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Lilliputian Politics

Kavitha vs Jagadish Reddy



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Hyderabad: In what appears to be a growing storm within the BRS camp, the latest verbal clash between MLC K. Kavitha and former minister Jagadish Reddy has stirred up the party's already shaky morale. As BRS gears up to counter external political forces like the BJP and Congress, internal rifts are threatening to unravel its cohesion. Kavitha's explosive remarks and Reddy's biting retorts are now making headlines, raising uncomfortable questions about the future of the pink party.

The clash began with a TV interview, where Jagadish Reddy, responding to a question on Kavitha's role in the party, bluntly said, "It is useless to talk about her. She might be in the party, but she is only an MLC." These comments, perceived as dismissive and demeaning, triggered a sharp backlash from Kavitha. She fired back, calling him a "Lilliputian leader" and accused him of singlehandedly destroying BRS's fortunes in Nalgonda. "If not for KCR, who even are these leaders?" she asked, pointing fingers at those she claims remained invisible during the Telangana movement.

The tension didn't stop there. Kavitha further alleged that senior leaders remained silent when derogatory comments were made about her by Teenmar Mallanna, suggesting an orchestrated conspiracy against her from within. Her anger wasn't subtle—she accused some party members of deliberately targeting her while shielding others, revealing deep resentment and disillusionment with BRS's inner workings.

Jagadish Reddy, on his part, didn't hold back. He questioned Kavitha's alignment, suggesting her words echoed

those of political adversaries like Revanth Reddy and journalist Radhakrishna. "She's speaking their script," he said, casting doubt on her loyalty and narrative. Emphasizing his decades-long service to the party, he declared, "I have been responsible for BRS victories in Nalgonda for 25 years. I own both the wins and the losses." He dismissed individual grandstanding and underlined his commitment as a loyal soldier of the party.

Adding fuel to the fire, Reddy disclosed that he had met with BRS chief KCR nearly 50 times recently, and not once did the issue of Kavitha or her critics come up. "KCR himself said it's pointless to discuss them," he remarked, underscoring the gap between leadership priorities and internal unrest.

This open war of words has now visibly split party cadres. Social media is abuzz with heated debates—one faction rallying behind Kavitha, while the other defends Jagadish Reddy. Observers warn that if these internal battles continue unchecked, the resulting factionalism could further destabilize the party's structure and momentum.

Kavitha's continued public outbursts and claims of internal betrayal are no longer whispers but loud signals of dissent. For a party that once stood united under KCR's firm leadership, the present situation reveals cracks that are growing harder to ignore.

With party infighting becoming a public spectacle, all eyes are now on KCR. Will he step in to mediate and restore order? Or will he allow the party to drift into deeper internal conflict? The next move from the BRS supremo could determine whether the party regains its footing or slips further into a political mess of its own making.

Rift in Gajwel Congress

Supporters of rival leaders clash in front of Minister Vivek



TPN Correspondent | Siddipet
Internal strife within the Gajwel Congress party turned public on Saturday as rival factions clashed during a government-organised ration card distribution programme in Siddipet district. The clash, which unfolded in the presence of Labour Minister Gaddam Vivekanand, forced police to intervene and restore order.

The incident occurred during a district-level event organised to hand over new ration cards to eligible beneficiaries. Tensions erupted when supporters of District Congress Committee (DCC) President Tumukunta

Narsa Reddy and party leader Bandaru Srikanth Rao got into a heated argument. Eyewitnesses reported that the dispute quickly escalated, disrupting the official proceedings. Minister Vivekanand, who was present to oversee the distribution, appeared visibly uncomfortable as the factional feud unfolded in front of him. The scuffle not only embarrassed the party leadership but also cast a shadow over the intended welfare programme.

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Erravalli Farmhouse

Turns Political Hotspot

TPN Correspondent | Telangana
The Erravalli farmhouse, residence of BRS chief and former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhara Rao, has once again become the nerve centre of Telangana politics. Amidst growing internal unrest in the BRS, several senior party leaders from different districts convened for a crucial meeting, raising eyebrows across political circles.

Sources indicate that top leaders like Harish Rao from the joint Medak district, K.T. Rama Rao and Modugupuli Sanjay from the Karimnagar region, RS Praveen Kumar from Adilabad, Jagadish Reddy from Nalgonda, and Vemula Prashanth Reddy from Nizamabad were present. The meeting reportedly focused on reviewing the local political climate and the party's position district-wise.

Apart from the immediate discussions on local body elections,



the gathering is said to have explored broader strategies to revamp and solidify the party's structure. In particular, the upcoming BC leaders' meeting in Karimnagar on the 8th of this month was highlighted as a key event. Insiders reveal that efforts are underway to mobilize BC leaders in large numbers and demonstrate the BRS's continued grassroots strength.

This renewed focus on micro-management is seen as an attempt to patch internal cracks, especially in the wake of some

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SEC Overhauls Voter List in Telangana

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The State Election Commission (SEC) of Telangana has begun a complete overhaul of the ward-wise voter list in preparation for the upcoming local body elections. This reset comes in response to recent administrative changes, including the merger of villages into municipalities and the formation of new mandals, as well as software glitches in the Te-Poll app.

Officials have removed the previous voter list from the Te-Poll app and are now creating a fresh list, with villages serving as the basic unit. District Panchayat Officers have directed Panchayat Secretaries to delete names of

deceased voters and add new voters who have turned 18. The revised data will be uploaded using Panchayat Secretary logins, replacing the older MPDO-based entries.

The last voter list, published in January, recorded 3.35 crore voters — 1.66 crore men, 1.68 crore women, and 2,829 third-gender individuals. However, the structural merger of 71 Gram Panchayats into GHMC and other urban bodies has made the earlier list outdated.

The new update will also address technical errors that previously caused incomplete voter records. One key correction is ensuring all

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Cow Thieves in Luxury Cars, Police in Deep Sleep?

TPN Correspondent | Secunderabad
The incident of a gang drug-ging cows and stealing them using luxury vehicles in the Monda Market area has created a stir, with CCTV footage of the thefts going viral on social media. The gang reportedly operated in Bandi Met, Second Bazaar, and other parts of the city under Monda Division. Locals allege that the thieves transported the drugged cattle in Innova and Ertiga vehicles.

After similar incidents occurred in two locations, residents alerted the police. CCTV footage showed the gang taking cows away from residential areas. Shockingly, such thefts are reportedly taking place in multiple parts of the city using similar methods.



While visuals are being widely shared online, the police have yet to arrest the gang. In a related development, the Secunderabad Market Police Station has faced backlash over alleged overaction.

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Rift in Gajwel Congress

According to sources, longstanding rivalries between the two local leaders—both of whom aspire for greater influence within the party—led to the face-off. Local police had to step in and separate the groups to prevent further escalation. Party insiders say the feud has been brewing since the Assembly elections, with each faction accusing the other of undermining the party's grassroots strength in Gajwel. The incident is likely to prompt the Congress high command to take note, especially at a time when the party is trying to consolidate its base in the region. While no injuries were reported, the clash has raised concerns about discipline and unity within the party, especially with local body elections approaching. Party observers say urgent intervention is required to prevent further damage to the Congress's image in the Gajwel segment, which holds strategic importance.

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Restrictions were reportedly imposed on broadcasting videos related to the cow thefts. Locals blame the rising thefts on inadequate night patrolling and the police's failure to act despite multiple complaints. North Zone DCP Perumal held a press conference acknowledging the incidents and confirmed that a special team has been formed to catch the culprits. However, he did not provide any specific details about the accused. Residents are frustrated that no arrests have been made so far. Meanwhile, netizens have raised concerns about cybercrime police allegedly filing cases against media outlets reporting the thefts. They question the rationale behind targeting journalists when there were no hate-driven or provocative elements in the reports. Locals also claim that journalists are being questioned at the Market Police Station for highlighting these incidents. The recurring thefts and lack of arrests have intensified criticism of the police. Citizens continue to demand increased patrolling and concrete action to curb such organized criminal activities.

Erravalli Farmhouse Turns Political Hotspot

district-level leaders distancing themselves from the party's central leadership. The Erravalli session, sources claim, was meant to rekindle unity, boost morale, and consolidate leadership across regions. Also under discussion, reportedly, were those senior leaders who skipped the meeting — a signal that the party is evaluating all angles and possibly planning further deliberations with broader participation in the days ahead. The question now dominating political discourse: is this a calculated step towards the BRS's political resurgence? Or merely a fire-fighting exercise to manage mounting dissent within the party? Analysts remain divided. While some interpret the gathering as a sign of the party regrouping for a comeback, others view it as a last-minute attempt to hold the flock together. Either way, Erravalli has once again taken centre stage in Telangana's political theatre.

SEC Overhauls Voter List in Telangana

members of a family are listed within the same ward, fixing inconsistencies from the earlier version. This exercise will also affect the Mandal Parishad Territorial Constituencies (MPTCs) and Zilla Parishad Territorial Constituencies (ZPTCs). With the number of mandals now revised from 565 to 564, redistribution of MPTC seats is underway. The overhaul involves four stages: draft list publication, objection submission, resolution, and final publication, followed by the finalisation of polling stations. Only after completing these steps can the SEC announce the election schedule. However, unresolved issues regarding Backward Class (BC) reservations continue to delay the process. The High Court has ordered that the elections must be completed by September 30, giving the Commission limited time to wrap up all preparatory work. "All efforts are being made to ensure accuracy and transparency," said an SEC official.

Correct Mistakes, Move the Party Forward: Seethakka

TPN Correspondent | Nizamabad

Minister Seethakka has urged Congress leaders to overcome internal groupism and focus on unity and public service to strengthen the party. Speaking at a key workers' meeting held in Argul village of Jakranpally mandal, she emphasized the importance of collective efforts to take the party forward. The meeting was conducted as part of the Janahita Padayatra led by TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud in Nizamabad district. AICC Telangana in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan also participated in the program, lending it further significance ahead of the local body elections. Addressing the gathering, Seethakka stressed, "We must correct the shortcomings and move the party forward with unity. Leadership should not be about personal preferences but about who is accepted by



doing for them," she said. Seethakka also criticized the BJP, stating, "They rely on divisive politics every time elections approach. We, on the other hand, must focus on social development and unity." With local elections approaching, the call for discipline, public connection, and cohesion within Congress appears to be gaining urgency, especially as the party prepares to solidify its recent electoral gains.

the people. Those who are rooted in public service must be encouraged." She underlined the need to build the party from the grassroots level, calling for leaders to emerge from villages, and asked all members to actively promote the welfare schemes initiated by the Congress government. "We must take these schemes to every household and ensure people understand what the government is

Not a single drop to be spared: Bhatti

State interests above politics, says Deputy CM

TPN Correspondent | Khammam

Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka strongly asserted that Telangana will not yield even a drop of its rightful irrigation water, warning the Andhra Pradesh government against any illegal constructions. Speaking at Kamalapuram village in Khammam district on Sunday, where he laid the foundation stone for a ₹10 crore warehouse with 10,000 metric ton capacity, Bhatti emphasized that the interests of Telangana take precedence over politics. Highlighting the importance of defending the state's water rights, Bhatti said the blame for the Banakacharla controversy lies entirely with the previous BRS government, accusing it of negligence and failure to protect Telangana's interests. "AP is conspiring to deprive our farmers of irrigation water. But thanks to



timely intervention by CM Revanth Reddy and Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy, the Banakacharla project was halted in Delhi," Bhatti said. He alleged that during BRS's decade-long rule, no meaningful irrigation projects were developed, despite spending over ₹1 lakh crore on the Kaleshwaram project. "Not even one acre got water from Kaleshwaram. It is

Congress-era projects on Krishna and Godavari rivers that are still serving our fields," he pointed out. He also criticized BRS for inaction during critical moments like the Polavaram project and the ordinance-based merger of seven mandals into AP. "They did not even raise their voice when AP's leaders were welcomed here with red carpets while our water was being looted," he said. Bhatti declared that the Congress government is now correcting all the mistakes committed in the past 10 years by the BRS and is implementing a concrete action plan to fully utilize both Krishna and Godavari waters. "BRS is a curse on Telangana. We are moving forward not only with strong irrigation plans but also with efficient welfare and development schemes," he concluded. Corporation chairmen Rayala Nag-eswara Rao, Naidu Satyanarayana, and Collector Anudeep Durishetty were among those present at the event.

Janahita Yatra Sparks Surge of Support in Khanapur

TPN Correspondent | Nirmal

The Congress party's Janahita Padayatra received a rousing reception in Khanapur constituency as AICC Telangana affairs in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan was warmly welcomed by thousands of enthusiastic supporters and party workers in Surjapur village on Sunday. The atmosphere turned festive with gajamala processions, Brahman chariots, and public participation along every step of the walk. TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud, Joint Adilabad District In-charge Minister Jupalli Krishna Rao, Joint Nizamabad District In-charge Minister Anasuya Seethakka, and Khanapur MLA Vedma Bojju accompanied Natarajan during the walk, energizing the party cadre and rallying public support ahead of local body elections. The roads of Surjapur were flooded with party activists, youth, and women from surrounding areas, who gathered in large numbers to greet their leaders. The Janahita Padayatra, aimed at taking government welfare schemes and Congress ideals directly to the people,



is fast turning into a mass connect campaign across constituencies. Congress leaders Allola Indrakaran Reddy, Venugopal Chari, Srihari Rao, Vitthal Reddy, Atram Sakku, Soyam Bapurao, Rekhashyam Nayak, Narayana Rao Patel, Atram Suguna, Ade Gajender, Kandi Srinivas Reddy, Embadi Rajeshwar and others also actively par-

ticipated in the event. Party leaders praised the strong turnout and vowed to continue reaching out to people at the grassroots level. The Congress is aiming to build a cohesive and disciplined front in Telangana through the Janahita Padayatra, setting the stage for future electoral battles.

