu also took the opportunity to criticize the former YSRCP government, alleging that farmers were severely neglected and deceived during Y.S. Jagan

Mohan Reddy's rule. He claimed that promises made under the banner of farmer assurance were not fulfilled, and that the farming community suffered under the previous regime. Highlighting the coalition government's commitment to agriculture, Chandrababu said that a total financial assistance of ₹20,000 per farmer will be directly deposited into their accounts, combining both central and state government contributions. He reiterated that farmers are a top priority for the current administration.

AP Constable Final Results Out



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Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha on Friday released the final results for the recruitment of 6,100 constables in the State Police Department. The announcement took place at the Police Headquarters in Mangalagiri in the presence of DGP Harish Kumar Gupta, Recruitment Board Chairman R.K. Meena, Additional DGP N. Madhusudhan Reddy, and other senior officials. Of the total posts, 3,580 are Civil Constables (both male and female), and 2,520 are APSF Constables (male). Visakhapatnam's Gandhi Nanaji topped the list with 168 marks, followed by G. Ramya Madhuri from Vizianagaram with 159 marks and Merugu Achyutaravu from Rajahmundry with 144.5 marks. The Home Minister revealed that a total of 5,03,486 candidates applied online, out of which 4,59,182

appeared for the preliminary exam. Of them, 95,208 were eligible for physical tests, and 38,914 qualified for the final written exam held on July 10. In total, 33,921 candidates were declared eligible. She added that 1,063 women were selected among the 3,580 Civil Constable posts. Training for the selected candidates will commence in the first week of September. The final merit list and category-wise cutoff marks are available on www.slprb.ap.gov.in. For further assistance, candidates can contact 9441450639 or 9100203323, or email at mail-slprb@ap.gov.in. DGP Harish Kumar Gupta congratulated the selected candidates and stated that CCTV installations in all police stations are underway. He added that 95 acres have been acquired in Agiripalli mandal of Eluru district for the new Andhra Pradesh Police Academy (APPA), and the construction will begin soon.

Atchannaidu Slams Jagan for Provoking Violence

TPN Correspondent | Srikakulam

Minister for Agriculture Kinjarapu Atchannaidu strongly criticized YSRCP chief Jagan Mohan Reddy, alleging that he is instigating violence and promoting political unrest after his defeat in the 2024 elections. Atchannaidu claimed that Jagan has lost mental balance and is unable to digest the development and welfare being implemented by the current coalition government under Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu. The Minister condemned Jagan's alleged call for attacks on ministers' houses and his support for leaders with criminal records and indecent behaviour. Atchannaidu said such statements are nothing short of an assault on democracy. He accused Jagan of backing rowdy elements and recalled that YSRCP had encouraged political violence during its tenure, including attacks on opposition leaders in Visakhapatnam, Hindupur, Mangalagiri, and Bhimavaram. Atchannaidu warned that Jagan is once again trying to revive violent politics, which the people have already rejected. He highlighted the



massive corruption and misuse of power during the YSRCP regime and said the public has not forgotten the suffering caused under Jagan's rule. He pointed out that while the present government is implementing schemes like Talli ki Vandanam, free gas cylinders, pensions, bus travel for women, and drone farming, Jagan is resorting to divisive tactics. He questioned why Jagan visited leaders accused of vulgarity and corruption but failed to support a party worker who died under his convoy. Atchannaidu concluded that Andhra Pradesh is on a progressive path and any attempt to derail peace will be met with strict action. The coalition government remains committed to development, welfare, and law and order.

CM Chandrababu Receives Warm Farewell



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Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu received a warm farewell from ministers, MLAs, and district officials as he concluded his one-day visit to YSR Kadapa district on Friday. After completing his tour of Gudem Cheruvu in Jammalamadugu mandal and Gandikota, the Chief Minister departed from Kadapa Airport to Vijayawada at 6:55 PM. At the airport, several leaders and officials gathered to bid farewell. The group included District In-charge Minister and BC Welfare

Minister S. Savitha, Tourism and Cinematography Minister Kandula Durgesh, Government Whip and Jammalamadugu MLA Adinarayana Reddy, District Collector Dr. Sridhar Cherukuri, and Superintendent of Police E.G. Ashok Kumar. MLAs from Mydukur and Kamalapuram—Putta Sudhakar Yadav and Putta Krishna Chaitanya Reddy—as well as Proddatur MLA N. Varadarajulu Reddy, former MLC B.Tech Ravi, and local leaders Srinivasa Reddy, Putta Narasimha Reddy, and Govardhan Reddy were also present, along with several other district officials.



Three Cases Filed During Jagan's Visit

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Three police cases have been registered in connection with the recent visit of YSR Congress Party chief and former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy to Nellore. The cases stem from violations committed by YSRCP leaders and supporters during the event. According to police reports, a tense situation unfolded near the residence of former Minister P. Prasannakumar Reddy, where party leaders and workers allegedly dismantled barricades set up by police. The commotion led to Special Branch Head Constable Malakondaiah of Kavali falling under a barricade and suffering a fractured arm. Following the incident, police filed a case against Prasannakumar Reddy, Bobbala Srinivas Yadav, Patapati Prabhakar, and others involved in the confrontation. In a separate incident, a protest

held on the road during Jagan's visit created traffic disruptions. For obstructing the public and violating traffic regulations, the Dargamitta police booked another case against Prasannakumar Reddy and several party members. Additionally, police registered a third case for conducting a motorcycle rally without obtaining prior permission, which is a violation of public gathering norms. This case was also filed by the Dargamitta police station. Police sources stated that all three cases were registered based on video evidence and reports from officers on duty. Authorities are expected to issue notices to the accused for further inquiry. The incidents have raised questions about crowd control and law enforcement preparedness during political visits. Police have assured that they will handle all such incidents strictly in accordance with the law.

Free Power for 65,000 Weaving Families: Min Savitha

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In a major boost to the handloom sector, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has announced the launch of a free electricity scheme for weavers, which will come into effect from August 7, coinciding with National Handloom Day. Under the scheme, weavers using traditional looms will be provided 200 units of free electricity, while those operating upgraded looms will receive 500 units free of cost. The scheme is expected to benefit around 65,000 weaving families across the state, with an annual financial burden of Rs.125 crore on the government. This marks the fulfilment of another

key election promise made by the coalition government, aiming to support the traditional handloom sector that suffered losses during the previous regime. Textile and Handlooms Minister Savitha expressed gratitude to CM Chandrababu for initiating the scheme and said the move would offer significant financial relief to weaver families. The scheme was finalized after consultations between the CM and the minister during Chandrababu's recent visit to Kadapa for pension distribution programs. Over the years, the TDP-led coalition has implemented several measures to strengthen the handloom sector. These include



a new textiles policy with an outlay of Rs.10,000 crore aimed at creating employment for 1.51 lakh individuals, enhanced NTR Bharosa pensions from Rs.3,000 to Rs.4,000 for 92,724 weavers, and financial support through thrift schemes and cooperative bank loans. Skill development programs

have also been initiated across five districts to train weavers in contemporary textile designs. Exhibitions were organized in seven major cities to market handloom products, while AP State Handloom Weavers Co-operative Society (APCO) facilitated direct-to-home deliveries through e-commerce platforms. Plans are also in place to develop textile parks in Rayadurgam, Hindupur, Brandix, and Emmiganur, along with constructing a Rs.172 crore Unity Mall in Visakhapatnam. The state government has also partnered with private textile firms like Tata Taneira and Aditya Birla Group to ensure better marketing and employment opportunities for weavers.

MP Questions Low Pay for Anganwadi, MGNREGA

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Machilipatnam MP Vallabhaneni Balashowry raised critical concerns about Anganwadi workers and MGNREGA wages during the winter session of Parliament on Friday, pressing the Union Ministry of Women and Child Development for answers. In a pointed query, Balashowry asked about the performance of Anganwadi centres in Andhra Pradesh, the stagnation of Anganwadi workers' honorarium since 2018, and whether MGNREGA wages could be linked to inflation.



Union Minister of State Savitri Thakur responded in writing, citing Poshan Tracker

data showing improved nutrition indicators for children across India, including Andhra Pradesh. She provided details of child malnutrition indices (0-5 years) and household visits by Anganwadi workers in the state for June 2024 and 2025. Thakur clarified that Anganwadi workers and helpers are "honorary workers" who volunteer for child care and development, receiving a fixed honorarium. Since October 2018, the Centre raised the honorarium for Anganwadi workers at regular centres from ₹3,000 to ₹4,500 monthly, for mini-centres from ₹2,250 to ₹3,500, and for helpers from ₹1,500 to ₹2,250, with cost-sharing between the Centre and states. Additional

performance-based incentives of ₹500 for workers and ₹250 for helpers are provided, alongside state-specific top-ups.]](https://www.devdiscourse.com/article/headlines/3525934-no-honorarium-hike-for-anganwadi-workers-ministry-confirms)

On MGNREGA wages, Thakur stated no proposal exists to link them to inflation, without elaborating on reasons. Balashowry's questions highlight the plight of Anganwadi workers, whose honorarium has not increased in seven years despite rising costs, and MGNREGA workers facing stagnant wages. The MP's office emphasized his commitment to advocating for Andhra Pradesh's rural workforce, urging the government to address these pressing issues to ensure fair compensation and improved welfare services.

Sharmila Slams CM on Farmer Neglect

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Andhra Pradesh Congress Committee (APCC) chief Y.S. Sharmila Reddy launched a blistering attack on Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, accusing his coalition government of deceiving farmers under the guise of the Annadata Sukheebhava scheme. Addressing the media, Sharmila alleged that Naidu's pre-election promise of ₹20,000 per farmer has been diluted by linking it to the Centre's ₹6,000 PM Kisan scheme, leaving the state contributing only ₹14,000. Sharmila highlighted that out of 76.07 lakh farmers in Andhra Pradesh, the government shortlisted only 47 lakh for the scheme, excluding nearly 30 lakh farmers through arbitrary filtering. "Naidu's Annadata Sukheebhava is not about farmers' prosperity but their misery," she charged, pointing to similar cuts in other promises like gas cylinders and the Talliki Vandanam scheme, which she claimed benefit only half the eligible population. Questioning Naidu's integrity, Sharmila recalled his opposition days when he criticized linking state and central schemes. "Why didn't you clarify before elections that the ₹20,000 included the Centre's share? Why merge PM Kisan, a national scheme, with your promise?" she demanded. She accused Naidu of backtracking on his "big promises" and misleading farmers for votes. The APCC chief emphasized that the Congress party stands firmly with farmers, demanding that the state government directly provide ₹20,000 per farmer under Annadata Sukheebhava, independent of central funds. "Chandrababu must answer for this betrayal," Sharmila asserted, urging the government to honor its election commitments without excuses. She warned that the Congress would intensify its fight if farmers' grievances remain unaddressed, signaling a growing opposition challenge to the coalition's governance. The public, Sharmila added, is watching Naidu's actions closely as the state grapples with unfulfilled promises.



BTech Ravi's Wife to Contest Poll: CM Ramesh

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BJP MP CM Ramesh made sharp political comments while revealing that the Pulivendula ZPTC elections are approaching. He announced that BTech Ravi's wife, a TDP leader, will contest the election and confidently stated that she is certain to win. He ruled out any possibility of the YSRCP returning to power in Andhra Pradesh, asserting that the current public sentiment is



against them. Highlighting the difference in leadership styles, CM Ramesh remarked that it is only due to Chandrababu Naidu's patience and democratic nature that YSRCP leaders like Jagan are able to move freely today. "Had Chandrababu followed a factional approach like Peddi Reddy, action would have been taken long ago. But Chandrababu thinks for the good of the state, not for revenge," Ramesh said. He also slammed YSRCP for

nurturing a culture of factionalism in Andhra Pradesh and claimed he could produce a list of violent incidents to prove it. Questioning the previous YSRCP rule, CM Ramesh asked why Chandrababu Naidu and Pawan Kalyan couldn't be stopped from moving freely if the previous government was so powerful. "Chandrababu doesn't think like Jagan. He is not driven by factionalism," he concluded.

