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# All Eyes on Delhi

High-Level Meetings Spark Speculation

**TPN | G. Avinash**  
**Hyderabad:** A series of high-level political and strategic meetings in Delhi has triggered widespread speculation across political and media circles. The NDA Parliamentary Party is scheduled to meet at 9:30 AM in Parliament today, but the buzz has already intensified following a string of closed-door discussions on Monday night involving key figures in the Modi government.

External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, while Defence Minister Rajnath Singh chaired a crucial meeting with BJP President JP Nadda, Union Minister Piyush Goyal, and Law Minister Kiren Rijju. At the same time, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, Home Secretary, and Intelligence Bureau Chief met with Union Home Minister Amit Shah in what is being described as a “high-level” strategic meeting.

Adding fuel to the fire, both Prime Minister Modi and Home Minister Shah held consecutive meetings with President Droupadi Murmu on Sunday. Although there has been no official word from the Centre regarding the outcomes of these meetings, the timing and urgency have sparked intense political chatter.

Sources suggest that the meetings may be linked to ongoing national initiatives, possibly related to the Election Commission’s SIR drive. There is speculation that some important announcements regarding internal political processes or electoral reforms may be on the cards.

While a section of observers connects the flurry of activity to the issue of Jammu and Kashmir—especially since August 5 marks the anniversary of the abrogation of Article 370—those close to the developments hint that this round of meetings may not be directly related to any immediate change in the status of the region. Ongoing tensions with Pakistan have made any decision on that front unlikely for now.

Instead, the back-to-back meetings with the President and involvement of BJP leaders from different states suggest that the leadership may be aligning for bigger political and administrative moves.



Notably, Home Minister Shah is also expected to meet West Bengal BJP President Samik Bhattacharya later today, where the Bengal SIR process could come up for detailed discussion.

Since taking office in 2014, the Modi government has chosen August 5 to unveil some of its most impactful decisions. With no official announcement yet, all eyes remain on Delhi to see what the day holds this time.

## Revanth Blaming BJP to Escape Responsibility: Kavitha

**TPN Correspondent | Telangana**

**BRS MLC** Kalvakuntla Kavitha launched a scathing attack on the Revanth Reddy-led Congress government, accusing it of using the BJP as a scapegoat to escape its responsibility towards Backward Classes (BCs). She began a 72-hour hunger strike at Dharna Chowk on Monday, demanding 42 percent reservation for BCs in local body elections, excluding Muslims.

Speaking at the protest, Kavitha emphasized that half of Telangana’s population comprises BCs, and political justice must be ensured to them. She recalled the Congress party’s promises made under the Kamareddy Declaration but claimed that no substantial progress had been made so far.

Before commencing her fast, she paid homage to BR Ambedkar, Jyotirao Phule, and Professor Jayashankar. Kavitha said CM Revanth Reddy should clarify the BJP’s objections to the BC reservation bill and push for a separate



legislation in Parliament to provide an additional 10 percent reservation for Muslims. She alleged that the Congress government is trying to wash its hands of the issue by forwarding the BC reservation bill to the Centre, rather than taking a decisive stand.

Kavitha demanded that the Chief Minister announce a clear stance—that BCs will be given 42 percent reservation excluding Muslims—and then question the BJP if they oppose it. She insisted that if the Congress government is truly committed to social justice, it must act boldly and introduce a separate bill in Parliament for Muslim reservation as well.



## Lightning Sparks Panic in Gachibowli

**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**

A sudden lightning strike in Hyderabad’s Gachibowli area on Monday evening created a tense and alarming situation for residents. The incident occurred at the Khajaguda Lanco Hills Circle, opposite the HP petrol pump, during a spell of heavy rain accompanied by thunder.

Eyewitnesses said a bolt of lightning struck a palm tree near the busy junction, producing a deafening noise and a blinding flash. The impact caused the upper part of the tree to catch

fire and burn partially. The loud blast and sudden flash left nearby motorists and locals in panic, with some fleeing the scene in fear. Fortunately, the area saw limited pedestrian movement due to the rain, and no injuries were reported. However, the incident triggered a wave of concern, especially since it occurred in one of Hyderabad’s most crowded zones.

Authorities have urged citizens to remain cautious during thunderstorms and avoid taking shelter under trees or near open areas during lightning activity.

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## Eli Lilly GCC Boosts Hyderabad’s Global Status



**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**  
Telangana has emerged as the global capital for tech-driven innovation centers, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy declared on Sunday, inaugurating the Global Capability Centre (GCC) of US pharma major Eli Lilly in Hyderabad.

In a powerful endorsement of Telangana’s growing global stature, the CM said: “In just 20 months, we have transformed Hyderabad into a



## Rajagopal Reddy Counters CM Revanth Again

**TPN Correspondent | Telangana**

Congress MLA Komatireddy Rajagopal Reddy has once again taken aim at Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, this time over the latter’s controversial remarks on social media journalists. Responding strongly, Rajagopal Reddy said that people who work with social commitment deserve respect, not ridicule.

He asserted that insulting so-

cial media journalists, who have been working according to public aspirations, is inappropriate and unacceptable. “Everyone has a responsibility to respect those who work with a sense of social responsibility. Targeting them is nothing but a cunning attempt, and Telangana society will not tolerate such schemes,” he said.

## Kaleswaram Report points finger at KCR



KCR Took Solo Call, Ignored Experts

Report also Indicts Ex Ministers Harish Rao, Eatala

**TPN Correspondent | Telangana**

A scathing 650-page report by the Commission of Inquiry into the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project has severely indicted former Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) and two of his former ministers — T. Harish Rao and Eatala Rajender — for “brazen procedural and financial irregularities.” The project, once projected as the ‘lifeline of Telangana,’ has now been described as a colossal waste of public funds, stemming from a

complete failure of leadership, oversight, and governance. The report points a direct finger at KCR, accusing him of making unilateral decisions, including the construction of Medigadda, Annaram, and Sundilla barrages without proper cabinet approval. It states that the former CM took “sole and individual” decisions by bypassing government protocol and expert advice.



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## Rajagopal Reddy Counters CM Revanth Again

Rajagopal Reddy reiterated his unwavering support for social media journalists, stating that he would always stand by those who report with dedication and integrity. He credited social media journalism for playing a vital role in raising public issues and amplifying people's voices. The criticism comes in the backdrop of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's recent comments at an event, where he expressed concerns over individuals entering journalism under the guise of social media. Revanth reportedly said that such people should be kept separate from mainstream media professionals and accused

some of using the profession to spread insults and misinformation. Rajagopal Reddy condemned this stance, calling it an attack on freedom of expression and an attempt to undermine independent voices. He added that using offensive language against those reporting from the ground is not fitting for a leader and goes against democratic principles. With this latest exchange, tensions continue to rise between Rajagopal Reddy and CM Revanth Reddy, highlighting the growing friction within the Congress party and its allies in the state.

## Kaleshwaram Report...

Despite recommendations against the construction of the Medigadda barrage due to "prohibitive costs," KCR and Harish Rao allegedly kept the report in cold storage, disregarding crucial warnings. "The involvement and directions of the then Chief Minister minutely... is the cause and result of irregularities and the cause of distress to these three barrages," the report stated. KCR's leadership style has been portrayed as centralised and opaque, leading to systemic failures. Then-Irrigation Minister Harish Rao was held jointly responsible for suppressing the expert report that warned against the construction of the Medigadda barrage. The inquiry further highlighted that the report's intentional concealment contributed significantly to the project's failure. Eatala Rajender, who served as the finance minister during the period, was accused of showing a "lack of commitment and integrity in safeguarding the financial and economic health" of the newly formed Telangana state. The report noted his failure to

question or intervene in financial mismanagement. While Harish Rao remains with KCR's Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS), Eatala Rajender defected to the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in 2021, two years before the Congress ousted the BRS from power in the 2023 Telangana Assembly elections. The commission also named senior IAS officers including S.K. Joshi, the then Principal Secretary of Irrigation and Command Area Development, for his role in allegedly suppressing the Medigadda report. Smita Sabharwal, who served as Additional Secretary/Secretary to the Chief Minister, was criticized for her lack of due diligence in handling the matter. The findings set the stage for potential legal action, with the report calling for the recovery of public funds and a full-fledged probe into what it described as "collusion between project authorities and contractors." The report concluded that a grand vision was turned into a failed legacy due to unaccountable leadership and deep-rooted corruption.

## Eli Lilly GCC Boosts Hyderabad's Global Status

Today, we're not just opening a facility—we're launching the brain of Eli Lilly's global operations." Spread over 2.2 lakh square feet, the new GCC will serve as a nerve center for Eli Lilly's worldwide digital innovation. The centre has already onboarded 100 professionals and plans to expand to 1,500 jobs in the coming years, driving growth in automation, AI, cloud, and healthcare solutions. The CM described the development as a major step toward the

state's "Telangana Rising 2047" vision and its target of becoming a \$1 trillion economy. "Hyderabad is now the Life Sciences Capital of India," he said, highlighting that one in every three vaccines globally is developed or made here. CM Revanth reaffirmed his government's commitment to a transparent, investor-friendly ecosystem. "You are not just working in Hyderabad—you are shaping the future of global healthcare from here," he told Eli Lilly employees.

# Kaleshwaram Sinks Under BRS Misrule: CM Revanth

**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**  
Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy came down heavily on the previous BRS regime, holding it responsible for the structural failures in the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project. He said that the Medigadda, Annaram, and Sundilla barrages—constructed after redesigning the original Chevella project—have either sunk or developed major damages within three years of completion. Addressing the media, the Chief Minister recalled that expert committees had earlier submitted reports highlighting flaws in the planning, construction, and maintenance of the project. "Despite warnings, the BRS government proceeded with a redesign that ultimately endangered public resources and lives," Revanth said. Fulfilling an electoral promise, the Congress government appointed a Judicial Inquiry Commission on March 14, 2023, headed by retired judge Justice P.C. Ghosh. The commission submitted a comprehensive 665-page report



on July 31 this year. "This report confirms that Kaleshwaram was built on a foundation of illegalities," he added. The Cabinet has reviewed and approved the report. A three-member committee prepared a summary that will be presented in the upcoming Assembly session. Revanth clarified that the inquiry was conducted independently and without political interference. Anticipating criticism from the BRS,

he remarked, "They praise reports that suit them and dismiss the rest. But we will not act out of political vengeance." He assured that the government will act on the report based on consensus and public interest. "The Kaleshwaram report will be placed before the Assembly. We will move forward transparently, taking everyone's views into account," the Chief Minister concluded.

# GHMC, Google to Build AI-Powered Hyderabad

**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**

In a significant step toward smart urban governance, the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) has partnered with tech giant Google to launch a Generative AI (GenAI) pilot project aimed at addressing key civic challenges. This initiative is part of Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's broader vision to make Hyderabad India's first GenAI-enabled city. A virtual meeting was held on Monday to discuss the roadmap for the project. The session was attended by MA&UD Secretary Ilambarthi, GHMC Commissioner RV Karnan, IT Additional Commissioner Anuraag Jayanthi, and senior representatives from Google. The pilot will focus on leveraging GenAI to create efficient, tech-driven solutions for problems faced by both citizens and government officials. Among



the proposed features are AI-enabled citizen service systems, smart search bars for government websites, and conversational chatbots to support government staff in service delivery. Other key components include an AI-powered classification system for public queries, blockchain-based verifiable credentials for G2C (Government to Citizen) services, AI-based tender evaluations, smart parking management, and solid waste optimization. Real-time public bus tracking using Google Maps,

automated public form filling, and AI-driven traffic and road safety models are also planned. The partnership also aims to boost public health systems with tools like FHIR-compliant health records via Google Cloud APIs, a city-wide health analytics platform, and AI-based vector-borne disease prevention. Additionally, the project includes AI monitoring of lake dumping and construction debris, along with "Manya," a dedicated AI assistant for ASHA workers. GHMC Commissioner RV Karnan noted that this collaboration with Google marks a turning point in the city's digital transformation. He emphasized that the project is not just a tech experiment but a serious move toward making Hyderabad a smarter, cleaner, and more efficient city. If the pilot proves successful, these AI solutions will be expanded across the city and may set a national benchmark for urban innovation.