Rythu Bima For Farmers with New Passbooks Holders

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The Telangana government has begun the process of implementing the Rythu Bima scheme for the 2025–26 policy term. The new insurance coverage period will begin from August 14. In this regard, the Agriculture Department has started identifying farmers eligible for insurance under the scheme, particularly those who have newly received Pattadar passbooks. There are over 76 lakh farmers across the state with Pattadar passbooks. Agriculture officials have instructed farmers aged between 18 and 59 years to submit fresh applications for the current insurance year within this week. All valid applications will be reviewed

and uploaded on the Rythu Bima portal by August 9. AEOs have already collected information on farmers who received new passbooks by the end of June. Agriculture Officers (AOs) and other field-level officials are now verifying these applications. Importantly, the department has also allowed farmers who were eligible earlier but did not apply—estimated to be around seven lakh—to submit fresh applications this year. With these additions, officials estimate that there could be nearly two lakh previously eligible applicants coming onboard. Meanwhile, the renewals of farmers who were insured under Rythu Bima in

the previous term are also underway. As of July 30, the renewal process is being conducted for over 45 lakh eligible farmers, excluding those who crossed the age of 60. The AEOs are updating this data on the portal. Including both new and renewed applicants, more than 48 lakh farmers are expected to be covered under the scheme this year. Last year, the government paid a premium of ₹3,600 per farmer to LIC. This year's premium amount is yet to be finalized. Under the Rythu Bima scheme, the family of any insured farmer who dies—whether due to natural or accidental causes—receives a compensation of ₹5 lakh, providing crucial financial support during times of distress.

Heavy Rains to Continue For 5 Days

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The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast heavy rainfall across the Telugu states for the next five days, attributing it to a low-pressure system over the Bay of Bengal and the Arabian Sea. The system is expected to affect Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, and Kerala.

As per IMD reports, coastal Andhra Pradesh will experience heavy rains on August 4 and 5, while Rayalaseema is likely to see persistent rainfall from August 3 to 6. The department also stated that light to moderate rains are expected in Lakshadweep, Karnataka, Kerala, and the Yanam region over the next week. Accompanying winds may reach speeds of 40 to 50 kmph, prompting caution for coastal and inland regions. For today, both Andhra Pradesh and Telangana will witness a mix of sun and clouds during daytime, followed by a sudden shift to light to moderate showers by evening.



Meteorological officials have highlighted the risk of intense rain spells in key Telangana districts such as Ranga Reddy, Hyderabad, Warangal, Karimnagar, Yadagiri-gutta, Sircilla, Nizamabad, Mahabubnagar, and Nalgonda. Authorities have urged residents, especially those in low-lying areas, to stay alert and follow weather updates closely.

Congress Delivered 20 Months of Loot and Lies: KTR



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BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao launched a scathing attack on the Congress government, accusing it of 20 months of corrupt, incompetent, and fraudulent governance. Addressing a preparatory meeting at Telangana Bhavan for the upcoming Jubilee Hills bypoll, KTR urged party cadres to campaign in mission mode to ensure BRS victory, treating it as a political tribute to the late MLA Maganti Gopinath.

He warned that if the Congress is re-elected, remaining welfare schemes would be scrapped. “The same Congress cheaters who made fake promises before elections are now destroying schemes and harassing the poor,” he said, taking aim at Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi, and Mallikarjun Kharge. Referring to the government’s actions under HYDRAA and Musi Riverfront development, KTR said it is targeting the homes of the poor while ignoring illegal constructions owned by powerful Congress leaders. “HYDRAA is going after huts, not Revanth’s palaces built in water bodies,” he added, pointing to the tragic suicide of a woman in Kukatpally over fears of demolition. He alleged a secret understanding between the Congress and the BJP, questioning why Prime Minister Narendra Modi had

not pursued any cases against Revanth Reddy despite his alleged involvement in scams. “Both parties have only one goal: defeat BRS,” he declared. KTR reminded the people of key welfare schemes initiated under former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhara Rao, including Shaadi Mubarak, Kalyana Lakshmi, and land regularisation under GOs 58 and 59. He said Hyderabad’s growth was a result of inclusive governance without divisive politics. In the wake of the Bihar SIR controversy and Tejashwi Yadav’s claims about missing votes, KTR expressed doubt over the credibility of the Election Commission. He appealed to BRS cadre to verify every voter in the constituency and ensure that no names are mysteriously deleted. “Go door to door, explain why BRS must win Jubilee Hills. This is about our future,” he told party workers.

BJP Confident of Victory in Local Polls: Ramachandra Rao

TPN Correspondent | Rangareddy
BJP State President Ramachandra Rao asserted that the BJP flag will surely fly high in the upcoming local body elections in Telangana. Speaking at Sri Ram Nagar village in Moinabad mandal of Rangareddy district on Sunday, he emphasized the need to take the Modi government’s 11-year development record and welfare schemes directly to the people. Participating in the “Grāma Saubhāgyam Tohto Bhāgthi Gāṇa” campaign (translated as “Village Prosperity is Possible Only with BJP”), Ramachandra Rao began the program with special pujas at the Hanuman temple before visiting households in the village to explain the central schemes. He launched a scathing attack on the Congress government in the state, accusing it of anti-people policies. “The Congress came to power promising six guarantees. But now it is clear they have betrayed the people,” he stated.



Addressing a gathering at the village centre, he called on the cadre to gear up for the upcoming local body elections. “We must win the ZPTC, MPTC, Sarpanch, Municipal, Corporation and Chairman posts. I will return to this village again, and I should see BJP representatives elected here,” he said. He credited the Modi government with introducing numerous welfare schemes in the past 11 years aimed at uplifting the poor. “It is because of Prime Minister Modi that the nation is peaceful, and people are con-

tent,” he said, claiming that the BJP has reached every doorstep. The event was attended by District President Raj Bhupal Goud, former MLA Ratnam, District Election Convener Ande Sriramulu, Anjan Kumar Goud, Kanjarla Prakash, State Council Member Sun Velli Prabhakar Reddy, BJYM State President Mahender, OBC District Convener Elgani Venkatesh Goud, Madhusudhan Reddy, Mandal President Chandra Shekhar Reddy, Municipal President Srikanth, and other key leaders and booth-level workers.

Congress United, Padayatra Got Rahul's Nod: TPCC Chief

TPN Correspondent | Nizamabad

Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President Mahesh Kumar Goud has declared that the Congress party remains strong and united under the leadership of CM Revanth Reddy and Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka. Speaking at the joint Nizamabad district Congress workers’ meeting, he reaffirmed the party’s commitment to grassroots leadership and its determination to fulfill promises made to the people of Telangana. Addressing the gathering, Mahesh Kumar described Nizamabad as a Congress bastion and a stronghold of loyal party workers. “It is our responsibility to ensure our leaders win in the upcoming local body elections. The Congress party will only give tickets to those who have public backing, as confirmed by surveys,” he asserted. Mahesh Kumar clarified that while some new appointments were made recently, no committed leader was sidelined. “We balanced experience and fresh ener-



gy—85% of the PCC executive posts were given to those who worked hard for the party, and 15% to new entrants who came from outside but believe in our ideology,” he said. He recounted how Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge had asked why a padayatra wasn’t being planned to highlight the demand for 42% BC reservations. CM Revanth immediately responded that such a plan was already under discussion. “Kharge agreed, and Rahul Gandhi too gave the green signal to proceed with the padayatra. Some newspapers are writing nonsense about it, but let them write—we know our goals,” Mahesh Kumar said, adding, “Padayatras are a Congress

tradition, from Mahatma Gandhi to Rahul Gandhi’s Bharat Jodo Yatra.” Mahesh Kumar called Revanth Reddy “my brother” and reiterated that there are no rifts within the Congress. “Ours is a family. The CM, Deputy CM, and ministers are all working tirelessly to get Telangana out of the debt trap left by KCR’s misrule. We will not betray the trust of the people or our workers,” he stated. He condemned attempts by some media outlets to create confusion about the Janahita Padayatra and emphasized that it will go forward as planned. “Revanth Reddy and our ministers are fully committed to walking with the people,” he added. He concluded by praising the appointment of young, dynamic leaders like Balmur Venkat, Azmat Hussain, Rajiv, Edma Bojju, and Naresh Jadhav. “They are energetic and ready to work for the people. And Sitakka, with her people’s blessings, has become a minister and is now district in-charge—a welcome move,” he said.

AP leaders misleading public with false information

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Telangana Minister Ponnab Prabhakar strongly criticised Andhra Pradesh Minister Nara Lokesh for his recent remarks on the use of flood water for agriculture, accusing him of inciting regionalism and spreading misinformation. Ponnab asserted that the water availability for Telangana, as decided during the bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh, stands at 531 TMC out of the total 968 TMC. He clarified that discussions on flood water should only begin after the consumption of net water and surplus water, and after the sanctioned project requirements are met. He accused Nara Lokesh of trying to mislead the people of Andhra Pradesh without understanding the actual water-sharing framework. “Our quota, our share, our water — before it’s even fully consumed, you are inciting inequalities in the name of flood waters,” Ponnab said. He further warned that Telangana would not give up even a drop of its rightful water

as determined by tribunals and the central government. “We will fight for our rights, our farmers, and our state. You protect your state’s interests, but don’t deceive people with false claims,” he added, urging an end to the deadlock between the two states on water disputes.



Govt lands should be used for hostels: R Krishnaiah



TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
Rajya Sabha member and BC leader R Krishnaiah strongly opposed the sale of government lands, urging

the Telangana government to use them for the construction of hostels, Gurukul schools, and public welfare institutions instead. Speaking as the chief guest at the Maha Dharna held at Dharna Chowk, Indira Park in Hyderabad, he said the government’s negligence in hostel management is unacceptable and must change. Krishnaiah demanded that government land should be used for constructing buildings for BC college hostels and Gurukul schools, and for essential infrastructure like schools and offices, rather than being sold to private entities. He reminded that even the previous governments’ attempts to sell such lands were opposed and stopped by public pressure.

He highlighted that nearly 800 students residing in two hostels at Praja Bhavan are facing severe hardships due to inadequate infrastructure and lack of proper amenities. He noted that while the government is spending thousands of crores on flyovers and roads, it is failing to invest in the education and future of poor students. Krishnaiah insisted that the government must immediately begin construction of permanent buildings for hostels and Gurukuls and ensure rent payments for those operating in private buildings. If the government continues to ignore these demands, he warned that a larger movement would be launched in the coming days.

Revanth a Dummy CM, Says Jeevan Reddy



TPN Correspondent | Nizamabad
Former MLA and BRS Nizamabad district president A. Jeevan Reddy launched a sharp attack on the Congress leadership over their ongoing padayatra in Armur, branding it a “fake show” and accusing Chief Minister Revanth Reddy of being a “dummy CM.” Speaking at Telangana Bhavan, Jeevan Reddy said the so-called Janahita Padayatra led by Congress was neither for the public nor for development. “This is not a padayatra, it’s a political drama.

Gandhism is in their words, but Godseism is in their actions,” he remarked. He alleged that people were not attending the rally despite money being spent to mobilise crowds. Criticising Revanth Reddy, he said the CM had made over 50 trips to Delhi just to retain his post. He also claimed that Telangana PCC president Mahesh Kumar Goud had openly admitted to sending money to Armur and Balkonda, exposing the political nature of the yatra. Jeevan Reddy said the Congress government had failed to implement its promises, especially the farm loan waiver. “In Nizamabad district alone, two lakh farmers are still waiting. This yatra is not about guarantees—it’s their last march,” he declared. The Kamareddy BC declaration had gone “into a coma” and that the farmers’ declaration had become a laughing stock. “A bowl of salt was thrown on it—what more proof is needed of its failure?” he added. He ridiculed Mahesh Kumar Goud’s understanding of irrigation and called out his frequent criticism of KCR and KTR. He further branded the AICC as “All India Corruption Centre” and PCC as “Pradesh Corruption Centre,” questioning how projects would move forward with opposition signatures.

Hero Chiranjeevi Meets CM Revanth Reddy

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Tollywood Megastar Chiranjeevi met Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy at his residence in Jubilee Hills. The Chief Minister’s Office shared a video of the meeting on the ‘X’ platform, stating that Chiranjeevi

met the CM courteously and engaged in a friendly conversation. However, speculation is rife that the meeting was related to concerns in the Telugu film industry, especially with the Telugu Cine Workers’ Federation recently announcing a strike.

Though the official note did not mention the agenda, the timing of the meeting has drawn attention, sparking discussions among industry circles and political observers alike. The nature of their conversation remains undisclosed.