YSRCP Slams Govt for Obstructing Visit

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The YSRCP leadership declared former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy's recent visit to Nellore a grand success, despite what they termed as deliberate and undemocratic attempts by the ruling alliance to obstruct it. Party leaders accused the government of trying every tactic—from road blockades using barricades and JCBs to issuing police notices and filing cases—to prevent public participation. At a press meet in the Nellore district party office, MLC Parvatareddy Chandrasekhara Reddy, former MLA Nallapareddy Prasanna Kumar Reddy, Anam Vijay Kumar Reddy, Meraga Murali, and Kakani Poojitha voiced strong criticism of the state's actions. They said permission for the helipad was delayed, and public movement was restricted with police imposing 35 different conditions. Over 3,000 YSRCP leaders were served notices. Despite the pressure, thousands of enthusiastic supporters voluntarily walked alongside Jagan, proving his continued public appeal. Chandrasekhara Reddy said, "We'll

gladly receive any police notices. Jagan's visit gave hope to a



district witnessing political vendetta." Prasanna Kumar Reddy condemned police action against women leaders and said the use of force exposed fear within the ruling coalition. Kakani Poojitha expressed gratitude for Jagan's personal visit, saying it gave her family courage during adversity. "He stood by us like an elder brother," she said, questioning whether we still lived in a democracy. Anam Vijay Kumar Reddy and Meraga Murali highlighted that despite lathi charges and road closures from Sullurpet to Udayagiri, YSRCP cadres marched in solidarity with Jagan. The leaders affirmed that no amount of intimidation could shake their faith or deter the people's support.

Pensioners Can Claim Missed Payouts: Minister

TPN Correspondent | Bapatla

Under the NTR Bharosa Pension Scheme, eligible beneficiaries across Bapatla district are receiving their monthly pensions for August, announced State Revenue, Registration and Stamps Minister Anagani Satya Prasad. On Friday, the minister participated in the pension distribution program at Penumudi village in Repalle mandal. He began the day with a special puja and harathi to River Krishna at the Penumudi Pushkara bathing ghat, alongside District Collector J. Venkata Murali. The minister personally visited the homes of beneficiaries and handed over pensions, including old age pensions to Alla Mangamma, Gottimukala Brahmaneswara Rao, and Ankima Venkateswara Rao; disability pensions to Alla Lakshmi Tirupatamma and Chevuluri Mahalaxmi; and widow pensions to Kokkiligadda Pamulamma, Sajja Lakshmi, and Mopidevi Kumari. Speaking on the occasion, the minister and collector enquired about the welfare of pensioners and whether pensions were being received on time. They reiterated the Chief Minister's commitment



to doorstep pension delivery on the 1st of every month. They also clarified that beneficiaries can claim up to three months' pensions at once if they miss any previous disbursements. Minister Satya Prasad stated that from this month, spouse pensions are being distributed to widows whose husbands received pensions and passed away between 2019 and 2023. A total of 1,08,206 spouse pensions amounting to ₹43.28 crore are being distributed across all 26 districts of Andhra Pradesh. In Bapatla district, 4,233 spouse pensions are being distributed across six constituencies, 25 mandals, and four municipalities—amounting to ₹1.69 crore. Specifically, in Repalle constituency, 756 spouse pensions worth ₹30.24 lakh are being disbursed. Repalle Revenue Division Officer Ramalakshmi, Mandal Revenue Officer Srinivas Rao, and others participated in the program.

Amaravati to Bloom as India’s Greenest Capital: CM Naidu

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu unveiled an ambitious vision to transform Amaravati into India's largest lung space city, rooted in the “Amaravati in Nature” concept. Reviewing the city's Beautification and Green-Blue Master Plan at the Secretariat on Friday, Naidu directed officials to create a vibrant, eco-friendly capital with lush avenues, scenic roads, green belts, and buffer zones.

Naidu emphasized planting native and medicinal species to foster biodiversity, drawing inspiration from Bengaluru and Singapore's Bidadari Estate, a 250-acre housing project for 10,000 residents. He proposed international-standard parks named after countries, showcasing their native flora, and year-round blooming trees to captivate residents and tourists. The Krishna Riverfront, Kondaveeti Vagu, and canals will be developed into serene



retreats with cycling tracks. The Chief Minister advocated for housing projects surrounded by tree-lined parks, ensuring a pollution-free environment. A 50-acre reservoir at

Shakamuru will be encircled by greenery, while six islands upstream of Prakasam Barrage will become scenic riverfront zones. Undavalli Hill will be transformed into a floral forest, visible from all directions. Naidu suggested consulting yoga guru Baba Ramdev for cultivating medicinal herbs and promoting Kadiyam's nurseries. Indigenous species from across India, from the Himalayas to Kanyakumari, will be

grown to enhance ecological balance. Local universities and students will be involved in beautification efforts, ensuring community participation. The plan integrates Amaravati's cultural heritage with modern amenities, aiming for sustainable development. Naidu stressed that all initiatives, from road plantations to riverfront designs, must prioritize environmental health, making Amaravati a model for livable, green urban spaces in India.

Govt Bans Single-Use Plastic at Secretariat

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati

Andhra Pradesh has taken a significant step toward becoming a single-use plastic-free state by June 5, 2026, following the call given by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu. As part of the initiative, the state Secretariat will become free of single-use plastic items by August 15, 2025, announced Principal Secretary of the Municipal Administration and Urban Development Department S. Suresh Kumar. He addressed an awareness and training session held at the Secretariat on Friday, attended by MLOs of various departments. Suresh Kumar emphasized the harmful effects of single-use plastics, including environmental pollution and health hazards caused by microplastics. He noted that several cancer cases have been linked to plastic exposure. As part of this mission, the Secretariat will immediately ban the sale, distribution, and use of plastic bottles, cups, plates, stickers, sachets, and carry bags. The government will promote alternatives like reusable and biodegradable products. RO plants will be installed for drinking water in all blocks, and reusable stainless-steel water bottles will be provided to employees. Further, three-color dustbins will be introduced for solid waste segregation. The comprehensive action plan is being implemented in collaboration with Swachh Andhra Corporation. Swachh Andhra Corporation MD B. Anil Kumar Reddy announced the formation of a Secretariat Plastic-Free Task Force, chaired by the GAD Principal Secretary. Sensitization and training sessions for MLOs and vendors are underway, with publicity materials to be released on August 5. A trial implementation of the ban is scheduled for August 11, followed by full-scale enforcement from August 15.



NTR Health VC Urges Modern Medical Learning



TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada

The 44th Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Nephrology – Southern Chapter began on Friday at SS Convention Centre in Vijayawada. The three-day event was formally inaugurated by Dr. P. Chandrasekhar, Vice-Chancellor of Dr. NTR University of Health Sciences, along with AP Medical Council Chairman Dr. D. Sriharirao and renowned nephrologist Dr. Nalamati Amman. The event saw the participation of over 600 delegates from across South India. Speaking at the event, Dr. Chandrasekhar stressed the need to embrace modern medical advancements and ensure better healthcare services, especially for people in rural areas. He said that such conferences serve as a great platform to understand the latest developments in treatments, medical technologies, and drug innovations. He urged healthcare professionals to focus not only on treatment but also on creating awareness among the public on disease prevention. Dr. D. Sriharirao praised the Andhra Pradesh Nephrology Society for hosting this prestigious event and expressed confidence that it would become a milestone in southern India's medical landscape. He emphasized the importance of continuous learning and collaboration among medical professionals to address growing health challenges. Dr. Nalamati Amman, the Organising Chairman, highlighted that the conference would discuss advancements, challenges, and innovations in nephrology. He added that the goal is to provide internationally benchmarked treatments and to enhance the skills of nephrologists in the region. Organising Secretary Dr. G. Sivarama Krishna and other key figures were also present at the inaugural session. The conference will feature expert talks and sessions on various nephrology topics over the next two days.

Pro Kabaddi Back in AP After 7 Years

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati

The Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) is set to make a grand return to Andhra Pradesh after a seven-year hiatus, with the 12th season kicking off on August 29 at Visakhapatnam's Rajiv Gandhi Indoor Stadium. The opening match will feature a thrilling clash between Telugu Titans and Tamil Thalaivas, marking a significant moment for sports enthusiasts in the state, announced Sports Authority of Andhra Pradesh (SAAP) Chairman Animini Ravinaidu in a statement released on Friday. Ravinaidu expressed delight at PKL's homecoming, noting that the 2018 Season 6 in Visakhapatnam left fans enthralled. “The 12th season will create another unforgettable experience,” he said, emphasizing the state's commitment to hosting a memorable tournament. The Andhra Pradesh government and SAAP will extend full support to PKL organizers, associate partners, and sponsors to ensure the event's success, he assured. The season, spanning Visakhapatnam, Jaipur, Chennai, and Delhi, will



see 12 teams compete for glory. The opening weekend in Vizag promises high-octane action, with Telugu Titans facing UP Yoddhas on August 30 and Tamil Thalaivas taking on U Mumba on Super Sunday, alongside reigning champions Haryana Steelers beginning their title defense against Bengal Warriorz. The return to Vizag, a kabaddi stronghold since Seasons 1 and 3, is expected to reignite the region's passion for the sport. Ravinaidu highlighted the state's dedication to fostering sports, stating that the PKL's return aligns with efforts to promote kabaddi and engage fans. The multi-city format, praised by PKL Commissioner Anupam Goswami, aims to deepen the league's connection with its fanbase, with Visakhapatnam poised to play a pivotal role in this new chapter.

Police Commissioner Reviews Dasara Security



TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada

With the grand Dasara Sharannavaratri Mahotsavams set to begin from September 22 to October 2, 2025, Vijayawada Police Commissioner S.V. Rajasekhar Babu, conducted a review meeting to oversee arrangements. This year's celebrations will span 11 days, drawing devotees from across the state, other states, and even abroad to the famous Sri Durga Malleswara Swamy Temple. The meeting, held at the Commissioner's Office conference hall, included temple authorities and senior police officers. Discussions focused on crowd management, queue systems, bathing ghats, prasadam counters, and ensuring seamless darshan for devotees. Special emphasis was laid on minimizing congestion and avoiding inconvenience to pilgrims during

the high-footfall festival. The Commissioner stressed the need for quick and comfortable darshan arrangements for common devotees. Discussions also covered improvements to traffic regulation, deployment of police forces, and real-time information dissemination to guide devotees. The review further involved detailed planning for providing adequate facilities, maintaining law and order, and ensuring round-the-clock monitoring of the premises. Among those present were DCP K.G.V. Saritha IPS, T. Tirumaleswara Reddy IPS, SVD Prasad, Temple EO Sreenanayak, ADCs G. Ramakrishna, A.V.L. Prasanna Kumar, K. Koteswara Rao, ACP West Durgarao, Inspector Guru Prakash, temple officials, and staff.

Bapatla Police Busts Nationwide Cyber Scam

TPN Correspondent | Bapatla

Bapatla district police have cracked a sensational cybercrime case by arresting two cybercriminals from Rajasthan who operated fake websites mimicking popular tourist and temple destinations across India. The accused, Paranjeet (20) and Bittu (21), from Sahasan village in Bharatpur district, duped unsuspecting users by creating fake websites resembling APTDC Haritha Resorts in Suryalanka, TTD, Srisailam, and Trimbakeshwar temples. Following a complaint filed on June 16, 2024, by the Haritha Resort manager, a case was registered

under IPC Section 420 and IT Act Section 66-D. Under the leadership of SP Tushar Dudi IPS, two special teams tracked the suspects using NCRP and financial portals. A total of 127 complaints from 18 states were found, with a fraud amount of nearly ₹50 lakh. The accused were arrested in Rajasthan on July 23 and produced in ACJM-II court before being shifted to Guntur jail. They will be in police custody on August 1 and 2. SP Tushar Dudi warned citizens to avoid clicking suspicious links and report cyber frauds to 1930 or cyber-crime.gov.in.



