



# AP Sets New GST Record in July: Lokesh

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Andhra Pradesh's economy is showing strong signs of revival, as evident from the record-breaking GST collections reported in July 2025. Minister for IT, Education, and Human Resources Nara Lokesh shared the details on social media, highlighting the state's economic resurgence. According to Lokesh, Andhra Pradesh collected ₹3,803 crore in GST revenues in July—the highest ever since the implementation of GST in 2017. This figure represents a 14% increase compared to July last year. Lokesh pointed out that Andhra Pradesh topped all southern states in GST growth and stood third among all major Indian states. "Andhra Pradesh is bouncing back. This is just the beginning," he remarked on his X account. Focus on Youth Employment through Green Skilling While economic growth continues, the state government is also prioritizing job creation for the youth. As part of this effort, a major green skilling summit titled 'Empowering India's Green Future' will be held on Wednesday in Vijayawada. This summit is being de-



scribed as the country's largest green skilling initiative and aims to train thousands of youth in renewable energy sectors like solar and wind power. The program is being jointly organized by the Andhra Pradesh State Skill Development Corporation (APSSDC) and Swaniti Initiative. The event will be attended by Minister Nara Lokesh, State Energy Minister Gottipati Ravi Kumar, and over 250 industrialists, educationists, and experts from various sectors.

The summit intends to serve as a key platform to offer high-quality technical training to the youth, preparing them for emerging green job markets. Green Energy Sector to Drive Future Job Opportunities As the world increasingly shifts toward green energy, the demand for skilled professionals in renewable energy is rising sharply. Recognizing this trend, the Andhra Pradesh government is taking proactive steps to equip its youth with technical expertise in solar panel installation, wind energy technologies, and related fields. The state aims to not only generate sustainable employment but also open doors to global job opportunities. This green skilling initiative is expected to empower thousands with industry-relevant training, making Andhra Pradesh a hub for skilled manpower in the renewable sector. The government's twin focus on economic development and sustainable job creation reflects its broader vision for long-term growth. With strong GST performance and forward-looking skilling programs, Andhra Pradesh is steadily building a resilient and future-ready economy.



## Chandrababu Announces GST Relief for Weavers

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In a major boost to the handloom sector, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu announced a slew of decisions aimed at supporting weavers across the state. During a review meeting of the handloom department held at the state secretariat on Tuesday, the CM declared that the state government will fully bear the GST on handloom garments to reduce the burden on weavers and enhance market competitiveness. Chandrababu emphasized that handlooms are the second-most important livelihood sector in the state after agriculture. Recalling his recent interaction with a weaver's family, he said their struggles highlight the need for immediate intervention. "The sector is not just about tradition, but also about livelihoods. It deserves both recognition and support," he added. As part of the newly introduced measures, the government will provide 200 units of free electricity for traditional looms and 500 units for power looms. The CM instructed officials to implement this decision immediately and ensure uninterrupted power supply to weavers. Another significant initiative announced is the creation of a thrift fund for weavers. The government will contribute Rs. 5 for every Rs. 1 saved by the weaver. This scheme is expected to offer financial security and promote a culture of savings among handloom workers. Chandrababu also directed that all these decisions be implemented from National Handloom Day, which falls on Thursday. "Let this be a turning point for the handloom sector in Andhra Pradesh," he remarked. Officials from the handloom department, who were present at the meeting, informed the CM that Andhra Pradesh's handloom products had recently won 10 national awards, including the first prize in the One District One Product division. These accolades were presented to the CM before the review began. The CM expressed confidence that with these reforms, the handloom sector would witness a revival, leading to better income, increased sales, and improved lives for thousands of weavers across the state.

## Cabinet Panel Reviews Ramayapatnam Port Proposals



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A key meeting of the Cabinet Sub-Committee was held on Tuesday at the Second Block Conference Hall of the Velagapudi Secretariat to discuss the proposed extension of Phase-1 construction deadline and increase in port draft from 16 to 18.5 meters for the Ramayapatnam Greenfield Port. The meeting was attended by Finance Minister Payyavula Keshav, Infrastructure and Investment Minister BC Janardhan Reddy, and Tourism, Culture and Cinematography Minister Kandula Durgesh. The committee evaluated technical and financial proposals for the port's development and deliberated on critical issues such as dredging works, internal and external road networks, and rail connectivity enhancements. The ministers reviewed the feasibility of completing Phase-1 works, including port basin deepening and breakwater construction, within the extended timeframe. They also examined suggestions to strengthen the port's cargo handling capabilities and ensure seamless multi-modal transport integration. Officials presented reports emphasizing the strategic importance of upgrading the port draft to 18.5 meters, which would enable handling of larger cargo vessels and boost industrial development in southern coastal Andhra Pradesh. The committee is expected to submit its recommendations to the state cabinet soon for final approval. The Ramayapatnam Greenfield Port, once operational, is anticipated to significantly contribute to regional economic growth, attract private investments, and create employment opportunities. The government aims to make it a major maritime hub along the eastern coast.

## Misuse of In-Service Reservation Sparks Fresh Debate Over PG Medical Seats

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Amaravati: The issue of in-service reservation in postgraduate (PG) medical seats has once again triggered a heated debate in the state, with allegations of misuse overshadowing the government's original intent to strengthen public healthcare. Recent policy changes have further intensified tensions between general medical aspirants and in-service doctors. The state government had introduced in-service reservation years ago to address a shortage of specialist doctors in government hospitals. The idea was simple—encourage MBBS graduates to join Primary Health Centers (PHCs) and other public health institutions by offering them a fixed quota of PG seats and fulfilling the need of specialty doctors in the government sector. In return, these doctors would specialize and later serve in government hospitals, thereby improving healthcare delivery. However, over time, the scheme has reportedly been exploited. Many MBBS graduates, unable to secure PG seats through the competitive NEET exam, joined PHCs primarily to benefit from the reservation quota rather than out of a commitment to public service. Several instances surfaced where doctors, after securing PG admissions under the in-service quota, took long leaves or allegedly bribed officials to avoid returning to government service. Some even moved to private practice soon after completing their specialization, defeating the purpose of the reservation policy. To counter this malpractice, the government



introduced strict rules, including a hefty fine of up to ₹50 lakh for doctors who failed to serve in government hospitals after availing of in-service reservations. Yet, the deterrent has not proven fully effective. "Doctors are willing to pay the fine because obtaining a PG seat under management quota in private colleges often costs between ₹2 to ₹5 crore unofficially. Compared to that, even paying a crore to the government is cheaper," a senior health department official admitted. Meanwhile, genuine aspirants who prepare extensively for NEET have expressed frustration over losing a significant chunk of seats to in-service doctors. Until the 2023-24 academic year, 30% of clinical PG seats and 50% of non-clinical seats were reserved for in-service candidates. The current government, after reviewing the scenario, revised the quota for 2024-25 to 20% for clinical and 30% for non-clinical seats. Following counseling this year, many seats remained vacant, prompting another re-

view. Officials concluded that by 2029, the state is unlikely to face a shortage of PG doctors, given the rapid expansion of medical colleges and rising seat availability. Consequently, the quota has been further reduced to 15% in seven clinical specialties and 20% in nine non-clinical specialties. While many medical students have welcomed the move, the Andhra Pradesh PHC Doctors Association has raised concerns. "The decision was taken without consulting us. We are not officially aware of the changes and will seek discussions with the government," said Dr. ABN Kishore, Secretary of the Association. As the controversy unfolds, experts stress that while reservation policies can help build a strong public healthcare system, loopholes that allow misuse must be firmly addressed. The government's latest decision may ease pressure on general aspirants, but the tug-of-war over PG seats is far from over.



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As the investigation into the Andhra Pradesh liquor scam intensifies, a

## A Selfie Linking Two Liquor Scams?

seemingly innocuous selfie has now sparked fresh political speculation and is becoming a hot topic in Telugu state politics. The latest development centers around Venkatesh Naidu, listed as A34 in the AP liquor case, who was recently caught on video handling ₹11 crore in cash, allegedly linked to the multi-crore liquor scam that unfolded

during the previous YCP regime. The video footage has become a crucial piece of evidence in the case and is currently under scrutiny by enforcement agencies. Amid this, a viral selfie featuring Venkatesh Naidu and BRS MLC K. Kavitha, daughter of former Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao, is now drawing widespread attention.

The photograph, believed to have been taken during a casual meeting, is now being dissected in the political circles for possible links between the key players involved in the AP and Delhi liquor scams. Naidu is known to be a close aide of former Chandragiri YCP MLA Chevireddy Bhaskar Reddy, who allegedly played a pivotal role in the coordina-

tion of the illicit liquor network during the YCP rule. Meanwhile, Kavitha has been under the scanner of central agencies for her alleged involvement in the Delhi liquor policy case — a high-profile investigation that's still ongoing.





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The circulation of this single selfie is raising several questions. Is there a deeper link between the two high-profile liquor cases? Is the presence of Kavitha in a photo with one of the AP liquor accused purely incidental, or is it a thread that ties together parallel scams across two states? While political observers and critics are quick to draw inferences, investigative agencies have not officially confirmed any connection stemming from the photo. However, the image is now being shared widely across social media and is fuelling debates about the wider network and political backing behind the liquor scams in both Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. The answer to whether this selfie is a mere coincidence or a key connecting dot in a broader liquor nexus now lies in the hands of the investigating authorities. As the probe deepens, more details are expected to emerge, potentially altering the trajectory of both scandals.



## Kanipakam Gears Up for Brahmotsavams

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Ahead of the 2025 annual Brahmotsavams of Sri Varasiddhi Vinayaka Swamy at Kanipakam, a high-level review meeting was conducted to oversee the preparations for visiting devotees. The meeting was held at the office meeting hall of the temple's Executive Officer. Local MLA Murali Mohan, Chittoor District Collector Sumit Kumar, and SP V.N. Manikanta Chandolu led the session. Officials and staff from all departments across the district participated. The review focused on making arrangements to ensure smooth conduct of the festival, including crowd management, sanitation, drinking water, accommodation, and traffic control. Emphasis was laid on inter-departmental coordination and timely execution of tasks to accommodate the expected large number of devotees. The Brahmotsavams are a major religious event in the region, drawing thousands of devotees every year. Authorities pledged to ensure a safe and spiritually fulfilling experience for all visitors.