Cyber Crackdown

228 Held in 7 Months, 13% Dip in Telangana Cases



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The Telangana Cyber Security Bureau (TGCSB) has arrested 228 cybercrime accused, including 27 women, in a major nationwide crackdown over the past seven months. The operations, which spanned across 17 states, led to a 13 per cent reduction in cybercrime cases in Telangana during the first half of 2025. TGCSB Director Shikha Goel revealed

that the arrested individuals were involved in a wide range of crimes including fake call centres, investment and job scams, child sexual exploitation, and cyber slavery rings. One of the biggest busts was a fake call centre operating from Patrika Nagar, Hi-Tech City, where 63 suspects—mostly from Gujarat and Northeast states—were found defrauding NRIs and US

citizens. Three large-scale operations were carried out during this period, leading to arrests across states like Telangana (93), Nagaland (42), Gujarat (20), Andhra Pradesh (17), and several others. In total, the 228 accused are linked to 1,313 cybercrime cases nationwide and 189 cases within Telangana, involving a fraud amount of ₹92 crore. The bureau's Child Protection Unit (CPU) also made significant strides, arresting 15 habitual offenders tied to 57 cyber tip line complaints relating to Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse Material (CSEAM) across the state. The arrested persons were associated with various categories of cyber offences: 66 for fake call centres, 77 for investment/job frauds, 15 CSEAM-related, 18 in cyber slavery cases, and others involved in identity theft, digital arrest scams, SIM box operations, impersonation, and online trading frauds. TGCSB officials say the sharp reduction in cybercrime is a direct result of proactive policing, targeted enforcement, and increased coordination across state lines.

SPCA Office Inaugurated at BRKR Bhavan

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The State Police Complaint Authority (SPCA) office was officially inaugurated today at D Block, 8th floor of BRKR Bhavan in Hyderabad. The SPCA has been established in accordance with the 2006 Supreme Court judgment on a PIL filed by retired IPS officer Sri Prakash Singh, aimed at enhancing transparency and accountability in policing. Honourable Justice (Retd.) B. Shiva Shankar Rao, Chairman of the SPCA, inaugurated the office during a formal ceremony. He was joined by SPCA members Sri Pramod Kumar, IPS (Retd.), Dr. Varre Venkateshwarlu, as well as District Police Complaint Authority Chairman, District Judge (Retd.) Sri Y. Aravind Reddy. Other participants included members Sri K.V. Ram Narsimha Reddy (Addl. SP, Retd.), Sri S. Rajender, and Sri Ramana Kumar, AIG (Law & Order). In his address, Justice Shiva Shankar Rao emphasized the critical role of such institutions in upholding democratic values and strengthening public trust in the police system. He stated that the SPCA will operate independently and serve as an accessible platform for citizens to raise complaints against police officers of Deputy Superintendent rank and above in cases of misconduct or dereliction of duty. He also highlighted that the SPCA is intended to uphold the integrity of the police force and reinforce the rule of law across the state. The Chairman appealed to the public to make use of the newly established office to seek redressal for any grievances related to police behavior. The Telangana Government recently allocated space for the SPCA office in the premises previously occupied by the Kaleshwaram Commission at BRKR Bhavan. The new facility is now fully operational and ready to receive public complaints.



MDMA, Ganja Seized in Uppal

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In a significant crackdown on drug trafficking, the Rangareddy Enforcement team led by CI Subhash Chandra, along with officers Akhil and Venkateswarlu, seized a substantial quantity of narcotics during a raid in the Kothapet area of Uppal. The operation was conducted at a residence near Vishal Mart in Maruti Nagar, based on credible intelligence regarding illegal drug activity. Officials recovered 13.65 grams of MDMA and 513 grams of dry marijuana during the raid. A vehicle suspected to be used in the distribution of the drugs was also seized from the premises. According to Enforcement CI Subhash Chandra, a man named Sandeep had transported the MDMA from Delhi and handed it over to another individual, Bharat Rishabh, who was allegedly involved in selling the drugs in the area. The enforcement team promptly took action and handed over the seized drugs and the accused to the Uppal Excise Station for further investigation and legal proceedings.



BRS Leaders File Complaint Against IAS Harichandana, DS Chauhan

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BRS MLC Dasoju Shravan, along with party MLA Mutha Gopal and senior leader Anand Goud, has filed a formal complaint with Telangana Chief Secretary A. Santhi Kumari against Hyderabad District Collector Harichandana and Civil Supplies Commissioner DS Chauhan. The BRS leaders alleged that both officials made false statements targeting the previous BRS government during a ration card distribution program held at Banjara Hills. Speaking to the media, MLC Shravan said, "We have issued 6,47,479 ration cards to deserving families during the 10-year tenure of KCR's government. Despite having full access to official records, Collector Harichandana and Commissioner Chauhan chose to make baseless political criticisms against our government." The complaint demands disciplinary action against the two officers, accusing them of misleading the public and indulging in political commentary while serving in administrative roles. The BRS leaders also stated that the officials'



remarks were not just misleading, but also in violation of service rules that require bureaucrats to maintain neutrality in political matters. "We are requesting the Chief Secretary to take immediate action. These are serious lapses. The officers have misused a public platform to tarnish the previous administration and to serve political motives," Shravan added. The BRS leaders emphasized that ration card distribution should not become a ground for political propaganda by government officials and warned that they will take further legal steps if the issue is not addressed promptly.

Sthirasthi Margadarshi' A True Guide to Real Estate



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The book Sthirasthi Margadarshi, authored by real estate expert Kudikala Om Prakash, was launched at a special event held at the Telugu Assets office in Nagole. Several speakers who attended the program lauded the book as a comprehensive and practical guide for anyone navigating the real estate sector. Describing the book as true to its name, participants stated that Sthirasthi Margadarshi offers valuable insights for those planning to buy land, build a home, or invest in apartments. They praised the clarity and simplicity of the language used, which makes the content ac-

cessible to a wide range of readers — from first-time buyers to seasoned investors. The event was attended by several notable personalities from the real estate and media sectors. Along with the author, Telugu Assets YouTube channel founder Srinivas Chikati, real estate expert Samala Anjaiah, senior journalist Sapthagiri, and Balaraju were present and shared their appreciation for the work. Speakers unanimously agreed that Sthirasthi Margadarshi fills a much-needed gap in the market by providing a reliable, easy-to-understand resource for people at all stages of real estate involvement.

Woman Ends Life Saying She's Going to Meet God

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In a tragic incident, 43-year-old Pooja Jain died by suicide after jumping from the fifth floor of her apartment in Himayat Nagar, Hyderabad. The woman reportedly left a suicide note expressing her desire to meet God through self-sacrifice. Pooja Jain was married to Arun Kumar Jain, a resident of Himayat Nagar. According to sources, she had been deeply involved in spiritual practices and devotional activities over the past few days. On the day of the incident, while her husband had left for work, Pooja took the

extreme step. Neighbours and residents of the building were shocked when they witnessed her falling from the fifth floor. Emergency services were alerted immediately, but she succumbed to her injuries on the spot. Police recovered a suicide note from the scene, in which Pooja stated that she was undertaking self-sacrifice to become one with God. The note reportedly mentioned her willingness to end her earthly journey and move toward spiritual liberation.



SSDC Celebrates Samavarthana 2025 With Grandeur

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Siva Shivani Degree College held its Samavarthana 2025 convocation ceremony in a grand manner on Saturday, marking the graduation of the 2022–2025 batch. Over 700 students received their degrees at the event held near the college campus. On the same occasion, the institution also launched its Blue Sapphire Jubilee, celebrating 65 years of academic excellence. The program commenced with the



lighting of the lamp and the national anthem performed by students. Chief guest Prof. V. Balakishtha Reddy, Honorary

Chairman of the Telangana Council of Higher Education, conferred the degrees and addressed the gathering. He urged the gradu-

ates to embrace continuous learning, honesty, and innovation while contributing to building an inclusive and progressive India. S. Aarti, President and CEO of Shiv Shivani Educational Institutions, congratulated the graduates and called convocation a milestone that reflects the hard work and perseverance of students. "At Shiv Shivani, education is not just academic—it is about shaping personalities and values," she said.

Principal Mamata presented the annual report, praising students for both academic excellence and participation in co-curricular and social service activities. She emphasized the college's commitment to holistic, value-based education and skill development. Degrees were awarded in B. Com, B.B.A., B.Sc., and B.A. streams. The event also featured special awards for academic toppers, sports achievers, and contributors to cultural and community service. Parents, faculty, alumni, and guests attended in large numbers, making the ceremony a memorable one. The event concluded with a vote of thanks and a collective pledge by graduates to uphold the values instilled during their time at Siva Shivani.



Over 700 graduates receive degrees and 65th anniversary celebrations launched

“Only when society thrives, can we truly prosper”

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Telangana IT and Industries Minister Sri Duddilla Sridhar Babu stressed that individual well-being is deeply tied to the collective progress of society, urging citizens—especially youth—to adopt a broader perspective and become active agents of change. Speaking as the Chief Guest at the ‘Maitri Varadhi’ event organized by i-Focus Mission at Mini Shilparamam, Uppal on Sunday, the Minister said true transformation starts from



Change begins with a shift in mindset, says Minister Sridhar Babu at ‘Maitri Varadhi’ event

within. “We are constantly running—since we take our first steps until our last breath—often forgetting the society that surrounds and supports us,” he noted. He reminded the audience that society is not composed of distant strangers, but of the very people we live and interact with every day. “There is a shared responsibility that we all bear. Change in society begins when we change our way of thinking.” Sridhar Babu also pointed out a common hesitation among people who wish to contrib-

ute but doubt their individual impact. “One of our greatest weaknesses is thinking, ‘What difference can I make alone?’” he said, adding, “No individual can bring change in isolation, but collective action can.” The Minister encouraged young people to believe in their ability to make a difference. “If youth channel their energy towards building a better society, incredible progress can happen. Nothing is impossible.” Citing the vision of the Revanth Reddy-led government, Sridhar Babu said that a progressive

Telangana will emerge when dynamic leadership combines with the energy of the youth. “The government will act as a bridge to help you fulfill your aspirations,” he assured, urging youth to step forward with new ideas and address pressing challenges. He also commended the work of i-Focus Mission for fostering social responsibility and said such initiatives were vital to building an inclusive and progressive future. The event saw participation from several prominent figures, including Eenadu Andhra Pradesh Editor M. Nageswara Rao and i-Focus Mission Representative Vasudeva Sharma, among others.

Digital Revolution Begins in Telangana Schools

TPN Correspondent | Khammam

Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka on Saturday launched digital board classes at the Government Junior College in Mudigonda, Madhira constituency, marking a major step toward a digital revolution in the state’s education sector. Speaking on the occasion, Bhatti Vikramarka said that the public government is determined to transform government education with digital learning tools, English medium instruction, and revised syllabi. “A digital revolution is coming in the education sector of Telangana. The government is fully focused and committed to improving the quality of education in government schools,” he said. The Deputy CM revealed that the state has already signed Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with various companies to implement digital education initiatives. He noted that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy is personally monitoring the progress in the education sector, showing his commitment to building a strong academic foundation across the state. He also addressed the issues facing Mudigonda Government College and instructed officials to propose and implement suitable solutions promptly. Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka specially congratulated Royal Nageswara Rao, Chairman of the Warehouse Corporation, for contributing ₹1.5 lakh from his personal funds to set up a digital board in the college. “Such efforts deserve recognition and appreciation,” he said. As part of the event, the Deputy CM also participated in a plantation drive, planting saplings on the college premises.



Man Climbs Cell Tower Demanding Indiramma House

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Tension prevailed in Thanancharla village of Maripeda mandal in Mahabubabad district on Sunday after a man climbed a cell tower demanding a house under the Indiramma housing scheme. The protester, identified as Ramulu, said he was forced to take the drastic step after being repeatedly denied a house despite multiple appeals to officials. Upset by the inaction, he climbed the cell tower near the village and staged a protest, drawing the attention of locals. Upon being alerted, villagers and police rushed to the spot and pleaded with Ramulu to come down. After some time, they managed to persuade him by assuring that his grievance would be taken to the notice of higher officials. Ramulu finally descended safely after receiving those assurances. Speaking to the media, Ramulu expressed his anguish, stating that he has been struggling for years to get a house under the Indiramma scheme, but his efforts have gone in vain. He urged the authorities to respond compassionately and allot a house to his poor family.

Rs.75 Cr Lift Scheme Launched in Ramagundam

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Telangana Planning Board Vice Chairman and Ramagundam MLA G. Raj Thakur praised the Congress government for launching the ₹75 crore lift irrigation scheme in Ramagundam constituency and reiterated his demand for permanent irrigation solutions for the region. He spoke at a public meeting held at the project site following the formal inauguration of the scheme, which is expected to irrigate 25,000 acres. The event marked the official commissioning of the project, which lifts water from the Kaka-



tiya Canal. Minister for Irrigation N. Uttam Kumar Reddy inaugurated the project, accompanied by Minister Seethakka and Rajya Sabha MP Anil Kumar Yadav. Raj Thakur acknowledged that the scheme had been

in limbo for years and said the Congress government acted swiftly to complete it. “Within six months of coming to power, the Congress leadership has resolved a long-standing demand of Ramagundam farmers,” he said.