Grievance Day Held to Resolve Farmers’ Issues

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada

The Andhra Pradesh Capital Region Development Authority (AP-CRDA) organized a Grievance Day at its Thulluru office to address the concerns of farmers from the Amaravati Capital Region. G. Surya Sai Praveenchand, Additional Commissioner of APCRDA, received petitions from several farmers, primarily regarding issues under the Negotiated Settlement Policy (NSP), village boundary lands, assigned lands,

annuity payments, and other land-related grievances. The Additional Commissioner assured the petitioners that immediate steps would be taken, particularly on issues related to Lanka and assigned lands, in alignment with government directives. He also directed officials from concerned departments to initiate prompt action on the grievances raised. During the session, CRDA officials resolved a majority of the issues on the spot. For the

remaining complaints, appropriate steps were initiated, and officials emphasized that public grievances are being addressed without delay. The Grievance Day sessions are held every Friday from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, and farmers were urged to take full advantage of this weekly forum. A total of 78 petitions were received during the session. These included 73 land-related issues from Amaravati, 3 pertaining to the Planning Department, and 1

each under Infra-I and Infra-II categories. The event was attended by GRM Nodal Officer P. Jayashree, Special Deputy Collectors B. Srinivasa Naik, M. Seshireddy, K.S. Bhagyarekha, P. Padmavathi, A.G. Chinni Krishna, G. Ravinder, G. Bheemaroo, CRDA Survey Assistant Director G. Panduranga Rao Ramakrishnan, Tahsildars, Zonal Joint Director, Senior Planner C.H. Madhusudhan, and other senior officials.



Kurnool Gears Up for PM-Kisan Event



TPN Correspondent | Kurnool
Kurnool District Collector P. Ranjith Basha has directed officials to successfully organize the Annadata Sukhibhava-PM Kisan programme across the district

on Saturday. During a teleconference held on Friday with constituency special officers, mandal special officers, tahsildars, and agriculture department officials, the Collector emphas-

sized the need for well-planned arrangements. He instructed that the event be conducted in every assembly constituency and at Rythu Seva Kendras (RSKs), ensuring farmer participation on a large scale. The programme will include a live stream of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's address from Varanasi between 11 AM and 12 Noon, as well as Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu's participation from Prakasam district. The Collector directed officials to arrange TVs at all RSKs for live coverage. In addition, he said the event must also be held at AMCs, PACS, and KVKs. Ministers, MPs, MLAs, MLCs, and other public repre-

sentatives should be formally invited to take part in the programme. Awareness should also be created among farmers on agricultural topics during the event. Pamphlets containing programme details must be distributed to farmers, the Collector added. He also instructed officials to clearly explain how much amount is being deposited under the Annadata Sukhibhava scheme, and if any farmer hasn't received it, the reason must be provided. Joint Collector Dr. B. Navya, District Agriculture Officer Varalakshmi, officials from the agriculture department, and tahsildars participated in the teleconference.

Land for Every Family: Collector

TPN Correspondent | Tirupati
In a proactive step toward addressing rural issues, Tirupati District Collector Dr. S. Venkateshwar visited Irakam Island in Tada mandal on Friday, where he conducted a special gram sabha. The event was also attended by Sullurupeta MLA Nelavala Vijayasree, who brought the villagers' concerns directly to the attention of the district administration. Interacting with the residents, Collector Venkateshwar stated that multiple issues had been highlighted by the MLA, particularly relating to education and housing. "Children in the village are facing hardships commuting to school, and there is a serious demand for housing sites. In response, the government has decided to identify suitable government lands and allot 2.50 cents of land to



each family on August 14," he announced. MLA Nelavala Vijayasree added that 95 new pension sanctions have already been approved for Irakam residents. She also informed the gathering that under the first installment of Rythu Bharosa, eligible farmers will receive financial assistance starting tomorrow. "This is a people's government committed to the welfare of all sections," she emphasized. The meeting saw significant participation from local leaders, former MP Nelavala Subrahmanyam, RDVO E. Kiran Mai, and a large number of villagers. The gram sabha created a platform for direct dialogue between officials and villagers, enabling real-time feedback and decision-making. This initiative underscores the government's commitment to rural development and welfare through transparent, ground-level interaction with communities.

Make Use of Mothers' Milk Bank



TPN Correspondent | Guntakal
As part of the World Breastfeeding Week celebrations being held from August 1 to 7, medical staff from the PP Unit of Area Hospital, Guntakal, urged mothers to make use of the district's prestigious Mothers' Milk Bank. The awareness event saw participation from PP Unit doctors Dr. Gangadhar, Dr. Aruna, Dr. Haritha, Dr. Lakshmi Devi, Health Supervisor, ASHA workers, and Health Educator Venu Gopal. Pregnant women and lactating mothers also attended in good numbers. During the session, doctors highlighted the importance of breastfeeding and explained the nutritional value of breast milk. They emphasized that the yellowish colostrum, produced within the first hour after birth, is like nectar for the newborn. They advised mothers to

feed only breast milk for the first six months, noting that it is a complete food for infants and helps in building immunity to protect against diseases. The doctors informed the participants that a Mothers' Milk Bank has been set up at the District General Hospital to support infants in need. They urged the public to be aware of the facility and utilize it when necessary. The health team and ASHA workers pledged to actively promote breastfeeding and educate families about its health benefits. The event was conducted as part of the global efforts to promote exclusive breastfeeding and reduce infant mortality rates. The health officials reiterated their commitment to spreading awareness in every community and called on families to support breastfeeding mothers.

MLA Koona to Attend US Legislative Meet



TPN Correspondent | Srikakulam
Amadalavalasa MLA and AP PUC Chairman Koona Ravikumar has earned a rare honour by being selected to participate in the prestigious Global Legislative Summit (NCSL) to be held in Boston, USA, on August 4-6. He is among the 130-member historic Indian delegation of MLAs and MLCs

from 28 states and 21 political parties. Speaking on the occasion, Ravi Kumar said he is proud to represent Andhra Pradesh and his constituency on such a global platform. He emphasized that this is not just international recognition, but an opportunity to learn global best practices in governance to better serve the public.

The summit will focus on AI in governance, digital democracy, cybersecurity, voter trust, and policy innovation. The delegation will also engage in dialogue with global leaders and Indian-origin professionals from diverse fields. Ravi Kumar thanked NLC India and founder Dr. Rahul V. Karad for the opportunity.

Pink Bus Cancer Camps in 16 PHCs

TPN Correspondent | Tirupati
As part of a widespread health initiative, Sri Venkateswara Institute of Medical Sciences (SVIMS), Tirupati, will conduct Pink Bus screening camps in 16 Primary Health Centres (PHCs) across Tirupati district throughout August. The camps are being organized under the supervision of Dr. K. Nagaraj, Head of Community Medicine, as per the directives of SVIMS Director-cum-Vice Chancellor Dr. R.V. Kumar. In line with the Andhra Pradesh state government's guidelines and with the cooperation of the District Medical and Health Department, these mobile cancer screening initiatives aim to provide early detection services and raise awareness among the public. Two Pink Buses will travel across different



PHCs, focusing on cancer awareness and screening for both men and women. The screening includes free tests for blood pressure and blood sugar levels. For women, the Pink Bus will offer

mammography for breast cancer detection and Pap smear tests to identify cervical cancer. For men and women alike, the camps will also include oral cancer screening. All these services are provided

free of cost, encouraging people to take proactive steps toward their health. SVIMS urges residents in the scheduled areas to utilize this opportunity for early diagnosis and health awareness. The detailed schedule for the camps is as follows:
August 4: KVIB Puram, Kovanur
August 7: Nidigurthi, Chinnapanaduru
August 11: Vallipedu, Chintavaram
August 14: Varagali, Balireddypalem
August 18: GK Palli, Chennuru
August 21: Balayapalli, Dakkili
August 25: Chittedu, Chillakur
August 28: Dasukuppam, Bangarupeta
These camps are expected to benefit hundreds of villagers by bringing preventive healthcare closer to home.

MLA Vows to Boost Sports



TPN Correspondent | Srikakulam
Local MLA Gondu Shankar has pledged to strengthen the sports ecosystem in Srikakulam district by enhancing infrastructure and nurturing young talent. Inaugurating a district-level seminar for PETS (Physical Education Teachers) and PDs (Physical Directors) at Kodi Rammurthy Stadium on Friday, the MLA emphasized his commitment to shaping the stadium into a premier sports hub of the state.

Addressing the gathering, Shankar said, "My goal is to see athletes from Srikakulam make a mark at national and international levels. We are committed to completing the stadium's development within the next six months and dedicating it to the people of the district." He highlighted the role of sports in student development, stating that participation in games not only improves physical strength but also nurtures mental empathy, discipline, and social responsibility among youth. Sports, he added, inspire individuals and act as a strong foundation for building society. The seminar saw active participation from sports association representatives including P. Sundara Rao and M.V. Ramana, Srikakulam division education officials, TDP youth leader Reddy Girija Shankar, and TDP city president Madarapu Venkatesh. Officials announced that a comprehensive district-level action plan has been designed to promote sports through educational institutions. Special programs will be implemented to instill sports culture among students across the district. PETS and PDs present at the seminar shared various suggestions and feedback to improve physical education at the grassroots level. The event proved to be informative and motivational for all participants.

Rs. 1.73 Crore Cyber Fraud Busted

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In a major breakthrough, the Anantapur police, under the supervision of SP P. Jagadeesh, have arrested a five-member cyber fraud gang involved in a fake investment scam operated from Cambodia and coordinated through Delhi. Authorities seized ₹41.20 lakh in cash, 8 mobile phones, a car, 20 ATM cards, 15 SIM cards, 5 bank passbooks, 10 cheque books, and 2 Wi-Fi routers. The gang lured Veparalla-based software engineer Narasimhappa through fake Facebook investment ads and tricked him into joining a WhatsApp group linked to fraudulent apps like VIP66 Bajaj investment and K26 Zerodha. Initially, he invested ₹12 lakh and was shown fake profits, increasing his trust. Over a month, from April 15 to May 14, he invested a total of ₹1.73 crore. When he attempted to withdraw ₹3.4 crore (investment + fake profits), he was told to pay 40% in taxes, raising suspicion and prompting him to file a police complaint. Following a probe based on Cr.No.112/2025 under relevant sections of the IT Act, the police identified that the defrauded money was routed through 13 fake bank accounts created across India. The accused used internet banking and planned to transfer the funds abroad via cryptocurrency. A private bank manager suspected of aiding the scam is under investigation. SP Jagadeesh praised the efforts of DSP Ravibabu and CIs Jayanaik, Venkataramana, Shaik Zakir, and SIs Nagamadhu and Gurnath Reddy. He urged the public to be alert against fake financial apps and investment scams, and to report suspicious activities to police or cybercrime helplines.



Neglect of Individual Care Plans Harm Children in Child Care Institutions

Any person below the age of 18 is considered a child under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). The UNCRC, a global framework to safeguard children's rights, came into force on 2nd September 1990. India ratified this convention on 11th December 1992 and has since implemented its provisions. Today, 196 countries across the world follow the principles laid out in the UNCRC.

The fundamental rights guaranteed to every child under the UNCRC include:

- **Right to Survival**
- **Right to Development**
- **Right to Protection**
- **Right to Participation**

These rights are to be ensured without any discrimination.