## CM Issues Alert as Heavy Rains Hit Telangana

**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**  
Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has instructed all district collectors and department heads to stay on high alert as heavy rains continue across Hyderabad and several parts of Telangana. During a review meeting at the State Secretariat, the CM urged officials to work in close coordination, especially in low-lying and flood-prone areas. He emphasized timely alerts to the public and swift relief measures wherever necessary. With more rainfall expected over the next few days, Revanth Reddy asked district collectors to regularly review ground-level conditions and hold joint meetings with all relevant departments to ensure readiness. He said that



He stressed that round-the-clock communication between collectors and top-level officials is key to managing the rain-related challenges effectively. The CM made it clear that public safety is the top priority and the government will act swiftly to address any crisis.

loss of life and property must be strictly avoided through preventive steps and active monitoring. The Chief Minister ordered that disaster response teams stay on standby and be ready to act immediately in any emergency situation. Officials must remain present in their districts, stay in touch with senior authorities, and be prepared to assist people without delay.

# Telangana Wildlife Board Holds Key Meet

**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**

The Telangana State Board for Wildlife (SBWL) held its 9th meeting at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Secretariat, chaired by Forest, Environment and Endowments Minister Konda Surekha. The meeting focused on reviewing key development proposals in forest areas and strengthening wildlife conservation efforts. Minister Surekha reiterated the government's commitment to tribal welfare and environmental protection. "We will not hurt the sentiments of Adivasis nor allow violations of forest rules," she said, underlining that all development projects would be evaluated with both



ecological and social considerations. The board examined proposals for road construction, optic fiber cable (OFC) lines, power infrastructure, irrigation, and

wildlife safety measures. Of the six forest road projects considered, only one was approved by the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL). The other five were rejected as they were intended

to connect unauthorized tribal habitations, potentially violating forest norms. The board reviewed eight OFC proposals. Five projects falling under the Right of Way (RoW)

were cleared by the state government. The remaining three, which pass through forest areas, were approved by the NBWL in its June 2025 meeting. The NBWL rejected the Mulugu 11KV power line and approach road proposal, citing ecological concerns. However, the Peddagattu Lift Irrigation Scheme in Nalgonda received NBWL approval after detailed evaluation. To ensure safe wildlife movement, the board proposed redesigned animal passages in 22 rural road projects. A central team from MoEF&CC, NTCA, WII, and the Forest Department will conduct field inspections this month. Divisional Forest Officers (DFOs) have been di-

rected to revise animal underpass plans considering terrain, wildlife density, and traffic flow. The board also cleared 13 mobile towers proposed by BSNL and Airtel. Revenue collected at check posts will be used for anti-poaching, fire response, and plastic control. A Tiger Cell will be set up at Aranya Bhavan to monitor big cat movement in conflict zones. The newly constituted SBWL Standing Committee will advise the state on forest, wildlife, and development issues. Panchayat Raj Minister Anasuya Seethakka, several MLAs, and senior forest officials also attended the meeting.



# Kondabala Switches to Congress! Khammam Heats Up

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In a major political development ahead of upcoming local elections, senior TRS leader and former MLA Kondabala Koteswara Rao joined the Congress party at Gandhi Bhavan. He was welcomed by Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka and Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President Mahesh Kumar Goud. Accompanied by a large group of former MPTCs and sarpanches from Khammam district, Kondabala's en-



try marks a significant boost for the Congress in the region. Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka described Kondabala as a sea-

soned politician with decades of experience in public life—from sarpanch to MLA, TDP district president, and chairman of local bodies and corporations. “His understanding of people's issues and governance will strengthen the Congress. Under CM Revanth Reddy and AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge, we are committed to taking pro-people policies to every doorstep. Let us work together to meet public needs,” he said.

PCC chief Mahesh Kumar Goud called Kondabala's return a

“homecoming.” He noted that the leader was inspired by the people-first governance of the Congress government and would play a key role in revitalizing the party in Khammam. Speaking on the occasion, Kondabala said he was rejoining Congress after closely observing the current political atmosphere at both state and national levels. “The Congress has always stood for the poor. I started my political journey here and served as District General Secretary and as a Samiti candidate. I

have deep connections with Congress cadres across Khammam,” he said. He recalled that the Congress was responsible for major public welfare reforms and rural development in India, crediting the party for strengthening the public sector. Citing the leadership of CM Revanth Reddy and Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka, he said their welfare programmes would help shape a stronger future for the state and the country. Kondabala added that many more leaders from Khammam would soon join the Congress, signaling a potential shift in the region's political dynamics.

## Five Ex-BRS MLAs Set to Join BJP

TPN Correspondent | Mahabubnagar

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) appears to be executing a strategic political move to strengthen its base in Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's home district of Mahabubnagar, with efforts underway to induct five former BRS legislators into the party. Leading the effort is local MP and BJP leader D.K. Aruna, who is reportedly coordinating with senior leaders in Delhi. Former Achampet MLA Guvvala Balaraju, who recently resigned from the BRS, is said to be the first among the group, with former MLAs Marni Janardhan Reddy (Nagarkurnool), Abraham (Alampur), Jaipal Yadav (Kalwakurthy), and Beeram Harshavardhan Reddy (Kolhapur) also reportedly in talks to join the BJP. Balaraju and Abraham are believed to have met BJP National General Secretary (Organisation) B.L. Santosh recently in Delhi.

The BJP's move is being seen as a bid to weaken the BRS further in the Palamuru region and consolidate its own position ahead of the next Assembly elections. The party gained ground in the region with D.K. Aruna's surprise victory in the Mahabubnagar Lok Sabha seat, defeating the Congress candidate despite a focused campaign by CM Revanth.

However, former MLA Marni Janardhan Reddy has denied speculation about his defection, terming it a baseless campaign and affirming loyalty to the BRS leadership.

Meanwhile, D.K. Aruna is said to be on a Delhi tour to brief the BJP high command about the developments and ongoing efforts to bolster the party's presence in southern Telangana.



## BJP Slams Revanth as ‘Tourist CM’

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BJP Telangana State General Secretary Dr. Kasam Venkateswarlu criticised the Congress government for failing to conduct local body elections and accused it of pushing village governance into a crisis. Addressing a press conference at the BJP state office, he said the tenure of sarpanchs, ZPTCs, MPTCs, and municipalities has ended, yet no elections have been held, resulting in an administrative vacuum. He claimed that due to this delay, Telangana has lost over ₹2,300 crore from the Central Finance Commission. “Sanitation workers are going unpaid. This



reflects the collapse of governance under Congress,” he said. Dr. Venkateswarlu questioned Congress leaders—particularly CM Revanth Reddy—for ignoring constitutional responsibilities while frequently quoting the Constitution in speeches. “Revanth has become a tourist

CM, visiting Delhi more than 50 times. Instead of governance, he's busy pleasing the Delhi high command,” he remarked. He also accused the Congress government of not being serious about implementing 42% reservation for BCs in local bodies. Despite the High Court's directive to complete the reservation process by July 25 and hold elections by September 30, the Congress has taken no concrete steps, he said. He alleged that the Congress is following “Delhi's script” to avoid fulfilling its promises and is using diversion tactics by targeting BJP leaders. He also took aim at TPCC chief Mahesh Kumar Goud

and said, “The real bad omen for Telangana is Revanth Reddy, not BJP leaders.” On the religious front, Dr. Venkateswarlu condemned the Congress for bringing Lord Ram into politics. “Ram belongs to India, BJP, and nationalism. The Congress legacy resembles Ravana, not Ram,” he added. He also criticised MLC Kavitha, alleging hypocrisy over her support for BC reservations and claiming she's facing isolation within her party. “BRS reduced BC reservations from 34% to 22%, and now they pretend to fight for BCs,” he said.

## BRS Slams Congress for Ignoring Palamuru Projects

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Former Minister V. Srinivas Goud and other senior BRS leaders launched a scathing attack on the Congress government, accusing it of neglecting irrigation and development works in the Palamuru region. Addressing a press meet, the leaders questioned why critical projects like the Palamuru-Ranga Reddy Lift Irrigation Scheme, which is 90% complete, are being delayed under the current regime. Srinivas Goud slammed the Congress leadership, asking, “If we did nothing, what has Congress done in these 20 months? Why is the remaining 10% of the Palamuru-Ranga Reddy project still

pending?” He alleged that the Irrigation Minister lacks sincerity and that no significant progress has been made in water-related works in Kodangal. He pointed to the construction of 188 check dams during BRS rule and claimed that thousands of acres were cultivated thanks to the initiatives under KCR's leadership. Goud also accused the Congress government of using the Kaleshwaram project to politically target former CM KCR, saying, “They are enjoying the drama of leaks, threatening to file cases before the Kaleshwaram Commission even submits its report.” Former MLA Chittam Rammo-

han Reddy added that under KCR, 2 lakh acres in the Makthal constituency were irrigated. He alleged that the current government has failed to secure permissions for the Kodangal-Narayanapet lift and is mishandling land acquisition. Reddy also questioned the Congress' praise for Revanth Reddy as “extra-Bhagiratha,” stating, “What has he done for Palamuru? He couldn't even ensure urea supply for farmers.” BRS MLC Naveen Kumar Reddy, former MLA Narender Reddy, and former SATS chairman Allipuram Venkateswar Reddy also participated, accusing the Congress of discriminating in com-



pensation rates for land acquisition and ignoring long-pending promises. The leaders warned that the BRS is prepared for a legal and political battle and said the party is not afraid of “false narratives” aimed at discrediting its irrigation achievements.

## Jeevan Reddy Demands Indiramma Homes

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Senior Congress leader and former MLC T Jeevan Reddy has appealed to the district administration to re-sanction Indiramma houses for original beneficiaries whose homes were razed during the implementation of the double-bedroom housing scheme in Nukapalli. Reddy, along with affected residents, submitted a representation to District Collector Shaik Satya Prasad at the



Prajavani public grievance programme. Beneficiaries also submitted house site pattas, urging the government to restore the Indiramma housing benefit instead of shifting them to other schemes. Addressing the media later, Reddy said that in 2008, the Congress government sanctioned 4,000 Indiramma houses in Jagtial. Many families began construction, but hundreds were left incomplete due

to financial hardship. Some of these were recently demolished during double-bedroom house works, leaving families stranded.

Following his representation to Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, a ₹52 crore proposal was submitted to complete 1,611 unfinished homes. However, Reddy noted that several of these homes were already demolished before the funds could be released.

He urged the government to re-approve houses under the Indiramma scheme specifically for the affected families. “They built these homes with hope. We must not let that be destroyed,” he said.

## Political Plot Behind SIT, Alleges BRS

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The Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) accused the Congress government of using the Justice PC Ghose Commission report as political weapon to target the previous BRS regime. The party alleged that the formation of a Special Investigation Team (SIT) and the selective leak of the commission's findings were aimed at influencing public opinion ahead of local body elections.

Senior BRS leader and former Minister S. Niranjan Reddy questioned the sanctity of the Commission's findings, saying only a summary was made public while the complete report remains hidden. “The selective disclosure raises serious doubts about the government's intentions. If there is nothing to hide, why not release the full report for public scrutiny?” he asked.

He said the Congress government was attempting to project the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project (KLIP) as a failure despite it being one of the largest and most ambitious infrastructure initiatives in the country. “This is a deliberate attempt to malign the legacy of the previous government,” he added.



Niranjan Reddy alleged that the SIT and the partial release of the report were tactics to distract the public from the ruling party's unfulfilled promises and lack of development. He also demanded that the government maintain transparency and avoid using investigative mechanisms for political vendetta.

The BRS has called for an immediate release of the full Justice Ghose report and urged that the matter be debated openly in the public domain and the legislature.

## Why Is BJP Silent on BC Bill? :TPCC Chief

TPN Correspondent |Hyderabad

TPCC President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud criticised the BRS and BJP over the BC reservation bill and the damage to the Kaleshwaram project.

Speaking to the media at Gandhi Bhavan, he said the Janahita Padayatra received a strong response from the public. He added that people appreciated the welfare schemes being implemented by the Congress government. “People expressed satisfaction and praised the government during the padayatra,” he said.

Mahesh Goud said the padayatra will continue in phases, with four to five days of visits every month. A detailed plan will be announced soon.

He held former Chief Minister KCR responsible for the damages to the Kaleshwaram project. “The project faced problems due to KCR's poor decisions. The PC Ghosh committee report on the issue will be discussed in the Cabinet meeting,” he added.

Questioning Kavitha's sudden support for the BC reservation movement, Mahesh Goud asked, “What role did she play earlier? Why is she showing interest now?”

He also questioned the silence of BJP leaders who earlier supported the BC bill. “Why are BJP BC representatives quiet while Kishan Reddy and Ramachandra Rao are speaking against it?” he asked.