However, he emphasized the need for more permanent and comprehensive irrigation plans for the region. He requested the government to revive the Potharam lift scheme and SRSP tail-end project, which would help irrigate an additional 60,000 acres and fully address the water scarcity in Ramagundam and surrounding areas. Raj Thakur also took the opportunity to criticize the BRS regime, stating that during its ten-year rule, no permanent irrigation solutions were developed in the constituency. He added, “BRS leaders ignored Ramagundam’s

needs and played politics with irrigation. It is only under the Congress government that real work has begun.” He thanked Ministers Uttam Kumar Reddy and Seethakka, along with the engineers and officials involved in fast-tracking the project. He called upon the Congress government to sanction two more similar lift schemes to meet the total irrigation needs of the region. District Collector Dr. Madhusudhan Reddy, local officials, Congress leaders, and a large gathering of farmers were present at the inaugural event.

Fishermen Rescue Youth from Drowning in Krishna River

TPN Correspondent | Srisaillam

A young man’s life was saved by the swift response of local fishermen after he was swept away by the strong current of the Krishna River at Patala Ganga near Srisaillam on Sunday. According to sources, the man was part of a group of four friends who had come on a trip to Srisaillam. The incident occurred

when the group went down to the banks of the Krishna River near Patala Ganga for a bath. While in the water, one of the youngsters lost balance and was dragged away by the powerful current. Witnessing the struggle, local fishermen who were nearby immediately sprang into action. They quickly set out in a boat and reached the young man just in time, pulling

him out before he could be pulled further downstream. The rescued man was brought to shore and given basic first aid. Fortunately, he did not suffer any major injuries. The brave and timely act of the fishermen was praised by the local people and tourists in the area. Authorities have once again reminded visitors to exercise extreme caution while entering rivers and



water bodies, especially in areas known for strong currents like Patala Ganga. Officials also advised tour-

ists to avoid venturing deep into the river and to always follow safety guidelines during such trips.

IT Employees Held in Farmhouse Drug Racket

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A high-end drug party organized under the guise of a birthday celebration at a farmhouse in Chevella was busted by Telangana Excise Enforcement officials late Saturday night. Six software employees working at Dell were arrested, and narcotic substances worth over ₹2 lakh along with luxury vehicles were seized during the raid. The farmhouse, located in the Chevella area, was booked by Abhijit Banerjee and Sreen Acharya to celebrate Banerjee’s birthday. Excise officials revealed that the celebration escalated into a rave party involving a variety of narcotics and expensive liquor. The excise team, led by SGF B Team CI Bikshapati and SI Balaraju, conducted a sudden raid based on a tip-off. During the search, officers found 0.5 grams and 50 grams of LSD (also referred to as LSD blast), 20.21 grams of Hashish, and five high-end liquor bottles. Drug kits confirmed that all six attendees tested positive for narcotics. Officials also seized three luxury cars worth over ₹50 lakhs and five mobile phones used by the accused. A case has been registered against Abhijit Banerjee, Simple Pratap Goyal, Jaswant Dinesh, and the farmhouse manager. All arrested individuals have been handed over to the Chevella Excise Station for further legal proceedings. Excise Enforcement Director Shanwas Qasim praised the SGF team for swiftly acting and successfully foiling the illegal drug party.



Brake Failure Turns Deadly in Yadadri



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Panic gripped the Jagdevpur intersection in Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district after a speeding lorry lost control and rammed into two motorcycles before crashing into a roadside shop on Saturday evening. The horrific accident claimed the life of one person and left two others critically injured. According to police, the lorry was heading towards Siddipet from Hyderabad when its brakes reportedly failed near the busy Jagdevpur junction. Unable to stop, the vehicle ploughed into two bikes waiting at the signal, dragging them for several metres before smashing into a kirana shop. Local eyewitnesses said the sound of the collision was deafening, and the scene turned chaotic as people rushed to rescue the victims. One motorcyclist died on the spot due to severe

head injuries. Two others, including a pedestrian, were rushed to a nearby hospital and are said to be in critical condition. Jagdevpur police immediately reached the spot and took the lorry driver into custody. Preliminary investigation revealed that the vehicle’s brakes were faulty, leading to the loss of control. “We have registered a case and arrested the driver. A mechanical inspection of the lorry will be conducted to confirm the brake failure claim,” said a police official. The incident has once again raised concerns about the maintenance of heavy vehicles and the enforcement of safety norms on highways and busy intersections. Locals demanded stricter vehicle fitness checks and the installation of speed breakers near the intersection to prevent such mishaps. Further investigation is underway.

How Majoritarianism Is Hindering India’s Progress

India’s development is being significantly stalled by deep-rooted religio-political narratives and cultural mindsets, particularly those related to majoritarianism and caste-based beliefs. Economists Dean Spears and Dean Coffey have highlighted how the ancient ‘sanatan’ ideas of purity, impurity, and the untouchability mindset continue to obstruct progress, especially in critical areas like public health and child welfare.

The country’s intellectual elite seems caught in a state of complacency and denial, fueled by a mix of religious pride, political rhetoric, and the allure of a supposed “Vishwaguru” or global leadership role. This collective stupor prevents honest assessments of India’s real position in the world. For example, many educated young Indians overestimate the country’s economic standing, believing India to be among the top 20 economies globally, when in reality it ranks far below. This gap between perception and reality indicates a troubling disconnect from facts.

A striking example of this denial is how some people refuse to acknowledge persistent caste-based practices despite clear evidence. For instance, manual scavenging—a degrading and dangerous occupation historically forced on certain caste groups—still persists today, even though many prefer to believe otherwise. Such denial feeds into the country’s developmental challenges.

One of the most damaging consequences of this mindset is India’s struggle with sanitation and public health. Even after the Swachh Bharat Mission aimed to improve sanitation, open defecation remains widespread in several states like Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. This practice directly contributes to high rates of child mortality and malnutrition. According



to World Bank data, India’s child mortality rate is alarmingly high—worse than many poorer countries, and significantly higher than other BRICS nations like China, Brazil, and Russia.

Spears and Coffey’s research reveals that poverty alone cannot explain these poor health outcomes. India’s child mortality rate is 20% higher than countries with similar poverty levels, translating to around 170,000 avoidable child deaths annually. This staggering figure is equivalent to the total child deaths in the entire Americas combined. The root causes lie in the socio-cultural stigma around sanitation, linked to notions of purity and caste discrimination.

This cultural barrier affects the acceptance and usage of toilets, hindering improve-

ments in public health. Tackling such entrenched beliefs requires honest reflection and a willingness to challenge existing prejudices—something that India’s current political environment, dominated by majoritarian and Hindu nationalist ideologies, resists.

Yet, there are glimpses of alternative politics that could challenge this status quo. The recent alliance of the Thackeray brothers in Maharashtra, focusing on linguistic rather than religious identity, echoes Tamil Nadu’s long-standing politics of linguistic pride. Tamil Nadu’s emphasis on regional identity has fostered better education, healthcare, and economic outcomes, providing a model for development rooted in inclusivity rather than exclusivity.

Tamil Nadu’s proactive response to the COVID-19 pandemic, especially its focus on remedial education for primary school children, drew global attention and highlighted the benefits of governance that prioritizes social welfare over religious or majoritarian narratives.

While it remains uncertain how deeply Maharashtra’s new political alignment will embrace linguistic identity or whether it may also generate new challenges like language chauvinism, it offers hope for breaking the current “Vishwaguru” induced stupor.

For India to truly advance, it must confront and dismantle the majoritarian and caste-based mental blocks that hold back millions of its citizens. The role of a strong, pluralistic opposition is crucial in awakening the nation to its realities and pushing for inclusive, evidence-based development policies. Only then can India overcome these cultural barriers and realize its vast potential.

PM Modi Was Right: India’s Economic Sovereignty Faces Challenges

As the United States signals a return to sweeping tariffs on Indian exports, concerns are rising about the potential impact on India’s economy. The US remains India’s largest export market, accounting for \$77.5 billion in exports in 2024, roughly 17% of India’s total. Sectors like textiles, pharmaceuticals, and IT services face possible tariff hikes that could disrupt supply chains and unsettle exporters. However, this situation is not a cause for panic but rather a test of India’s economic resilience—a test for which Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been preparing the country for over a decade.

Modi’s vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat (self-reliant India), initially criticized as economic nationalism, now stands out as a strategic approach to building an economy capable of withstanding global shocks. Contrary to fears that this initiative would isolate India, the country’s trade-to-GDP ratio reached 43.1% in 2023, surpassing China and the US, signaling India’s deeper global integration.

Key to this resilience is India’s expanding manufacturing sector, which grew at an impressive 7.8% annually from 2014 to 2023, well above the global average. The government’s Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme has attracted significant foreign investment, including from giants like Apple, which now manufactures 14% of its global iPhones in India—a massive leap from just 1% in 2018.

India’s digital transformation has also played a vital role. The Unified Payments Interface (UPI) processed 131 billion transactions worth \$2.1 trillion in 2024, making it one of the world’s largest digital payment systems. This platform has greatly enhanced financial inclusion, with 80% of Indian adults now having bank accounts compared to 53% in 2014. The country’s digital infrastructure, combining Aadhaar, UPI, and e-governance platforms, has been recognized by the IMF as a global model, helping reduce income inequality significantly.



Infrastructure improvements reinforce India’s economic backbone. Since 2014, the road network has grown by 59%, adding 150,000 km of highways, and dedicated freight corridors have improved logistics efficiency by 12%. These developments prepare India to absorb shocks from tariff impositions and supply chain challenges.

Modi’s administration has also diversified India’s global trade relationships to reduce dependence on any single partner. While the US remains crucial, trade with the European Union surged to \$120 billion in 2024, surpassing trade volumes with the US. The India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC), launched in 2023, aims to cut shipping times by 40%, strengthening ties with Europe and the Middle East. India has diversified its energy imports and expanded renewable energy capacity by 400% since 2014, reaching 200 GW in 2025.

Strategically, India continues to engage pragmatically with countries like Russia and Iran, balancing geopolitical interests to maintain energy security and regional connectivity without bowing to external pressure. India’s recent UK-India Free Trade Agreement further strengthens its global economic positioning.

The tariffs will impact sectors like textiles and pharmaceuticals—important employers and exporters—but India’s robust domestic market of \$1.2 trillion and expanding trade with regions like ASEAN and the UAE help offset potential losses. Additionally, India’s booming startup ecosystem, the third-largest globally with over 120,000 startups and 110 unicorns, thrives on domestic demand and innovation, especially in AI and semiconductors.

Modi’s push for economic sovereignty includes ambitions to produce 20% of domestic semiconductor demand by 2030 and enforce data protection laws ensuring local data storage. These policies strengthen India’s independence in a fragmented global economy.

While tariffs present challenges, they also test the strength of Modi’s economic blueprint. India’s \$3.9 trillion economy, poised to grow at 7% in 2025, is better prepared than ever to navigate global uncertainties. With continued investment in digital inclusion, labour productivity, and regulatory reform, India is set to uphold its economic sovereignty and emerge stronger in the new world order.



Touchstones: Glimpse of a divine world

In a world increasingly overwhelmed by noise—fueled by the relentless flow of information from the Internet, AI, and social media platforms like Instagram and Meta—we often find ourselves drowning in facts, opinions, and at times, outright hostility. Many feel compelled to broadcast every trivial detail of their lives, from the latest fashion choices to mundane views from their windows, driven by a deep fear of missing out or being invisible. This ceaseless clamor has led to rising anxiety and a pervasive sense of low self-worth among many.

Yet amid this chaos, one of the greatest losses is our detachment from the simple joys of solitude and silence, the calming beauty of nature, and the quiet wonders that uplift the soul—a bird building its nest, the soothing notes of music, or the peaceful moments of closing one’s eyes and breathing deeply. While these may sound like clichés, they hold a profound truth that can ground us in times of turmoil.

I invite you to pause and reflect on a living embodiment of such wisdom and serenity—the Dalai Lama, who recently celebrated his 90th birthday. Unlike many public figures who seek constant attention, he remains mostly secluded in his mountain retreat. Yet, through an unseen and gentle magic, he continues to inspire millions worldwide. His rare appearances on screens convey calmness and deep joy, resonating far beyond words.

That same year marked 50 years since the Dalai Lama’s exile from Tibet. He wished to express gratitude to India for sheltering him and his entourage, but the government, concerned about diplomatic sensitivities, declined to host the event. Fortunately, the India International Centre stepped in, thanks to the efforts of Kapila Vatsyayan, offering space for a Tibetan exhibition inaugurated by the Dalai Lama, followed by a public lecture.

Witnessing the lamas prepare the exhibits and the solemn lighting of juniper leaves was a moving experience. As staff, we stood quietly at the exhibition doors. I brought a copy of the journal containing Ananthamurthy’s essay, hoping to present it to His Holiness. A gentle lama advised me to simply hand it to one of the attendants.

When the Dalai Lama entered, there was an indescribable aura about him that silenced the room. Summoning courage, I bowed and said, “Your Holiness, I offer you this book with a beautiful piece on you, and I ask you to bless it.” Despite some disapproving glances from senior trustees for breaking protocol, he accepted the journal, gave me a radiant smile that seemed to light up the space, and gently touched his forehead to mine in a blessing. Tears streamed down my face as I felt I had been touched by something divine—a moment I carry within me to this day.