To uphold these principles, the Government of India enacted the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000, which has been amended over time. The latest version, Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Amendment

Act, 2021, came into effect from 1st September 2022. Under Section 27 of this Act, Child Welfare Committees (CWCs) have been constituted in every district. These Committees function as a bench of Judicial Magistrate of First Class, empowered by the Criminal Procedure Code, 1973. CWCs are responsible for interacting with and assessing children brought before them, often from highly vulnerable backgrounds, including:

- **Orphans and semi-orphans**
- **Children from broken or abusive families**
- **Street children and child laborers**
- **Victims of trafficking, child marriage, or abuse**
- **Drug-addicted or mentally/physically challenged children**
- **Children affected by HIV/AIDS**
- **Abandoned or surrendered children**
- **Missing and begging children**

These children are temporarily placed in licensed Child Care Institutions (CCIs) for care, counseling, and rehabilitation. The goal is to reunite them with their families where possible, or otherwise, prepare them for an independent and dignified life.



B.V.S. Kumar
Former Chairman
Child Welfare Committee
Krishna District

However, a major gap exists in the implementation of Individual Care Plans (ICPs) — a crucial component mandated by the law.

What is an Individual Care Plan?

An Individual Care Plan is a personalized and dynamic roadmap

designed for each child, tailored to address their unique needs, challenges, and aspirations. It is developed in collaboration with caregivers, counselors, and wherever possible, the child and their family.

A well-prepared ICP should include:

- **Personal Medical History**
- **Family and Social Background**
- **Developmental Milestones**
- **Emotional and Behavioral Needs**
- **Interests, Preferences, and Talents**
- **Educational and Vocational Goals**
- **Specific timelines, strategies, and interventions**

Regular reviews and updates must be conducted to adjust the plan as the child grows and their circumstances evolve.

The Consequences of Neglecting ICPs :

Many CCIs, due to lack of awareness, resources, or oversight, fail to prepare or implement ICPs for the children under their care. This shortfall severely affects the child's ability to

reintegrate into society once they turn 18 — the legal age at which they must exit the institution.

Although some support may be extended through After-Care Programs, these are limited and require that the child is adequately prepared for independent living. Without proper education, skill development, or emotional support, many of these young adults are left directionless and vulnerable, often slipping back into cycles of poverty, exploitation, or crime.

The Way Forward :

The Women and Child Welfare Department, along with the District Child Protection Units (DCPUs) and Child Welfare Committees (CWCs), must ensure that each and every child in a CCI is cared for according to an Individual Care Plan. Strict monitoring, regular audits, and capacity-building of CCI staff are essential to achieving this.

Every child deserves the chance to live a safe, fulfilling, and independent life. A well-designed and implemented Individual Care Plan is not a formality — it is a fundamental right and a lifeline for the vulnerable children of our society.

China Grows Wary as Pakistan Becomes Security Liability Amid CPEC Threats

China's strategic patience with Pakistan is wearing thin as persistent security threats endanger its flagship Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) project — the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). During a recent meeting with Pakistan Army Chief General Asim Munir, China's Central Military Commission Vice-Chairman Zhang Youxia explicitly urged stronger security for Chinese nationals and investments in Pakistan.

The appeal is not new — but it is increasingly urgent. A 2024 report by Pakistan's National Counter Terrorism Authority (NACTA) revealed that 20 Chinese citizens have been killed and 34 injured in attacks since 2021. The threat is twofold, stemming from both Baloch insurgents and Islamist militants like the Tehreek-e-Taliban



Pakistan (TTP).

While the TTP targets Chinese personnel as a symbolic attack against Islamabad's foreign alliances, Baloch insurgents see Beijing's presence as exploitation of their resource-rich region. Their tactics — hijackings, suicide bombings (including by women), and road blockades — aim to cripple CPEC-linked logistics and damage Pakistan's trade routes.

Despite deploying Special Security Divisions and surveillance systems, Pakistan's response has been largely reactive. Strategic vulnerabilities persist, and Beijing's dissatisfaction is now surfacing publicly. The upcoming B2B-focused second phase of CPEC requires a secure environment — something Pakistan is struggling to

guarantee.

Internally, Pakistan's fragile security apparatus, ethnic grievances, and economic constraints further complicate the situation. Delays, insurance hikes, and operational risks are eroding China's investment appetite, pushing it to reassess engagement terms.

The CPEC's viability, deeply tied to western China's stability and Xinjiang's economic agenda, now hangs in the balance. A continued failure to secure Chinese interests could convert Pakistan from a "strategic ally" into a costly liability — forcing China to reconsider the depth of its relationship.

The road ahead may be defined less by partnership and more by growing frustration in Beijing.

‘Make in India’ Falls Short as Manufacturing Shrinks, Not Surges



A decade after its grand launch, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's flagship Make in India campaign is faltering. Promised as a revival of India's manufacturing might, the initiative now stands as a cautionary tale of optics overshadowing execution.

Launched in 2014, Make in India aimed to increase the manufacturing sector's GDP share from 16% to 25% by 2022. Instead, it dipped below 13% by 2024. Jobs in the sector fell drastically from 5.1 crore in 2016-17 to 2.7 crore in 2020-21,

raising deep concerns.

At its core, critics say, Make in India was more about branding than building. Flashy summits and a logo designed by a U.S. firm masked the absence of a coherent policy roadmap. Key components — infrastructure, skilling, and sectoral focus — were either underfunded or ignored.

Gross Fixed Capital Formation, a key indicator of infrastructure investment, declined from 36% of GDP in 2007 to 30% by 2024. Foreign Direct Invest-

ment also plummeted, falling from 8.8% of total capital formation in 2020 to 2.3% in 2024.

While Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) schemes provided a minor boost in areas like smartphone manufacturing, they couldn't offset structural gaps. Meanwhile, policy shocks like demonetisation and a flawed GST rollout devastated small and medium enterprises — the backbone of India's manufacturing sector.

With over 1,400 regulatory requirements draining resources and credit access limited to just 20% of MSMEs, growth remains elusive. Reports on job losses and unemployment were buried, and key economic data was withheld, raising accountability concerns.

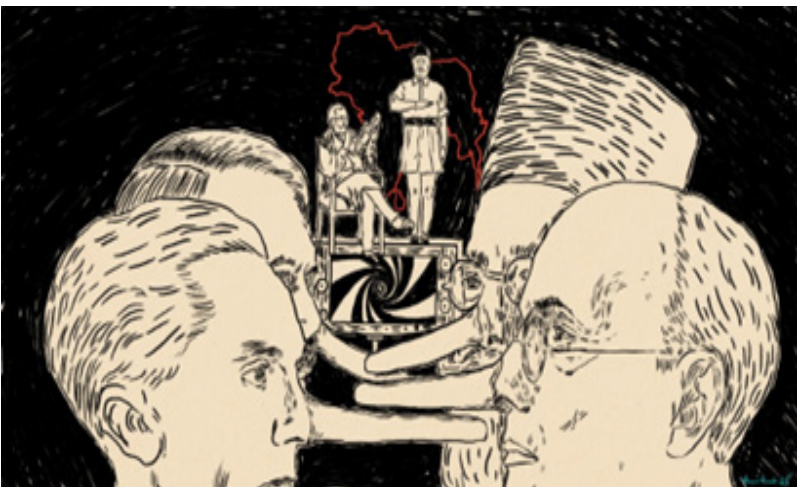
The decade-long effort, instead of revitalising industry, has left it adrift. As global peers advance domestic manufacturing, Make in India has become a case study in missed opportunity — proving that strategy, not slogans, drives real economic transformation.

BJP's Changing Stance on Divorce, Inheritance, and Social Policies

The BJP's shifting positions on key social issues such as divorce, inheritance laws, and caste policies reflect a broader pattern of ideological evolution—or retreat—since its origins as the Jan Sangh in the 1950s.

Originally, the Jan Sangh opposed divorce and supported the joint family system as central to Hindu society. Its 1957 manifesto promised to repeal laws like the Hindu Marriage and Hindu Succession Acts, which challenged these traditional structures. Women's rights, particularly around inheritance, were not championed but opposed, reflecting conservative social values. Yet, as Indian society urbanized and nuclear families became more common—especially among the BJP's core urban, upper-caste supporters—these stances softened or were abandoned altogether without clear explanation.

Similarly, the party's earlier hardline approach on caste sought to eliminate untouchability but dismissed affirma-



tive action policies like reservations for Scheduled Castes and Tribes. This has now evolved into a more complex, sometimes contradictory approach that struggles to address ongoing social inequalities.

On language, the Jan Sangh had pushed for Hindi to dominate all regional languages, a stance that has been toned down amid backlash and political pragmatism.

The BJP's journey from an ideologically rigid party to a pragmatic electoral machine

shows in its recent social policy focus, which still undergoes shifts based on political calculations rather than clear ideological commitments. This mirrors changes in its economic and foreign policies over decades, signaling a party responsive to middle-class voters' priorities such as anti-corruption, rather than strictly adhering to its original manifesto. While adaptability is common in politics, BJP's lack of transparency about these shifts raises questions about the consistency of its vision for India's social fabric.

Share Ideas For Independence Day Speech: PM Modi

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With India gearing up to celebrate its 79th Independence Day on August 15, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has once again invited citizens to contribute ideas and suggestions for his annual address from the Red Fort.

In a message posted on X (formerly Twitter), the Prime Minister urged Indians to share their thoughts on the themes they believe should be highlighted in this year's speech. "As we approach this year's Independence Day, I look forward to hearing from my fellow Indians! What themes or ideas would you like to see reflected in this year's Independence Day speech?" PM Modi wrote, directing people to the Open Fo



rum on MyGov and the NaMo App.

This call for public input has become a signature aspect of the Prime Minister's Independence Day preparations, reflecting his consistent push for participatory democracy and citizen engagement.

Since taking office in 2014, PM Modi has incorporated public suggestions into his major addresses, often spotlighting grassroots innovations, youth achievements, national development milestones, and citizen-driven policy ideas. His Independence Day speeches

are watched closely as they often set the tone for the government's priorities in the months ahead. The MyGov platform and the NaMo App have been crucial digital tools in connecting the public with the government. Citizens from across the country can now submit their ideas through these platforms, with a chance for their suggestions to be included in the Prime Minister's speech.

This year's Independence Day is expected to focus on themes of unity, technological advancement, and India's growing global leadership as the nation approaches its 80th year of independence in 2026. Submissions are now open, and the public is encouraged to contribute their voice to one of India's most symbolic national moments.

NIA Should Probe Case Linked To Gogoi's Wife: Himanta Sarma



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Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has defended his move to consider transferring a sensitive investigation involving Congress MP Gaurav Gogoi's wife, Elizabeth Colburn, to the National Investigation Agency (NIA). The case concerns alleged links between Colburn and a Pakistan-based NGO, raising national security concerns.

Sarma, addressing the media on Thursday, explained that the Assam Police Special Investigation Team (SIT), currently probing the matter, has limitations in its scope—particularly in accessing communication data beyond two years. "The NIA, on the other hand, can trace telephonic interactions as far back as 2010. The SIT has done commendable work, but this case has broader implications, including issues of citizenship and potential foreign interference," he said.

Earlier this year, Sarma had directed the registration of a case against a Pakistani national believed to have connections with Colburn. He accused the individual of attempting to interfere in Assam's domestic matters and indicated that Colburn may also face scrutiny for alleged links to Pakistan's intelligence agency, ISI.

Additionally, Sarma has questioned Colburn's alleged participation in the recent Lok Sabha election campaign despite being a British citizen. "This case ultimately concerns national security, and the Centre is best positioned to investigate it thoroughly," the Chief Minister asserted.