## Centre Pushes States to Streamline Film, Media Ecosystem

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In a bid to enhance India's position as a global film production hub and strengthen the creative economy, the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has urged states and Union Territories to actively utilize the India Cine Hub portal. The portal facilitates single-window clearance for film shooting permissions, enhancing the ease of doing business in the Indian film sector. At the Conference of State/UT I&PR Secretaries, Union Minister of State Dr. L. Murugan emphasized grassroots cinema initiatives, particularly low-cost cinemas in underserved regions. He said such efforts not only expand cinematic reach but also empower women and local communities by generating livelihood opportunities. The ministry also presented a roadmap for states to promote regional talent and infrastructure. States were encouraged to fully implement the Press Sewa Portal by notifying designated authorities for smooth registration and compliance of periodicals. Additionally, states were advised to leverage flagship platforms like IFFI (International Film Festival of India) and WAVES (Women and Video Entertainment Summit) to attract international filmmakers, streamline event permissions, and showcase local talent and scenic locations. The government highlighted the role of the creative sector in economic development and called for stronger Centre-State coordination in public communication and media promotion.

# ZPTC Bypoll Heats Up Political Landscape



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The political temperature is soaring in Pulivendula with the upcoming ZPTC by-election turning into a prestige battle. The ruling YSRCP is branding Pulivendula as "YSR's fortress" and criticising the TDP-led alliance for fielding a candidate from outside, claiming they couldn't even find a local face. YSRCP's campaign is led by Kadapa MP YS Avinash Reddy, state general secretary Satish Reddy, state spokesperson Rachamalla Shiva Prasad Reddy, and MLCs Ramasubbareddy and Ramesh Yadav, among others. They allege that the alliance has deceived every section of society and is resorting to threats and luring tactics. Despite such tactics, they claim YSRCP

leaders remain fearless and assert that every Pulivendula voter carries YSR's spirit. The ruling party further alleged that TDP's candidate Hemant is mourning his father's death and that the alliance's candidate had to be imported from a neighbouring mandal. Accusations were also made against TDP chief Chandrababu Naidu and alliance partners, alleging misuse of the police system and plotting to win through illegal means. The YSRCP leaders claim threats like withholding bills, cancelling dealership licenses, and stopping welfare benefits are being used, but voters remain undeterred. On the other side, the alliance is intensifying its campaign with ministers and MLAs visiting door



to door, highlighting welfare schemes initiated by the coalition government. TDP in-charge BTech Ravi, Government Whip and Jammalamadugu MLA Adinarayana Reddy, TDP district president Srinivasulu Reddy, Kamalapuram MLA Putta Chaitanya Reddy, MLC Bhoomireddy Ramgopal Reddy, and other leaders are actively participating. They say the previous leadership ignored people's problems and viewed voters as loyal dependents. The leaders assert that the nomination of Mareddy Latha Reddy, wife of Ravi, is to ensure continued support and representation for the people. With both sides locked in an intense campaign, the by-election has taken on the scale and heat of a general election.

## TDP Activists Attack YSRCP Leaders

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Tensions ran high in Pulivendula on Tuesday evening after a violent clash broke out between TDP and YSRCP supporters during a wedding ceremony, amid the heat of the ZPTC by-election campaign. The incident occurred at a function hall on the town's outskirts, where YSRCP leaders, including independent candidate Suresh Reddy from Saidapuram village, were in attendance. Suddenly, a group of TDP workers reportedly barged into the venue wielding sticks and stones and launched a brutal assault on the YSRCP cadre. Five individuals sustained serious injuries, and one vehicle was damaged in the chaos. The injured were quickly shifted to Pulivendula Government Hospital. YSRCP MP YS Avinash Reddy, along with MLCs Ramasubbareddy and Ramesh Yadav, visited the hospital to console the injured. Avinash condemned the attack, accusing the TDP of attempting to disrupt the democratic process out of fear



of defeat. He alleged the attackers were emboldened by police inaction and administrative backing. Calling the incident a reflection of TDP's "goonda culture," Avinash urged the Election Commission to intervene and ensure peaceful elections. He emphasized that such violence aims to scare voters and manipulate the poll environment. TDP Denies Involvement in Clash Pulivendula TDP in-charge BTech Ravi strongly condemned the allegations made by YSRCP leaders over Tuesday's clash, asserting

that TDP had no role in the attack. He clarified that Saidapuram Chanti, the injured person, is not affiliated with TDP or YSRCP and is contesting as an independent. Ravi pointed out that the nomination withdrawal deadline ended today and the candidate has already been allotted a symbol by the Election Commission. He questioned why the injured was taken to EC Gangireddy Hospital instead of the government hospital, hinting at a conspiracy. He alleged YSRCP is framing TDP to divert attention.

## Govt Prioritizes Worker Welfare, Announces New Initiatives

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The Andhra Pradesh coalition government is committed to the welfare of workers, particularly in construction and other unorganized sectors, said Labour Minister Vasamsetti Subhash during a Labour Welfare Board meeting held here on Tuesday. Addressing the gathering, the minister emphasized that the government is taking significant steps to protect unorganized workers, contrasting it with the alleged neglect during the previous regime. As part of these efforts, the government plans to construct integrated labor buildings in Vijayawada, Visakhapatnam, and Tirupati as a pilot project, with a vision to extend one such facility to every constituency. These buildings aim to provide workers with a dignified workspace, eliminating the need to wait on roadsides for daily wage opportunities. Additionally, skill development training for workers and their families, the appoint-



ment of safety officers in factories, and MOUs with universities to enhance safety measures were announced. Minister Subhash noted that under Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu's leadership, investor confidence has surged, attracting industries and creating job opportunities. The government is also increasing cess collections to fund welfare schemes, targeting recognition of 15 lakh workers. Welfare Board Chairman Valavala Babji assured the revival of stalled welfare programs to ensure comprehensive benefits for workers.

## Leopard Spotted Again in Tirumala

TPN Correspondent | Tirumala

Panic gripped the residents of East Balaji Nagar in Tirumala after a leopard was sighted near Gangamma Temple at midnight. The wild animal's presence has once again raised concerns over the safety of locals and pilgrims in the sacred hill town. According to eyewitnesses, the leopard was seen roaming in the vicinity of the temple late at night. Locals, alarmed by the sighting, promptly alerted the TTD Forest Department officials, who have since intensified monitoring in the area. This is not the first time such an incident has occurred. Leopard sightings have become more frequent in recent months, prompting calls for more robust measures to ensure public safety in Tiruma-



la, especially in areas adjacent to forest zones. Forest officials are now reviewing CCTV footage and tracking possible movement routes. Patrols have been stepped up, and night surveillance has been enhanced to prevent any untoward incidents. The TTD has urged residents and devotees to remain cautious, avoid isolated paths at night, and report any further sightings immediately.



## TDP Misleading on GST Rise: Buggana



TPN Correspondent | Tadepalli

Former Finance Minister and senior YSR Congress Party leader Buggana Rajendranath has accused the TDP-led coalition government of misleading the public with exaggerated claims of GST revenue growth for July 2025. He stated that the apparent increase is not due to genuine economic improvement but a statistical illusion created by the TDP's own poor performance last year.

In a statement, Buggana said the 14% year-on-year growth in GST revenue is deceptive. "The spike is not from better governance or policy reforms, but simply because GST collections in July 2024 were unusually low," he asserted, blaming the TDP alliance for weak economic management during that period.

He presented comparative data to support his argument. In July 2023, net GST revenue was ₹2,755 crore, while in July 2025, it rose to ₹2,930 crore—a mere 6.3% increase over two years. He said this means the real year-on-year growth for 2025 is just 3.13%, with gross GST revenue growing only 2.88%.

Buggana criticised TDP General Secretary Nara Lokesh for celebrating this marginal rise and calling it the fastest growth rate among South Indian states. "He's hiding the fact that growth in 2024 was negative. This year's increase looks big only due to the base effect," he said.

## Dudekula JAC Slams Coalition Government



TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada

The Muslim Dudekula Political Joint Action Committee (JAC) has slammed the Andhra Pradesh coalition government, accusing it of neglecting the promises made to the Noor Basha/Dudekula Muslim community. JAC State President Sheikh Dasthagiri alleged that both Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan betrayed the trust of the community by failing to deliver on commitments made during the 2014 and 2024 elections.

He pointed out that despite assurances of MLAs, MLCs, MPs, and a Rs. 100 crore corporation for the community's upliftment, no promises were fulfilled even after 18 months in power. "Chandrababu used our community as a vote bank," Dasthagiri said, recalling the 2014 "Dudekula Simha Garjana" in Guntur, where grand assurances were made but never implemented.

Dasthagiri also accused Pawan Kalyan of misleading the Dudekula community. "He cried on stage in Siddhavatam, promising support. But he secured a Deputy CM post for himself and gave his brother an MLC seat, while ignoring Dudekula Muslims completely," he said.

Highlighting deep discrimination, Dasthagiri said that while other Muslim groups received MLA and ministerial posts, advisory roles, and chairmanships in boards like the Wakf Board and Minority Finance Corporation, the Dudekula community got nothing. "The government serves feasts to some and leaves us with empty plates," he added. He also targeted TDP general secretary Nara Lokesh for promising a Rs. 100 crore corporation in Tadipatri, only to forget it post-elections. In contrast, Dasthagiri praised the previous YSRCP government for granting self-respect to the community and ensuring welfare benefits reached them.

# Minister Kandula Distributes CMRF Cheques

TPN Correspondent | Nidadavolu

Minister Kandula Durgesh distributed CMRF (Chief Minister's Relief Fund) cheques worth ₹30,31,151 to 43 beneficiaries at a programme held at the Nidadavolu camp office in East Godavari district. Additionally, one LOC (Letter of Credit) was also handed over to a recipient in need of medical assistance. Speaking on the occasion, the minister said the government is committed to ensuring that the poor receive timely support during medical emergencies. He revealed that, so far, 235 beneficiaries from the Nidadavolu constituency have been provided with financial aid totaling ₹2.14 crore under the CMRF initiative.

Minister Durgesh emphasized that the Chief Minister's Relief Fund acts as a lifeline for the underprivileged, enabling access to critical healthcare services which would otherwise be unaffordable for many. He



praised the efforts of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu for strengthening this welfare mechanism and reiterated the government's focus on providing health security for all. The beneficiaries, in turn, expressed their gratitude towards

Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and Minister Durgesh for their support during difficult times. They described the financial aid as a blessing that helped them get proper treatment and recover from health issues.

## Tail-end farmers lack irrigation water, minister says



TPN Correspondent | Krishna District

Water Resources Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu, along with MLAs Kagita Krishna Prasad, Venigandla Ramu, and former MLA Ravi Venkateswara Rao, inspected the locks at Gudlavalleru and assessed irrigation issues in the Pedana and Gudivada constituencies.

Despite releasing 10,400 cusecs into the Eastern Canal, the minister observed that tail-end farmers are not receiving irrigation water. He directed the Chief Engineer and all field-level staff to monitor water supply along the canals. Ramanaidu instructed the district collector to coordinate with revenue and irrigation officials to ensure water reaches every acre.