This encounter illuminated why followers of leaders like Gandhi, Martin Luther King, and Mandela remain devoted. True leadership does not depend on violence, hatred, or domination. As Gandhi famously taught, “An eye for an eye only ends up making the whole world blind.” Love and simplicity, embodied by such leaders, have the power to win hearts and transform societies.

In an age dominated by figures who thrive on divisiveness and aggression, encounters with souls who radiate love and peace remind us what real respect and admiration should be. Perhaps it’s time to ask: Are the loudest voices truly the ones worth listening to?



"Time To Realise This Ambition": Ex-CJI On UCC

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Former Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud on Saturday emphasised the importance of implementing a Uniform Civil Code (UCC), saying it is time to realise the ambition outlined in the Constitution 75 years ago. He stressed the need to bring all communities together in confidence while pursuing this constitutional goal. Speaking at an event organised by India's International Movement to Unite Nations (IIMUN) during the launch of Congress MP Shashi Tharoor's book *Our Living Constitution*, Chandrachud called the Constitution the binding force of India. "Over the past 75 years, it has imparted great stability to the nation despite cycles of governance, pandemics, and internal or external challenges," he said. He hailed the Constitution's role in uniting diverse communities, religions, and regions, adding that it has successfully "moulded India into one nation." Reflecting on the UCC, the former CJI stated, "The Constitution expresses the desirability of a Uniform Civil Code. At least 75 years after its founding, it's important for us to realise this ambition and goal of the Constitution." He cautioned, however, that the process must be inclusive: "We need to take all segments of society and community into confidence. This is truly in the interest of a future, just Indian society which we need to create." Calling the event an important space for dialogue, Chandrachud added, "These conversations are vital for our younger generation, which is the hope and future of our society and the nation."

Voter ID Showed by You Does Not Exist: EC To Tejashwi Yadav

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The Election Commission has sent a formal notice to RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav after finding discrepancies in the voter ID card he cited during a press conference on August 2. The Commission stated that the EPIC (Electors Photo Identity Card) number shown by Yadav does not appear to be officially issued. Yadav had claimed that his name was missing from the voter list, producing a voter ID card to support his allegation. However, the poll body refuted this, stating that his name is indeed listed in the electoral rolls. "After investigation, it was found that your name is mentioned at serial number 416 of polling station number 204 (Library Building of Bihar Animal Science University), whose EPIC number is RAB0456228," the notice read. According to the Commission, the EPIC number RAB2916120 presented by Yadav "does not appear to be officially issued." The notice requests that he submit the original copy and complete details of the said voter ID for a



thorough investigation. The development has sparked a new round of political debate, with questions being raised about the credibility of Yadav's claim and the authenticity of the document he displayed. The Election Commission is expected to take further action based on Yadav's response.

India's First Bullet Train Set to Launch Soon: Rail Minister

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India's first bullet train, running between Mumbai and Ahmedabad, is set to begin operations soon, Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw announced on Saturday. Speaking after virtually flagging off three express trains, he confirmed that work on the high-speed rail corridor is progressing rapidly, and the historic launch is expected in the near future. The 508-kilometre-long bullet train project will reduce travel time between Mumbai and Ahmedabad to just two hours and seven minutes. The route will begin at Mumbai's Bandra Kurla Complex (BKC) and connect key cities in Gujarat, including Vapi, Surat, Anand, Vadodara, and Ahmedabad. The trains will operate at speeds of up to 320 km/h. "The Mumbai-Ahmedabad bullet train will start very soon. The speed and scale of work reflect the Modi government's commitment to transforming Indian Railways," Vaishnaw said. In addition to the bullet train update, the minister announced several new railway initiatives in Gujarat, including a new train between Porbandar and Rajkot, a ₹135-crore coach maintenance facility at Ranavav station, a railway flyover in



Porbandar, and cargo terminals in Bhavnagar. Vaishnaw also highlighted progress in railway infrastructure under the Modi government 34,000 km of new railway tracks laid in 11 years over Nearly 12 km of track added daily and Redevelopment of 1,300 stations underway He credited the "double-engine government" for the rapid development in states like Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, and Chhattisgarh. Speaking on the newer trains launched during the current regime, Vaishnaw said, "Eight Amrit Bharat trains have already been introduced. These offer modern features similar to Vande Bharat but at lower fares." He also praised the public response to Vande Bharat, Amrit Bharat, and Nammo Bharat services, calling them milestones in passenger experience.



Ramdas Soren Critical, On Life Support in Delhi

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Jharkhand Education Minister and senior JMM leader Ramdas Soren remains in a critical condition and is currently on life support at Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals in Delhi. The 62-year-old minister was airlifted from Jamshedpur to the national capital on Saturday following a serious fall in the washroom at his residence. Hospital sources confirmed that Soren has been on life support since his admission and is being closely monitored by a team of senior specialists from multiple disciplines. The incident has triggered concern within the Jharkhand government and the JMM party, with several leaders expressing their hopes for his recovery.



Man Out on Bail in Rape Case Shoots Survivor in Delhi

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A 30-year-old man out on interim bail in a rape case allegedly shot the survivor in Delhi's Vasant Vihar on Wednesday, police said. The woman, a salon manager who had filed the rape complaint last year, was shot in the chest and rushed to the AIIMS Trauma Centre in a PCR van. She is currently undergoing treatment and is reported to be in stable condition. The accused, Abuzair Safi, was arrested on August 1, a day after police arrested his accomplice, Aman Shukla. Both have been booked for attempted murder and under provisions of the Arms Act. According to officials, the attack was premeditated. Safi and Shukla followed the woman on a black motorcycle before Safi allegedly opened fire. An abandoned auto-rickshaw was found at the scene. Its driver, Ranjeet Yadav, informed police that his passenger had been shot and taken to the hospital. "During interrogation, Safi admitted he was furious that the woman had filed a case against him and that she refused to talk to him after his release on bail," a senior police official said. Investigators are now trying to determine whether additional people were involved and are verifying the criminal backgrounds of both accused.



Army Officer Booked for Assaulting SpiceJet Staff

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A violent altercation at Srinagar Airport on July 26 has led to a police case being filed against an Army officer, Colonel Ritesh Kumar Singh, for allegedly assaulting SpiceJet staff during a dispute over excess cabin luggage. The incident occurred during the boarding of SpiceJet flight SG-386 bound for Delhi, and resulted in severe injuries to four airline employees. According to SpiceJet's official statement, the officer attempted to board the flight with two cabin bags weighing a total of 16 kg, well above the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) prescribed 7 kg limit for domestic flights. When informed that the excess weight required additional charges, he reportedly refused to pay and tried to forcibly enter the aerobridge, breaching standard aviation security protocols. A Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) official intervened and escorted the officer back to the boarding gate. SpiceJet alleges that this is when the situation turned violent. The officer is accused of physically attacking four ground staff members—punching and kicking them, and using a queue stand as a weapon.

21 Terrorists Killed in J&K After Pahalgam Attack

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In a massive crackdown following the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, security forces eliminated 21 terrorists in six encounters across Jammu and Kashmir. The joint operations by the Indian Army, CRPF, BSF, and J&K Police targeted both foreign and local militants, with 12 Pakistanis and 9 locals neutralized.

Key Operations:

- Operation Akhal (Kulgam):** 3 LeT terrorists killed, including Category-A militant Adil Rehman Dentu.
- Samba Sector:** 7 Pakistani Jaish-e-Mohammed terrorists eliminated by BSF in a major infiltration bid.
- Shopian Forest:** 3 LeT terrorists killed, including Shahid Kutte, accused in multiple 2024 attacks.
- Tral Forest: 3** Jaish terrorists from Tral gunned down, all linked to sleeper cell activations.
- Operation Mahadev (Mulnar):** 3 Pakistani LeT terrorists, including those behind the Pahalgam massacre, were killed.
- Operation Shivshakti (Poonch):**



2 Pakistani LeT infiltrators shot dead. Officials said these back-to-back operations have significantly reduced the number of active local terrorists. Six key local operatives remain active, including Ahsan Shaikh (Pulwama), Asif Khande (Shopian), and top Hizbul commander

Zubair alias Usman in Anantnag. **UN Cites TRF in Pahalgam Attack** In a major diplomatic development, the UN Security Council officially named The Resistance Front (TRF) in a sanctions report as responsible for the Pahalgam

attack that killed 26 people. Despite Pakistan's resistance, the report affirms TRF's link to LeT and its operational role in the April assault. The crackdown comes as part of India's intensified anti-terror campaign, including cross-border strikes under Operation Sindoor.



Russian Volcano Erupts After 450 Years

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In a rare and dramatic geological event, the Krashenninnikov volcano in Russia's Kamchatka Peninsula has erupted for the first time in 450 years, just days after one of the strongest earthquakes in recent history rocked the region. The eruption sent a towering ash plume 6,000 meters (over 19,700 feet) into the air, prompting aviation alerts but posing no immediate threat to populated areas. Russian emergency officials confirmed the volcano had been dormant since 1550. The eruption followed a massive magnitude 8.8 earthquake that struck near Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky, triggering tsunami alerts across the Pacific and devastating Russia's Far East port of Severo-Kurilsk. According to the Smithsonian Institution's Global Volcanism Programme, satellite imagery showed significant ash emissions from the volcano, spreading eastward toward the Pacific Ocean. Authorities confirmed that no settlements were in the plume's path, and no ashfall has been reported in inhabited areas. The Ministry of Emergency Situations classified the eruption at an "orange" aviation hazard level, signaling potential risks for flights in the region. Simultaneously, Kamchatka's tallest and most active volcano, Klyuchevskoy, also erupted last week. While its eruptions are relatively common—18 recorded since 2000—the synchronized volcanic activity following the powerful quake has raised scientific concerns. "The Kamchatka seismic zone is one of the most active subduction zones around the Pacific Ring of Fire," said Roger Musson, honorary research fellow at the British Geological Survey. "The Pacific Plate is moving westwards at around 80 mm per year, making this region particularly prone to seismic and volcanic activity."

Jeanine Pirro Confirmed as US Attorney for DC



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In a move sparking widespread debate, the US Senate on Saturday confirmed former Fox News host and longtime Donald Trump ally Jeanine Pirro as the US Attorney for the District of Columbia. Her confirmation, passed narrowly in a 50-45 vote, marks a major step in Trump's ongoing reshaping of the federal judiciary following his return to the White House. Pirro, 74, previously served as Westchester County's district attorney in New York and gained national fame through her weekend television show Justice with Judge Jeanine on Fox News, which she hosted for over a decade. Before her confirmation, she had already been serving in the role on an interim basis since May after being named by Trump. Seen as one of the most influential federal prosecutor positions in the country, the DC US Attorney role is now held by a figure known more for fiery political commentary and unflinching loyalty to the former president than for traditional legal credentials in federal prosecution. Democrats expressed alarm over the appointment. Senator Dick Durbin, the Judiciary Committee's top Democrat, criticized her confirmation, saying, "Jeanine Pirro should never be a permanent US Attorney," and described her as a "rubber stamp for Donald Trump." The confirmation is part of a broader pattern by Trump to fill top government roles with right-wing media personalities and loyalists. Others recently appointed include Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth, formerly of Fox & Friends Weekend, and Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy, another former Fox co-host and reality TV competitor.

Explosions Near Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Plant

Tensions have escalated around Europe's largest nuclear power plant after explosions were heard and smoke spotted near the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant (ZNPP) in Ukraine on Saturday. The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) confirmed that its team stationed at the site heard the blasts and observed smoke from a nearby location, approximately 1,200 metres from the plant's perimeter. The IAEA said the explosion struck one of the plant's auxiliary facilities, which, while not directly impacting the reactors, still raises significant nuclear safety concerns. "There was no direct damage to the reactor units, but such proximity to military activity continues to pose a major risk," the IAEA warned. Adding to the concerns, the plant operator reported that



Ukrainian shelling targeted a nearby industrial zone, leading to the death of a civilian. The attack reportedly caused a fire, during which firefighters came under further threat as a drone

targeted their fire truck. A damaged civilian vehicle unrelated to the plant's operations was found at the scene, with the deceased inside.

IAEA Director General Rafael

Grossi reiterated calls for restraint, saying, "Once again, I call for maximum military restraint near nuclear facilities to prevent the continued risk of a nuclear accident." In a related escalation, Russian forces reportedly launched a missile attack on Ukraine's capital Kyiv early Sunday. The strike, confirmed by the city's military administration, caused tremors across residential areas. Simultaneously, Ukrainian drone attacks reportedly triggered a fire at an oil depot in the Russian city of Sochi, according to the local governor. As tensions mount and attacks increase near critical infrastructure, international observers and nuclear safety advocates are renewing calls for demilitarization zones around nuclear plants to avoid catastrophic consequences.