The SIT has been instructed to conclude its investigation by September 10, after which its findings will be presented to the Assam Cabinet. "Only after reviewing the report will the cabinet consider formally recommending that the NIA take over," Sarma added. The case has drawn political attention, with Congress leaders calling the probe a political vendetta, while the BJP argues that national interest and legal integrity must be upheld, regardless of political affiliations.



Tharoor Differs With Rahul Gandhi Over Trump Remarks

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Congress MP Shashi Tharoor on Friday publicly distanced himself from party colleague Rahul Gandhi's endorsement of US President Donald Trump's controversial remarks calling India a "dead economy". Responding to Trump's statement on social media, Mr Tharoor said, "This is not the case, and we all know it," defending India's economic strength amid recent trade tensions with Washington.

Trump, while justifying a 25% tariff on Indian exports, claimed he was unconcerned about India's ties with Russia and dismissed both nations' economies as "dead." "They can take their dead economies down together," he wrote on Truth Social, also accusing India of maintaining "strenuous and obnoxious" trade barriers. Surprisingly, Rahul Gandhi, the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, agreed with Trump's assessment. "He is right. Everybody knows this except the Prime Minister and the Finance Minister," he told reporters in Parliament.

However, other Congress leaders voiced strong disagreement. Karti Chidambaram, Congress MP, called Trump "an unconventional politician" and downplayed the comment. "India and America are large economies that need each other. Flipping comments won't derail this relationship," he said in an interview.

Rajya Sabha MP Rajiv Shukla also rejected Trump's characterization of India's economy. "Our economic condition is not at all weak. Trump is living in a delusion," he told ANI.

India warns nationals in Ireland to stay vigilant

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Amid a concerning rise in hate crimes, the Indian Embassy in Dublin has issued an advisory urging Indian nationals residing in Ireland to stay vigilant and prioritize their personal safety. The advisory follows several recent incidents involv-

ing physical assaults on Indian citizens.

"There has been an increase in the instances of physical attacks against Indian citizens in Ireland recently," the embassy stated in an official note shared on Thursday. It called upon all Indian nationals to remain

alert and adopt reasonable precautions.

Officials specifically advised individuals to avoid venturing into deserted areas, especially during late or odd hours. While the advisory did not detail specific cases, the tone reflects growing concern over targeted

hate crimes within the Irish community.

The embassy assured that it is monitoring the situation closely and remains in touch with local authorities. It also encouraged victims of such incidents to report them promptly to the police and the embassy for necessary assistance.

Poll To Be Held On Sep 9



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The Election Commission on Friday announced that the Vice Presidential election will be held on September 9, following the unexpected resignation of Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar last month.

A formal notification for the election will be issued on August 7, with August 21 as the last date for filing nominations. The results will be declared on the same day as the polling.

Mr Dhankhar resigned on July 21, more than two years before the end of his term, which was scheduled to conclude in August 2027. While he officially cited health reasons, sources indicated growing friction with the central government, particularly after his refusal to support the Centre's position

on the impeachment of Justice Yashwant Varma.

As per Clause 2 of Article 68 of the Constitution, an election to fill a Vice Presidential vacancy must be held as soon as possible. The person elected will serve a full five-year term from the date of assuming office.

The Vice President is elected by an Electoral College comprising elected and nominated members of the Rajya Sabha and elected members of the Lok Sabha.

The ruling NDA alliance is in a strong position to secure the post. In the Lok Sabha, the NDA holds 293 out of 542 filled seats, while in the Rajya Sabha, it enjoys support from 129 members, giving the alliance an effective backing of 422 lawmakers — comfortably above the 391 votes needed for a win.

We have steady & time tested partnership with Russia: MEA

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

India on Friday firmly defended its longstanding relationship with Russia following controversial remarks by former US President Donald Trump. Responding to Trump's comments, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal emphasized that India's foreign relations are independent and not influenced by third-party views.

"Our ties with any country stand on their merit and should not be seen through the prism of a third country," Jaiswal stated. "As far as India-Russia relations are concerned, we have a steady and time-tested partnership."

Trump had criticized India and Russia in a post on his social platform Truth Social, saying, "They can take their dead economies down together." He also claimed that India's tariffs are among the highest in the world and dismissed bilateral trade



with both nations as minimal.

In response, the MEA reiterated India's strong and evolving partnership with the US. Jaiswal highlighted the "comprehensive global strategic partnership" between India and the US, grounded in democratic values and strong people-to-people ties. He noted that the relationship has endured various challenges and transitions, and India remains committed to advancing its strategic agenda with Washington.

Ex-MP Prajwal Revanna Convicted of Raping House Help

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Former JD(S) MP Prajwal Revanna was found guilty by a special court in Bengaluru on Friday for sexually assaulting a woman who worked as domestic help at his family's farmhouse. The court, designated for MPs and MLAs, will announce the quantum of punishment on Saturday.

The survivor accused Revanna of repeatedly raping her since 2021 and threatening to leak explicit videos if she spoke out.



Following a detailed trial that included testimony from 26 witnesses and Revanna himself, the court framed charges under multiple IPC sections, including rape, voyeurism, criminal intimidation, and illegal circulation of intimate images.

Revanna, 34, was arrested on May 31 last year and is currently facing three more

sexual assault cases. These include the rape of a former Zilla Panchayat member and a senior domestic worker from Mysuru. In another case, he is accused of sexually harassing a woman via video call.

The scandal intensified in 2024 when over 2,000 obscene videos allegedly linked to Revanna surfaced online. The JD(S) suspended him, and he later lost his Hassan seat in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. The cases are being investigated by the Karnataka CID.

Trump releases revised tariffs for 70 countries



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U.S. President Donald Trump has issued a revised executive order formalizing new reciprocal tariffs for nearly 70 countries, retaining a 25% tariff on Indian exports while slashing Pakistan's rate from 29% to 19%. The revised duties, outlined in an executive order titled "Further Modifying The Reciprocal Tariff Rates," will come into effect from August 7, 2025.

India's tariff rate remains unchanged despite earlier threats of an added penalty over its continued military and energy ties with Russia. However, the finalized order makes no mention of this penalty. Trump had earlier accused India of using high tariffs and non-monetary

trade barriers and being a major buyer of Russian energy and defense equipment—factors he claimed warranted the tariff hike.

Pakistan, in contrast, received a 10% tariff reduction, drawing attention to Washington's evolving trade strategy in South Asia.

The move comes amid tense U.S.-India relations following Trump's criticism of India's BRICS membership and trade surplus with the U.S., which he described as "massive." The White House also questioned India's alignment with American economic and security priorities.

India, while expressing concern, has announced it is reviewing the tariffs and will take

"all necessary steps to safeguard national interests." Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal indicated that exemptions will apply to goods shipped before August 7 and cleared in the U.S. by October 5—offering exporters temporary relief.

Trade analysts warn the tariff policy could complicate bilateral trade talks, with former U.S. official Wendy Cutler noting that India was once considered a promising candidate for a quick agreement. Meanwhile, U.S. businesses and customs officials are bracing for logistical challenges stemming from the uneven global tariff landscape.

Tariff rates across the board now range between 10% and 40%, with Laos and Myanmar facing the highest levies.



No F-35 Jets From US? India Weighs Options

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India is exploring ways to ease tensions with the US following President Donald Trump's surprise announcement of a 25% tariff on Indian exports, sources familiar with the matter told Bloomberg. Despite the tariff threat, New Delhi has ruled out immediate retaliation and is considering increasing imports from the US, including natural gas, communication equipment, and gold, to help narrow its trade surplus over the next few years.

Officials expressed disappointment over Trump's move but remain committed to continuing bilateral trade talks. Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal confirmed that the government is consulting exporters to assess the tariffs' impact and vowed to protect national interests.

Notably, India has decided against boosting defense purchases from the US, a key demand from Trump. The Modi government is not interested in acquiring the expensive F-35 stealth fighter jets, which Trump had offered during Modi's visit to Washington in February. Instead, India prefers focusing on domestic

defense manufacturing partnerships rather than buying ready-made US equipment.

US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent criticized India for slowing trade negotiations, citing India's close ties with Russia as a concern. Trump's tariffs also come amid criticism of India's energy purchases from Russia, which the US sees as supporting Moscow's war efforts in Ukraine.

Despite the trade tensions, both countries had previously aimed to finalize a bilateral trade deal by fall 2025. Analysts remain cautious about Trump's tariff threats, viewing them possibly as negotiating tactics, similar to past US-EU trade disputes.

India's markets reacted mildly, with the rupee dipping slightly and stocks edging lower. Experts suggest India may need to be more flexible in ongoing talks but reaffirm the country's priority to protect farmers, entrepreneurs, and small businesses. As the US-India relationship navigates these hurdles, New Delhi balances diplomatic pragmatism with safeguarding its strategic and economic interests.

Trump Deserves Nobel Peace Prize for Ending India-Pak Conflict: White House



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White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt on Thursday asserted that U.S. President Donald Trump should be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, citing his role in brokering multiple global ceasefires—including the recent de-escalation between India and Pakistan.

During a press briefing in Washington, Leavitt claimed that President Trump has successfully mediated peace in several conflict zones during his six months in office. "He has now ended conflicts between Thailand and Cambodia, Israel and Iran, Rwanda and the DRC, India and Pakistan, Serbia and Kosovo, and Egypt and Ethiopia," she stated. "It's well past time President Trump was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize."

Trump had earlier taken credit for ending hostilities between India and Pakistan, saying a ceasefire was achieved on May 10 after a "long night" of U.S.-led talks. He has since repeated that claim in public statements, saying he leveraged trade deals to push both nations toward peace, adding that

the U.S. promised increased trade if military action ceased.

However, Indian officials strongly deny any external mediation. Prime Minister Narendra Modi told Parliament that no foreign leader, including Trump, influenced India's military decisions during Operation Sindoor. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar reiterated that there was no third-party role and confirmed that there were no phone calls between Modi and Trump during the time Trump claims he negotiated the ceasefire.

"India acted independently and firmly in its national interest," Jaishankar told the Rajya Sabha, directly contradicting Trump's assertions.

The White House push for Trump's Nobel recognition comes amid broader diplomatic tensions, including new U.S. tariffs on Indian exports and growing criticism of India's ties with Russia. While the Nobel Committee remains silent, Trump's self-promotion as a peacemaker continues to draw both support and skepticism at home and abroad.



"India An Ally, But Can't Align 100% Of Time": US On Trump Tariffs

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US Secretary of State Marco Rubio acknowledged India as a strategic ally but expressed clear frustration over India's continued purchase of Russian oil, calling it "a point of irritation" in bilateral relations. Rubio's remarks came a day after former US President Donald Trump announced a 25 percent tariff on Indian goods starting August 1, alongside unspecified penalties targeting India's procurement of Russian military equipment and energy.

Speaking to Fox Radio, Rubio emphasized that while India is a key partner, alignment on every issue is unrealistic. "India has huge energy needs," he said, explaining that Russia's sanctioned and discounted oil is an economically attractive option for India. However, Rubio warned that these purchases indirectly sustain Russia's war efforts in Ukraine. Trump's tariff announcement criticized India for high tariffs and trade barriers, alongside its close military and energy ties with Russia and China. On his social media platform Truth Social, Trump stated, "India will therefore be paying a tariff of 25%, plus a penalty for the above, starting on August first."

India responded calmly, with the Ministry of Commerce and Industry stating that it is reviewing the US announcement while remaining committed to negotiating a fair and balanced bilateral trade agreement. The government reaffirmed its priority to protect farmers, entrepreneurs, and MSMEs, promising to safeguard national interests as done with other trade deals, such as the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement with the UK.

Zelensky Calls for Regime Change in Russia to Ensure Long-Term Peace

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky has called on Western nations to pursue regime change in Russia, warning that Moscow will remain a threat even after the current war ends unless its leadership is replaced.