He highlighted the need for effective water management to store surplus floodwaters. Referring to Chandrababu Naidu's leadership, he said Pattiseema was completed with ₹1,350 crore despite Jagan mocking it as "Votti Seema." The project helped divert Godavari water to Krishna Delta, generating over ₹50,000 crore in revenue.

He criticized the previous YSRCP government for neglecting canal desilting and allocating no funds, while the current coalition allocated ₹700 crore in the first year. ₹350 crore has been sanctioned for repairs at Srisaillam Plunge Pool and Dhavalleswaram gates.

## MLC Slams Govt Over Farmers' Distress



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The coalition government has turned hostile towards farmers and remains unmoved by their hardships, alleged YSRCP MLC DC Govind Reddy. Addressing the media at the party office in Porumamilla, he cited TDP Chief Chandrababu Naidu's recent remarks in Darsi that farmers cannot expect support under his rule as proof of the government's neglect.

He stated that the state's agriculture sector is in distress due to halted support schemes like Rythu Bharosa. The previous YSRCP government had provided ₹13,500 annually to farmers, while the current regime has slashed it to ₹5,000 over two years. He said seven lakh farmers were denied benefits under Annadata Sukhibhava.

Farmers are facing severe fertilizer shortages, forced to queue under the sun for urea and complex fertilizers. With RBKs weakened, they are buying from private shops at high prices. Crops are not getting MSP, and mango, chilli, paddy, cocoa, and tomato farmers are incurring heavy losses.

Citing government apathy, he revealed that over 250 farmers have committed suicide since June 12, with no compensation provided.

## TG Bharath Distributes House Site Pattas

TPN Correspondent | Kurnool

Industries, Commerce and Food Processing Minister T.G. Bharath on Tuesday distributed house site pattas to 150 families in Gudem Kottala of Kurnool, fulfilling the promise made by Minister Nara Lokesh during his Yuva Galam padayatra. The land is located in Ashok Nagar Pump House area and is valued at a premium, with each beneficiary receiving a site under GO MS No. 30.

Speaking at the event, Minister Bharath said that this was the second time in the state that pattas were being distributed under this GO, the first being in Mangalagiri constituency. He thanked Kurnool District Collector P. Ranjith Basha, Joint Collector Dr. B. Navya, RDO and Tahsildars for their swift coordination in implementing the order. He assured that ba-



sic amenities like roads, electric poles, transformers, and canals would be provided through the municipality. Minister Bharath also announced the implementation of the 'Super Six' schemes as promised, and added that all women across the state would be provided free bus travel on August 15. He further assured that the much-awaited TIDCO houses and Jagannath Gattu houses will be made available by year-end. TV9

Colony residents and others living in city areas for decades will also receive pattas soon. Beneficiaries Maktum Bee and Hussain Bee expressed gratitude, saying no previous government fulfilled their long-standing request. Pattas were handed over by the minister and senior officials. The event saw the participation of RDO Sandeep Kumar, Kallur Tahsildar Anjaneyulu, Health Officer Vishweshwar Reddy, and local leaders.

## MLA Sindhura Urges CM Aid for Farmers

TPN Correspondent | Puttaparthi

Puttaparthi MLA Palle Sindhura Reddy has written to Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu urging the government to provide immediate support and relief to farmers affected by submergence in Bukkapatnam tank, the largest water body in Sri Sathya Sai district. The appeal was made through a letter sent by the MLA on July 9, drawing attention to the plight of farmers who lost their agricultural lands due to rising water levels.

According to the MLA's office, the Chief Minister responded to the appeal, directing his Principal Secretary Muddada Ravi to forward the matter to the Special Chief Secretary of Revenue (Land Administration) Department. The CMO instructed the concerned department to resolve the issue within the stipulated timeframe.

The MLA highlighted that 0.77 TMC of water was released into the Bukkapatnam tank from the Handri-Neeva canal using Krishna river water, causing submergence of lands that previously supported three crop cycles annually. Over 450 families depend on farming in this area, and around 150 of them have already migrated after losing their lands. Disturbingly, four farmers are reported to have died by suicide due to the financial distress.

These lands, which were officially recorded under government records, are eligible for schemes like crop insurance, subsidies, and loans. In her letter, Sindhura Reddy requested the government to acquire the submerged lands under the Land Acquisition Act and ensure compensation, rehabilitation, and both psychological and social support for the affected families.

The CMO has since confirmed to the MLA's office that action will be initiated through the Revenue Department as per the directions issued by the Chief Minister.

## PVN Madhav Hosts 'Chai Pe Charcha'



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Andhra Pradesh BJP President P.V.N. Madhav stated that the ongoing 'Chai Pe Charcha' initiative aims to directly engage with the public and resolve their problems by listening to their concerns on the ground. Speaking at the event held in Guntur, Madhav emphasized that the program is inspired by the tireless efforts of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, whose leadership and vision continue to guide the BJP's grassroots activities.

During his interaction with local residents, Madhav stressed the need to develop model colonies with proper civic amenities such as CCTV surveillance, improved sanitation, and modern lighting. He said that such infrastructure would not only improve quality of life but also reflect the standards of 'Modi Colonies' envisioned under the Prime Minister's leadership.

Addressing cultural and historical matters, Madhav called for a reevaluation of place names that reflect colonial or oppressive legacies. Specifically, he suggested renaming the Jinnah Tower in Guntur, which he said does not align with present-day democratic and national sentiments.

On the topic of religious freedom, Madhav took a balanced stance by saying, "I will chant 'Jai Shri Ram'." Others may follow their own faith. That freedom must be respected in a democratic society." He underscored that mutual respect for all beliefs is essential for national unity.

Madhav also assured that the BJP is committed to the development of Guntur and Vijayawada, promising infrastructure and urban development projects in the coming years. The program witnessed significant participation from locals, many of whom shared their grievances and appealed for solutions.



# Minister Narayana Reviews ‘Capital’ Works

**TPN Correspondent | Amaravati**  
Urban Development Minister Narayana, accompanied by ADC Chairperson Lakshmi Parthasarathi, conducted an inspection tour of several key infrastructure projects in Amaravati, including Kondaveeti Vagu, the gravity canal, and the Shakamuru reservoir. The visit aimed to assess the pace and quality of ongoing construction related to the state capital's development. Speaking to the media, Minister

Narayana affirmed that all works concerning Amaravati's development are progressing swiftly. He assured that by March next year, 4,000 residential units intended for government officials and staff would be completed. Highlighting the technical standards adopted, he mentioned that canal designs for Amaravati were provided by experts from the Netherlands, ensuring international best practices are followed. The construction of three major

reservoirs—Kondaveeti Vagu, Palavagu, and Shakamuru—along with associated canals, is moving forward rapidly. The minister expressed confidence that the canal and reservoir works would be completed by October next year, although recent rains have slightly delayed progress. In addition to capital development, the minister revealed plans to develop the Krishna River Front as a major attraction. He also informed that tenders for road development

in the plots allotted to farmers will be finalized by the end of this month. Minister Narayana addressed concerns raised by some groups alleging stagnation in Amaravati's construction. He clarified that only around 900 farmers' compensation claims are pending due to various reasons and reaffirmed that the capital development is on track. "No matter how many conspiracies are made, Amaravati will be fully developed within three years," he stated confidently.



# Collector Launches Drive on Mana Mitra App

**TPN Correspondent | NTR District**  
NTR District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha launched a public awareness rally on Tuesday to promote the use of WhatsApp Governance through the 'Mana Mitra' app—India's first-of-its-kind digital initiative introduced in Andhra Pradesh. The rally began at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar statue on Bandar Road and was flagged off by the Collector and Joint Collector S. Ilakkiya. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Lakshmisha said that this platform enables citizens to access over 200 services from 26 government departments through a single WhatsApp number—95523 00009. He urged the public to become familiar with this initiative to enhance their access to essential services. To ensure widespread awareness, the Collector announced that awareness rallies will be conducted across all village and ward secretariats on the 5th of every month. In case the



date falls on a holiday, the rally will be conducted the next day. He added that secretariat staff, including VROs, Village Survey Assistants, Ward Revenue Secretaries, Agriculture, Horticulture, Sericulture, and Fisheries Assistants, as well as Ward Health Secretaries and ANMs, will actively participate in the rallies. Additional Commissioner of Vijayawada Municipal Corporation Chandrasekhar and Village/Ward Secretariat Special Officer G. Jyothi also participated in the awareness rally, which concluded at the NTR District Collectorate.

# Haj Committee Thanks CM

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Andhra Pradesh State Haj Committee Chairman Shaik Hasan Basha expressed heartfelt gratitude to Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu for the smooth completion of the 2025 Haj pilgrimage. Speaking to the media, Basha also appreciated the reallocation of Vijayawada as an embarkation point for the 2026 Haj. On Tuesday, a delegation led by Basha met the Chief Minister at the Velagapudi Secretariat and submitted a memorandum. They requested the release of ₹1 lakh financial assistance per pilgrim traveling from the Vijayawada embarkation point, as assured by the CM earlier. The delegation sought official government orders (GOs) to be issued with clear guidelines regarding the disbursement of this aid. The committee also urged that the same financial assistance be extended to 72 pilgrims who, despite selecting Vijayawada, had to depart via Hyderabad in 2025. They stated that such support would encourage more Haj pilgrims to opt for the Vijayawada point in future.



Highlighting the success of the 2025 Haj pilgrimage, Basha said that 1,618 pilgrims from the state participated, and the arrangements made by the government ensured a spiritually fulfilling journey. He further requested that CRDA allocate 5–6 acres of land near the National Highway in Vijayawada or Guntur for a permanent Haj House.

# Farmers Urged to Avoid Excess Fertilizer

**TPN Correspondent | NTR District**  
The state government is committed to the welfare of farmers, and their prosperity is key to building a developed India and a Golden Andhra Pradesh, said NTR District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha. He participated in the "Polam Pilustondi" programme held at Guntupalli in Ibrahimpatnam mandal on Tuesday. During the visit, the Collector personally planted paddy in the field of farmer G. Ravindranath Tagore, assuring that the administration stands firmly behind the farming community. He emphasized that every village has unique issues and that the government is conducting weekly programmes to direct-



ly interact with farmers and resolve concerns related to irrigation, seeds, fertilizers, CCR cards, and crop loans. Highlighting the importance of agri-tech, he encouraged adoption of nano urea to save 50% of fertilizer usage while boosting efficiency. He added that 39 agricultural drones have already been deployed in the district. On horticulture, he stressed the potential for

higher incomes through fruit and flower cultivation under MGNREGS. The district has achieved 3,800 acres of horticulture coverage out of the 4,000-acre target. Dr. Lakshmisha also assured farmers of immediate support through the collectorate control room (91549 70454) and warned of strict action against artificial shortages or overpricing of fertilizers.