He alleged that Kishan Reddy is trying to mislead people by mentioning minorities while opposing the BC bill. “Can Kishan Reddy contest again without the support of BCs?” he asked.

He concluded by saying that Congress welcomes anyone who genuinely supports the BC community and urged political parties not to politicise BC rights for their own gain.





# New Glow for Jubilee Hills



**TPN Correspondent |Hyderabad**  
The State Government is fully committed to the holistic development of Jubilee Hills constituency, said Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao. He assured that the government would extend complete support for civic and infrastructure upgrades in the area. The Minister laid the foundation stone for a series of development works in Sheikhpeta and Yusufguda under the Jubilee Hills constituency. These include CC roads, VDCC (Vacuum Dewatered Cement Concrete) roads, and the renovation of Vinayaka Nagar Park. The projects will be undertaken at a total cost of ₹2.16 crore — ₹1.05 crore in Sheikhpeta and ₹1.11 crore in Yusufguda Circle. Joining the event were Labour, Employment and Mines Minister Gaddam Vivek Venkataswamy and Hyderabad Mayor Gadwala Vijayalakshmi. Speaking on the occasion, Minister Tummala highlighted the Congress-led government's focus on urban infrastructure under Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's leadership. "We are prioritising quality and timely completion in every work taken up. Every promise made to the people will be delivered with accountability," he said. Minister Vivek Venkataswamy said the government's mission is to ensure improved civic amenities for all. He directed officials to fast-track works related to roads, drainage systems, and street lighting. "Development is our way of thanking the people for their continued support," he added. Mayor Vijayalakshmi noted that several infrastructure projects are already underway across Greater Hyderabad. She urged corporators to actively submit proposals for pending works in their respective wards and assured full support from the state government. "Our goal is to make Greater Hyderabad and Jubilee Hills national benchmarks for urban development," she said. The event witnessed participation from GHMC Commissioner R.V. Karnan, Hyderabad District Collector Dasari Harichandana, local corporators, deputy commissioners, colony residents, women's groups, and youth representatives-Issued by the CPRO, GHMC Office

# 7,755 Potholes Fixed in Hyderabad

**TPN Correspondent |Hyderabad**

In a bid to ensure smoother and safer commuting during the monsoon, the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) has stepped up its ongoing road maintenance efforts across the city. So far, a total of 7,755 potholes have been repaired under the special monsoon drive.

GHMC teams carried out a series of repair works across all six city zones. As part of the effort, 384 catch pits were repaired to prevent water stagnation and flooding. In addition, 175 damaged catch pit covers were replaced, and three central medians were restored. GHMC officials said the drive focuses on critical roads, high-traffic areas,

and locations frequently impacted by rain-related damage. The aim is to improve road conditions and enhance safety for both motorists and pedestrians. Residents are encouraged to report potholes and other road issues via GHMC's grievance platforms for quick resolution. The civic body said the work will continue throughout the monsoon season, with regular monitoring and rapid response to complaints- Issued by CPRO, GHMC



# Hydra to Protect Parks and Roads

**TPN Correspondent |Hyderabad**

In a firm stance against encroachments, Hydra Commissioner A.V. Ranganatha stated that parks, roads, and public spaces will be protected as per approved layouts. He appealed to citizens not to block roads or encroach on open spaces, stressing the importance of these areas for community well-being. The statement came during the weekly Hydra Prajavani program held on Monday, which received 58 complaints, the majority related to encroachments on parks, public roads, and community spaces. The Commissioner personally reviewed each complaint using Google Maps, NRSC data, Survey of India maps, and village records in the presence of complainants. Field-level inspections were ordered, with Asset Protection Officers assigned to act, and specific timelines set for resolution. One major complaint involved a



2,000-square-yard area allocated for a Kuruma community burial ground in Boiguda, Secunderabad. Community leaders alleged the land was being encroached upon, disturbing ancestral graves. Residents of Sri Sai Krishna Colony in Bachupalli, Malkajgiri district, reported encroachment on a 1,700-square-yard park space within a 4.8-acre layout. Although fencing was initiated by Nizampet munic-

ipal staff, encroachers reportedly obtained a stay order from court. Locals requested the park be restored for children and festivals like Bathukamma. In Gandipet village, Rangareddy district, locals alleged a 25-foot road under Survey No. 69 had been illegally occupied, blocking access for hundreds of families. They pointed to the presence of electric poles and water pipelines as proof of its intended use. Another complaint came from Bhagat Singh Nagar in Qutbullapur mandal, where a 3,500-yard plot earmarked for public use and a proposed government hospital is allegedly under encroachment. Residents demanded immediate intervention to save the site. Commissioner Ranganatha assured citizens that no violation will be overlooked and that genuine complaints will be addressed transparently with layout verification and public involvement.

# Ropeway to Link Golconda, Qutub Tombs

**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**

Hyderabad is all set to get its first-ever ropeway service connecting two of its most iconic heritage sites Golconda Fort and the Qutub Shahi Tombs. The 2-km aerial ropeway aims to ease traffic congestion in the area while offering tourists a scenic and time-saving mode of transport. The ropeway will feature six-seater cable cars and is expected to complete the journey in just

5 to 10 minutes. Currently, it takes about 15 to 20 minutes by road to travel between the two sites, especially during peak traffic hours. According to a report in The Times of India, the fare is likely to be between ₹100 and ₹200 per ride. Ropeway terminals will be set up near the entrance of Golconda Fort and the Qutub Shahi Tombs complex, enabling quick and convenient access to both locations. The project is expected to serve around 5,000

to 8,000 visitors daily. During weekends and holidays, the footfall in the area often exceeds 10,000, and the ropeway is seen as a sustainable solution to manage the tourist rush. Apart from reducing commute time, the ropeway will provide breathtaking aerial views of the historic landscape, enhancing the overall visitor experience. Authorities believe it will significantly boost cultural tourism in Hyderabad.



# Monsoon Cleanup Drive in Full Swing



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The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) is conducting a special monsoon sanitation drive across the city to maintain public hygiene and prevent seasonal diseases. The drive, which began on July 26, is being implemented in 150 wards and will continue till August 8. Multiple departments including Sanitation, Entomology, Town Planning, Engineering, Veterinary, Urban Bio-Diversity (UBD), and Urban Community Development (UCD) are working together to keep the city clean and safe during the rainy season. In sanitation efforts, 611 colonies were covered, with 679 metric tons of garbage and 1,195 metric tons of construction waste collected. In engineering works, 72.21 metric tons of waste was removed, 888 potholes filled, and 266 catch pits repaired or cleaned. The Entomology Department reported 62 dengue cases. A total of 176,393 houses were inspected, with awareness programs conducted to prevent mosquito breeding. Town Planning officials fined 140 violators through the CCMS app, collecting over ₹15.5 lakh in penalties. In the veterinary segment, 1,001 sterilizations and 4,661 anti-rabies vaccinations were performed. UBD staff cleaned 469 parks in 328 trips. Meanwhile, UCD teams inspected 22,482 houses, with 1,276 staff participating in 162 rallies and 336 school awareness programs. Around 15,087 SHG members were involved in sanitation activities-Issued by CPRO, GHMC Office

# Yoga Protest Over Potholes Goes Viral



**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**

In a striking protest against the worsening condition of roads in Serilingampally, city-based activist Vinay Vangala performed a yoga pose over a large pothole, calling it 'Pothole Asana'. The unique demonstration was aimed at drawing attention to the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation's (GHMC) inaction despite repeated complaints from residents. Holding the pose for several minutes, Vinay sarcastically remarked, "Why spend on a chiropractor when our roads offer free spinal adjustments with every ride?" His protest quickly gained traction on social media under the hashtag #PotholeAsana, with several citizens echoing similar frustrations. Vinay directly targeted GHMC's Serilingampally zone officials,

including Executive Engineer Indira and Deputy Engineer Sridevi, stating that it has been over two months since complaints were lodged, yet the potholes remain unattended. He also criticised GHMC's claim of having filled 7,000 potholes across Hyderabad. "Many main roads in Serilingampally are still broken, and internal colony roads are completely ignored," he said, adding that the pace of repair is too slow to meet the city's needs. "At this rate, it'll take years to fix everything," Vinay warned, pointing out that poor road conditions not only damage vehicles but also pose serious risks to public health. "This is about safety and dignity," he said. Following the viral protest and growing public support online, GHMC officials reportedly acted and fixed the highlighted issue.

# Cousin Kills Over Cash Clash

**TPN Correspondent |Hyderabad**

A heated argument over money ended in tragedy at Indiranagar, Borabanda, where a 21-year-old man was brutally murdered by his cousin. The victim, Basavaraj, worked as a driver and lived with his cousin Prem Raj, 20, in a rented house. According to police, the two had frequent argu-

ments over money. On Sunday night, a heated quarrel broke out between them, which continued late into the night. At around 4:30 am, while Basavaraj was asleep, Prem Raj allegedly picked up a granite stone and struck him on the head multiple times, causing severe injuries. Basavaraj was rushed to

a private hospital by neighbours but was declared dead on arrival by doctors. Preliminary investigation suggests the motive was an ongoing monetary dispute between the two. Police have arrested Prem Raj and booked him under relevant sections of the IPC for murder. The weapon used in the

crime has been recovered, and further investigation is underway. Officials said the accused will be produced before a magistrate soon. The incident has shocked the local community, as both men were known to be close and had been living together for several months.



## Sitakka’s Efforts Bring Good News for Mulugu

**TPN Correspondent |Hyderabad**  
After a long-standing struggle by Tribal Welfare and Women & Child Development Minister D. Anasuya (Sitakka), the Forest Department has given the green light for major development works in the Mulugu region. The approvals came during the 9th meeting of the Telangana State Wildlife Board, held at the State Secretariat, marking a significant milestone for the region. The Wildlife Board cleared several infrastructure proposals championed by Minister Sitakka, including road construction from Kantanapalli, Loveval, Kondaparthi, Kodisela, Ailapuram, and Pakala Kothagudem to Dubbagudem — areas located in and around eco-sensitive zones. In a major boost to public health access, the Board also approved the construction of a 30-bed government hospital in Pakala Kothagudem, a long-pending demand of the local population. Additionally, permissions were granted for introducing special safari vehicles to promote eco-tourism in the Tadwai and Eturu Nagaram forest areas. These vehicles are expected to improve tourist access and enhance the visibility of the region’s natural beauty while ensuring minimal ecological disruption. Minister Sitakka expressed her gratitude to Forest and Environment Minister Konda Surekha and members of the Wildlife Board for their support and cooperation. She termed the clearances a “breakthrough moment” for the backward but ecologically rich Mulugu region. “These approvals are not just administrative decisions—they reflect a commitment to inclusive development while preserving our natural heritage,” Sitakka said.



## Ponnam Opens Camp Office in Karimnagar



**TPN Correspondent | Karimnagar**  
Minister for Transport and BC Welfare, Ponnam Prabhakar, inaugurated his new ministerial camp office at the Ponnam Complex in Mankamma Thota, Karimnagar. The inauguration ceremony began with special prayers performed alongside his family members.

Several key Congress leaders, including Karimnagar Parliament candidate Velichala Rajender Rao and RTA member Padala Rahul, were present at the event. Speaking on the occasion, Minister Ponnam said the newly opened camp office is aimed at facilitating local development and serving as a one-stop center for citizens. “People can now submit petitions and applications here. Services related to the Chief Minister’s Relief Fund, hospital assistance, education, women’s welfare, and various government schemes will be made easily accessible to the public,” he added. The Minister also addressed the issue of BC reservations, highlighting the Telangana government’s commitment to social justice. “The democratic government passed a law ensuring 42% reservation for Backward Classes (BCs), and it was cleared by the Governor. Now, we are heading to Delhi to urge the President to give her assent to the bill,” he stated. He appealed to all BC leaders, across party lines, to unite and support the demand at the national level. “Just as we fought for Telangana without political boundaries, we must now stand together for BC rights,” he said, urging for the success of the protests and meetings scheduled in Delhi on August 5, 6, and 7. Minister Ponnam also called on BJP ministers and BC public representatives at the Centre to act positively on the state government’s proposal.

## Operation Muskan: 177 Kids Rescued in Warangal

**TPN Correspondent |Warangal**  
As part of a month-long special drive under Operation Muskan-XI, Warangal Police rescued 177 children, including 97 from other states, who were found engaged in child labour across Hanamkonda, Warangal, and Jangaon districts. The operation, conducted from July 1 to 31, was carried out in coordination with the Child Welfare Department, Child Line, and the Labour Department. The rescued children were found working in hazardous conditions in various establishments such as garages, roadside eateries, construction sites, and small industries. Commissioner of Police Sunpreet Singh said efforts were being made to trace the families of the rescued children and ensure their rehabilitation through proper legal and welfare mechanisms. He stressed that strict action would be taken against those found employing children, in violation of child labour and trafficking laws.