Speaking via video at an international conference marking the 50th anniversary of the Helsinki Accords, Zelensky stated, "I believe Russia can be pushed to stop this war... But if the world doesn't aim to change the regime in Russia, that means even after the war ends, Moscow will still try to destabilize neighboring countries."

Zelensky also urged the West to go beyond sanctions by confiscating frozen Russian assets and using them to support Ukraine's defense. "It's time to confiscate Russian assets, not just freeze them," he said, emphasizing that the funds should be redirected toward countering Russian aggression.

His comments come amid heightened tensions between Moscow and Western nations, with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov accusing the West of betraying the Helsinki Accords' principles. In an article released to mark the anniversary, Lavrov claimed the European Union is evolving into a "Fourth Reich," citing rising Russophobia and militarization.

Russian President Vladimir Putin also weighed in, accusing Western governments of misleading



their citizens to justify soaring military expenditures and masking internal economic problems.

Despite these sharp exchanges, Moscow claims it remains open to negotiations with Kyiv. RT reported that several rounds of talks have taken place in recent months but that little progress has been made, with Russia accusing Ukraine and its allies of failing to address "territorial realities."

Russia has also questioned Zelensky's political legitimacy, arguing that his term expired in May 2024 and that martial law does not justify postponing elections indefinitely. Russian officials claim the Ukrainian parliament now holds governing authority.

Markets Extend Losses

Global Cues, Trump Tariffs Hit Sentiments

Indian stock markets ended in losses for the fifth consecutive week. Sectoral indices including the benchmarks suffered a huge fall on Friday. Although they appeared to be stable at the beginning, they were in a rout when European markets opened. The reasons for this were Trump tariffs, negative news, and negative signals from Asian and international markets. Investors also cautiously sold. The Nifty's approach to the key 100 moving averages indicates weakness in the medium term. Technically, the indices are also bearish. In total, the Nifty lost 203 points and the Sensex lost 585 points.

The BSE Sensex, which closed at 81,185 in the previous session, opened at 81,074 on Thursday. It touched an intraday low of 80,495. It reached an intraday high of 81,317. It ended at 80,599, down 585 points. The NSE Nifty, which opened at 24,734, touched a low of 24,535 and a high of



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24,784. It closed down 203 points at 24,565. The Nifty Bank fell 344 points to 55,617.

In the Nifty50, 12 companies gained and 38 lost. Trent, Asian Paints, Hindustan Unilever, Nestle, Hero MotoCorp were the top gainers. Sun Pharma, Dr. Reddy's Labs, Cipla, Adani Enterprises, and Tata Steel were the biggest losers. All sectoral indices, except FMCG, were mixed today. Pharma, healthcare, telecom, defense, metal, IT, realty, man-

ufacturing, oil, commodities, PSU bank and auto indices fell heavily.

Market breadth in NSE today is in favor of sellers. Out of a total of 3040 stocks traded, 785 gained. 2173 lost. 56 shares touched 52-week highs and 47 touched 52-week lows. Upper circuit was reached at 80 and lower circuit at 57.

Tata Power Q1 net profit increased by 6.2% from Rs. 1188 crore to Rs. 1263 crore. Shares of textile companies including Gokaldas, Pearl Global and KPR Mill fell up to 6 percent in the wake of Trump tariffs. The rupee strengthened by 8 paise against the dollar and settled at 87.52. On the third day in the afternoon, the response to the IPO of Shree Lotus Developers was 56.30 times. The response to the IPO of M&B Engineering was 21.27 times. Hyundai Motors India sold 60,073 units in July. Safari Industries' net profit rose by 15% to Rs. 51 crore from Rs. 44 crore. The response to the NSDL IPO was 18.02 times on the third day in the afternoon. Coal India's production in July fell by 16.6 percent and sales by 11.3 percent.

Starlink Gets Satellite Internet Permit In India

In a major development for India's digital infrastructure, Elon Musk-led Starlink has been granted a Unified License to launch satellite-based internet services in the country, Union Telecom Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia announced on Thursday.

The announcement coincided with the 30th anniversary of India's first cellular call made in 1995, highlighting the country's rapid telecommunications evolution over the decades.

Scindia said a comprehensive framework for spectrum allocation and gateway setup has already been prepared, ensuring a smooth and speedy rollout of satellite services. Alongside Starlink, Bharti-backed Eutelsat OneWeb and Jio SES are also awaiting spectrum allotment to begin their own satcom operations.

"This is a big step forward in bridging the digital divide. From remote village



es to cities, satellite internet will help bring affordable and reliable internet access to everyone," Scindia noted.

India's digital progress under the Modi government was also highlighted. The country now has 1.2 billion telephone connections, and internet subscriptions have grown by 286%, reaching 970 million. Broadband usage surged by over 1,450% since 2014, and mobile data costs have dropped by 96.6%, now averaging just ₹8.9 per GB—the lowest globally.

The Minister also cited the revival of BSNL, which reported consecutive annual net profits for the first time in 18 years, supported by over 83,000 4G sites built with indigenous technology.

On 5G, India has covered 99.6% of districts with over 4.74 lakh 5G towers and 300 million users, making it the fastest 5G rollout globally. The country also leads in 6G patent filings, placing it among the top six nations worldwide.

Industry leaders hailed the decision. COAI DG S.P. Kochhar called India the world's second-largest telecom market, while HFCL MD Mahendra Nahata and GX Group CEO Paritosh Prajapati emphasized India's growing technological self-reliance and the country's emerging leadership in global telecom innovation.

With Starlink's entry, India is poised to take internet connectivity to even the most underserved regions, reinforcing its digital future.

Manufacturing Sector Growth Hits 16-Month High in July

India's manufacturing sector activity surged to a 16-month high in July, driven by a sharp rise in new orders and output, according to the latest HSBC India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) released on Friday.

The seasonally adjusted PMI stood at 59.1 in July, up from 58.4 in June, marking the strongest performance since March 2024. A PMI reading above 50 indicates expansion, while below 50 signals contraction.

"India recorded a 59.1 manufacturing PMI in July, up from 58.4 the prior month. This marked a 16-month high... supported by strong growth in new orders and output," said Pranjul Bhandari, Chief India Economist at HSBC.

The survey, compiled by S&P Global, showed that overall sales rose at the fastest pace in nearly five years, propelling production growth to a 15-month high. However, despite the



strong activity levels, business confidence dipped to its lowest point in three years, with concerns over rising competition and persistent inflation clouding the outlook.

The report noted that while companies continued to expand their workforce, hiring slowed to an eight-month low. 93% of firms surveyed indicated that current employment levels were adequate for meeting existing demand. As a result, outstanding business volumes rose only marginally in July.

"Amid softening business confidence, Indian manufacturers hired extra staff at the slowest rate since November 2024," Bhandari added.

Inflationary pressures remained elevated, with firms reporting higher prices for aluminium, leather, rubber, and steel. Input costs rose at a faster pace than in June, prompting companies to raise output prices amid strong demand.

Despite current challenges, Indian manufacturers maintained a positive outlook for the next 12 months. The government's ongoing push to raise the manufacturing sector's share in GDP to 23%, along with robust demand in sunrise sectors, continues to provide long-term optimism.

The HSBC India Manufacturing PMI is based on responses from a panel of approximately 400 manufacturers across India.

Commercial LPG Cylinder Price Cut By Rs 33.50



In a move that brings much-needed relief to the hospitality and commercial sectors, oil marketing companies have announced a reduction in the price of 19 kg commercial LPG cylinders by ₹33.50. The new rates came into effect starting Thursday, August 1.

As per the revised prices, the cost of a 19 kg commercial LPG cylinder in the national capital now stands at ₹1,631.50, down from ₹1,665. This price cut follows the standard monthly revision that oil companies undertake at the beginning of every month.

The reduction in commercial LPG rates is expected to ease the cost burden on hotels, restaurants, catering businesses, and small industries that rely heavily on commercial LPG for daily operations. However, prices of 14.2 kg domestic LPG cylinders remain unchanged, offering no direct relief to household consumers this month.

Key Rates (Post Revision):

Delhi: ₹1,631.50 (down ₹33.50)
Mumbai: ₹1,585.00 (approximate)
Chennai: ₹1,800.50 (approximate)
Kolkata: ₹1,743.00 (approximate)

(Prices may vary slightly depending on local taxes.)

This is the fourth consecutive price cut on commercial LPG cylinders in the last five months, signaling a relatively stable international market for liquefied petroleum gas and possibly reflecting softening crude prices.

Oil marketing companies such as Indian Oil Corporation, Bharat Petroleum, and Hindustan Petroleum review LPG rates monthly based on global benchmark prices and the rupee-dollar exchange rate. While commercial LPG rates are deregulated and directly linked to international prices, domestic LPG prices are more tightly controlled by the government and subject to periodic subsidies or policy interventions.

Industry bodies have welcomed the move, with some restaurant associations saying it would provide "short-term breathing room" as input costs remain high across the food and beverage sector.

No announcement has yet been made regarding any revision in domestic LPG subsidies or further reductions.

July GST Collections Rise by 7.5% to ₹1.96 Lakh Crore



The Centre on Thursday released the Goods and Services Tax (GST) collection data for July 2025, reporting a 7.5% year-on-year increase. The total collection stood at ₹1.96 lakh crore, driven by higher income from domestic transactions and imports.

However, the growth was slightly lower when compared to recent months. In the first quarter of this year, the average GST collection was ₹2.1 lakh crore—significantly higher than the July figure. April saw a peak of ₹2.37 lakh crore, followed by ₹2.01 lakh crore in May. The GST revenue for the April–July period reached ₹8.18 lakh crore, marking a 10.7% increase over the ₹7.39 lakh crore collected during the same period last year. In July, the total GST collection of ₹1.96 lakh crore comprised ₹35,470 crore from Central GST, ₹44,059 crore from State GST, ₹1,03,536 crore from Integrated GST, and ₹12,670 crore from cess.

After adjusting for refunds, the net GST revenue for July stood at ₹1,68,588 crore, a marginal 1.7% increase over last year. The subdued net growth is attributed to a rise in refunds, which reached ₹27,147 crore.

Net GST revenue from April to July recorded an 8.4% growth at ₹7.11 lakh crore. Among the states, Tripura reported the highest growth at 41%, followed by Meghalaya at 26%, Madhya Pradesh at 18%, Bihar at 16%, and Andhra Pradesh at 14%. Maharashtra's GST revenue grew by 6% to ₹30,590 crore. Karnataka saw a 7% increase, Tamil Nadu 8%, and Gujarat a modest 3%. On the other hand, Manipur and Mizoram recorded declines of 36% and 21% respectively. Despite slower GST revenue growth this month, the manufacturing sector posted its strongest performance in 16 months, indicating continued economic momentum.

Spanish Town Declares Dying Illegal Due to Cemetery Crisis

In the quaint Spanish town of Lanjarón, dying is technically illegal — a peculiar law born out of a serious space shortage in the town’s only cemetery. The bizarre edict was issued in 1999 by then-mayor Jose Rubio, who, faced with no available burial plots, jokingly banned death until a new graveyard could be found.

“It is hereby forbidden to die in Lanjarón,” the decree humorously stated. Mayor Rubio clarified at the time, “I’m just a mayor. Above me is God, who ultimately runs things,” adding that the law was taken in good humor by residents.

Now, 26 years later, the rule still stands, and the cemetery crisis remains unresolved, with Lanjarón still operating only one graveyard. Despite its macabre-sounding legislation, Lanjarón is a peaceful town of 4,000 people, known for its natural beauty and therapeutic mineral springs. Located in the Alpujarra region of Granada at the base of the Sierra Nevada mountains, it attracts wellness seekers and tourists alike.