# Minister Launches Dr. Samaram's Book

**TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada**  
In a dignified ceremony held at the Atheist Centre Conference Hall near Benz Circle in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh Health Minister Satyakumar Yadav unveiled the latest book authored by renowned sexologist Dr. Samaram. Titled "Comprehensive Companion to Sexology – For All Ages & Genders," the publication marks Dr.

Samaram's 218th literary contribution to the field of health and science. Addressing the gathering, Minister Satyakumar praised Dr. Samaram's unwavering commitment to educating society on topics often considered taboo. "Many people retire at 60, but Dr. Samaram, at 86, continues to contribute to society with unmatched enthusiasm. Like former PM Atal Bihari



Vajpayee once said, 'I am neither tired nor retired,' Dr. Samaram embodies

the same spirit," he said. The Minister lauded the vast body of knowledge Dr. Samaram has built through his writings, particularly for breaking societal barriers around sexuality and health. "Even for someone like me, who has basic knowledge of the health sector, it is overwhelming to know he has written 218 books. His works stand as streams of knowledge," he added. Minister Yadav noted that Dr. Samaram's deep understanding of science

and social issues makes him a visionary. He also shared the story behind his name: born during the Second World War, Dr. Samaram was named by Gora, a noted rationalist, symbolizing activism and reform. The Minister also acknowledged the role of technological advancement in India under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, highlighting that 25 health-tech unicorns have emerged in the country, showing the importance given to health and innovation.

# Commissioner Reviews Vacant Land Tax Dues

**TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada**  
Vijayawada Municipal Corporation (VMC) Commissioner Dhyanchandra H.M. on Tuesday held a review meeting with the newly formed Vacant Land Tax Committee to address the alarming backlog in vacant land tax collections. The meeting, held at the VMC headquarters, discussed coordinated efforts between the municipal revenue and town planning departments, along with the district revenue and registration departments, to trace property owners and recover pending dues. The committee was constituted with the approval of NTR District Collector G. Lakshmisha after a request from the Commissioner. During the meeting, the Commissioner revealed that while last year's vacant land tax demand stood at ₹237 crore, only ₹19 crore was collected, mainly due to property owners being unaware of their dues. To resolve this, VMC has begun sharing land ownership documents with the stamps and registration department to trace owners and issue notices based on



the addresses mentioned in sale deeds. He instructed officials to prepare a ward-, circle-, and secretariat-wise list of pending tax cases and ensure that owners, irrespective of their current location, are identified and served notices. Legal action will be taken against those who continue to default, he warned. Meanwhile, Commissioner Dhyanchandra also conducted a field inspection covering Kothapeta, One Town, and the Indira Gandhi Municipal Stadium to review hospital waste management and Independence Day preparations. At Sheikh Raja Hospital and oth-

er facilities, he checked whether biomedical waste was being properly segregated, stored in color-coded bags, and transported as per safety norms. At the Indira Gandhi Municipal Stadium, the Commissioner reviewed the arrangements for the upcoming state-level Independence Day celebrations and insisted on high-quality facilities and flawless planning. Additionally, he visited the Anna Canteen in Krishnalanka to assess the availability of clean drinking water, sanitation, and waste disposal systems. He directed daily monitoring of canteen hygiene to ensure a safe environment for visitors.

# Acchennaidu, Wife Offer Prayers at Indrakeeladri

**TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada**  
State Agriculture Minister Kinjarapu Acchennaidu and his wife offered prayers at the Indrakeeladri Kanaka Durga temple in Vijayawada on Tuesday morning. Describing the opportunity to have darshan of the presiding deity as a great blessing, the minister said he prayed for the well-being of the people of Andhra Pradesh. The minister and his wife performed special pujas under the guidance of temple priests, who chanted Vedic hymns and offered them blessings along with teertha prasadam. The couple was presented with a portrait of Goddess Kanaka Durga by temple Executive Officer S. Sreenanayak. Speaking to the media after the visit, Acchennaidu expressed his wishes for a prosperous Andhra Pradesh under the leadership of Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu. He said he prayed for abundant rains, good crop yields, and the welfare of farmers. He also hoped for more investments to flow into the state, accelerating its growth and development. The minister conveyed his belief that the blessings of Goddess Durga would ensure health, happiness, and prosperity for all citizens of the state.



# Police Warn Students Against Drug Menace

**TPN Correspondent | Tenali**  
VSR and NVR Degree College and NVR Engineering College jointly organised a drug awareness seminar. The EAGAL unit and the Police Department explained how drug use can mislead the future of young people. The event was chaired by In-charge Principal Dr. Sheila. EAGAL SP Nagesh Babu said that the government has set up a special EAGAL unit to protect youth from falling into the trap of drug abuse. He urged students and youth to abstain from banned substances such as marijuana, and explained how avoiding drugs contributes to personal progress. SP S. Satish Kumar said that students were educated about the consequences of drug use. He stressed that if anyone is found using drugs, it should be reported immediately by calling 197. He clearly stated that "drugs are not cool" and must be avoided at all costs. Students actively participated and answered questions during the session. Later, the guests were honoured. The event was attended by Tenali DSP B. Janardhana Rao, NVR College CEO Nannapaneni Bhaskar, Director Mrs. Nannapaneni Bhagyalakshmi, NVR Engineering College Principal VBN Ajay, NCC Officer K. Ashok, and teaching and non-teaching staff.



## Protest Erupts Over Garbage Tax Irregularities

**TPN Correspondent | Kadapa**  
Political tension has escalated in Kadapa as both ruling YSRCP corporators and opposition TDP leaders raised serious concerns over the misappropriation of waste tax collections by the municipal corporation. The controversy surrounds an estimated ₹36 crore collected over recent years under the guise of waste tax, with allegations of funds being diverted into private hands instead of reaching government coffers. YSRCP corporators and division in-charges, during a press meet at the mayor's chamber, urged the district collector to conduct a thorough probe into the matter. They demanded clarity on who collected the tax, how much was collected, and where the money ultimately went. They highlighted that multiple news reports had accused the ruling party and the corporation of misusing the tax collections. The corporators argued that instructions had earlier been given not to burden the public with waste taxes during the YSRCP's term, especially not more than ₹40 to ₹60 per



household. They also opposed the appointment of the additional commissioner, involved in the CLAP programme, as the inquiry officer, citing conflict of interest. Meanwhile, TDP leaders held a protest in front of the Kadapa Municipal Corporation office demanding a full-fledged inquiry. They claimed that ₹8 crore collected as garbage tax was not deposited into official accounts and questioned the lack of transparency. TDP further alleged that since the CLAP programme's implementation in 2021, over ₹36 crore had been unaccounted for. They submitted a memorandum demanding action and transparency in tax collections.

## DSP Conducts Cordon Search Operation

**TPN Correspondent | Kovvur**  
A special cordon search operation was carried out in Indiramma Colony of Kovvur town in East Godavari district by DSP G. Devakumar. As part of the drive, 32 two-wheelers without valid documents were seized. The operation aimed to create awareness among the public, especially youth, about staying away from harmful addictions such as ganja. DSP Devakumar stressed that police are working closely with the public to promote safety and awareness in the community. He urged citizens, particularly women, to download the government-initiated 'Shakti' mobile app, which includes an emergency SOS button that can be used in times of distress. He emphasized the growing threat of cyber-crimes and advised people to remain vigilant and report any suspicious online

activity or scams immediately to the police. The DSP also gave instructions regarding safe driving practices. He advised vehicle riders to slow down, drive responsibly, and ensure they carry valid driving licenses at all times. Awareness was also provided on traffic rules and personal safety. He assured that special measures are being implemented for the protection of women and encouraged the community to cooperate with the police in maintaining law and order. Police personnel from across the Kovvur division participated in the awareness and enforcement operation.



## SP Assures Support to Bereaved Police Families

**TPN Correspondent | Vizianagaram**  
In a gesture of solidarity and support, Vizianagaram District Superintendent of Police Vakul Jindal handed over a financial aid cheque of ₹1,48,600 to Swarnalatha Patnaik, wife of the late Head Constable Narasimha Patnaik. The cheque was presented at the district police office as part of the 'Cheyutha' initiative. Narasimha Patnaik, who served in the Armed Reserve division of the district police department, passed away recently due to health-related issues. In response, fellow police officers and staff voluntarily contributed funds to support his bereaved family. Speaking on the occasion, SP Vakul Jindal commended the collective effort of the police department staff, calling the voluntary initiative commendable. He said such acts of kindness and unity not only offer financial support to the families of deceased police personnel but also strengthen the bond among police employees. The SP further stated that initiatives like 'Cheyutha' reflect the values of brotherhood within the force and provide reassurance to the families of those who serve the department. He emphasized that such compassionate efforts send a strong message—that no family of a serving police member will be left alone in times of grief.



## CITU, CPM Demand Rollback of Smart Meters

**TPN Correspondent | Srikakulam**  
CITU district president C.H. Ammannayudu and CPM Ranastalam unit secretary Velamala Ramana have demanded the immediate cancellation of electricity smart meters and true-up charges. As part of a state-wide protest called by Praja Vedika, they staged a dharna in front of the Ranastalam electricity substation on Tuesday. Speaking on the occasion, the leaders criticized the government for its double standards. They alleged that TDP leader Nara Lokesh, during his "Yuvagalam" padayatra, urged people to break smart meters before elections but after



coming to power, the same government is now installing Adani smart meters, betraying public

trust. They warned that smart meters will facilitate exploitation, en-

abling different electricity rates during different hours under the Time-of-Day system—one rate in the morning, another in the evening, and a separate rate at night. Already burdened by rising power bills, the public is further harassed, they said. They highlighted that Kerala, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka have opposed smart meters. Terming them a step towards privatization, they claimed these pre-paid meters force consumers to recharge in advance—similar to mobile phones—and warned that electricity would be cut off immediately if balance runs out.

## Harish Babu Inspects Biomedical Waste Unit



**TPN Correspondent | Satya Sai District**  
Amid rising public concerns over biomedical waste management in Damapeta village of Bukkapatnam mandal, Health Minister Sa-

tya Kumar Yadav's constituency in-charge, Harish Babu, visited the Sriwen Technologies waste treatment facility on Tuesday. The visit comes in response to intense protests and objections from

local residents who have been raising alarms over environmental and health risks posed by the waste processing operations. During the inspection, Harish Babu interacted with local villagers and representatives of Sriwen Technologies to review the environmental impact and operational procedures at the facility. He emphasized that public health and environmental safety are top government priorities, warning that any failure to maintain scientific and safe practices would result in strict action. "Gone are the days when environmental threats were ignored. If operations are not scientifically sound and put people at risk, we will not hesitate to act," Harish Babu declared. He stressed that handling biomedical waste in an unscientific manner is an unac-

ceptable development and urged the management to uphold full compliance with regulations. He assured locals that the issue would be brought to the immediate attention of Health Minister Satya Kumar Yadav and a thorough inquiry would be conducted through concerned departments. Harish Babu also noted that residents from nearby villages have expressed serious distress over the storage and handling of waste at the facility, and assured that their safety would not be compromised. Leaders and representatives from various political parties, including BJP Bukkapatnam Mandal President Bhaskar, TDP Mandal Convenor Narayana Reddy, Akule Veera Narappa, and Pothukunta Raju, accompanied the visit and voiced their support for the local population.