Of the 177 rescued, many were victims of trafficking and forced labour, having been brought from other states under false promises of work or wages. The children have been shifted to shelter homes and are being provided counselling and care. The Commissioner reiterated the police’s commitment to eliminating child labour and ensuring children have access to education, safety, and dignity through coordinated action and community support.



## Kothagudem Collector Launches Blood Unit

**TPN Correspondent |Kothagudem**  
District Collector Jitesh V Patil inaugurated a newly established Blood Storage Centre at the 100-bed Government Area Hospital in Manuguru and donated blood, setting an example to encourage voluntary blood donation. Addressing the gathering after the inauguration, the Collector emphasized the life-saving importance of timely blood availability, especially in emergency situations. “Blood donation is life donation. A single unit of blood can become a lifeline for someone in need,” he said, urging citizens to come forward and donate blood regularly. The new facility is expected to significantly improve emergency medical response in the region, ensuring quicker access to blood for accident victims, expectant mothers, and patients undergoing surgeries. Inspired by the Collector’s gesture, over 20 hospital staff and officials also came forward to donate blood on the occasion. Health officials lauded the initiative, calling it a vital step in strengthening rural healthcare infrastructure. The Collector also interacted with medical staff and reviewed the hospital’s ongoing services, reaffirming the administration’s commitment to improving healthcare access in remote areas like Manuguru.



## Heavy Rush at Dakshin Kashi for Darshan



**TPN Correspondent |Vemulawada**  
Heavy crowds of devotees visited the historic Sri Rajarajeshwara Swamy temple in Vemulawada in the holy Shravan month. Known as Dakshin Kashi, the temple witnessed a spiritual fervour as pilgrims from across Telangana and beyond offered prayers and participated in sacred rituals. From early morning, long queues formed as devotees waited for darshan of Lord Rajarajeshwara. Following the darshan, traditional offerings of gobbi (cow dung) were made, a ritual observed during the Shravan season. To mark the occasion, Vedic scholars performed special rituals including Mahanyasa Purvaka Ekadasha Rudrabhishekam, filling the temple with chants and a divine ambience. Temple Executive Officer Radhabai, along with temple staff and Special Protection Force (SPF) personnel, closely monitored arrangements. Efforts were made to ensure orderly movement, proper queue lines, and that devotees faced no inconvenience despite the large turnout. Officials expect the footfall to grow in the coming weeks as Mondays in Shravan hold special significance for devotees of Lord Shiva. The temple town remains a key spiritual hub during this period.

## Tupran Gets Smart with AI Surveillance



**TPN Correspondent |Medak**  
In a bid to enhance surveillance and curb crime, Tupran town has introduced AI-powered cameras at major intersections and accident-prone zones. This is the first time such technology has been deployed in the town under a community policing initiative. Nine advanced AI cameras have

been installed at strategic locations including the Narsapur intersection, Potharajpally Kaman, and Nagulapally bridge. Each unit, costing ₹1.5 lakh, can detect vehicle number plates even in low light, track vehicle movement history, and count passengers — making it significantly easier to trace suspects in accident or crime cases. The project was made possible through combined funding — ₹6 lakh from municipal sources and ₹7.5 lakh raised from local donors. Officials said the encouraging results from an earlier pilot with four cameras led to the expansion. “In the beginning, we installed four AI cameras. Seeing their effectiveness, we added five more with community support. We have also assigned dedicated staff

for their upkeep,” said Tupran Sub-Inspector Sivanandam. The surveillance system not only strengthens law enforcement but also boosts road safety by continuously monitoring high-risk zones. The AI software ensures there’s “no escape” for violators, say police officials. This move follows previous investments of nearly ₹2 crore in standard CCTV networks across Tupran’s colonies, which remain operational. The introduction of AI surveillance is now being seen as a technological upgrade aimed at smarter, faster policing. Officials said similar installations are being planned across more towns in Medak district, making AI-driven monitoring a new norm for local law enforcement.

## Dry Spell Stalls Paddy in Adilabad

**TPN Correspondent |Adilabad**  
A prolonged dry spell through July has left paddy farmers in the Adilabad, Nirmal, and Mancherial districts staring at potential crop failure, with transplantation activities severely impacted due to a lack of rainfall and vanishing irrigation sources. Farmers who had prepared nurseries and fields for the Rainy season are now caught in uncertainty. Many of them invested heavily—often relying on loans from private lenders—with the hope of timely monsoon showers. However, July passed with scanty rainfall, leaving nurseries wilting and fields parched. “We spent thousands preparing our fields and buying inputs. Now there’s no water to move forward with transplantation,” said Mallesh, a farmer from Tamsi mandal. “We are already in debt. If the rains don’t arrive soon, we’ll



be forced to abandon the crop.” Agriculture officials say the transplantation window is rapidly closing. Water levels in minor

irrigation tanks and canals remain critically low, and groundwater sources too have dried up in several areas. Without rain in

the next few days, the entire season could be a washout for many small and marginal farmers. In addition to financial losses, the delay is raising concerns over food security and rural distress in the region. Farmer groups are demanding that the state government declare affected mandals as drought-hit and provide immediate input subsidies, crop-loss compensation, and plans for alternative cropping. The region, part of the semi-arid Deccan plateau, is highly dependent on timely monsoons for agriculture. With no significant rainfall forecast for the coming week, fears are mounting across the farming community. “The government must respond quickly before it’s too late,” said Ramesh Reddy, a farmers’ union leader in Nirmal. “This is not just about crops—it’s about livelihoods.”



# Trust: A ‘Tender Anchor’ in Close Connections

In a world dominated by instant messaging and fleeting connections, one ancient element remains the foundation of all meaningful relationships: trust. It is the invisible thread that links hearts, minds, and souls—not through euphoria, but through small, consistent acts of integrity and care.

### A Responsibility

Modern relationships, despite their digital proximity, often suffer from emotional distance. People speak of trust as if it is a given, a humble asset, that comes bundled with time or blood. But trust is neither a birthright nor an entitlement. It is something that must be cultivated, nurtured, and—most importantly—respected. Whether in marriages, friendships, or familial ties, the assumption that trust will “always be there” is often taken for granted. Relationships begin to rot not when people argue, but when they stop valuing trust as sacred.

### Silent Language of Trust

Trust rarely announces itself. It does not seek credit, nor does it demand



daily validation. It manifests in the silence of mutual understanding, in the comfort of being one's vulnerable self, in the assurance that a secret remains safe and a promise will be kept. And yet, its silence should not be mistaken for invincibility. Like an anchor that steadies a ship without being seen, trust performs its duty quietly—until it snaps. When it does, even the strongest relation-

ships are left to drift.

### Fragility in Familiarity

Strangely, trust is most vulnerable in close bonds. In professional settings, breaches of trust often have formal consequences. But in personal relationships, hurt is internalized, forgiveness is assumed, and emotional damage is quietly buried. This pattern leads to emotional erosion—an invisible weakening of



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ties that eventually fall apart. The danger lies in our carelessness. Casual lies, repeated forgetfulness, ego-driven silences, or even failure to acknowledge hurt—all contribute to the slow unraveling of trust. And once fractured, even if forgiveness is extended, trust rarely returns in its original form.

### Antidote: Humility and Honesty

If trust is the anchor, honesty and humility are the ropes that keep it tied. Admitting mistakes, listening without defense, apologizing without excuses, and showing up with consistency—these are not outdated values; they are timeless remedies for fractured faith. Forgiveness may restore the connection, but rebuilding trust takes time, effort, and a conscious choice to be better—every single day. In a world increasingly trained to seek shortcuts, this long road to trust is perhaps the most simple, but rewarding journey one can undertake. Need to Handle with Consistent Care It's often said that trust takes years to build, seconds to break, and forever to repair. This isn't just a quote—it's a warning. As relationships age, they must not be taken lightly. Like the keel of a boat, trust may be invisible from above, but it's the very element that keeps us afloat. Let us, therefore, recognize trust not as a luxury but as a lifeline—and hold it, in all our close bonds, with the care it deserves. Because when all else fails, it is trust—not mere affection—that decides whether two people stay connected, or drift apart forever.

## Why Is SpiceJet Repeatedly Tangling with Security Forces?

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Hyderabad: An incident involving a serving Indian Army officer and SpiceJet staff at Srinagar Airport on July 26 has sparked outrage online, with many calling out the airline for alleged mistreatment and extortion. Eariler reports suggests that the army officer was wrong to in the issue but latest reports suggest that there is more to the story. The officer, who was reportedly on emergency leave, arrived alone with only a small 8-9 kg cabin bag. After receiving confirmation at the check-in counter to carry the bag onboard, he was later stopped at the boarding gate and asked to pay for excess weight. According to sources close to the officer, he tried to explain that he had no additional baggage and referred to the confirmation he had received earlier. However, with the gate about to close, the staff allegedly behaved rudely and continued to press for extra payment. Several users on social media have since questioned whether this was an attempt



to extract money or harass the officer, noting that many airlines routinely allow larger cabin baggage

to streamline check-ins and reduce baggage handling costs. Eyewitnesses have also spoken out, stating that

the media coverage was biased and failed to present the officer's side of the story. One such account high-

lighted the disturbing trend of selective narratives, saying, “It is truly disturbing to see how biased and irresponsible certain media platforms can be, publishing one-sided stories without real investigation.” Adding fuel to the controversy, some online commentators alleged that there might be a local bias at Srinagar Airport against military personnel, although such claims remain unverified. This is not the first time SpiceJet has come under fire for its staff's conduct. On July 11 at Jaipur Airport, a SpiceJet crew member allegedly assaulted a CISF Assistant Sub-Inspector. The officer was performing his duty by preventing unauthorized entry through a restricted gate. The staff member reportedly slapped the CISF officer, leading to a public backlash. Despite this, the airline defended the crew member's actions at the time. As the current incident gains traction, many are urging aviation authorities to probe SpiceJet's internal protocols and examine repeated allegations of unprofessionalism by its ground staff.

## Tibal Torchbearer Shibu Shoreen

The passing of Shibu Soren, fondly known as 'Dishom Guru', marks not just the end of an extraordinary political journey but the closing chapter of an era that saw tribal aspirations rise from the margins to the mainstream of Indian politics. As the founder of the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) and a relentless voice for tribal rights, Soren's life was a testament to resistance, resilience, and reform. Born on January 11, 1944, in the small village of Nemra in the Ramgarh district of erstwhile Bihar, Shibu Soren's life was shaped early by personal tragedy. At the age of 15, his father, Shobaran Soren, was allegedly killed by moneylenders. That harrowing incident in 1957 lit a fire in the young boy—one that never extinguished. That same pain would later drive a lifelong commitment to fight feudal exploitation and social injustice in tribal lands. In 1973, Soren co-founded the JMM alongside AK Roy and Binod Bihari Mahto. From that point, the JMM would become the principal vehicle for demanding a separate tribal state, resonating across the Chotanagpur and Santhal Pargana belts.



Through mass mobilisations, grassroots movements, and unwavering activism, Soren emerged as the face of Jharkhand's statehood movement. After decades of agitation, their vision materialised with the formation of Jharkhand on November 15, 2000 — a landmark that remains Soren's most defining achievement. But Soren's political influence didn't

stop with Jharkhand's creation. He played an active role at the national level, having been elected multiple times as MP from Dumka, including his eighth term from 2014 to 2019. He also served in the Union Cabinet as Coal Minister in the UPA government. However, his time in national politics was marred by legal entanglements. From the 1975 Chirudih

massacre case to the sensational 1994 murder of his secretary Shashinath Jha, Soren faced trials and tribulations that nearly derailed his political career. Though acquitted in both cases—most notably by the Supreme Court in 2018—the episodes left a lasting impact on his public image. Still, controversy couldn't eclipse his connection with the people. In Jharkhand, he remained a revered figure. His three short-lived stints as Chief Minister may have lacked administrative longevity, but symbolically, they underscored the complexities of coalition politics and the struggles of regional leadership in a fractured polity. A failed assassination attempt in 2007 while being escorted to jail only highlighted the danger and volatility that surrounded his career. What truly set Soren apart was not just his survival in such a turbulent political landscape, but how he managed to retain the trust of his people. For 38 years, he led the JMM before handing over the reins in April 2025 to his son, Hemant Soren, currently the Chief Minister. Even in semi-retirement, as the party's founding pa-

tron, Soren remained a lodestar for tribal politics in India. His personal life, like his political one, was rooted in struggle and legacy. He is survived by his wife Roopi Soren, daughter Anjani, and two sons, Hemant and Basant. His eldest son, Durga, passed away in 2009, but the family's political lineage continues with Hemant at the helm of Jharkhand's government and Basant serving as a legislator. For the people of Jharkhand, Shibu Soren will forever be remembered as the embodiment of their long and difficult fight for identity, autonomy, and dignity. He was not without flaws, but his contribution to the tribal movement is indelible. His name is etched in the political and emotional fabric of a state that exists today largely because of his vision. As India moves forward, Shibu Soren's life reminds us that real change often comes not from corridors of power, but from the pain of personal loss, the grit of grassroots struggle, and the courage to challenge systemic injustice. His voice may be silenced, but his message will echo for generations.