The town’s 18th-century spa, or balneario, continues to draw visitors looking for relief from ailments through mineral-rich waters. Lanjarón is also famous for its annual Fiesta del Agua y del Jamón — a summer celebration featuring town-wide water fights and traditional foods.

Lanjarón’s quirky law has sparked renewed attention, especially among Gen Z travelers on TikTok, searching for hidden gems beyond Spain’s usual tourist hubs.

Interestingly, Lanjarón isn’t alone in its ban on death. Longyearbyen, Norway, enacted a similar rule in 1950 when scientists found that bodies didn’t decompose in the permafrost, raising public health concerns.

While symbolic, these laws reflect deeper issues — from climate impacts to infrastructure shortfalls — and continue to amuse and intrigue visitors from around the world.



Swiggy Re-Evaluates Rapido Stake Amid Rising Competition



Swiggy has officially confirmed it is reassessing its stake in bike taxi and logistics startup Rapido, as competition in India’s mobility and quick-commerce sectors heats up. The move comes during a crucial period for the food delivery giant, which is navigating rising marketing costs and a sharpened focus on achieving profitability in its primary business verticals.

Swiggy, which holds a significant minority stake in Rapido, is reportedly evaluating the strategic value of this investment as it reallocates resources toward its core operations—primarily food delivery and Instamart, its quick-commerce platform. According to insiders, the re-evaluation is part of a larger strategic review that may involve either increasing its involvement in Rapido or partially divesting its stake, depending on future market alignment.

The decision reflects broader market dynamics, with competition from rivals like Zomato and Zepto prompting Swiggy to optimize its capital deployment. Swiggy has been increasing marketing spend in high-growth cities and investing in technology to enhance customer experience, while maintaining its push for profitability ahead of a potential IPO.

Rapido, meanwhile, continues to expand its bike taxi and logistics services across major Indian cities. It remains a strong player in last-mile connectivity, but its long-term synergy with Swiggy’s food and grocery delivery ambitions is under review.

Swiggy’s spokesperson stated, “We periodically assess all our investments to ensure they align with our long-term business objectives. Rapido has been a valued partner, and any decisions will be taken with strategic clarity and in mutual interest.”

Analysts see this re-evaluation as a pragmatic step for Swiggy to sharpen its operational focus and maintain a competitive edge in a rapidly evolving market. Further announcements regarding the Rapido stake are expected in the coming months.



Could Earth Be Ejected From the Solar System?

A recent study published in the journal *Icarus* has raised intriguing and unsettling questions about the long-term stability of Earth’s orbit within the solar system. Astronomers Nathan Kaib and Sean Raymond used thousands of computer simulations to examine how passing stars—known as “field stars”—might disrupt our planetary system over billions of years.

The research reveals that the solar system is less stable than once thought. If a star with a mass similar to the Sun passes within about 10,000 astronomical units (roughly 1.5 trillion kilometers), it could disturb the Oort Cloud, a distant shell of icy bodies surrounding the solar system. This disturbance could trigger a cascade of orbital instabilities affecting the planets.

The study finds that Mercury’s orbit could become unstable with a 50–80% increased risk of chaotic shifts. Such changes could lead to gravitational chain reactions, potentially pushing Venus or Mars into collision courses with Earth. More alarmingly, Earth itself could be thrown toward Jupiter, whose immense gravity might then fling our planet out of the solar system entirely.

While the probability of such an event occurring in the next five billion years remains low—around 0.2%—the findings challenge the long-standing view that planetary orbits are fixed and unchanging. This research offers a sobering reminder that Earth, despite its seeming security, exists within a dynamic and sometimes unpredictable cosmic environment. The possibility that our planet could be displaced or even ejected underscores the need for continued study of celestial mechanics and the influences of passing stars. Ultimately, the study provides a humbling perspective on humanity’s place in the vast and ever-changing universe.

World’s Skinniest Car Stuns Internet With Toothpick-Like Design

The internet is buzzing over a bizarre yet fascinating invention that’s turning heads across social media platforms — a shockingly skinny car that looks more like a stretched-out scooter than an actual vehicle. Dubbed by amused users as “a moving toothpick,” this ultra-thin ride is now going viral for its quirky design and surprising functionality.

A video shared on Instagram showcases an Italian inventor driving what appears to be a heavily modified version of the classic Fiat Panda. But this is no ordinary Panda. The car has been transformed into a comically narrow, one-seater vehicle with all four wheels retained — but spaced so tightly together that the entire car body has been stripped down to its slimmest possible form.

Despite its unconventional look, the car is fully operational, and the video shows the inventor confidently navigating it through regular roads, drawing amazed looks from bystanders. Viewers online were left both amused and confused, with one user joking, “If you sneeze, you might tip over!” while another added, “How is this even road-legal?”



The quirky design might not be the most practical for daily commuting, but it has certainly ignited curiosity and laughter across the globe. Many praised the creativity and engineering skills behind the design, even if the car itself might not make it into mainstream production anytime soon.

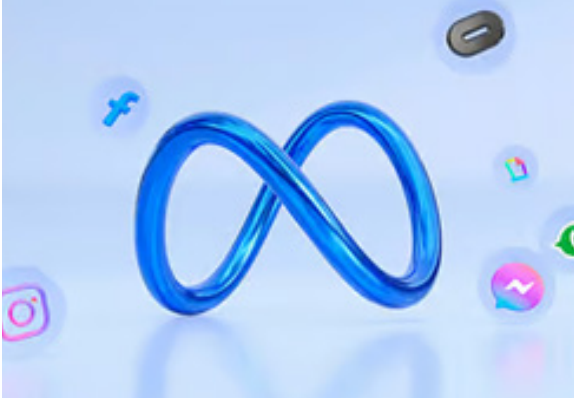
Whether it’s a stunt, an art piece, or just an expression of eccentric automotive passion, the world’s skinniest car proves that there’s no limit to innovation — or imagination — when it comes to going viral.

Meta Smartwatch With Camera Likely to Launch in September

Meta Platforms is reportedly gearing up to launch a new smartwatch with built-in cameras as early as September 2025, according to sources familiar with the development. The long-rumored wearable is said to include two integrated cameras, making it one of the first smartwatches to feature such a design. Development on the Meta smartwatch reportedly began in 2021, as part of the company’s broader ambition to expand its hardware ecosystem and deepen its footprint in the wearable tech space. Meta, the parent company of Facebook and Instagram, has been gradually pushing into augmented reality (AR), virtual reality (VR), and now possibly wearable computing, with this smartwatch being seen as a stepping stone to more advanced wearable platforms.

Leaked renders and prototypes suggest that the watch may come with a detachable face and dual-camera system—one front-facing and another on the side—intended to enable photo and video capture from the wrist. These features could also serve Meta’s plans for future integration with its metaverse and AR/VR platforms.

While Meta has not officially confirmed the launch or specifications, reports indicate the watch may include health tracking features



such as heart rate monitoring, activity tracking, and potentially even EMG (electromyography) sensors, which can detect motor nerve signals.

If launched, this smartwatch would put Meta in direct competition with market leaders like Apple and Samsung. However, the inclusion of cameras may raise privacy concerns, especially in public spaces—an issue that previously hampered the adoption of Google Glass. As the wearable tech market continues to grow, Meta’s rumored September unveiling could be a pivotal moment for the company’s hardware ambitions. More details are expected to surface in the coming weeks as Meta prepares for a potential launch event.

India Bowled Out for 224 in 5th Test Day 2

India was bowled out for 224 in their first innings on day two of the fifth and final Test against England at The Oval, succumbing to a brilliant bowling performance led by England pacer Gus Atkinson. The Indian innings, which resumed at 204 for six after rain delayed day one, suffered an early blow as overnight batters Karun Nair (57) and Washington Sundar (26) were dismissed within the first 20 minutes of play. Their quick wickets exposed a fragile Indian tail, which collapsed without much resistance, adding just 20 more runs. Atkinson was the standout bowler for England, claiming five wickets for 33 runs in 21.4 overs, including key breakthroughs that brought the Indian innings to an end. His partner Josh Tongue also impressed with figures of 3 for 57, the duo sharing the bulk of the bowling workload on a pitch that offered movement and bounce. Earlier in the innings, Sai Sudharsan top-scored for India with 38 runs, but the rest of the batting lineup struggled to withstand the pressure from England's pace attack.



The dismissal of Nair and Sundar marked a crucial turning point, as the lower order failed to build any substantial partnerships. England's bowling attack was further boosted by the injury setback to Indian pacer Chris Woakes, who was ruled out of the remainder of the Test due to a shoulder injury. With India's first innings now complete,

England will look to capitalize on this advantage as the match progresses. The game remains finely poised with several sessions left to play. Brief Scores: India 224 all out (Karun Nair 57, Sai Sudharsan 38; Gus Atkinson 5/33, Josh Tongue 3/57) vs England.

Zverev Marks 500th ATP Win with Comeback in Toronto



Top-seeded Alexander Zverev reached a significant milestone on Thursday, clinching his 500th ATP match win at the Toronto Masters. The German star battled back from a first-set loss to defeat Matteo Arnaldi 6-7 (5/7), 6-3, 6-2 and secure a spot in the fourth round of the US Open warm-up tournament.

Zverev, who has won 24 ATP titles so far, broke Arnaldi twice in the deciding set to close out the match in just over two hours. Reflecting on the achievement, Zverev said, "It's a great achievement. Not a lot of players reach this milestone. But I still want 500 more — maybe even more."

The 27-year-old admitted that his game improved as the match progressed. "I started playing better from the baseline and found my rhythm a bit. My backhand felt off but I was comfortable and happy with my level," he added. Zverev will next face Francisco Cerundolo, who defeated Tomas Echeverry 6-3, 6-4.

In other action, American Alex Michelsen upset third seed Lorenzo Musetti 3-6, 7-6 (7/4), 6-4 to reach the Masters 1000 fourth round for the first time. Despite nearly 50 unforced errors and limited break conversions, Michelsen said, "I returned really well today. I played offensive tennis and executed really well." Michelsen will face fellow American Learner Tien, who beat Reilly Opelka 7-6 (7/3), 6-3.

Fifth seed Holger Rune advanced with a 6-2, 6-4 win over Alexandre Muller. Meanwhile, eighth seed Casper Ruud overcame a slow start to beat Nuno Borges 7-5, 6-4, earning his 20th win of the season. Ruud will next meet 11th seed Karen Khachanov, who edged past Emilio Nava 6-7 (6/8), 6-4, 6-1.

Ruud and Khachanov last met during the 2022 US Open semifinals, won by Ruud.

The tournament continues to showcase fierce competition as players gear up for the US Open.

Tharun Mannepalli Upsets Top Seed at Macau Open

At the Macau Open Super 300 badminton tournament, Indian shuttler Tharun Mannepalli stunned the top seed Lee Cheuk Yiu in a thrilling one-hour match on Thursday. The 23-year-old, known for his powerful game and newly improved agility, came from behind to win 19-21, 21-14, 22-20, marking the biggest victory of his career so far.



Tharun's journey has been marked by perseverance and steady improvement. Starting badminton at age eight in Khammam, he later moved to Hyderabad to train and study, eventually joining the prestigious Pullula Gopichand Academy four years ago. Tharun credits his recent breakthrough to better coaching, sponsorship from OGQ, and focused training on becoming leaner and faster.

"This is my biggest win," said Tharun. "At 23, it's not too late. I didn't always have sponsors to play internationally, but now things have changed, and I am getting more

chances to compete and improve."

His coach Guru Sai Dutt highlighted the

hard work behind this success. "Tharun had to change his body type and improve his agility, which took consistent effort over the last two years. He has also enhanced his shot-making, moving from a power-dependent style to a more tactical game," Guru said.