**TPN Correspondent | Anantapur**  
District SP P. Jagadeesh, conducted a review meeting with officials from various banks across the district, focusing on security measures at bank branches and ATM centers, and the role of bankers in creating awareness among customers about cybercrimes. The meeting, held at the local Police Conference Hall, included detailed discussions on RBI guidelines for security infrastructure at banking locations. The SP emphasized the mandatory installation of high-definition CCTV cameras at entrances, exits, and surrounding areas of banks and ATMs, with cloud storage backup for recorded footage. SP Jagadeesh directed bank officials to ensure strong physical security, including reinforced windows, grill gates, and quality locks for shutters. He also insisted on mandatory police verification for temporary staff and outsourced security personnel employed by the banks. To respond promptly during emergencies, the SP advised banks to set up alarm systems with direct connectivity to concerned police stations. He stressed the need for regular inspection of fire and security equipment and adequate lighting in bank premises during nighttime. Cyber safety awareness was a major focus of the session. The SP urged banks to alert customers about online scams such as phishing emails, digital arrest frauds, fake loan apps, OTP frauds, and APK file traps. He also called for prominent display of emergency contact numbers and cybercrime helpline (1930) within bank premises. The meeting was attended by DSPs Mahaboob Basha, V. Srinivasa Rao, CI officers from Special Branch, Cyber Cell, DCRB, CCS, and representatives from 35 banks including lead bank managers, field officers, and nodal officers.



### PIN POINT

#### Journalists Urges Immediate Redressal of Issues

Journalists staged a protest at the Vizianagaram Collectorate on Tuesday, demanding resolution of long-pending issues including accreditation cards, health insurance, and house sites. MLA Vijayalakshmi Gajapathi Raju assured

support and promised to prioritise land allotment. During a meeting of small and medium newspapers, senior journalists highlighted their survival challenges and sought financial aid from the government.

#### GV Pledges Support to Poor Families

Participating in the CM's video conference on Swarna Andhra Vision 2047, Chief Whip GV Anjaneyulu from Vinukonda announced adoption of 100 poor families in his constituency. He urged officials to identify and assist underprivileged families in towns and villages to eliminate poverty. The review, led by CM Chandrababu Naidu, was held at the Vinukonda municipal office.

#### Kanna Seeks Land Allocation for Court Building

Sattenapalli MLA Kanna Lakshmi Narayana met State Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Commissioner M V R Krishna Teja at Tadepalli on Tuesday. Kanna requested allocation of ZP land for constructing a new court building in Sattenapalli. He urged the commissioner to expedite the approval process after inspecting the land already cleared by the Zilla Parishad.

## Sarpanchs Protest, Demand Release of Pending Funds

**TPN Correspondent | Tadepalli**

The Sarpanch Association staged a protest in front of the Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Commissioner's office in Tadepalli on Tuesday, demanding the immediate release of 15th Finance Commission funds. YSRCP Panchayat Raj Wing State President Vennapusa Ravindra Reddy accused the coalition government of neglecting the gram panchayat system and betraying its pre-election promises. He alleged that the state is withholding even centrally-allocated funds, severely affecting village-level sanitation, water supply, and infrastructure. He questioned the diversion of Finance Commission funds released in December and criticised Panchayat Raj Minister Pawan Kalyan for remaining silent. "Is he in power for public service or personal glory?" Ravindra Reddy asked. Several leaders, including Sarpanch Association State Secretary Krishnamohan, MPP Association President Mullapudi Gandhi, and district-level representatives from Guntur and Krishna districts, participated in the protest, expressing frustration over the erosion of panchayat powers and the financial crisis at the grassroots level.



# Orphans can get a Family with Foster Care and Adoptions

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) emphasizes that for the full and harmonious development of a child's personality, it is essential that the child grows up in a family environment, filled with happiness, love, and understanding. A child's destiny is best shaped within the nurturing environment of a family. It is within this setting that values, culture, and a sense of responsibility are naturally instilled, enabling the child to grow into a morally grounded and contributing citizen.

Recognizing this, the Government of India—being a signatory to the UNCRC—has taken commendable steps to promote Adoption and Foster Care systems. These initiatives aim to provide orphaned and vulnerable children, legally termed as Children in Need of Care and Protection (CNCPC), the opportunity to grow up in a loving family environment rather than in institutional care.

**Adoption: A Permanent Family for a Child**

Adoption is the legal process by which an individual assumes the parenting of a child, permanently transferring all rights and responsibilities from the biological or legal parents to the adoptive ones. In India, adoption is governed by the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Amendment Act, 2021, came into effect from 1st September 2022 and regulated by the Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA), functioning under the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India since 1990. However, adoption rates in India re-



main dishearteningly low. In 2010, there were 5,693 in-country adoptions through CARA, which dropped to just 3,351 in 2019–20. This decline is surprising considering that there are an estimated 27.5 million childless couples in the country. Despite this, only about 20,000 couples have formally approached CARA. This gap can be attributed to the prevalent cultural preference for biological children who share parental genes and lineage. Often, couples consider adoption only after exhausting other options like IVF. Furthermore, there is a strong preference for adopting children below two years of age, as younger children are believed to adapt more easily to the family's values and traditions. As a result, older children—often

above the age of 2 or 3—remain in Child Care Institutions (CCIs) or Specialized Adoption Agencies (SAAs), waiting indefinitely for families. Every district in India has Sishu Gruhas (infant care homes), where surrendered, abandoned, and orphaned infants are housed. Once the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) declares a child Legally Free for Adoption (LFA), their profiles are uploaded on the CARA website for matching with Prospective Adoptive Parents (PAPs). However, the demand far exceeds the availability, resulting in long waiting periods for adoption.

**Foster Care: A Valuable Alternative**

Foster Care offers a more immediate and accessible alternative to



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Child Welfare Committee  
Krishna District

to eventually gain the same legal rights as a biological child. According to data from the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) as of July 2018, there are nearly 5,850 registered CCIs in India, housing around 2.32 lakh children in need of care and protection. Many of these children are eligible for Foster Care and could benefit immensely from growing up in a family setup, even if initially temporary.

**A Call for Public Awareness and Policy Support**

Both Adoption and Foster Care are vital systems to ensure every child enjoys their fundamental right to a family. However, awareness among the public remains limited. The Government must intensify its efforts to promote these systems through widespread campaigns, streamlined procedures, and incentives for foster and adoptive families.

Encouraging more families to consider Foster Care—especially as a step towards eventual adoption—can bridge the gap between institutional care and a permanent home. Children raised in such nurturing environments are more likely to grow into emotionally secure, socially responsible, and culturally rooted individuals. It is our collective responsibility—as a society and a nation—to ensure that every child not only survives but thrives in a loving family atmosphere. Through greater acceptance and implementation of Adoption and Foster Care systems, we can build a stronger, more compassionate India.

## Amit Shah Becomes India's Longest-Serving Home Minister



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Hyderabad: Amit Shah's record-breaking tenure as India's longest-serving Union Home Minister is not just a numerical achievement—it's a statement of continuity, decisiveness, and transformation in the country's internal security narrative. Surpassing stalwarts like Lal Krishna Advani and Govind Ballabh Pant, Shah's 2,258-day run (as of August 4, 2025) marks a critical shift in how the role of Home Minister is viewed in the broader arc of Indian governance. Coincidentally or symbolically, this milestone arrives on August 5, the same date in 2019 when Shah stood in Parliament and announced the abrogation of Article 370—arguably the most consequential move by a Home Minister in India's recent histo-

ry. That bold decision didn't just revoke the special status of Jammu & Kashmir; it redefined the political courage and constitutional clarity expected from India's internal affairs leadership. Under Shah's stewardship, the Home Ministry has seen a steady departure from passive management to proactive enforcement. Jammu & Kashmir today shows far fewer signs of unrest—stone pelting, once a regular news headline, has virtually disappeared. Shah's critics once warned of instability post-Article 370, yet the region has seen enhanced voter turnout, tourism resurgence, and gradual normalisation of life. This alone sets his legacy apart from previous tenures that often hesitated in confronting the Kashmir conundrum head-on. Further, his tenure has seen sub-

stantial gains in areas plagued by Left-Wing Extremism and Naxalism. These successes were not mere accidents but followed targeted action plans—boosting security infrastructure, increasing local intelligence, and integrating development with enforcement. Amit Shah also carries the distinction of being India's first Minister of Cooperation, signifying the government's trust in him to shape both security and structural grassroots reforms. His prior roles as Gujarat's Home Minister and BJP National President only reinforce the narrative that Shah is not just a law-and-order figure, but a political strategist with administrative acumen. However, his tenure hasn't been without controversy. The Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) drew widespread protests, and while it has since been enacted and implemented, it sparked debates over identity and inclusion. Yet, Shah remained unflinching—a quality that continues to define his political character. What also stands out is the legislative push in his era. The introduction of new criminal justice laws aimed at replacing colonial-era legal frameworks reflects the ambition to not just govern better, but also reform the very tools of governance. Additionally, peace agreements in the North East—often ignored or mishandled by previous regimes—have brought insurgent groups into the democratic fold. Amit Shah's record-setting tenure, then, is not merely about the passage of time. It's about how that time was used—decisively, often disruptively, and with a strategic vision. In doing so, Shah hasn't just surpassed Advani or Pant in days served—he's redefined the role of India's Home Minister for a new era.

## Trump Tariffs Threaten India's Trade Amid Energy Crisis



In a recent escalation of trade tensions, former US President Donald Trump threatened to increase tariffs on Indian goods, accusing India of profiting from its oil trade with Russia amid the ongoing Ukraine conflict. This provocative move, announced on August 4, 2025, has sparked sharp reactions in India, with many calling it unfair and hypocritical.

Trump alleged that India was reselling Russian crude oil at a hefty profit, framing it as a moral failing during wartime. He warned that tariffs on Indian exports could rise even higher than the 25% imposed on August 1, signaling a dramatic economic showdown.

India responded firmly, calling the accusations misleading and unjustified. Officials highlighted America's own imports of Russian uranium, palladium, and industrial chemicals—deals that contradict Washington's moral stance on the issue. This rebuttal exposed what many see as double standards in US policy.