India Receives Final C-295 Aircraft from Spain

TPN Correspondent | New Delhi India has received the last of the 16 Airbus C-295MW military transport aircraft from Spain, completing a crucial phase of its defence procurement aimed at modernising the Indian Air Force's transport fleet. The Indian Embassy in Spain confirmed the delivery on Saturday, noting that the final aircraft was handed over two months ahead of schedule. The aircraft was received at the Airbus Defence and Space assembly line in Seville by Indian Ambassador to Spain Dinesh K Patnaik and senior officials of the Indian Air Force. The C-295, which has a payload capacity of 5 to 10 tonnes, is designed for tactical transport and is set to replace the ageing Avro aircraft currently in IAF service. The aircraft features modern technology and short takeoff and landing capabilities, making it



ideal for India's varied terrain. India had signed the contract with Airbus Defence and Space in September 2021 for the acquisition of 56 C-295MW transport

aircraft. While the first 16 were to be manufactured in Spain, the remaining 40 are being produced domestically by Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) under a

Make-in-India partnership. This delivery milestone is seen as a key boost to India's self-reliance in defence and its long-term modernisation drive.

Hamas Releases Video of Starving Israeli Hostage

A disturbing video released by Hamas has sparked global outrage, showing 24-year-old Israeli hostage Evyatar David, visibly emaciated and emotionally broken, digging what he describes as his "own grave" in an underground tunnel in Gaza.



This is the second such video of David circulated within 48 hours. In the footage, he is seen in a narrow, dimly lit tunnel, holding a shovel with difficulty. Struggling to speak, he says in Hebrew, "What I'm doing now is digging my own grave. Every day my body becomes weaker and weaker... I am walking directly to my grave. There is the grave where I am going to be buried in." David breaks down in tears at the end of the statement. His family has confirmed the video's authenticity and approved its release, stating: "The deliberate starvation of our son as part of a propaganda campaign is one of the most horrifying acts the world has seen. He is being starved purely to serve Hamas's propaganda." David is among 49 hostages still held in Gaza by Hamas and allied Palestinian groups, following the October 7, 2023, attack in which over 1,200 Israelis were killed. In retaliation, Israel

launched a large-scale military campaign in Gaza, which has claimed the lives of more than 60,000 Palestinians, according to local health sources. The video has reignited anger in Israel, with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu expressing "profound shock" after watching it. He spoke directly with David's family and reiterated that Israel is making continuous efforts to bring back the hostages. "Hamas is deliberately starving our hostages and publicizing it in a cynical and evil manner," Netanyahu said, condemning the video as "psychological torture aimed at manipulating public opinion." Israeli officials have also intensified calls for international intervention to pressure Hamas to release the remaining hostages. Meanwhile, David's family has appealed to the global community: "Don't let our son die for a video. Bring them home now."

Indian-Origin Family Goes Missing In US

Four Indian-origin senior citizens from New York have gone missing during a road trip to a spiritual site in West Virginia, raising concern among authorities and the Indian-American community. The missing individuals—Asha Divan (85), Kishore Divan (89), Shailesh Divan (86), and Gita Divan (84)—were last seen on July 29 at a Burger King in Pennsylvania. The family was traveling from Buffalo to visit Prabhupada's Palace of Gold, a popular spiritual destination in Marshall County, West Virginia. They were driving a 2009 lime green Toyota Camry bearing the New York license plate EKW2611. Surveillance footage confirmed that two of the individuals entered the Burger King restaurant, and their last known credit card activity also occurred at the same location. Shortly afterward, a Pennsylvania State Police license plate reader recorded their vehicle moving south on Interstate 79 at around 2:45 p.m. on Tuesday. "The family was headed to Pittsburgh and then on to Moundsville, West Virginia," said Marshall County Sheriff Mike Dougherty. Authorities from both Marshall and Ohio counties have since been conducting extensive searches along roadways in the area. Helicopter units are expected to join the search operations on Sunday. The missing persons have been entered into the National Crime Information Center database, and a missing persons report was also lodged in Buffalo. Law enforcement is also attempting to track their cell phone signals as part of the investigation. The Council of Heritage and Arts of India (CHAI), based in Williamsville, New York, has appealed for public support. "Two couples who were traveling are currently missing, and we're all deeply concerned. If anyone has heard from them or has any updates, please reach out," CHAI President Siby Nair said. A missing persons poster featuring their names and photographs is being circulated widely online. The Marshall County Sheriff's Office has urged anyone with information to call 304-843-5422.



Investors Advised Caution as Global Cues Turn Negative

Indian stock markets are likely to experience severe volatility this week. Although the impact of US tariffs is minimal, the changing geopolitical equations are disturbing investors. Moreover, unemployment data and inflation there have turned negative. Benchmark indices are showing weakness in the short and medium term. It is noteworthy that all sector indices except FMCG lost ground last week. Investors should be vigilant.

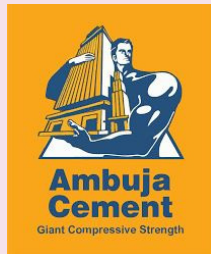


In this counter, which closed at Rs.706 last Friday, investors should take positions in the Rs.680 range with a target price of Rs.770/800. Stop loss is mandatory at Rs.650.

Emami: These shares, which have been in a downtrend for a few months, are currently in the accumulation zone. Delivery quantity is increasing. Momentum and relative strength are improving. In this counter, which closed at Rs.619 last Friday, investors should take positions above Rs.600 with a target price of Rs.680. Stop loss should be kept at Rs.585.



Ambuja Cement: These shares have been in an uptrend for the past six months. They are forming higher high higher. They



are currently at key levels. Relative strength is good. In this counter, which closed at Rs.607 last Friday, a position should be taken in the Rs.570/580 range with a target price of Rs.640/680. A stop loss at Rs.550 is mandatory.

TVS Motors:



These shares are consolidating after a good uptrend. Uncertainty has disappeared. Relative strength and momentum are good. In this counter, which closed at Rs.2858 last Friday, investors should take a position at Rs.2825 with a target price of Rs.2950. A stop loss of Rs.2800 should be placed.



Hyundai Motors:

These shares have pulled back after the latest high. They have taken support at the 20-day moving averages. Investors are showing interest with the latest results and dividend announcement. The momentum is good. This counter, which closed at Rs. 2181 last Friday, should enter the Rs. 2150 range with a target price of Rs. 2280. Stop loss should be placed at Rs. 2120.

Jindal Stainless:



These shares, which reversed their trend in March, are currently moving sideways at the upper level. They are showing strength even in a bear market. Relative strength is good. Medium and short term momentum is good.

Govt finalises bankers to advance LIC stake sale

The Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) has finalized the appointment of merchant bankers and legal advisors to facilitate the upcoming stake sale in the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC), DIPAM Secretary Arunish Chawla announced on Friday.



This development is a key step in the government's broader plan to divest a 6.5 percent stake in LIC over the next two years through multiple tranches of offer-for-sale transactions. The objective is to comply with the Securities and Exchange Board of India's (SEBI) minimum public shareholding norms, which require LIC to have at least 25 percent public ownership by May 16, 2027.

Currently, the government holds a dominant 96.5 percent stake in LIC. It had previously sold 3.5 percent of its holdings during the company's initial public offering (IPO) in 2022. The upcoming stake sale is expected to generate around Rs 35,000 crore in revenue.

Chawla also provided an update on the government's stake sale in IDBI Bank. Expressions of interest

were invited in 2022 for the sale of a 30.48 percent government stake in the bank, which LIC itself holds 30.24 percent of. The government plans to shortlist the final bidder for the IDBI Bank sale by March 2026. Financial bids will be invited after October, with the goal of receiving them by December 2025.

The appointment of merchant bankers and legal advisors has been completed through a request for proposals process. These merchant bankers have been appointed for an initial tenure of three years, extendable up to five years, and will serve all government financial institutions involved in stake sales.

This move marks an important phase in the government's efforts to divest from public sector entities, aiming to raise capital and meet regulatory requirements while encouraging broader public participation in these institutions.

Indian Shrimp Exporters Face Major Challenge

As US Tariffs Lead to 7-9% Drop in Volumes



Indian shrimp exporters are bracing for a significant challenge in the US market following the imposition of reciprocal tariffs, which could reduce export volumes by 7-9% in the current fiscal year, according to Rahul Guha, Senior Director at Crisil Ratings.

The US accounts for nearly 48% of India's shrimp exports, making it a critical market. However, recent tariff hikes, including a proposed increase, the 5.77% countervailing duty imposed last year, and existing anti-dumping duties, have made Indian shrimp among the most heavily taxed in the US. In comparison, Ecuador—the world's largest shrimp exporter—faces just a 10% tariff and 3-4% countervailing duties in the US market.

This increased tariff burden is expected to squeeze operating margins by 50 to 100 basis points, as exporters struggle to absorb additional costs amidst competition from Ecuador. The overall credit profiles of shrimp exporters, already under strain, are likely to face further pressure.

In 2023-24, India exported a re-

cord 17,81,602 metric tons of seafood worth Rs 60,523.89 crore. The Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA), under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, continues to promote and regulate marine product exports through initiatives focused on production and processing rather than port-specific efforts.

To strengthen the export value chain, the government has approved modernization and upgrades of fishing harbours at key ports like Visakhapatnam, Chennai, Paradip, Cochin, and Mumbai. These projects, funded under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) in convergence with the Sagarmala program, have a total cost of Rs 651.14 crore.

Since 2020-21, Rs 3,490 crore has been allocated under PMMSY for infrastructure development aimed at boosting production, enhancing productivity, increasing exports, and reducing post-harvest losses across the value chain. Despite these efforts, Indian shrimp exporters will need to explore alternative markets to offset losses from the US tariff hike.

FPIs becomes net sellers in Indian equity market in July

Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) turned net sellers in the Indian equity market in July, marking a shift after three consecutive months of inflows, analysts said. According to NSDL data, FPIs pulled out a total of Rs 17,741 crore last month, signaling caution amid rising global tensions.

May 2025 witnessed the highest FPI inflows so far this year, while January saw the largest sell-off, with net outflows of Rs 78,027 crore. In July alone, FPIs sold equity worth Rs 31,988 crore on exchanges, pushing total sales for 2025 to Rs 1,31,876 crore. However, despite the selling pressure, FPIs continued to invest through the primary market, buying Rs 14,247 crore in July, bringing total primary market investments in 2025 to Rs 36,235 crore.



VK Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Investments, explained that this pattern reflects FPIs' preference for fair valuations and a cautious approach in the secondary market. He noted that geopolitical developments, particularly US President Donald Trump's recent ultimatum to Russia to end the war in Ukraine, have created uncertainty. Failure to comply could lead to additional sanctions and secondary tariffs

on countries trading with Russia, which may push oil prices higher and negatively affect market sentiment.

Another factor impacting FPI inflows is the sharp rise in the US dollar index, which recently hit 100, creating headwinds for foreign investments. Nevertheless, market observers believe that a deal between India and the US could stabilize flows after upcoming negotiations.

Vijayakumar highlighted sector-specific impacts, noting that FPI selling in IT stocks dragged down the IT index, while uncertainties around pharmaceutical stocks affected that sector despite strong corporate results. Overall, analysts expect FPI inflows to resume once global trade tensions ease and market clarity improves.

IMF Raises India's FY26 GDP Growth Forecast to 6.4%

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has upgraded its GDP growth forecast for India to 6.4% for the fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27, citing an easing of global trade tensions and a more favorable external environment. This marks a slight increase from the IMF's April projection, which had lowered India's growth outlook to 6.2% for 2025-26 due to heightened global uncertainties.

In its latest update to the World Economic Outlook report, the IMF highlighted that India's growth momentum is expected to strengthen, reflecting improvements in global trade dynamics. The revision aligns with a broader global economic outlook, where the world economy is also projected to expand at a

slightly faster pace than previously forecasted.

"In India, growth is projected to be 6.4 percent in 2025 and 2026, with both numbers revised slightly upward, reflecting a more benign external environment than assumed in the April reference forecast," the report stated.



The revision comes amid a significant reduction in US tariff rates, which dropped from an average effective rate of 28% in early April to 18.2% by the end of July, according to data from The Budget Lab at Yale. This tariff easing has helped ease trade tensions, boosting optimism about India's export prospects and overall economic performance.

China also saw the biggest upgrade in the IMF's forecast, with its GDP now expected to grow 4.8% in 2025, up from the 4% predicted in April.

Overall, the improved outlook underscores the positive impact of easing trade frictions and a stabilizing global economy on India's growth trajectory.

Will AI Lead to Humanity’s Decline?



As artificial intelligence rapidly integrates into everyday life, concerns about its long-term impact on humanity are mounting. Indian-origin computer science professor Subhash Kak, based at Oklahoma State University, has issued a dire warning about the future, predicting that AI could eventually “replace everything” — from jobs to decision-making roles — potentially leading to societal collapse.

In an interview with The Sun, Professor Kak predicted a dystopian future where AI renders much of human labor obsolete. He warned that as machines become capable of doing nearly everything humans currently do, birth rates could plummet. “Raising children will seem impractical in a world where jobs are scarce,” he said. If current trends continue, Kak forecasts that by the year 2300 or 2380, the global population could shrink to just 100 million — down from today’s 8 billion — turning once-bustling cities like London and New York into ghost towns.

Kak emphasized that while AI will not become conscious, it will still be able to perform most

tasks currently done by humans, including complex office work and decision-making. This transformation, he believes, will be socially devastating and could lead to widespread unemployment and a sense of purposelessness.