## Shibu Soren passes away at 81

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Veteran tribal leader and former Jharkhand Chief Minister Shibu Soren passed away at the age of 81 on Monday after battling a kidney-related illness. He had been on life support at Delhi's Sir Ganga Ram Hospital for nearly a month. The nation is in mourning as tributes poured in from top political leaders, recognising his pivotal role in the upliftment of tribal communities and the creation of Jharkhand. Prime Minister Narendra Modi led the tributes, calling Soren a "grassroots leader" who dedicated his life to the cause of tribal welfare. "He empowered tribal communities and worked tirelessly for the poor. His demise is a great loss to Indian politics," PM Modi said. President Droupadi Murmu, in an emotional post on X, said, "The demise of Shri Shibu Soren Ji is a big loss in the space of social justice. He championed the cause of tribal identity and the formation of the state of Jharkhand. His emphasis on the welfare of the people, especially the tribal communities, will always be remembered."

Union Home Minister Amit Shah remembered the late leader for his lifelong struggle for tribal rights. "He fought for decades for the rights and empowerment of the tribal society in Jharkhand. He connected with people with his simple personality and easy nature," he posted on X. Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren, son of Shibu Soren, expressed deep grief over the loss of his father. "I am left with nothing," he said in a moving statement. Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra also offered condolences, stating, "This is a very saddening news for all of us. My condolences and prayers are with the family members in this difficult time. I have also texted Kalpana Soren ji." Shibu Soren, also known as "Guruji," was born in 1944 in the Ramgarh district (then Bihar) and belonged to the Santhal community. Over decades, he became a symbol of the tribal movement, serving multiple terms as Chief Minister of Jharkhand, Union Minister, and Member of Parliament. His legacy includes not just political leadership but an unwavering commitment to tribal rights and social justice.

## Himachal Floods Toll Rises to 184, Over 300 Roads Blocked



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The 2025 monsoon has wreaked havoc across Himachal Pradesh, with 184 people dead and key infrastructure crippled by relentless rain, landslides, and flash floods. The State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA) reported that 103 of these deaths were directly rain-related, while 81 resulted from road accidents caused by dangerous terrain and damaged roads. As of Tuesday, 309 roads, including National Highway 305 (NH-305), remain blocked due to landslides and debris flows. Water supply and electricity have also been severely disrupted, with 236 water supply schemes and 113 distribution transformers non-functional. Mandi district has emerged as the most severely affected, accounting for 23 rain-related deaths and 14 road fatalities. It also leads in infrastructure collapse with 167 roads blocked, 74 water schemes disrupted, and 91 transformers out of service. Kangra follows with 24 weather-related deaths and six accident fatalities, while Kullu reported 10 monsoon deaths and eight road accident deaths. Chamba and Shimla districts have also sustained multiple casualties and significant

damage. In Lahaul-Spiti, a bridge collapse at Dared Nallah has severed the connection between Madgran and Kurched, isolating local populations. Meanwhile, a major landslide in Kullu near Jhed (Khanag) has rendered NH-305 impassable. However, a detour via Kandugad is currently open for light vehicles. NH-505 in Lahaul-Spiti also remains closed due to landslides. The SDMA has warned that continued rain in the coming days could trigger further landslides, flash floods, and service failures. On Sunday alone, 296 roads were blocked, 134 transformers went offline, and 266 water supply schemes were disrupted, highlighting the widespread infrastructure breakdown. The cumulative damage to public property—including roads, electricity, water infrastructure, health centres, and schools—has crossed ₹1,71,495 lakh. Additionally, over 88,800 hectares of agricultural and horticultural crops have been impacted. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has predicted light to moderate rainfall across the state in the next 12 hours, with heavy rain expected at isolated places in Bilaspur, Hamirpur, Kangra, Kullu, Mandi, Shimla, Sirmour, Solan, and Una.

## "True Indian Won't Say This": SC Raps Rahul Gandhi

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Congress leader Rahul Gandhi faced stern words from the Supreme Court on Monday over his remarks about the Indian Army and China during the 2022 Bharat Jodo Yatra, even as the apex court stayed ongoing criminal defamation proceedings against him. A bench comprising Justice Dipankar Datta and Justice AG Masih questioned the veracity of Gandhi's statement that "Chinese troops are thrashing Indian soldiers in Arunachal Pradesh" and that China had taken over 2,000 sq km of Indian territory. The remarks, made in December 2022, referred to the border clash in Arunachal's Tawang sector. "How do you know China grabbed 2,000 sq km of land? Were you there? Do you have any credible material?" Justice Datta asked, adding pointedly, "If you are a true Indian, you won't say all of this." Senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi, appearing for Gandhi, defended his client by arguing, "If he can't say these things, how can he be the Leader of the Opposition?" But the court responded, "Then why don't you say such things in Parliament?" Despite staying the proceedings for now, the court issued notice on Gandhi's plea to quash the defamation case, which originated from a complaint by Uday Shanker Srivastava. The complainant alleged that Gandhi's remarks defamed the Indian Army and lowered its morale. The Supreme Court's comments come after the Allahabad High Court, in May, rejected Gandhi's challenge to a summons issued by a special court in Lucknow. That court had taken cognisance of



Srivastava's complaint and summoned Gandhi as an accused. The High Court had also dismissed Gandhi's claim that he was not given a hearing and said, "Freedom of speech does not include the right to make defamatory remarks about the armed forces." Gandhi's legal team argued that the case was politically motivated and violated procedural norms, but the courts have so far maintained that the content and tone of the statements warranted serious legal scrutiny. The Supreme Court will now hear the matter further following its notice, but its strong words have already reignited political tensions over the role and responsibility of leaders when speaking on sensitive national security issues.



## Rahul Gandhi Always Speaks Against India: Kangana Ranaut

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Actor and BJP MP Kangana Ranaut lashed out at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Monday, accusing him of repeatedly making statements that "undermine India's honour and support enemy nations," following the Supreme Court's sharp remarks over his controversial comments on the Indian Army. The Supreme Court earlier in the day granted an interim stay on defamation proceedings against Gandhi in connection with his comments made during the Bharat Jodo Yatra in 2022. During the event, Gandhi had alleged that the Chinese Army "killed 20 Indian soldiers" and "thrashed Indian jawans" in Arunachal Pradesh. Reacting strongly to these remarks, Kangana Ranaut said, "Rahul Gandhi always speaks against India, whether it's about the economy or our Defence forces. He speaks in support of enemy nations. He has an anti-India mindset. So, it is a welcome move by the Supreme Court that they pulled him up." She further added, "In the time to come, others should be mindful that they do not hurt the honour, integrity and morale of India." While granting the stay on defamation proceedings, the Supreme Court also made key observations about the sensitivity of such public statements, particularly when they involve national security and the armed forces.



## 2 More Arrested in Odisha Student Suicide Case

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Two more individuals have been arrested in connection with the death of a 20-year-old student from Fakir Mohan (Autonomous) College in Odisha's Balasore district, who died by self-immolation last month after alleging that no justice was served in her sexual harassment case. The Odisha Crime Branch on Sunday night arrested Jyoti Prakash Biswal, a fellow student who had sustained burns while trying to save her, and Subhra Sambait Nayak, the state joint secretary of a student organisation. Both were produced before the Sub-Divisional Judicial Magistrate (SDJM) in Balasore and remanded to 14 days of judicial custody after their bail pleas were rejected. According to police, the woman poured petrol on herself and set herself on fire on July 12 after her complaint against the Head of the Department (HoD) of Integrated BED was reportedly dismissed by the college's internal enquiry committee. She suffered 95% burn injuries and succumbed at AIIMS Bhubaneswar on July 14. Earlier, two others — assistant professor Samira Kumar Sahoo and former principal Dillip Ghose — had also been arrested for abetment to suicide. Police officials say the investigation is ongoing and more developments are expected as they probe institutional failures that allegedly led to the tragedy.

## Some Don't Agree to Share Power: DKS

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Amid continued speculation about an internal power tussle in Karnataka, Congress leader and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Sunday made carefully worded remarks on power-sharing in politics, praising Sonia Gandhi's sacrifice in 2004 while indirectly highlighting the challenges of sharing leadership roles within the party. Speaking at the AICC-organised event titled "Constitutional Challenges" in

New Delhi, Shivakumar lauded Sonia Gandhi's decision to step aside from the Prime Minister's post in 2004, calling it an extraordinary act of political sacrifice. "When Sonia Gandhi was asked by the President to take oath as Prime Minister, she said, 'For me, power is not important.' She decided a Sikh, a minority, and an economist should lead the country. That was an unmatched decision," he said. He then contrasted this with the present political landscape: "Has anyone

in such a big democracy made such a sacrifice? Even a small position is not let go today. At the panchayat level, people refuse to share power. Some MLAs and ministers do, but many of us don't even agree to share power," Shivakumar remarked. Though he stopped short of naming anyone, the statement carries significant political weight in the backdrop of persistent reports of friction between him and Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. It was widely speculated that the Congress central leadership

had brokered a power-sharing deal post the 2023 Karnataka election victory, under which Shivakumar would succeed Siddaramaiah after two and a half years. However, Siddaramaiah has publicly denied such an arrangement, asserting that he would serve the full five-year term. The timing and venue of Shivakumar's remarks—made during a high-level event in the national capital—have added further intrigue to the already sensitive issue of leadership transition in Karnataka.







## Philippines President Embarks on 5-Day State Visit to India

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Philippines President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. landed in New Delhi on Monday to kick off his first official visit to India since assuming office in 2022, describing India as a “valued friend” and underlining the potential for expanded bilateral cooperation across sectors.

Speaking ahead of the five-day visit, President Marcos said, “Our bilateral relations have seen a measured and stable development that is both comprehensive in scope and multifaceted in nature.” He emphasized the mutual benefit of deeper engagement in defence, pharmaceuticals, agriculture, health, tourism, and digital connectivity.

He also expressed hopes that the visit would “bring concrete benefits for the Filipino people, such as more affordable medicine, greater connectivity, and food security.”

The state visit coincides with the 75th anniversary of diplomatic relations between India and the Philippines, highlighting a shared resolve to advance regional security and economic goals. Marcos noted that India’s democratic values, maritime interests, and Indo-Pacific strategy align with the Philippines’ vision for peace and cooperation in the region.

After his arrival in New Delhi, Marcos will meet with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and key Indian officials. The two leaders are expected to discuss expanding cooperation in strategic areas such as defence and security, political coordination, trade, investment, and people-to-people exchanges. They are also likely to exchange views on regional and international issues of common concern.

Following his engagements in the national capital, President Marcos will visit Bengaluru, where he is expected to meet Indian business leaders and technology stakeholders to further enhance economic and innovation partnerships.

India’s Ministry of External Affairs also highlighted the importance of this visit, noting that ties between the two nations have strengthened over the decades, particularly since the launch of the Look East Policy in 1992 and its later evolution into the Act East Policy.

President Marcos and Prime Minister Modi previously interacted at the ASEAN-India Summit in Lao PDR in October 2024 and during the 20th ASEAN-India Summit in Jakarta in 2023, where both sides expressed a commitment to deepening regional cooperation.

# "Be Very, Very Careful with Nuclear Rhetoric": Russia to US

The Kremlin on Monday issued a cautious statement urging all nations to be “very, very careful” with nuclear rhetoric. This comes after former US President Donald Trump stated he had ordered two American nuclear submarines to reposition in response to comments from ex-Russian president Dmitry Medvedev. Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov addressed Trump’s announcement, saying, “In this case, it is obvious that American submarines are already on combat duty. This is an ongoing process.” He downplayed the incident, avoiding direct confrontation or escalation, but emphasized that nuclear-related statements must be handled responsibly.