The core of India's oil trade with Russia

is a transparent, market-driven strategy aimed at stabilizing energy costs amid global uncertainty. Western sanctions have disrupted oil supplies worldwide, and India's decision to buy discounted Russian crude has been pragmatic, ensuring energy security and preventing domestic price shocks.

Experts stress that India's actions are driven by economic necessity rather than geopolitical motives. Indian refineries, both state-run and private, have made commercial decisions balancing cost and supply needs.

This unfolding crisis is seen by many as an issue beyond party politics, calling for national unity similar to past moments of geopolitical tension. India's stance reflects a commitment to safeguarding its interests while navigating a complex global landscape marked by competing economic and moral pressures.

As the tariff threat looms, the stakes for India's trade and energy security have never been higher.



# Shot Itself In Foot: PM Modi's Jibe At Opposition Over Op Sindoor Debate



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday criticized the Opposition for demanding a parliamentary debate on Operation Sindoor, saying it had backfired on them. According to sources, Modi told the NDA parliamentary party meeting that the Opposition "shot itself in the foot" and ended up being "thrashed badly" during the debate in the Monsoon session last week. PM Modi reportedly remarked that the Opposition was "insistent on self-harm" by questioning the government's counter-terrorism operations. Operation Sindoor, launched on May 7, was a targeted mil-

itary operation against terrorist training camps in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) in response to the Pahalgam terror attack on April 22, which killed 26 people. The meeting marked the second gathering of the BJP-led NDA during a Parliament session since the new government took office in June 2024. During the meeting, NDA MPs felicitated PM Modi for his decisive leadership and passed a resolution praising his "unwavering resolve and visionary statesmanship." The resolution highlighted that Operation Sindoor was a "non-escalatory, precise and targeted" strike that reinforced India's stance of zero tolerance

towards terrorism. The MPs also lauded the Indian armed forces for their bravery and commitment, calling their efforts a reflection of their "unflinching devotion" to the nation's security. The resolution paid homage to the victims of the Pahalgam attack, stating the act of terror "saddened and enraged" the country. In addition, the MPs praised PM Modi's global outreach efforts following the operation. They noted that 59 MPs from various parties visited 32 countries to explain India's position on terrorism, calling it one of the most extensive international diplomatic campaigns India has undertaken.

# Former J&K Governor Satyapal Malik passes away

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Veteran politician Satyapal Malik, who served as the Governor of Jammu and Kashmir during pivotal moments such as the Pulwama terror attack and the revocation of Article 370, has died at the age of 79. He had been battling kidney-related ailments and was undergoing treatment at Delhi's Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital.



A Jat leader from Baghpat, Uttar Pradesh, Malik began his political career as a student leader. He was elected MLA in 1974 from Bharatiya Kranti Dal and later served as a Rajya Sabha MP. Over the years, he was associated with several parties, including the Congress, Lok Dal, and Samajwadi Party.

Malik was appointed Governor of Bihar in 2017, later holding additional charge of Odisha. In August 2018, he became Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, then a full state. His tenure coincided with major events: the Pulwama terror attack in 2019

that killed 40 CRPF personnel and the historic decision by the Centre to revoke J&K's special status, splitting it into two Union Territories.

Following his J&K tenure, Malik served as Governor of Goa and Meghalaya. Over recent years, he made headlines for his outspoken criticism of the Narendra Modi government, especially after supporting farmers protesting the now-repealed farm laws in 2020-21. In a 2023 interview, Malik alleged serious lapses leading to the Pulwama attack, claiming the

Centre had asked him to remain silent and that CRPF's requests for air transport were denied, forcing troops to travel by road and making them vulnerable. The BJP countered by sharing past clips of Malik praising the government and questioned his credibility. Malik's criticism drew him closer to the Opposition, with Congress leader Rahul Gandhi interviewing him in 2023 and visiting him at the hospital in May. Malik's passing marks the end of a turbulent yet significant political journey spanning decades.



# Cloudburst Triggers Flash Floods In Uttarakhand

TPN Correspondent | Uttarakhand

A devastating cloudburst struck the catchment area of the Kheer Ganga river in Uttarakhand's Uttarkashi district on Tuesday, triggering landslides and flash floods that have killed four people and left around 50 missing. The sudden surge of water swept through Dharali village, causing widespread destruction and panic.

Horrifying videos shared by eyewitnesses show a powerful stream of water rushing down a hillside, engulfing houses and forcing residents to flee in fear. The Uttarkashi police shared images of the damage and urged locals to stay away from riverbanks for their safety.

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami expressed deep sorrow over the incident and assured that rescue and relief operations are underway. "SDRF, NDRF, district administration, and other teams are working on a war footing. I am in constant contact with senior officials, and the

situation is being closely monitored," he said in a social media post, praying for the safety of all affected.

The state has experienced persistent heavy rainfall this season, causing major rivers like the Ganga in Haridwar to remain in spate. Just a day earlier, two people lost their lives in rain-related incidents in Rudrapur district, where shops were also buried under falling boulders and debris. Flood-like conditions have also been reported in Udham Singh Nagar district, with rising water levels in the Levda river affecting several villages along the Rampur-Nainital road.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a red alert for extremely heavy rainfall in Uttarakhand and a yellow alert for heavy rain throughout the week, warning residents to stay cautious amid the ongoing monsoon challenges. Rescue teams continue their efforts to locate the missing and provide aid to affected families.

# Courts Can't Decide Who Is True Indian: Priyanka Gandhi

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra came to the defense of her brother Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday after the Supreme Court censured him for his remarks on the Indian Army. The top court had said on Monday that if Rahul Gandhi is a "true Indian," he would not make such statements, while also staying the legal proceedings against him in a Lucknow court over his comments during the December 2022 Bharat Jodo Yatra. Priyanka Gandhi rejected the court's remark about deciding who is a "true Indian," saying, "With due respect to the honourable judges of the Supreme Court, they do not decide who is a true Indian." She emphasized that Rahul Gandhi, as the leader of the opposition in the Lok Sabha, has the duty to question and challenge the government. Speaking to reporters at Parliament, she said, "My brother would never say anything against the Army. He holds the Army in the highest respect. So it is a misinterpretation of his remarks." Priyanka's statement underlines the Congress party's



stand that Rahul Gandhi's comments were taken out of context. The BJP criticized Rahul Gandhi on Monday, accusing him of pledging to "strengthen China." Meanwhile, the Congress responded by asserting that patriotic Indians have sought answers regarding the Galwan Valley clashes but accused the government of employing a strategy of "DDLJ" — deny, distract, lie, and justify — to evade the truth.

# Air Force, Navy To Place Mega Orders For BrahMos

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Following the significant success of BrahMos missiles during Operation Sindoor, the Indian Air Force and Navy are set to place large orders for the supersonic cruise missiles, according to defence sources. The Indo-Russian BrahMos missile, known as the world's fastest supersonic cruise missile, played a crucial role in striking Pakistani air bases and army cantonments throughout the four-day conflict. Its precision and impact were widely acknowledged by military officials and political leaders alike. A high-level meeting at the Defence Ministry is expected to approve the procurement of a substantial num-

ber of BrahMos missiles for deployment across multiple platforms. The Indian Navy plans to equip its Veer-class warships with these advanced missiles, enhancing their strike capabilities at sea. Meanwhile, the Indian Air Force intends to arm its fleet of Russian-origin Su-30 MKI fighter jets with air-launched BrahMos missiles, significantly boosting aerial combat and precision strike potential. Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently lauded the performance of indigenous defence systems during the conflict, stating, "During Operation Sindoor, the world saw the capabilities of our indigenous weapons. Our Air Defence Systems, missiles, and drones have proved the strength of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat', especially

towards terrorism." In the initial phase of Operation Sindoor, the BrahMos missile was the primary weapon used by the Indian Air Force to target terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan's Punjab province, including terror hubs of Jaish-e-Mohammed and Lashkar-e-Toiba. The missile's effectiveness continued as it damaged Pakistani air bases, forcing Pakistan Army to respond and protect terrorist elements. This move to expand the BrahMos arsenal underscores India's commitment to strengthening its defence capabilities with advanced, home-grown and joint-developed weaponry in the face of ongoing regional security challenges.





# India Fuelling War Machine: Trump's 24-Hour 'Substantial' Tariff Threat

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In a dramatic escalation of trade tensions, U.S. President Donald Trump on Tuesday announced that tariffs on Indian imports would be raised “very substantially” within the next 24 hours, citing India’s continued purchase of oil from Russia.

“India has not been a good trading partner,” Trump said during a televised interview with CNBC. “They do a lot of business with us, but we don’t do business with them. We settled on 25%, but I think I’m going to raise that very substantially... because they’re buying Russian oil.”

Trump’s latest remarks follow a similar statement a day earlier, in which he accused India of purchasing discounted Russian oil and allegedly re-exporting it for profit. He described India’s actions as indirectly fuelling the Russian war effort, calling it “unacceptable.” India swiftly pushed back against the accusations, with the Ministry of External Affairs issuing a sharp



statement defending its trade policies. “India’s energy imports are a necessity compelled by the global market situation,” the statement read, adding that the U.S. and EU themselves continue significant trade with Russia—including liquefied natural gas, fertilisers, and machinery.

Highlighting European hypocr-

is, India noted that the EU’s trade with Russia amounted to €67.5 billion (\$78.02 billion) in 2024, including record LNG imports of 16.5 million metric tons.

India affirmed that it would take “all necessary measures” to safeguard its national interests and economic security.

The sudden downturn in U.S.-India relations began on July 31, when Trump first imposed a 25% tariff on Indian goods and hinted at further penalties over oil imports. National Security Adviser Ajit Doval and Foreign Minister S. Jaishankar are expected to visit Russia in the coming days amid mounting geopolitical strain.



## Obama-Era Officials Probed Over 2016 Russia Intel Claims

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Federal prosecutors have launched a grand jury investigation into allegations that top officials from former President Barack Obama’s administration fabricated intelligence about Russian interference in the 2016 U.S. election. The move follows recent claims by Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard and mounting political pressure from Republican leaders, including former President Donald Trump.

U.S. Attorney General Pam Bondi reportedly ordered the probe, tasking a federal prosecutor with presenting evidence to a grand jury. The Justice Department has not officially confirmed details but did announce the formation of a strike force to assess the alleged “weaponisation of the intelligence community.”

Gabbard, who previously declassified related documents, has accused senior Obama-era officials of orchestrating a conspiracy to undermine Trump’s presidential campaign by linking it to Russia. These allegations have been dismissed by Democrats as baseless and politically driven. Trump welcomed the development on his Truth Social platform, calling it “great news” and claiming “the truth always wins out.” He has previously accused Obama of treason—without evidence—saying the former president spearheaded a plot to damage his campaign.