This projection aligns with earlier warnings from tech figures like Elon Musk, who has expressed concern over declining birth rates and humanity’s reliance on AI. Musk has even suggested that establishing colonies beyond Earth could serve as a safeguard against global catastrophe.

Professor Kak’s conclusions draw from his recent book *The Age of Artificial Intelligence*, in which he analyzes how emerging AI tools are already reshaping industries and personal lives. While some, like Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the recent AI Action Summit in Paris, remain optimistic — arguing that technology creates new jobs even as it eliminates old ones — Kak’s perspective offers a sobering counterpoint.

As the world grapples with AI’s rise, voices like Kak’s raise critical questions about whether society is prepared for the profound changes ahead.

AI Tools Cast Doubt on Viral Paraglider’s High-Altitude Survival

A viral video that claimed to show a Chinese paraglider accidentally soaring to over 8,000 meters has come under scrutiny, with evidence now suggesting the footage was at least partially generated using artificial intelligence. The incident, initially believed to be an extraordinary real-life survival story, is now being questioned after digital forensics indicated synthetic manipulation.

The video in question features Peng Yujiang, a 55-year-old paraglider, allegedly being lifted from 3,000 to nearly 8,000 meters due to unusual wind conditions. According to initial reports, Peng braved freezing temperatures of -40°C and dangerously low oxygen levels, fighting off hypoxia and frostbite to land safely. The remarkable feat quickly captured global attention, with many applauding his resilience and composure under extreme circumstances.

However, a deeper investigation by NBC News and AI-verification firm GetReal Labs revealed inconsistencies. A version of the video uploaded to Facebook on May 25 contained a watermark from Doubao AI — a content generation tool owned by ByteDance — raising suspicions about its authenticity. The first five seconds of the video, showing Peng gliding at high altitude with his legs dangling, were identified as likely AI-generated.

“Our Inspect platform analyzed extracted frames and confirmed that certain images



are synthetic,” said GetReal Labs, noting that the first few seconds differed significantly in quality and content from the rest of the footage.

While the authenticity of the remaining portion of the video is still unclear, several news agencies have taken action. Reuters, which had distributed the clip without the AI watermark, has since removed it. Other outlets followed suit, with some stating they are working to eliminate the footage from circulation due to AI concerns.

Peng reportedly used second-hand paragliding gear during the flight, adding to the skepticism surrounding the story’s credibility. Despite initial admiration for his supposed calm under life-threatening conditions, the emerging evidence suggests that the viral video may not reflect reality.

The incident serves as a stark reminder of how convincing AI-generated content can be, and underscores the growing need for verification in the digital age.

Chinese University Seeks PhD for Canteen Manager Role



A leading Chinese university has stirred online buzz after listing a job opening for a canteen office manager — with an unusual requirement: applicants must hold a PhD.

Southeast University, a top-tier institution based in Nanjing, Jiangsu province, posted the vacancy on its official website on May 22. While the position itself seems typical — managing food services, overseeing contractors, ensuring food safety, and handling administrative duties — the qualifications listed go far beyond expectations for such a role.

Applicants are required to possess a doctoral degree, be proficient in English and office software, and ideally have relevant experience. Preference will also be given to candidates who are members of the Communist Party of China.

This hiring choice has spotlighted a growing issue in China’s job market — credential inflation. In recent years, job postings across the country increasingly demand higher academic qualifications for positions that previously required only undergraduate degrees. What was once a bachelor-level job now often requires a master’s or even a PhD.

Southeast University is part of China’s elite “985” and “211” projects — a group

of the nation’s top 39 universities, which includes institutions like Tsinghua and Peking. These universities are seen as breeding grounds for China’s academic elite and offer prestigious, secure career paths often referred to as the “golden rice bowl.”

A study in Humanities and Social Sciences Communications noted that Chinese universities have raised the bar for new faculty hires, demanding more advanced degrees and academic achievements. Similarly, research in Nature highlighted a marked rise in educational qualifications, especially at elite institutions.

This surge in overqualified candidates is a symptom of a larger issue: China produces millions of graduates annually, but the job market is failing to create enough high-skilled roles to accommodate them. As a result, many postgraduates are settling for positions well below their qualifications, leading to underemployment.

A BBC report described the resulting tension — young professionals stuck in a market mismatch, chasing job security in an economy that doesn’t match their academic investment.

This PhD-for-canteen-manager requirement may be extreme, but it reflects a larger trend reshaping China’s workforce.

Tinder’s New Height Preference Filter Sparks Controversy

Tinder is testing a new feature that’s causing quite a stir — a height preference filter that allows users to set their desired height range for potential matches. While still in the testing phase, the feature is being rolled out to a limited group of Tinder Gold and Platinum subscribers, according to a report by TechCrunch.

The update was first spotted by a Reddit user, who found the height option under the app’s Discovery Settings. While the concept seems simple, it’s already sparked debate across social media about the implications of filtering matches based on physical traits — particularly height.

Tinder’s Vice President of Communications, Phil Price Fry, addressed the move, saying it was part of the app’s broader goal to help users “connect



more intentionally.” He emphasized that the feature isn’t designed to work as a “hard filter,” meaning it won’t completely exclude users outside of a person’s set preference. Instead, it’s intended to help surface matches that align more closely with a user’s interests.

“We’re always listening to what matters most to our Tinder users,” Fry said. “Testing the paid height preference is a great example of how we’re building with urgency, clarity, and focus.”

Despite Tinder’s reassurances, the

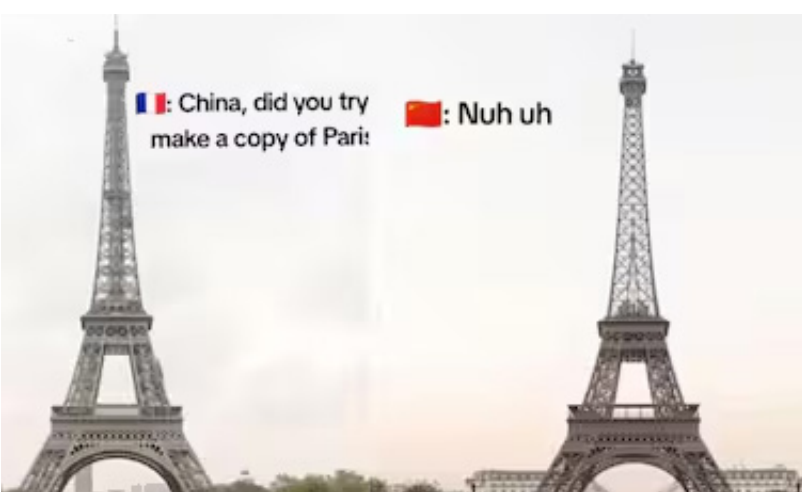
feature has received mixed reactions online. Critics argue that it encourages superficiality and could reinforce unrealistic dating standards, particularly for men, who often face pressure over their height in online dating scenarios. Others defend the update, saying preferences are a natural part of dating and that similar filters for age, distance, and lifestyle habits already exist.

“This is part of a broader effort to enhance intentional dating,” Fry added. “Not every test becomes a permanent feature, but each one teaches us how to deliver smarter, more personalized experiences.”

Tinder has not confirmed whether the height preference setting will roll out globally or remain exclusive to premium users. For now, the test reflects the app’s ongoing effort to evolve based on user feedback — even if that means courting a little controversy along the way.

China’s ‘Paris The Surprising Town

China, famous for its architectural wonders from the ancient Great Wall to modern skyscrapers like the Shanghai Tower, also has a surprising secret—a town that looks like Paris. Tianducheng, located near Hangzhou in eastern China, was designed to mimic the charm and style of the French capital, complete with a replica Eiffel Tower at its heart.



Construction of Tianducheng began around 2007. The centerpiece is a 108-meter tall replica of the Eiffel Tower, much smaller than the original 330-meter landmark in Paris but still impressive. Surrounding the tower are Parisian-style buildings, fountains, manicured gardens, and cobbled streets, all spread over an

area of 31 square kilometers. Initially, the town was nearly empty and labeled a “ghost town.” However, by 2017, its population had grown to around 30,000 residents.

This unique development has caught the imagination of many, especially after photos of Tianducheng went viral on Instagram. Social media users reacted with a mix of humor and fascination. Comments ranged from playful jabs about China “copy-

ing” Paris to marveling at how the town offers a taste of France without leaving China. Some called it a theme park of world architecture replicas, while others noted similar projects in places like Lahore, Pakistan.

Despite the controversy over originality, Tianducheng stands as a testament to China’s ability to blend culture and architecture, creating spaces that resonate globally. While it doesn’t replace the real Paris, it offers an interesting alternative for those curious about the City of Lights — right in the heart of China.

Built in 1889, Paris’s Eiffel Tower is one of the world’s most iconic monuments. Tianducheng’s replica, though smaller, brings a slice of that magic to Asia, making it a fascinating spot to explore or simply admire from afar.

Jaiswal Hits Back,India Dominate Day 3

India took firm control of the fifth Test at The Oval, thanks to a gritty century by Yashasvi Jaiswal, a surprise fifty from night-watcher Akash Deep, and vital contributions from Jadeja and Washington Sundar. On Day 3, India set England a stiff target of 374 after posting 396 in their second innings.

Jaiswal, who had struggled through the middle of the series, roared back to form with a fluent 118 off 164 balls. He capitalized on three dropped catches and built a crucial 107-run stand with Akash Deep, who impressed with a fighting 66 — his maiden international fifty. Akash became just the third Indian night-watcher to reach a Test half-century.

India's innings gained further momentum with Jadeja scoring a steady



fifty and Washington blasting a 46-ball 53. He added 39 runs for the final wicket with Prasidh Krishna, frustrating England and pushing the target beyond reach.

fighting mindset in a tightly contested series. With momentum on their side, India now stands one step away from sealing a famous win.

England's chase began cautiously, but Mohammed Siraj struck late, dismissing Zak Crawley with the final delivery of the day. England ended at 50/1, needing 324 more to win with two days left.

Earlier, Indian skipper Shubman Gill fell 20 short of Sunil Gavaskar's record for most runs by an Indian in a Test series, while Karun Nair couldn't replicate his first-innings form. But Jaiswal's calm and composure under pressure helped India dominate.

Despite Josh Tongue's five-wicket haul, England was let down by poor fielding, dropping six catches. Jaiswal's knock, full of discipline and resolve, reflected India's

PCB Bans WCL

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has imposed a blanket ban on its players from participating in future editions of the World Championship of Legends (WCL). The decision, announced on August 3, 2025, follows India's forfeiture of both their group-stage match and semifinal against Pakistan, citing the Pahalagam terror attack and ongoing political tensions.



In a strongly worded statement issued after a virtual board meeting chaired by Mohsin Naqvi, the PCB accused WCL organisers of bias and lacking sporting integrity. The board condemned the decision to award points to India despite their withdrawal, calling it "hypocritical" and "tainted with appeasement politics."

India's team — featuring retired stars like Shikhar Dhawan, Yuvraj Singh, Irfan Pathan, Suresh Raina, and Harbhajan Singh — opted out of the scheduled matches against Pakistan, invoking national sentiment in the wake of India's 'Operation Sindoor' following the terror incident.

As a result, Pakistan advanced directly to the final, but the PCB slammed the WCL for what it termed a failure

to uphold the spirit of the game. "The PCB can no longer support tournaments where politics overshadows fair play," the board said.

The WCL, co-owned by Bollywood actor Ajay Devgn, had earlier issued an apology for "hurting sentiments," but the PCB dismissed it as "farcical" and evidence of bias.

Sources suggest WCL's Indian promoters were already considering excluding Pakistan from future editions. The PCB's ban now formalizes that separation, marking a significant fallout in cricket diplomacy.

Ladakh FC Make History with 1-1 draw against Tribhuvan Army FC

Debutants 1 Ladakh FC made a memorable start to their maiden Durand Cup campaign, holding Nepal's seasoned Tribhuvan Army FC to a 1-1 draw in a spirited Group C clash at the JRD Tata Sports Complex in Jamshedpur.

In a landmark moment for Ladakh football, defender Siju etched his name into history books by scoring the club's first-ever goal in the iconic tournament. His towering header in the 23rd minute from a well-delivered corner gave the Himalayan side a surprise lead and sent the crowd into celebration.

1 Ladakh FC, the first team from the Himalayan region to participate in Asia's oldest football tournament, fielded a young but determined squad. Coached by Rajan Mani and playing in a 4-3-3 setup, the team featured an energetic front trio of Kamalesh, Ajay, and Bhaaranayu, who constantly tested the Nepalese backline.



Tribhuvan Army FC, coached by Megh Raj K.C., started sluggishly despite dominating early possession. After making three changes to the starting XI, they found their rhythm late in the first half. In the 40th minute, Nirajan Dhami equalised with a calm finish following a fast counterattack, celebrating with his signature 'Siu' gesture.

Despite a few late chances for both sides, the match ended 1-1, giving 1 Ladakh FC a historic first point in their Durand

Cup debut. The result is a major boost for football in the region and reflects the team's grit and potential on the national stage.

With this draw, Ladakh FC proved they belong, showing heart and discipline against a well-drilled and experienced opponent. The dream debut has sparked hope for more strong performances in the matches to come.