Trump had made the remarks last Friday, indicating the submarines were being moved to “appropriate regions” in light of Medvedev’s warning about the risk of war between nuclear powers. While this has sparked concern in international circles, the Kremlin appeared to



dismiss it as routine rather than provocative. “We do not believe that we are talking about any escalation now,” Peskov said. “Very complex, sensi-

tive issues are being discussed and are perceived emotionally by many.” When asked whether the Kremlin had asked Medvedev to refrain from aggressive rhetoric, Peskov avoided a direct answer. “In every country, there are individuals with different views — some are very tough-minded. That’s the case in both the US and European countries.”

He reiterated that the official stance on foreign affairs comes solely from President Vladimir Putin, highlighting that internal divergences in opinion don’t alter Russia’s official position.

The Kremlin’s measured response suggests that while Trump’s statement drew attention globally, Moscow is opting for restraint — at least publicly — to avoid feeding further speculation of a growing nuclear standoff.

## Trump Aide Targets India Over Oil Delays with Russia

TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

Donald Trump’s deputy chief of staff, Stephen Miller, has sharply criticized India for continuing to buy Russian oil and allegedly “cheating” the U.S. on trade and immigration. Speaking to reporters on August 3, Miller accused India of indirectly “financing” the Ukraine war by importing large volumes of Russian crude, almost as much as China, according to a Bloomberg report.

“President Trump wants a tremendous relationship with India and its prime minister. But we need to get real about dealing with the financing of this war,” Miller stated. He suggested that under Trump’s leadership, “all options are on the table to deal diplomatically, financially and otherwise” with the Ukraine conflict.



Miller’s remarks come amid persistent pressure on India to cut its oil trade with Russia. The Biden administration has also raised similar concerns in recent months, though India has not shown urgency to change its course. Sources quoted by Bloomberg say that no formal instructions have been given to Indian

oil refiners to halt Russian imports. Both public and private sector oil companies are free to buy from their preferred sources, with purchases based on commercial decisions. In addition to oil trade, Miller lashed out at India for what he described as “massive tariffs” on American goods and manipulating the U.S. immi-

gration system. He didn’t elaborate on the latter, but his comments signal growing frustration within Trump’s camp toward India’s economic stance. Despite tensions, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has reiterated India’s commitment to self-reliance. At a rally on August 2, Modi said, “The world economy is going through many apprehensions — there is an atmosphere of instability. Now, whatever we buy, there should be only one scale: we will buy those things which have been made by the sweat of an Indian.”

The Trump administration had earlier imposed a 25% tariff on Indian exports and threatened further actions. As the U.S. election season heats up, Trump’s team appears to be tightening its foreign policy rhetoric, especially regarding strategic allies like India.

## India’s US Envoy Meets Tulsi Gabbard

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Indian Ambassador to the United States, Vinay Mohan Kwatra, held a meeting on Sunday with Tulsi Gabbard, the Director of National Intelligence (DNI) in the US, discussing key issues of mutual interest between the two nations. The meeting, described by Ambassador Kwatra as an “engaging conversation,” also included Gabbard’s husband Abraham Williams.

Kwatra posted about the meeting on X, stating, “Pleasure to meet DNI Tulsi Gabbard and her husband, Abraham Williams; we had an engaging conversation on various issues of mutual interest.” The meeting came a day after a significant move by India to expand its diplomatic outreach in the United States through the opening of eight new Indian Con-



sular Application Centres (ICACs). These new centres have been launched in Boston, Columbus, Dallas, Detroit, Edison, Orlando, Raleigh, and San Jose, taking the total number of ICACs in the US to 16. Another centre is expected to open in Los Angeles later this

month. Speaking on the occasion, Ambassador Kwatra highlighted the importance of people-centric diplomacy in the India-US relationship. “We are very happy to announce the opening of 8 new Indian Consular Application Centres... We

firmly believe that people-to-people ties are the heart of the India-US partnership,” he stated.

The initiative, jointly launched by the Indian Mission and VFS Global, aims to provide enhanced consular services to the Indian-American community and others seeking India-related documentation. These centres will offer a full range of services including visa applications, Overseas Citizenship of India (OCI) processing, passport renewals, renunciation of Indian citizenship, police clearance certificates, Global Entry Programme applications, and document attestation. To improve accessibility, the newly launched centres will remain open on Saturdays and include return courier services as part of the standard fees. Additional support such as photographs, photocopies, and form-filling assistance will also be available at no extra charge.

## Beijing On High Alert as New Rainstorm Looms

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Beijing has placed much of its mountainous regions under top alert as the city braces for another round of torrential rains on Monday, just days after deadly flooding killed 44 people—China’s worst rain-related disaster in the capital since 2012.

The Beijing Meteorological Bureau issued a red alert for six hilly districts—Mentougou, Fangshan, Fengtai, Shijingshan, Huairou, and Changping. Authorities have urged residents to avoid unnecessary travel as forecasters predict up to 200 mm of rainfall within a six-hour window beginning midday. This is nearly one-third of the capital’s average annual rainfall.

The recent floods have prompted officials to reassess their emergency response plans. Many of the victims were reportedly trapped at a nursing home in Miyun district, located in the city’s northeastern periphery. “The risk of flash floods and landslides is extremely high,” officials said in a public notice, urging strict caution. The city’s geography contributes to the disaster risk. With mountains surrounding Beijing to the west and north, moist air tends to get trapped, intensifying rainfall. This “rain trap” effect has been blamed for past flood disasters, including the catastrophic 2012 event which killed 79 people—many in the same western districts now under alert.

The current situation is raising alarm across other parts of China as well. In the southern province of Guangdong, five people were confirmed dead after being swept away during recent flash floods. More than 1,300 rescuers had been involved in the search operation, local media reported.

The capital’s emergency services remain on standby, and residents in high-risk areas have been advised to relocate to safer ground. Schools and workplaces in affected districts have been instructed to follow emergency protocols and suspend non-essential operations. Authorities are expected to hold a press briefing later today on additional safety measures and evacuation plans.





# Equities Rebound on Metal, Auto & Institutional Buying

The series of losses came to an end. Domestic stock markets closed on Monday. They closed with huge gains. Although they fluctuated in the range for a while in the morning, they recovered from mid-session. The reasons for this were falling crude oil prices, good corporate results, support from metal and auto shares, and buying by institutional and retail investors. Overall, the Nifty gained 157 points and the Sensex gained 418 points.

The BSE Sensex, which closed at 80,599 in the previous session, opened at 80,765 on Monday. It touched an intraday low of 80,5000. It reached an intraday high of 81,093. It finally closed at 81,018 with a gain of 418 points. The NSE Nifty, which opened at 24,596, touched a low of 24,554 and a high of 24,596. It closed at 24,722, up 157 points. The Nifty Bank rose one point to settle at 55,619.

In the Nifty50, 43 companies gained while 7 lost. Tata MotoCorp, Tata Steel, Bharat Electronics, Adani Ports, JSW Steel were the top gainers. Power Grid, HDFC Bank, ONGC, Apollo Hospitals, ICI- CI Bank were the biggest losers. Metal, Finance, Realty, Auto, IT, Media, Consumer Durables, PSU Bank, Pharma, Healthcare, Telecom and Oil indices rose. The FMCG index rose slightly.

Market breadth on the NSE today was in favor of buyers. Out of a total of 3093 stocks traded, 1833 gained and 1168 lost. 48 shares touched their 52-week high and 70 touched their 52-week low. The upper circuit was 90 and the lower circuit was 86.

The rupee weakened by 13 paise to settle at 87.65 against the dollar. Nomura has given a reduce rating to Godrej with a target price of Rs. 1900. CLSA has given an outperform rating to Federal Bank with a target price of Rs. 230. It is noteworthy



that HSBC has given a buy rating to ITC with a target price of Rs. 510. Kirloskar Ferrous's net profit rose 36% to Rs 95 crore from Rs 70 crore. Vascon Engineers' net profit rose from Rs 9.8 crore to Rs 22.5 crore. HSBC maintains Buy rating on UPL with a target price of Rs 775. Hero Moto sales in July grew 21% to 4.49 lakh units. 25 lakh shares changed hands in Axis Bank. Swan Defense and Warex Imaging signed an agreement to manufacture cargo and vehicle inspection systems. HSBC has given Buy rating to PB Fintech with a target price of Rs 2250. Premier Explosives has received an order worth Rs 190 crore. Ather Energy's net loss narrowed to Rs 178 crore from Rs 183 crore.

## Stock Recommendations

**JSW Steel:** These shares, which have been

moving sideways for a few months, are now ready for a bull run. The trend is bullish. Uncertainty has reduced. Relative strength is increasing. Investors should take positions in the Rs. 1040 range in this counter, which closed at Rs. 1055 on Monday.

**Grasim:** This counter, which has been moving sideways for a few months, has started a bullish trend again. It is close to a key resistance. If it is overcome, there will

be a good base breakout. Investors should buy this counter, which closed at Rs. 2787 on Monday, above Rs. 2750 in the buy on dips method.

## Tata Steel:

Despite the loss of momentum in the past few days, interest in these shares has increased as the metal sector is showing strength. There is a possibility of prices rising again. Investors should buy at Rs. 155 in this counter, which closed at Rs. 159 with a huge gain on Monday.



## Hindalco:

The trend is currently turning bullish in this counter. Relative strength and momentum are increasing. Investors should take a position in the Rs. 660 range in this counter, which closed at Rs. 687 on Monday.



## SBI Life:

These shares have been consolidating at high levels for a few weeks. Relative strength and momentum in all time frames are good. In this counter, which closed at Rs. 1831 on Monday, as the market falls, it should be bought in the Rs. 1800 range.



## Vikram Solar Secures 250 MW Module Order from Bondada Group



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Vikram Solar, one of India's leading solar PV module manufacturers, has secured a major order from Bondada Group to supply 250 megawatts (MW) of high-efficiency solar modules. The modules will be deployed for a solar power project in Maharashtra, with deliveries set to begin in the financial year 2025-26. The company did not disclose the value of the order, but emphasized its significance in reinforcing Vikram Solar's position as a top-tier manufacturer listed under the Government of India's Approved List of Models and Manufacturers (ALMM). The modules supplied will be Vikram Solar's advanced N-Type variants, known for their superior energy output and long-term performance. Vikram Solar Chairman & Managing Director Gyanesh Chaudhary stated, "Every project we deliver is a reflection of the trust our partners place in our technology, performance, and com-

mitment to excellence." Bondada Group, which is actively involved in solar EPC and infrastructure projects, currently has over 3 GW of projects in hand. Bondada Group CMD Raghavendra Rao said, "With over 3 GW of projects currently in hand, and more opportunities emerging through trusted partnerships like this, we are confident of delivering purpose-led infrastructure with speed, innovation, and execution excellence." The upcoming project is expected to contribute significantly to Maharashtra's renewable energy capacity, reduce carbon emissions, and help meet the state's sustainability goals. Vikram Solar emphasized that this order aligns with its broader mission to support India's clean energy transition through technology-driven manufacturing and execution excellence. Headquartered in Kolkata, Vikram Solar has a cumulative module manufacturing capacity of 4.5 GW as of fiscal 2025.

## GST Evasion Of ₹7.08 Lakh Crore Detected In 5 Years

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The Central GST (CGST) field officers have unearthed a staggering ₹7.08 lakh crore worth of tax evasion over the last five financial years from 2020-21 to 2024-25. The revelation, made in the Lok Sabha on Monday by Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary, highlights the growing scale of fraud, especially in Input Tax Credit (ITC) claims. According to government data, a total of 91,370 GST evasion cases were detected during this five-year span, of which 44,938 were related specifically to ITC fraud — totaling ₹1.79 lakh crore. These fake ITC claims allow businesses to illegitimately reduce their tax liability by claiming credit for taxes never actually paid. In the current fiscal year 2024-25 alone, GST evasion of ₹2.23 lakh crore has been detected from 30,056 cases, with ₹58,772 crore linked to fake ITC claims from



15,283 cases. Similarly, during the 2023-24 fiscal, ₹2.30 lakh crore worth of tax evasion was uncovered, with ITC fraud accounting for ₹36,374 crore. In FY 2022-23, authorities found ₹1.32 lakh crore in evasion, including ₹24,140 crore of fake ITC. In the earlier years, the evasion stood at ₹73,238 crore (FY22) and ₹49,384 crore (FY21), with ITC-related frauds of ₹28,022 crore and ₹31,233 crore respectively. Over the five-year period, the govern-

ment managed to recover more than ₹1.29 lakh crore in taxes through voluntary deposits. Minister Pankaj Chaudhary said the government has implemented several digital reforms to tackle evasion and fraud, including e-invoicing, analytics-based GST return scrutiny, flagging system-based mismatches, and risk-based audits. These tools are intended to provide actionable intelligence to tax officials and ensure better compliance.