A spokesperson for Obama strongly denied the accusations, describing them as “ridiculous and a weak attempt at distraction.” Fox News was the first to report Bondi’s directive to initiate legal proceedings. If the grand jury finds sufficient grounds, the Justice Department could pursue criminal indictments against former officials.

The controversy stems from a 2017 U.S. intelligence assessment, which concluded that Russia interfered in the 2016 election through disinformation, hacking, and social media manipulation to harm Hillary Clinton and boost Trump. The report found no direct impact on voting results. As the investigation proceeds, it is likely to deepen partisan tensions and rekindle debates over the politicisation of intelligence and accountability within the U.S. government.

# Unshakeable Faith in Democracy

## Hasina’s Tribute to the Nation

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On the first anniversary of the fall of her elected government, former Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina issued a passionate letter condemning the current interim regime and lauding the people’s unyielding commitment to democratic values.

Marking the one-year milestone since the Awami League was ousted, Hasina described the takeover by Muhammad Yunus-led interim authorities as a “violent interruption” of democracy. She called it “a dark moment in our

history, an affront to the will of the people.”

Despite the setback, Hasina emphasized the resilience of the Bangladeshi people in standing against “injustice and repression.” “They may have taken power, but they will never take our spirit, our resolve, or our destiny,” she declared.

She praised the unity and courage shown by citizens over the past year, saying, “In this hardship, we have found unity and purpose. The bond between our people and democracy remains unbreak-



able.” The former leader urged continued resistance and commitment to rebuilding democratic institutions, emphasizing that “power belongs to the people,” and that “no regime can suppress the will of a nation forever.”

Hasina encouraged the public to fight for justice, education, peace, and opportunity. “Together, we will rebuild what has been broken. Together, we will write a new chapter—defined not by oppression, but by hope, progress, and freedom,” she said.

Ending on an optimistic note, she expressed belief in a brighter future. “Bangladesh has overcome adversity before. We will rise again—stronger, more united, and more determined to build a democracy that truly serves its people.”

# Zelenskyy Claims Pakistani, Chinese Mercenaries Fighting for Russia

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Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has alleged that foreign mercenaries from several countries, including China and Pakistan, are fighting alongside Russian troops in the ongoing war. During a visit to the Kharkiv frontlines on Monday, Zelenskyy met with soldiers from the 17th Separate Motorised Infantry Battalion of the 57th Brigade. While assessing battlefield conditions, he was informed of foreign mercenaries participating in combat against Ukrainian forces.

“Our warriors in this sector are reporting the participation of mercenaries from China, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Pakistan, and African countries in the war. We will respond,” Zelenskyy said in a post on X (formerly Twitter). He also discussed key military concerns with frontline commanders, including the defence of Vovchansk, drone supplies, recruitment issues, and funding for battalions. Zelenskyy praised the soldiers’ courage and presented state awards during his visit. “It is an honor for me to be here. Thank you for fighting, serving your state and the Ukrainian people, and for supporting one another,” he said.

As the conflict rages on, diplomatic efforts continue. Russia and Ukraine have recently engaged in peace talks in Istanbul, facilitated by Turkish officials. A major outcome of the discussions was an agreement to exchange 1,200 prison-



ers, announced by Zelenskyy on Sunday. Meanwhile, tensions remain high as former U.S. President Donald Trump warned of “very severe tariffs” on Russia if it fails to agree to a ceasefire within 10–12 days, shortening his previous 50-day deadline. On the battlefield, the violence persists. In a recent Russian assault on Stepanivka in Ukraine’s Zaporizhzhia region, three civilians were killed. Local officials reported 405 Russian attacks across 10 settlements within 24 hours.

# Sovereign Nations Have Right: Russia Backs India Amid US Tariff Threat



TPN Correspondent | Moscow

Russia has spoken out in support of India after U.S. President Donald Trump threatened to impose tariffs on countries purchasing Russian oil, calling such pressure “illegal.” The Kremlin defended India’s continued energy trade with Moscow, asserting that sovereign nations have the right to decide their economic partnerships. “We hear many statements that are in fact threats, attempts to force countries to cut trade relations with Russia. We do not consider such statements to be legal,” said Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov. He stressed that each country has the right to pursue trade and economic cooperation based on its own inter-

ests. On Friday, Trump announced fresh sanctions targeting Russia and countries that continue importing its energy exports, demanding an end to the Ukraine conflict. Despite the pressure, Russian President Vladimir Putin remained firm on his position. India has strongly rejected the U.S. tariff threats, calling them “unjustified.” A statement from the Indian government emphasized that the country would take all steps necessary to protect its economic interests and sovereignty. “Like any major economy, India will take all necessary measures to safeguard its national interests and economic security,” said a spokesperson from the Ministry of Exter-

nal Affairs. India also highlighted U.S. double standards, pointing out that Washington initially encouraged energy imports from Russia following the Ukraine war. Additionally, Indian officials criticized the European Union for targeting Indian refiners while continuing their own trade with Russia. Indian government sources confirmed to Reuters that the country would continue purchasing Russian oil, citing market-driven necessity and fairness. India and Russia have maintained close energy ties, with Moscow emerging as a key supplier amid shifting global oil dynamics. Despite Western pressure, New Delhi appears determined to pursue its own strategic interests.



# Dalal Street Slips Ahead of RBI Policy; Oil & FMCG Lead Decline

Indian stock markets fell. Benchmark and sectoral indices fell moderately on Tuesday. US President Donald Trump's threats of imposing heavy tariffs on India, FIIs started selling, oil and FMCG stocks fell, RBI policy meeting on Wednesday and investors were cautious. Overall, Nifty fell 73 points and Sensex fell 308 points.

The BSE Sensex, which had closed at 81,018 in the previous session, opened at 80,946 on Tuesday. It touched an intra-day low of 80,554. It reached an intraday high of 81,010. It finally closed at 80,710, down 308 points. The NSE Nifty, which opened at 24,720, touched a low of 24,590 and a high of 24,733. It closed at 24,649, down 73 points. The Nifty Bank fell 259 points to settle at 55,360.

In the Nifty50, 25 companies gained and 25 lost. Titan, IndusInd Bank, SBI Life, Maruti, and CoalIndia were the top gainers. Adani Ports, Reliance, Infi, Adani Enterprises, and Cipla lost the most. Only auto, consumer durables, and metals indices performed well today. Finance, oil, pharma, FMCG, telecom, IT, healthcare, realty, and media indices turned red.

The market breadth is in favor of sellers on NSE today. Out of a total of 3065 stocks traded, 1200 gained. 1785 lost. 50 shares touched their 52-week high and 55 touched their 52-week low. The upper circuit reached 79 and the lower circuit reached 62.

The rupee weakened by 15 paise against the dollar to settle at 87.80. The Highway Infra IPO received a response of 22.24 times at the close of the first day of the market. Jefferies has given a buy rating to Siemens Energy with a target price of Rs. 3500. Kiri Industries shares have gained heavily in 16 weeks. Morgan Stanley has given an overweight rating to Aditya Birla Capital with a target price of Rs. 320. HSBC has given a buy rating to Ather Energy with a target price of Rs 450. CLSA has given an outperform rating to Escorts with a target price of Rs 4000. Castrol India's net profit in the first quarter of this financial year was Rs 244 crore, a growth of 5.2%. Berger Paints' net profit was Rs 315 crore, a growth of 11% from Rs 353 crore.

## Stock Recommendations

**SBI Life:** These shares have been consolidating at high levels for the past few weeks. Relative strength and momentum across all time frames are good. This counter, which closed



at Rs. 1823 on Tuesday, should be bought in the Rs. 1800/1820 range as the market falls.

**Coromandel:** These shares are consolidating at high levels. The trend is bullish. Momentum and relative strength are increasing. This counter, which closed at Rs. 2619 on Tuesday, should be bought above Rs. 2600. The trend is bullish.

**Jindal Steel:** These shares have been moving sideways for the past few months. Relative strength is good. Medium and short term momentum is better. Investors should take a position in the Rs.980 range in this counter, which closed at Rs.999 on Tuesday.

**CG Power:** These shares, which have been in a downtrend for a few months, are currently moving sideways. Relative strength is increasing. Volatility is decreasing. Investors should take a position in the Rs.670 range in this counter, which closed at Rs.680 on Thursday.

**D-Mart:** These shares, which have been in a downtrend for a few months, are currently moving sideways. Relative strength is increasing. The momentum in all time frames is good. Investors should buy at Rs.4200 in this counter, which closed at Rs.4257 on Thursday. The trend is bullish.











# Govt finalises bankers to advance LIC stake sale



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

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

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

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

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

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

# India's Services Sector Hits 11-Month High in July

India's services sector expanded at its fastest pace in 11 months in July, driven by robust international demand and sustained domestic sales, according to the latest HSBC India Services Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) released on Tuesday. The HSBC India Services PMI, compiled by S&P Global, rose slightly to 60.5 in July from 60.4 in June, surpassing earlier estimates that had forecasted a decline to 59.8. This marks the fourth consecutive year of expansion in the services sector, signaling strong underlying momentum in the economy. The growth was fueled largely by a significant rise in new export orders, reflecting growing global appetite for Indian services. Finance and insurance were among the leading sectors contributing to this surge, showing strong performance amid improving demand conditions. The PMI measures the health of the services sector on a scale where readings above 50 indicate expansion. At 60.5, the index points to solid growth momentum, with businesses reporting increased activity levels, higher sales, and rising new work inflows.



Domestic demand also remained healthy, supporting sustained sales growth alongside exports. Service providers noted an improvement in client activity, reflecting steady consumer confidence and corporate spending. Analysts view the latest data as a positive sign for India's economic recovery, especially as the services sector accounts for a major portion of the country's GDP. The combination of strong export growth and resilient domestic demand suggests India's services industry continues to be a key driver of economic expansion. This upbeat performance comes amid broader global uncertainties, highlighting India's competitive edge in the international services market and its potential to sustain growth in the coming months.