Against Lee, a top-15 player, Tharun started strong with a 7-1 lead in the first game, showcasing his powerful smashes and solid defense. Although Lee recovered to take the first set, Tharun found his rhythm and adapted his game to win the next two sets. His physical strength combined with improved court coverage proved decisive in the tight final set.

Tharun's win not only secures his place in the Macau Open semifinals but also signals his rising presence on the international badminton circuit. Next, he faces reigning junior World Champion Hu Zhe An from China in a match that promises another exciting challenge.

Khalid Jamil Named India Men's Football Head Coach

The All India Football Federation (AIFF) has appointed Khalid Jamil as the head coach of India's Senior Men's Football Team, following a thorough evaluation of shortlisted candidates. The decision was made during the AIFF Executive Committee's virtual meeting on Friday, with a strong recommendation from the Technical Committee.

The meeting was attended by AIFF President Kalyan Chaubey, Vice President NA Haris, Treasurer Kipa Ajay, along with esteemed former coaches Bimal Ghosh and Armando Colaco, and football veteran Shabbir Ali. AIFF Technical Director Syed Sabir Pasha and National Teams Director Subrata Paul presented a SWOT analysis of the three shortlisted coaches: Khalid Jamil, Stephen Constantine, and Štefan Tarkovič.

Veteran coaches Colaco and Ali emphasized the importance of giving Indian coaches a fair chance to lead the national team, recalling their own early coaching careers without national experience. This sentiment was echoed by Technical Committee Chairperson IM Vijayan, who highlighted India's improved FIFA rankings under Indian coaches like



Sukhwinder Singh and Syed Nayeemuddin. Vijayan strongly endorsed Khalid Jamil, noting Jamil's recent back-to-back AIFF Men's Coach of the Year awards in 2023-24 and 2024-25.

The Executive Committee largely supported the Technical Committee's recommendation. Vice President Haris, along with members Pinky Bompal Magar, Thongam Tababi Devi, Climax Lawrence, and others, agreed that promoting an Indian coach would benefit Indian football. While some members supported former coach Stephen Constantine, the majority favored Jamil, especially given India's upcoming fixtures.

The AIFF highlighted that India's participation in the CAFA Nations Cup 2025 later this month, followed by crucial AFC Asian Cup Qualifiers against Singapore in October, requires steady leadership. Jamil's familiarity with the team and proven coaching record made him the preferred choice for these important challenges.

Khalid Jamil's appointment marks a significant step towards empowering Indian coaches at the highest level of the national game.

Messi To Play Cricket in India

Argentine football legend Lionel Messi is all set to visit India for a promotional tour from December 13 to 15. This marks his second visit to the country after his 2011 appearance. During the three-day trip, Messi will engage with fans in Mumbai, Delhi, and Kolkata. A major highlight of the visit is a proposed cricket match at Mumbai's Wankhede Stadium on December 14, where Messi is expected to play alongside Indian cricket legends like Sachin Tendulkar, MS Dhoni, Rohit Sharma, and Virat Kohli. Sources from the Mumbai Cricket Association confirmed that an agency has approached them to book the venue. An official announcement is expected once the final schedule is confirmed.



In Kolkata, Messi will conduct a special football workshop for children. Additionally, reports suggest that a 'GOAT Cup' match is being planned in his honour at Eden Gardens. However, the excitement around his December tour has raised doubts about an earlier announced friendly match featuring the Argentina team in Kerala, originally scheduled for October or November.



‘Bhagavant Kesari’ wins Best Telugu Film

71st National Film Awards Announced

The central government has officially announced the winners of the 71st National Film Awards, celebrating excellence in Indian cinema. The Hindi film ‘12th Fail’ has bagged the prestigious award for Best National Film, while the Best Actor award has been shared by Shah Rukh Khan for ‘Jawan’ and Vikrant Massey for ‘12th Fail’. Rani Mukerji has been honored as Best Actress for her powerful performance in ‘Mrs. Chatterjee vs. Norway’. In the Telugu category, ‘Bhagavant Kesari’, directed by Anil Ravipudi and starring Nandamuri Balakrishna, has been chosen as the Best Telugu Film. The recognition highlights the film’s strong narrative and impactful performances. In other language categories, ‘Kandilu’ has won the Best Kannada Film, ‘Parking’ has been awarded Best Tamil Film, and ‘Kathal’ received the honor of Best Hindi Film. The high-octane

Telugu superhero film ‘Hanuman’ secured the award for Best Action Direction and Visual Effects, showcasing technical excellence. A Telugu song also made a mark at the national level. The emotionally resonant folk track ‘Uru Palleturu’ from the movie ‘Balagam’ was selected as the Best Film Song, with Kasarla Shyam receiving recognition for his heartfelt lyrics. Music director GV Prakash Kumar won the Best Music Direction award for his work in ‘Vaathi’ (Tamil), while Harshavardhan Rameshwar bagged the Best Background Score for ‘Animal’ (Hindi). Telugu film ‘Baby’ received two major accolades. Sai Rajesh was awarded Best Screenplay Writer, and PVNS Rohit received the Best Male Playback Singer award for his soulful rendering in the film.

The awards were announced in both feature and



non-feature categories, with films across Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam, Gujarati, Marathi, Assamese, Odia, and English receiving honors. The jury recognized newcomers, child artists, and experimental films along with com-

mercial hits, showcasing the diversity and creative richness of Indian cinema. These honors not only acknowledge individual brilliance but also underline regional cinema’s growing influence on the national stage.

List of National Awards

Feature Film Category

Best National Film: 12th Fail (Hindi)

Best Actor: Shah Rukh Khan (Jawan, Hindi), Vikrant Massey (12th Fail, Hindi)

Best Actress: Rani Mukherjee (Mrs Chatterjee vs Norway, Hindi)

Best Supporting Actor: Vijay Raghavan (Pookalam, Malayalam), Muthupettai Somu Bhaskar (Parking, Tamil)

Best Supporting Actress: Urvashi (Ulluku, Malayalam), Janaki Bodiwala (Vash, Gujarati)

Best Director: Sudeeptho Sen (The Kerala Story, Hindi)

Best Telugu Film: Bhagavanth Kesari

Best Tamil Film: Parking

Best Film Critics Award: Utpal Dutta (Assamese)

Best Music Direction: G.V. Prakash Kumar (Vaathi, Tamil)

Best Background Music: Harshavardhan Rameshwar (Animal, Hindi)

Best Makeup: Srikanth Desai (Sam Bahadur, Hindi)

Best Costume Design: Sam Bahadur (Hindi)

Best Production Design: Mohandas (2018 – Everyone Is a Hero, Malayalam)

Best Editing: Midhun Murali (Pookkalam, Malayalam)

Best Sound Design: Sachin Sudhakaran, Hari Haran Murali Dharan (Animal, Hindi)

Best Screenplay (Original): Sai Rajesh Neelam (Baby, Telugu), Ramkumar Balakrishnan (Parking, Tamil)

Best Dialogues: Deepak Kingrani (Sirf Ek Banda Kafi Hai, Hindi)

Best Cinematography: Pasantanu Mohapatro (The Kerala Story, Hindi)

Best Playback Singer (Female): Shilpa Rao (Jawan – Cheliya, Hindi)

Best Playback Singer (Male): P.V. Rohit (Baby, Telugu)

Best Child Artist: Sukritiveni (Gandhitata Chettu), Kabir Khandari, Trisha Thosar, Srinivas Pokale, Bhargav Jagdeep (Gypsy, Naal 2, Marathi)

Best Animation/Visual Effects Film: Hanuman (Telugu)

Best Children’s Film: Naal (Marathi)

Best National Integration / Social Values Film: Sam Bahadur (Hindi)

Best Popular Film: Rocky Aur Rani Ki Prem Kahani (Hindi)

Best Debut Director: Ashish Bende (Atmapamplet, Marathi)

Non-Feature Film Category

Best Non-Feature Film: Flowering Man (Hindi)

Best Script: Sunflowers Were the First Ones to Know (Kannada)

Best Voice Over: The Sacred Jack – Exploring the Trees of Wishes (English)

Best Music Direction: The First Film (Hindi)

Best Editing: Moving Focus (English)

Best Sound Design: Dundagiri Ke Phool (Hindi)

Best Cinematography: Little Wings (Tamil)

Best Direction: The First Film (Hindi)

Best Arts/Culture Film: Timeless Tamil Nadu (English)

Best Biographical Film: Maa Bau, Maa Gaon (Odia), Lentino Ovo: A Light on the Eastern Horizon (English)

Best Debut Director: Maw: The Spirit Dreams of Chera (Mizo)

Special Mention Films: Nakal: Chronicle of Paddy Man (Malayalam), The Sea and Seven Villages (Odia)

Mahavatar Narasimha A True Blockbuster

The devotional animation film Mahavatar Narasimha is rewriting box office history as it emerges as a true blockbuster. Jointly produced by Kleem Productions, Homale Films, and Geetha Films, the film has struck a deep chord with audiences across India, grossing an impressive ₹53 crore within a short span of its release.



The film’s strong performance is further underscored by the massive audience turnout, with over 1.5 million tickets sold via BookMyShow alone. This level of engagement highlights the unprecedented popularity of an Indian animated feature and reaffirms the rising potential of animated cinema in the country.

Directed by Ashwin Kumar and produced by Shilpaa Dhawan, Kushal Desai, and Chaitanya Desai, Mahavatar Narasimha is the first installment in the ambitious Mahavatar Cinematic Universe (MCU), which draws inspiration from the Dashavatara—ten divine incarnations of Lord Vishnu. The film brings to life the powerful story of Lord Narasimha in a visually captivating manner, blending mythological storytelling with high-quality animation.

What makes the success of Mahavatar Narasimha even more remarkable is that it comes at a time when animated films in India have historically struggled to make a significant mark at the box office. By surpassing expectations and setting new benchmarks for animated devotional cinema, the film paves the way for future projects under the MCU banner.

The film’s combination of spiritual themes, striking visuals, and high production value has created a unique cinematic experience, resonating with both young viewers and family audiences.

With glowing word-of-mouth and sustained momentum at the box office, Mahavatar Narasimha continues to dominate screens and has solidified its place as one of India’s most successful animated ventures to date.

Raashi Khanna Sets Fire in Gold Glam

Actress Raashi Khanna is setting the internet ablaze with her glamorous behind-the-scenes look from her upcoming romantic drama Telusu Kada, co-starring Siddu Jonnalagadda. With the release of the first single, “Mallika Gandha,” fans have been treated to a sneak peek of the film’s vibrant aesthetics and Raashi’s stunning transformation.

In the BTS photos shared on social media, Raashi stuns in a shimmering golden off-shoulder gown featuring a daring thigh-high slit. Her effortlessly styled loose curls, radiant makeup, and bold red lipstick perfectly complement the dress, creating a visually captivating moment. The visuals are already making waves among fans, building excitement for the film’s theatrical release.

One particular image, showing Raashi posing amidst chandeliers and on-set commotion, came with a poetic caption: “In between chandeliers and chaos, we found the rhythm.” The caption, paired with her striking look, has fueled fan speculation about the film’s tone—expected to be a mix of glamour, emotion, and melody.

Telusu Kada, directed by Neeraja Kona, is scheduled to hit theatres on October 17, 2025, and is already one of the most talked-about upcoming Telugu releases. The music, visuals, and Raashi’s new avatar have generated significant pre-release buzz.

Adding to the anticipation, Raashi Khanna is also starring in Ustaad Bhagat Singh alongside Powerstar Pawan Kalyan. With both films lined up, the actress is clearly on a roll, and fans are eager to witness her diverse performances.

From graceful elegance to powerful screen presence, Raashi Khanna continues to prove her star power. With “Mallika Gandha” making a stylish entry, Telusu Kada looks set to charm audiences this festive season.