Responding to another query in the House, the Minister informed that the net Central GST collection for 2024-25 stood at ₹10.26 lakh crore — about 96.7% of the Revised Estimate (RE) of ₹10.62 lakh crore. This net figure includes CGST, Integrated GST, and compensation cess. In comparison, FY24 saw the government surpass its target slightly with collections reaching ₹9.57 lakh crore against the RE of ₹9.56 lakh crore.

## ED Turns Heat on Anil Ambani Over ₹3,000-Cr Loan Fraud

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In fresh legal trouble for Reliance Group Chairman Anil Ambani, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) has written to over a dozen banks, seeking detailed information about loans extended to his companies, including Reliance Housing Finance, Reliance Communications, and Reliance Commercial Finance. The ED has approached both public and private sector banks, including SBI, ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank, Axis Bank, UCO Bank and Punjab & Sind Bank. Sources familiar with the matter said the ED has requested documents related to the due diligence process for sanctioning the loans, the timeline of defaults, and the recovery steps taken since the loans turned into non-performing assets (NPAs). The ED is also likely to summon officials from these banks for questioning as part of its investigation into what it believes is a major corporate loan fraud that runs into ₹3,000 crore. The probe agency has intensified its efforts after it arrested Partha Sarathi Biswal, Managing Director of Biswal Tradelink Pvt Ltd, last week under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002. Biswal is accused of submitting fake guarantees worth ₹68.2 crore on behalf of Reliance Power. Sources say the ED believes fake guarantees were used to secure loans which were later misused. It is also probing possible quid pro quo arrangements between Reliance Group firms and YES Bank promoters, as payments were allegedly made to the latter just before loan disbursements.



The ED has already conducted raids at over 50 firms linked to the case and is now expanding the probe to cover lending institutions. A lookout circular has also been issued against Anil Ambani to prevent him from leaving the country during the ongoing investigation. The ₹3,000-crore case primarily involves loans disbursed by YES Bank between 2017 and 2019 to various Reliance Group entities, which eventually turned into bad loans. With the first arrest already made and the agency zeroing in on bank officials, the case could mark a major escalation in legal troubles for the embattled industrialist.



# Airtel Xtelify Launches Cloud & AI Suite

Bharti Airtel's digital arm, Xtelify, has launched two major offerings to accelerate digital transformation for enterprises and telcos worldwide: a sovereign 'Airtel Cloud' platform and an AI-powered software suite.

Tailored to handle 140 crore transactions per minute and already powering Airtel's internal systems, the new Airtel Cloud offers IaaS, PaaS, and AI-driven provisioning. Hosted on sustainable, next-gen data centers and managed by 300 certified experts, it promises up to 40% savings in cloud costs for Indian businesses, with no vendor lock-ins and complete in-country data control.

Xtelify also unveiled a next-gen software platform to help telcos globally simplify operations, enhance customer experience, and increase ARPU. The platform includes Xtelify Work (task and workforce optimization), Xtelify Serve (AI-driven customer service), Xtelify Data Engine (insights at scale), and Xtelify IQ (omni-channel engagement).

Strategic partnerships have already been signed to drive global adoption of Xtelify. In Singapore, Airtel has partnered with Singtel to deploy Xtelify



fy Work, aiming to enhance field operations and workforce productivity. In the Philippines, Globe Telecom has integrated Xtelify Serve to enable an AI-led transformation in customer service operations. Meanwhile, Airtel Africa has adopted the full Xtelify suite across 14 countries, empowering over 1.5 lakh field staff and strengthening efforts to combat fraud and operational inefficiencies.

Gopal Vittal, MD & VC of Airtel, called it a "pivotal moment," stating the platform's power has already transformed Airtel's internal operations. With strong global partnerships and cutting-edge digital infrastructure, Xtelify is poised to redefine the enterprise and telecom digital ecosystem across India and beyond.

# Honda August Discounts

Up To ₹1.22 Lakh On Elevate, City, Amaze

Honda Cars India has introduced exciting discounts for August 2025 on its popular models including the Elevate, City, and Amaze. As per information shared by dealership sources, these offers are applicable in select locations and may vary depending on the dealership and state.

The biggest discount this month is on the Honda Elevate, where buyers of the top-spec ZX trim can avail up to ₹1.22 lakh in benefits. The VX variant of the Elevate is also being offered with discounts of up to ₹78,000. The Honda Elevate is currently priced starting from ₹11.91 lakh (ex-showroom).

In the case of the Honda City, petrol variants are eligible for discounts up to ₹1.07 lakh. However, the City e:HEV hybrid continues without any discount this month, as its prices were recently revised. The petrol Honda City starts from ₹12.38 lakh (ex-showroom).

The Honda Amaze also comes with generous offers. Buyers of the second-gen Amaze can avail up to ₹97,200 in discounts. Meanwhile,



the third-gen Amaze ZX trim is available with discounts up to ₹77,200, and the VX trim with benefits of up to ₹67,200. The second-generation Amaze starts from ₹7.63 lakh, while the new Amaze is priced from ₹8.10 lakh (ex-showroom).

These offers are valid through August 2025 and may include a mix of cash discounts, exchange bonuses, and corporate benefits. Interested buyers are advised to check with local dealerships for variant-specific and region-specific offers.

# Broccoli also has These Side Effects

Broccoli is widely regarded as one of the healthiest vegetables, packed with essential nutrients. Yet, health experts caution that excessive consumption can lead to a variety of health issues.

While its high fiber content is beneficial in moderate quantities, eating too much broccoli can overload the digestive system, resulting in bloating, gas, and constipation.

Individuals with sensitive stomachs are particularly advised to limit its intake.

Broccoli also contains compounds known as goitrogens, which can hinder thyroid function. These compounds block iodine absorption, potentially reducing the production of thyroid hormones. For people with existing thyroid conditions, overconsumption of broccoli may worsen their symptoms.

Another concern is broccoli's rich vitamin K content, which plays a crucial role in blood clotting. For individuals on blood-thinning medications for heart conditions or other reasons, consuming



large amounts of broccoli could interfere with the drugs' effectiveness and increase the risk of clot formation.

Some people may also experience allergic reactions to broccoli, including symptoms such as skin rashes, itching, or swelling. In such cases, immediate medical attention is advised.

In conclusion, while broccoli remains a valuable part of a healthy diet, experts strongly recommend moderation. People with thyroid issues, heart conditions, or digestive sensitivity should consult a healthcare provider before making broccoli a regular part of their meals.

# 20 Peacocks Found Dead Near Stream in Karnataka

In a shocking incident from Hanumanthapura village in Karnataka, twenty peacocks — India's national bird — were found dead under mysterious circumstances near a stream. According to reports, local farmers discovered the carcasses of 17 female and 3 male peacocks, prompting immediate concern and investigation by the Forest Department.

Forest officials who reached the spot collected evidence and dispatched the carcasses to the Forensic Science Laboratory. Officials stated that the cause of death would be confirmed after scientific examination, with poisoning being one of the suspected causes.

This mass death comes at a time when Karnataka is already grappling with a series of unexplained wildlife fatalities. Just a month earlier, 20 monkeys were found dead in the Chamara-janagar district, where forest and police officials also suspected poisoning.

In another alarming case, five tigers — a tigress and her four cubs — died on June 27 in the Male Mahadeshwara Hills Wildlife Sanctuary. Initial investigation revealed that the tigress had preyed on a cow that was allegedly poisoned by villagers in retaliation. The meat was laced with poison, leading to the tragic deaths. Three individuals — Konappa, Madaraja, and Nagaraj — from Koppa village were arrested in that case.

Both the peacock and tiger incidents have raised serious ques-



tions about wildlife protection and human-animal conflict in Karnataka. While the forest department does offer compensation for livestock killed by wild animals, the benefit is not extended when such killings occur within the core areas of sanctuaries or national parks — where cattle grazing is illegal. The recent peacock deaths are particularly disturbing given the state's commitment to preserving the species. Karnataka is home to two prominent peacock sanctuaries — Adichunchanagiri and Bankapura — both established to protect and conserve the national bird.

With multiple wildlife deaths being reported in short succession, activists and environmentalists are urging stricter enforcement of wildlife laws and better coordination between forest officials and local communities to prevent further incidents.



# 114-Year-Old Shigeko Becomes Japan's Oldest Living Person

Shigeko Kagawa, a 114-year-old retired physician from Japan's Nara Prefecture, has officially become the oldest living person in the country, according to Japan's Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare. The announcement follows the death of Miyoko Hiroyasu, who was also 114.

Kagawa, an obstetrician and gynaecologist by profession, served as a wartime physician at a hospital in Osaka during the Second World War. After a long career in medicine, she retired at the age of 86

from her family-run clinic.

Despite her age, Kagawa remains a symbol of Japan's famed longevity. She drew global attention in 2021 when, at 109, she took part in the Tokyo Olympics torch relay—becoming one of the oldest Olympic torchbearers in history.

Speaking to local media in 2023, Kagawa credited her long life to a carefree and active lifestyle. "I don't have any [secret]... I just play every day. My energy is my greatest asset. I go where I want, eat what I want and do what I want. I'm free and

independent," she told TOS News.

Before her, the title was held by Miyoko Hiroyasu, born in 1911, who passed away in a nursing home in Oita Prefecture. A former art student, Hiroyasu spent her final days reading, sketching, and playing card games. She raised three children and remained mentally and physically active until her passing.

Both women are celebrated as reflections of Japan's aging yet resilient population, where longevity continues to break global records.



# India Clinches Thriller in Oval Nail-Biter

Siraj and Krishna’s heroics seal 2-run win in historic Test finish

India pulled off one of the most dramatic Test wins in its cricketing history by defeating England by just 2 runs at The Oval on Day 5 of the final Test, levelling the series 2-2. It is India’s narrowest-ever victory in terms of runs in Test cricket. The match reached a fever pitch with England needing just 35 runs on the final day and having two wickets in hand, but an inspired bowling effort led by Mohammed Siraj and Prasidh Krishna turned the tide.

England, resuming at 339/8 and chasing a target of 374, had an entire day to reach their goal but lasted just 53 tense deliveries. Jamie Overton gave the hosts early hope with two boundaries off the day’s first two balls, but the next over changed everything. Jamie Smith, England’s last recognized batter, edged one behind off Siraj, triggering a collapse. Overton soon fell LBW to a sharp inswinger by Siraj, and though Josh Tongue resisted briefly — even overturning a close call on review — he was eventually castled by Krishna with 17 runs still required. Drama peaked when Chris Woakes, nursing a dislocated left shoulder, bravely walked in to bat one-handed. With Woakes in obvious pain, Gus Atkinson shielded him by farming strike. At one point, Atkinson hit a six off a spilled catch by Akash Deep and edged the equation down to 11 runs.



However, with immense pressure mounting, Atkinson was bowled attempting a sweep to a full toss from Siraj. England were dismissed for 367, falling short by just two runs. Siraj finished with figures of 5 wickets in the innings, while Krishna’s timely strike proved decisive. Woakes was lauded by Indian players for his courageous stand despite injury. The crowd, too, gave him a rousing ovation for his fighting spirit. Though India won the match and squared the series, they remain third in the World Test Championship standings. The match will be remembered not just for its close margin but for the heart, grit, and unpredictability Test cricket can deliver — even in the span of less than an hour on a rainy London morning.