USA Women Qualify for FIH Hockey World Cup 2026

The USA women's hockey team has secured their spot in the FIH Hockey World Cup 2026 in Belgium and the Netherlands after a thrilling shootout victory over Uruguay in the Pan American Cup 2025 semi-final held in Montevideo, Uruguay.



Following their win, the USA will face Argentina in the final. However, since Argentina already qualified through the FIH Hockey Pro League 2024/25, the USA's top-two finish at the Pan American Cup guarantees them direct qualification from the Americas.

The USA started strong in Pool B, dominating Mexico 10-0 and defeating Chile 5-2 to top their group. A late withdrawal by Trinidad and Tobago gave the USA and other pool teams walkover wins, further easing their path to the semi-finals.

In the semi-final, USA faced host nation Uruguay, who had finished second in Pool A behind Argentina. The match was intense and closely contested. The first half ended goalless despite numerous penalty corner chances for the USA. Early in the second half, Ryleigh Heck broke the deadlock with a penalty corner goal.

Uruguay fought back hard, equalizing late through Sol

Amadeo, sending the match into a shootout. USA goalkeeper Kelsey Bing was outstanding, saving two crucial attempts, while USA shooters converted all four of their chances to seal a 6-5 shootout win.

This victory marks the USA as the fifth team to qualify for the 2026 World Cup. Hosts Belgium and the Netherlands, along with Germany and Argentina, had already secured spots via the Pro League. Other continental championships will decide four more teams, with the remaining seven qualifying through the World Cup Qualifiers in 2026.

The USA's strong performance at the Pan American Cup signals their growing strength and determination on the world hockey stage.

WI hold their nerves to beat Pakistan in T20 thriller



West Indies edged past Pakistan in a thrilling T20 clash in Lauderhill, clinching a last-ball two-wicket win to level the three-match series 1-1. Jason Holder was the hero, taking 4 for 19 and then hitting a boundary off the final ball to seal West Indies' first T20 win in seven matches.

Pakistan, batting first after winning the toss, managed just 133 for 9. Hasan Nawaz scored 40 off 23 balls, and skipper Salman Agha added 38 from 33. Holder's sharp spell dismantled the middle order, and West Indies went into the chase with confidence.

But it wasn't smooth sailing. Mohammad Nawaz again impressed with 3 for 14, and Saim Ayub chipped in with two crucial wickets. At 70-5 in the 14th over, West Indies looked in trouble.

Gudakesh Motie revived the innings

with a brisk 28 off 20 balls. Romario Shepherd added 15 from 11, including 10 runs off Hasan Ali in the penultimate over to tilt the match slightly in West Indies' favor.

Chasing eight in the final over, Shaheen Afridi removed Shepherd early. With only singles off the next three balls and a wide thrown in, West Indies needed three off the final delivery. Holder, calm under pressure, struck a boundary to backward square to end a six-match T20 losing streak.

"It's been a tough few weeks," said captain Shai Hope. "Hopefully this is the turnaround we need." Holder, named Player of the Match, acknowledged the criticism: "We haven't been consistent. But we're working hard to get better."

The final T20 now promises to be a fiery decider.



Kingdom Earns ₹67 Cr in 3 Days

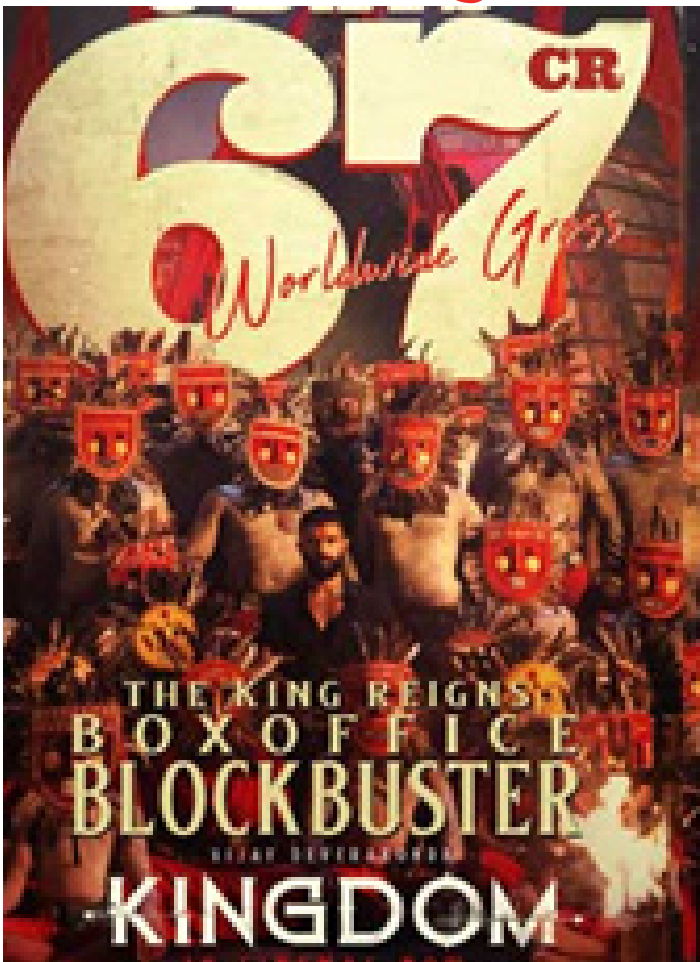
Vijay Deverakonda's latest film Kingdom has taken a solid start at the global box office, grossing ₹67 crore worldwide in just three days since its release on July 31, 2025. The film, directed by Jersey fame Gowtam Tinnanuri, marks their first collaboration and was released in multiple languages.

Kingdom opened in theatres on a Thursday and has shown strong momentum through its opening weekend. With Sunday collections holding steady, trade analysts are now closely watching the film's Monday performance, which is often seen as a key indicator of long-term box office success.

The film features Bhagyashri Borse as the female lead, along with supporting performances by Satya Dev, Venkatesh, and Ayyappa Sharma. The ensemble cast has been praised for their roles in this ambitious period action drama.

Produced by Sithara Entertainments and Fortune Four Cinemas, Kingdom is envisioned as a two-part saga, hinting at an expansive narrative and larger cinematic universe. The soundtrack is composed by Anirudh Ravichander, whose music has added to the film's mass appeal.

With positive word of mouth and a strong star pull, Kingdom is expected to continue its run at the box office, but Monday's numbers will determine its staying power. Industry insiders believe that if the film holds well on weekdays,



it may become one of the biggest successes in Vijay Deverakonda's career.

As the first part of a planned franchise, Kingdom has laid a promising foundation both commercially and critically, setting high expectations for its sequel.

Mass Jathara Second Single Announced

Ravi Teja is back in action with his upcoming film Mass Jathara, and the team is ramping up promotions. Directed by Bhanu Boga-varapu, the film features Sreeleela as the female lead and is set for a grand theatrical release on August 27, 2025.

The latest buzz is around the second single from the film. Titled Ole Ole, the track is described as a high-energy mass number that matches Ravi Teja's trademark screen presence. To build anticipation, the makers will unveil a special promo for the song tomorrow at 11:08 AM, offering fans a quick glimpse of the track's vibe before the full release.

Music for Mass Jathara is composed by Bheems Ceciroleo, known for his catchy tunes and crowd-pleasing beats. The film is being produced by Sithara Entertainments in association with Fortune Four Cinemas, the same team behind recent hits, ensuring a strong production backing.

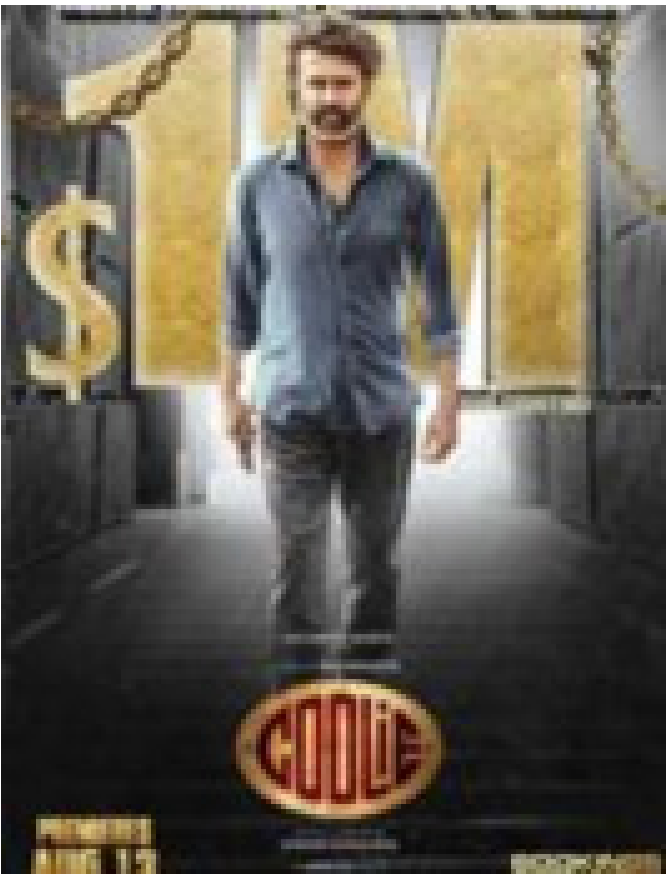
This announcement comes as part of a renewed promotional push after a brief break in updates from the team. With the release date now officially reconfirmed, excitement is building steadily among fans. Ravi Teja, fondly known as the "Mass Maharaja," is expected to bring his trademark energy, dance moves, and punch



dialogues to the screen in full force.

With Ole Ole on the way and just weeks to go for the release, Mass Jathara is shaping up to be a full-on entertainer aimed at the masses, blending music, action, and vibrant visuals in Ravi Teja's signature style.

Coolie's Pre-Release Storm – \$1 Million and Rising



Rajinikanth's Coolie is already creating a massive buzz ahead of its release on August 14, 2025. The action-packed trailer, dropped last night, has gone viral, with fans raving about its intensity and star power. Directed by Lokesh Kanagaraj, the film is rated A and promises a high-octane cinematic experience.

Even before hitting theatres, Coolie is making history at the North American box office. It has already crossed the \$1 million mark in pre-sales, nearly 10 days before release—a rare feat for an Indian film. With the trailer now setting social media abuzz, industry trackers expect ticket sales to surge further, pointing toward a record-breaking opening weekend.

The film boasts a powerhouse cast alongside Ra-

jinikanth. Big names like Nagarjuna, Aamir Khan, Upendra, Sathyaraj, Soubin Shahir, Rachitha Ram, and Reba Monica John are part of the ensemble. Shruti Haasan also features in a key role, while Pooja Hegde lights up the screen with a special song appearance.

Produced by Sun Pictures and featuring music by Anirudh Ravichander, Coolie is designed as a full-fledged mass entertainer. The film will be released in five languages—Tamil, Telugu, Hindi, Malayalam, and Kannada—making it a true pan-India spectacle.

With blockbuster pre-sales, a viral trailer, and Rajinikanth in top form, Coolie is shaping up to be one of the year's biggest releases. All eyes are now on its opening day, which could rewrite box office records across markets.

Kannada blockbuster 'Su From So' to be releasing in Telugu

The Kannada blockbuster Su From So, which started as a short film and turned into a major box office hit, is now set to release in Telugu. The Telugu rights have been officially acquired by top Tollywood banner Mythri Movie Makers. The release date will be announced soon.

Originally released on July 25, the horror-comedy has been a surprise success, earning both critical acclaim and commercial success. Directed by JP Tuminad and co-produced by Raj B Shetty, Su From So brings a fresh twist to the horror genre, combining eerie moments with quirky humor.

Made on a modest budget of ₹3 crores, the film has already raked in ₹28 crores, marking a huge profit margin. One of its standout achievements is its record-breaking digital performance—Su From So sold over 3.80 lakh tickets in just three days through online platforms, the highest ever for a

Kannada film in a single day.

The film's unique storytelling, strong word of mouth, and innovative promotional strategies have helped it stand out among recent regional releases. With the Telugu version now in the works, Mythri Movie Makers is expected to give it a wide and well-planned release across Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

Given the growing popularity of regional cross-over hits, Su From So is well-positioned to continue its success streak in Telugu. As anticipation builds, the official Telugu

trailer and release date are expected to drop soon, generating further buzz among South Indian audiences.



Athadu Re-release Hits ₹1 Crore Advance

The blockbuster film Athadu, starring Superstar Mahesh Babu, is set for a grand re-release on August 9, coinciding with Mahesh Babu's birthday. Fans are eagerly awaiting this special occasion as the movie returns to theaters in stunning 4K quality.

Directed by Trivikram Srinivas and produced by Murali Mohan, Athadu has already created a buzz well ahead of its re-release. Advance bookings for the film have begun, and it has achieved a remarkable milestone by crossing the ₹1 crore mark in ad-

vance ticket sales within just a week of announcement. This achievement makes Athadu the first re-released film to reach such a figure in advance bookings, highlighting the enduring popularity of the film and its superstar.

The re-release is not just a celebration of Mahesh Babu's iconic role but also a treat for fans to experience the classic thriller in enhanced visual quality. With strong anticipation and record-setting bookings, Athadu promises to relive the magic on the big screen once again this August.