# Siraj Is A Captain’s Dream, Says Shubman Gil

India captain Shubman Gill showered praise on pacer Mohammed Siraj for his relentless bowling efforts in the recently concluded Test series. Speaking after India’s thrilling win, Gill lauded both teams for their competitiveness and singled out Siraj for his consistency and intensity throughout the series. “Definitely both the teams played brilliantly throughout the series. Both the teams came up with their A-game, happy to get on the right side today,” Gill said in his post-match presentation. Emphasising the role of the bowling unit in the final Test, he added, “When you have bowlers like Siraj and Prasidh, captaincy seems easy. They were making the ball talk.” India had to defend a sizeable 367-run target on the final day, and the skipper acknowledged the pressure but praised the way his bowlers handled the situation. “Yes, there was a bit of pressure on us but they were really bowling well. We were confident. We wanted them to feel the pressure throughout the 367 runs they scored,” he said. Referring to Siraj’s efforts, Gill remarked, “He is a captain’s dream. Every ball, every spell he bowled, he came all out and gave it



everything for the team. Both teams coming into Day 5 not knowing who would win shows how passionate both teams were and how hard everyone has played.” Talking about his own performance, Gill expressed satisfaction at ending as the series’ top scorer. “Feels very rewarding. There were certain things I wanted to work on as a batter and it was a goal to end as the best batter of this series, glad to get that goal,” he said. On what he has learned from the contest, Gill concluded, “That we never give up.”



# Messi Sidelined Indefinitely with Muscle Injury

Inter Miami has confirmed that their star forward and captain Lionel Messi will be sidelined indefinitely due to a “minor muscle injury” in his right leg. The injury occurred during Saturday’s Leagues Cup match against Necaxa, where the 38-year-old Argentine exited the field in the 11th minute. Messi walked off the pitch and into the locker room on his own after feeling discomfort in his upper right leg. Subsequent medical tests revealed a minor muscle injury, the club said in a statement released Sunday. “There is no set timetable for his return,” Inter Miami added. “His medical clearance will depend on his clinical progress and response to treatment.” This uncertainty comes at a crucial point in the season. Messi currently leads the MLS scoring charts with 18 goals and has also provided nine assists in just 18 matches. His absence is a major concern not only for Inter Miami’s league campaign but also for their title defense in the Leagues Cup. Veteran defender Jordi Alba, who scored a stoppage-time equalizer in Saturday’s 5-4 penalty shootout win, described Messi’s departure as “a huge sadness for the whole team.” Inter Miami is currently fifth in the MLS Eastern Conference with 42 points from 22 matches, trailing leaders Philadelphia by eight points but having three games in hand. In the ongoing Leagues Cup, the club is in a strong position to qualify for the knockout rounds and could clinch a quarter-final spot with a win over UNAM Pumas on Wednesday. However, Messi’s absence could alter their momentum significantly in both competitions.

# Zverev Advances After Cerundolo Retires with Injury

Top seed Alexander Zverev progressed to the quarterfinals of the National Bank Open after his opponent, 14th-seeded Francisco Cerundolo of Argentina, retired due to an abdominal injury. Zverev was leading 6-4, 1-0 when Cerundolo pulled out during their Saturday night match. Zverev, the 2017 champion and current world number three, will now face Australia’s Alexei Popyrin, the defending champion. Popyrin secured his quarter-final spot with a comeback win over fifth-seeded Holger Rune of Denmark, winning 4-6, 6-2, 6-3. With top-ranked players Jannik Sinner and Carlos Alcaraz skipping the tournament, Zverev was the highest seed in the draw. Other major players like Novak Djokovic and Jack Draper have also opted out of this year’s event, opening



the field for new contenders. Earlier in the day, American Alex Michelsen defeated compatriot Learner Tien 6-3, 6-3 to enter the quarterfinals. He will face 11th seed Karen Khachanov of Russia, who beat eighth-seeded Casper Ruud 6-4, 7-5. The hard-court tournament is set to conclude on Thursday.

# Sreeshankar Clinches Gold at Qosanov Memorial

Indian long jumper Sreeshankar marked a successful comeback with a gold medal at the Qosanov Memorial 2025 athletics meet held in Almaty, Kazakhstan, on Saturday. Competing in the men’s long jump event, the 26-year-old secured the top spot with a leap of 7.94 metres on his very first attempt. This event, part of the World Athletics Continental Tour Bronze label series (Category C), witnessed Sreeshankar maintain his winning streak, making it his third consecutive victory since returning to competition.



According to Olympics.com, Sreeshankar’s jump comfortably secured him the title. The Philippines’ Janry Ubas finished second with a best attempt of 7.53 metres, while Azerbaijan’s Nazim Babayev came in third with 7.48 metres. Sreeshankar, one of India’s top track and field athletes, had been building momentum ahead of major international events. His latest victory adds to his growing reputation on the global stage and sets a positive tone for upcoming competitions in the season.

# Surya Begins Rehab at NCA After Surgery



India’s T20I captain Suryakumar Yadav has officially begun his rehabilitation at the National Cricket Academy (NCA), now known as the Centre of Excellence (CoE), in Bengaluru. The star batter is undergoing fitness assessments and recovery sessions in preparation for the upcoming Asia Cup scheduled to be held in the UAE from September 9 to 28. The 33-year-old was recently left out of West Zone’s 15-member Duleep Trophy squad, a decision confirmed by selectors after he informed them of his unavailability due to ongoing rehab. Shardul Thakur has been appointed captain of the squad, which features prominent Mumbai players like Yashasvi Jaiswal, Shreyas Iyer, Sarfaraz Khan, Shams Mulani, Tanush Kotian, and Tushar Deshpande. Suryakumar had publicly revealed in June that he underwent surgery for a sports hernia in Munich. “Underwent surgery for a sports hernia in the lower right abdomen. Grateful to share that after a smooth surgery, I’m already on the road to recovery. Can’t wait to be back,” he posted on June 26. According to officials from the Mumbai Cricket Association, Suryakumar remains optimistic about recovering in time to lead India in the Asia Cup. He was last seen in competitive action for the Mumbai Indians during IPL 2025.





## It’s Not Always Good to Play the Good Guy: Nagarjuna



Veteran actor Nagarjuna shared interesting insights about his role in the upcoming film *Coolie*, starring Rajinikanth and directed by Lokesh Kanagaraj. Speaking at the film’s pre-release event in Hyderabad, Nagarjuna commented that it is not always good to stick to positive roles, quoting Rajinikanth himself. “It’s not good to always act like good guys, like Rajini sir says. Simon’s role in *Coolie* is really like a hero,” he said, referring to his character in the film. Nagarjuna explained that experimenting with roles is what keeps him engaged and excited on film sets. “Some people said, after a film like *Ninne Pelladatha*, why do *Annamaiya*? But I’ve always believed in trying new things. I’ve taken blows, but I’ve also seen big success,” he said. Recalling how the collaboration with Lokesh Kanagaraj began, Nagarjuna said, “One day, Lokesh came to me and said, ‘If you let me tell a story with you as a villain, I’ll do it. Otherwise,

I’ll just have tea and leave.” Nagarjuna revealed that he had wanted to work with the young director ever since he watched *Khaidi*, and that desire eventually brought them together. He also recounted how the character of Simon was developed after Lokesh narrated the story. “After hearing it, I asked him whether Rajini sir would accept such a bold concept. Lokesh calmly explained, and I recorded that narration. Later, with some changes, Simon’s role was shaped into what it is today,” Nagarjuna added. He also praised Lokesh Kanagaraj’s composure and clarity on set. With *Coolie* set to release on August 14, expectations are high, especially with such a bold casting choice and a unique narrative from Lokesh Kanagaraj. Nagarjuna’s portrayal of Simon is already gaining attention for its complexity and unconventional nature.

## Mahavatar Narsimha Becomes Box Office Sensation in Hindi Belt

What began as a low-profile animated release has now turned into a theatrical phenomenon. *Mahavatar Narsimha*, an animated mythological feature based on the Vishnu avatar story, has clocked a phenomenal ₹67.25 crore at the Hindi box office in just 10 days. The film opened with a modest ₹1.35 crore on Day 1 but witnessed a staggering 1200% jump in collections by the second weekend. Despite its limited promotions and lack of star power, *Mahavatar Narsimha* has managed to draw massive family audiences and repeat viewers, a feat rarely achieved by Indian animated films. Multiplexes and single screens alike have reported housefull shows in cities such as Delhi, Lucknow, Jaipur, and Mumbai.

Trade experts say the film’s relatable cultural theme, combined with engaging storytelling and high-quality animation, struck a chord with both children and adults. The story, based on Prahlad and the ferocious Narsimha avatar of Lord Vishnu, is deeply embedded in Indian traditions, especially during *Holi*ka Dahan and *Holi* festivities — giving the film a strong emotional connect. Unlike previous animated Indian films that struggled for audience attention, *Mahavatar Narsimha* has gone pan-India with dubbed versions in multiple regional languages, though the Hindi version remains the strongest performer. Industry insiders suggest that the film’s suc-



cess could set a new benchmark for mythological animation in India, long considered a niche or commercially risky segment. Theatres have already increased show counts, and discussions are underway for a possible sequel or spin-off. As of now, *Mahavatar Narsimha* continues its dream run with sold-out weekend shows and growing interest from school groups, temples, and family audiences — signaling a cultural as well as commercial victory.

## Kiran Abbavaram names son ‘Hanu’ at Tirumala



Young Tollywood actor Kiran Abbavaram and his wife Ardhangi Rahasya have named their son ‘Hanu Abbavaram’ in a traditional and devotional ceremony held at the sacred Tirumala temple. The couple performed the naming ceremony in the presence of Lord Venkateswara, expressing their wish for their son to be eternally blessed by Srivari and Anjaneya Swamy. Speaking to the media, Kiran Abbavaram said, “We have immense devotion for Anjaneya Swamy. We were blessed with our son on Hanuman Jayanti this May, and we’ve named him ‘Hanu’ in memory of that divine connection. Holding this ceremony at Srivari’s abode makes it even more special. These are emotional and unforgettable moments for us as parents.” Photos from the ceremony,

showcasing the family amid the serene Tirumala surroundings, have gone viral on social media. Fans are showering blessings on the child and appreciating the couple’s spiritually significant gesture. Kiran and Rahasya’s decision to celebrate the naming at one of the holiest sites in the country is being seen as a mark of their deep-rooted belief and devotion. The name ‘Hanu’ — derived from Lord Hanuman — reflects their hope for a life filled with strength, grace, and divine protection for their child. On the professional front, Kiran Abbavaram is currently working on his upcoming film *K Ramp*. Simultaneously, he is nurturing new talent through his home banner KA Productions, signaling his dedication to both his career and the future of Telugu cinema.

## NTR Doesn’t Need Rehearsals, Says Hrithik

The excitement around *War 2* just got bigger, as Hrithik Roshan publicly praised Jr NTR’s remarkable dance skills during a recent event in Sri Lanka. The two stars, set to share screen space in the much-awaited sequel, are set to feature in a high-octane dance sequence that fans have been eagerly waiting for. Hrithik, known for his own prowess in dance, spoke highly of Jr NTR, saying, “Jr NTR is incredible, and a true

champ. He’s the first co-star I’ve worked with who doesn’t need rehearsals. He has every step inside him already. That amazed me completely. Working on the dance-off with Jr NTR was an extraordinary experience, and I learned a lot from him, which I’ll now incorporate.” The statement has further reinforced Jr NTR’s reputation in Telugu cinema as a one-take performer. Fans and industry insiders alike have



long praised the actor for his ability to grasp complex choreography with ease, often delivering flawless moves in the very first take. Hrithik’s endorsement brings national attention to this rare skill, highlighting the mutual respect between the two pan-India stars.

The upcoming dance-off has been choreographed by Bosco Martis and set to music by Pritam. The track, according to the makers, will be released around August 7 and is expected to be a massive visual treat, blending Hrithik’s smooth style with NTR’s explosive energy.

## Rashmika Reveals her Off-Screen Routine

Pan India star Rashmika Mandanna, who is constantly occupied with back-to-back film shoots, recently opened up about how she spends her time when not facing the camera. During an interaction with fans, the actress shared insights into her off-screen routine, giving a glimpse into the personal side of her otherwise hectic life. “When I’m not shooting, I love spending time with my pet dog,” said Rashmika. “I usually go on walks, play with my dog, catch up on shows I’ve missed, or read books.” She added that indulging in these small joys brings balance to her fast-paced lifestyle. But it’s not all rest and relaxation. Rashmika also dedicates time to her entrepreneurial commitments. “Sometimes I’m busy with brand-related calls. I’m also actively involved in my project ‘Dear Diary’ — as a founder, I make sure I’m part of every step,” she revealed. The actress emphasized that despite her professional demands, her health and peace of mind are top priorities. “I regularly do yoga, weight training, and other forms of exercise to stay fit. Spending time with nature, family, or even just being alone is part of my routine,” Rashmika said. Known for her glowing skin and positive energy, the actress shared that a healthy diet and a consistent skincare regimen help her manage stress. Fans praised her balanced approach to life, admiring how she handles fame, fitness, and business with the same grace that she brings to the big screen.