# Adani Ports Q1 Revenue Rises 21% Led by Logistics

Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd (APSEZ) reported a strong 21% year-on-year (YoY) increase in consolidated revenue for the first quarter of FY26, driven primarily by significant growth in its logistics and marine businesses. The company posted revenue of Rs 9,126 crore for April-June 2025, up from Rs 7,560 crore a year ago. Net profit rose 7% to Rs 3,311 crore, while EBITDA grew 13% to Rs 5,495 crore. Ashwani Gupta, Whole-time Director and CEO of APSEZ, highlighted that the logistics and marine sectors showed exceptional momentum, with logistics revenue doubling to Rs 1,169 crore and marine services nearly tripling to Rs 541 crore, aided by deployment of 118 vessels. Cargo handling volume rose 11% YoY to 121 million metric tonnes (MMT), increasing the company's all-India market share to 27.8%. Container volumes jumped 19%, and Krishnapatnam port recorded its highest-ever monthly cargo handling of 5.85 MMT in June. Internationally, Haifa port in Israel delivered a 29% YoY volume increase, with container traffic up 25% and other cargo rising 38%, generating the best quarterly revenue and EBITDA since acquisition by APSEZ. Key expansions included launching the fully automated Colombo West International Terminal under a 35-year BOT agreement, opening a new export terminal at Dhamra Port, and starting construction of two



additional berths to boost capacity to 92 MMT. The board approved the acquisition of NQXT Port in Australia, a deep-water export terminal with 50 MTPA capacity, pending regulatory approvals. On the sustainability front, APSEZ was named a "Leader" in the CDP Supplier Engagement Assessment 2024 and secured Zero Waste to Landfill certification for 12 ports, ranking in the top 15% of ESG-rated companies. The company raised Rs 5,000 crore through long-term debentures and launched a USD 450 million bond buy-back tender, improving debt maturity and lowering yields. APSEZ reaffirmed its FY26 guidance, supported by growing marine operations in the MEASA region and expanding logistics services from port to customer gate.





# NASA Calls India’s Night View from Space ‘Magical’

Former NASA astronaut Mike Massimino recently shared a breathtaking perspective of Earth during his appearance on Ranveer Allahbadia’s podcast, specifically highlighting the beauty of Indian cities like Mumbai and Delhi as seen from space.

Massimino, who made history as the first astronaut to post on social media from space, spoke about how the planet transforms into a glowing marvel at night. Recalling his time aboard the Space Shuttle, he said, “Nighttime, it gets really cool and magical. You can see the stars very clearly. But looking down on Earth, you see city lights. So you see some of the big cities like

Mumbai or New Delhi or New York City...”

In a short Instagram clip from the podcast, Allahbadia asked Massimino whether some parts of the Earth stood out more than others. Without hesitation, the astronaut replied, “India’s very beautiful. It’s all interesting.”

Massimino revealed that the stunning night views of India from orbit were so impactful that they motivated him to visit the country in person. The bright lights of Indian cities, spread like a sparkling web across the landscape, left a lasting impression on him.

The conversation resonated with audiences online, quickly gaining traction across social media platforms. Viewers were moved by the idea that India’s cities — often experienced through crowded streets and daily chaos — can look so peaceful and mesmerizing from above.

Massimino’s words serve as a reminder of Earth’s fragile beauty and the unique perspective astronauts gain in space. His appreciation of India’s glow from orbit is now inspiring many Indians to look up — and to take pride in what the world sees when it looks down from the stars.

## Affordable Jyotirlinga Darshan with Bharat Gaurav

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For those dreaming of going on a spiritual journey but hesitating due to high costs and travel worries, there’s good news. South Central Railway has introduced a special initiative — the “Bharat Gaurav” Special Tourist Train, offering a well-organized and budget-friendly pilgrimage to five Jyotirlinga temples across India.

The train, operated by IRCTC, will depart from Secunderabad Railway Station on August 16, 2025, at 2:00 PM, covering five sacred Jyotirlinga shrines over 8 nights and 9 days. It will pass through Kamareddy, Nizamabad, Dharmabad, Mudkhed, Nanded, and Purna before reaching the main pilgrimage points.

IRCTC ensures a stress-free pilgrimage experience. The package covers three meals daily, hotel accommodation, transport to temples, and IRCTC staff assistance in each coach throughout the trip. From the moment you board, everything from food to travel to darshan arrangements is taken care of. Even the return process is streamlined and comfortable.

Once passengers reach each destination, they will be transported to the temples in dedicated vehicles and guided through darshan from close proximity. With reliable food, clean rooms, and guided schedules, this tour is tailored to make your spiritual journey both peaceful and memorable.



IRCTC has urged devotees to utilize this rare opportunity for a comfortable, economical, and well-managed pilgrimage. Whether you’re travelling solo, with family, or with a group, the Bharat Gaurav train makes it easy.

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## 4,000-Year-Old ‘Doorway to Afterlife’ Found in Egyptian Tomb

A team of archaeologists has uncovered a remarkable find in Cairo — a massive pink granite “false door” believed to be a symbolic portal to the afterlife. The discovery was made inside the 4,000-year-old tomb of Prince Userefre, son of King Userkaf, the first ruler of Egypt’s Fifth Dynasty.



Located at the Saqqara archaeological site, the tomb includes inscriptions such as “hereditary prince,” “governor,” “minister,” and “chanting priest,” revealing the prince’s high status in ancient Egyptian society. The centerpiece of the discovery is a 15-foot tall, 1.15-meter wide pink granite door — the first of its kind in both scale and craftsmanship.

According to Egyptologist Ronald Lephoron from the University of Toronto, this is the first known mention of Prince Userefre. “Before this discovery, we didn’t even know he existed,” he said in an interview with The New Archaeologist.

The door, which does not open, was carved as a symbolic threshold allowing the spirit — or ka — of the deceased to move between the tomb and the afterlife. Dr. Melanie Pitkin of Cambridge University explained, “Family members

would come to the tomb, speak the deceased’s name, offer food and drink, and the ka would collect these offerings to sustain itself in the afterlife.”

The pink granite used for the door was sourced from Aswan, indicating the prince’s elite status, as the material was both rare and expensive.

This discovery was made by a joint Egyptian mission led by the Supreme Council of Antiquities and the Zahi Hawass Foundation. The Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities confirmed that other important artifacts from the Old Kingdom and later periods were also found at the site.

The stunning find adds a new chapter to our understanding of ancient Egyptian beliefs and royal burial practices.

## Paan Stains Spark Outrage in London’s Harrow

Residents of Harrow, London, Rare voicing frustration over the growing problem of red paan stains littering sidewalks, bins, and shop fronts. Once considered mainly an issue in India, the public spitting of paan — often mixed with tobacco leaves — has now become a serious concern in parts of Harrow, including Rayners Lane and North Harrow.

The local council has condemned the habit as “disgusting,” “unhygienic,” and a costly nuisance. A video circulating on Instagram captures locals expressing their anger about the unsightly red stains that have appeared across the neighborhood, prompting a strong response from authorities.

In July alone, Harrow Council issued 33 fines to individuals caught spitting paan in public. Officers have also confiscated over 4,000 packs of illegal tobacco as part of an ongoing crackdown on shops selling banned products.

The problem intensified with the opening of a new paan shop in North Harrow, which sparked a petition from concerned residents demanding stricter enforcement and better cleanliness around such establishments.

Council officials have visited shops that sell



paan, warning them to maintain cleanliness in their surroundings to help curb the issue. Despite government efforts and fines, the habit persists, leading to widespread irritation among the community.

Local authorities urge people to respect public spaces and avoid spitting paan in public areas, highlighting the health risks and the extra cost involved in cleaning these stains. The crackdown aims to promote a cleaner, safer, and more hygienic environment for all Harrow residents.

As the debate continues, residents hope for stronger measures and community cooperation to keep their streets free from paan stains and restore cleanliness to the area.

## Kerala Student Unveils “Talk-to-Write” Device to Aid Disabled

A Kerala student has developed an innovative “Talk-to-Write” device that converts spoken words into handwritten notes, aiming to assist people with disabilities. The AI-powered system was showcased at the Ente Keralam Expo 2025 held in May and has received widespread appreciation for its potential social impact.



Ajay H, an electronics and communication engineering graduate, shared details of the device on LinkedIn. The technology uses a CNC pen plotter controlled by Raspberry Pi, Arduino (GRBL), and Python to transcribe speech into handwritten text on A4 paper, line by line.

“This platform allowed us to present how accessible, inclusive tech can be built by combining AI, embedded systems, and a clear vision for social impact,” Ajay said. He also thanked his team members Aparna Hari, Roobak Hari Nair, and Akash G Nair for their dedication and creativity in bringing the project to life.

The device is designed as a digital scribe, helping those who find it difficult to write manually due to disabilities. Its ability to transform voice into neat handwritten notes offers a valuable solution for people seeking greater in-

dependence and communication ease.

Social media users have praised the innovation. Comments like “Excellent!” and “That’s a great idea! If developed further, it could help many people,” reflect the excitement around the project.

In related developments, engineers at Virginia Tech have created a robotic arm with an adaptive gripper to assist individuals with mobility impairments in handling objects of varying sizes and textures. This technology is particularly useful for managing delicate items like baked goods and fresh produce.

Together, these innovations mark important steps toward making technology more inclusive and supportive for people with disabilities.



# Brazil Wins Ninth Women’s Copa America Title

Brazil claimed their ninth Women’s Copa America title after a thrilling 5-4 penalty shootout victory over Colombia at the Estadio Rodrigo Paz Delgado in Quito, Ecuador, on August 2, 2025. The roller-coaster final ended 4-4 after extra time, with both teams showing incredible resilience.

Colombia took the lead three times during the match, only for Brazil to equalize each time. The first goal came in the 25th minute when Colombia’s Linda Caicedo finished a slick team move. Brazil’s Angelina scored a penalty just before halftime, awarded after a VAR-reviewed foul on Gio Garbelini.

Colombia regained the lead through a Brazil own goal in the 69th minute, but Amanda Gutierrez fired Brazil level again ten minutes before full time with her sixth goal of the tournament. Colombia’s Mayra Ramirez restored their advantage with a swift counter-attack goal, setting the stage for a dramatic finish.

The game looked lost for Brazil until veteran Marta, coming on as a late substitute, scored a stunning equalizer



six minutes into stoppage time to send the match into extra time. Marta then scored again early in extra time, giving Brazil the lead. Colombia responded with a brilliant free-kick from Leicy Santos in the 115th minute, pushing the match to penalties.

The shootout was just as tense, with Colombia taking an early lead after Angelina missed. However, Brazil gained the upper hand when Colombia’s Manuela Pavi missed and goalkeeper Lore-

na saved Leicy Santos’ attempt. Marta’s chance to clinch the title was saved by Colombia’s Katherine Tapia, pushing the shootout to sudden death. Finally, Carabali’s miss sealed Brazil’s victory.

Brazil’s Amanda Gutierrez said, “It’s Brazil’s job. That mentality of never giving up is a source of pride for us.” The win marks another milestone in Brazil’s dominant history in women’s football.

# Aman Sehrawat Shines at Trials, Eyes World Championship Glory

Paris Olympics bronze medallist Aman Sehrawat delivered a dominant performance at the World Championship selection trials, winning both his bouts by technical superiority. His display left no doubt that he is back in top form ahead of the World Wrestling Championship in Zagreb, Croatia, next month.

Sehrawat, who returned to action in June with a bronze at the Mongolia Ranking Series, showed marked improvement in both sharpness and agility. In his first bout, he outclassed Sumit, conceding only push-out points, and wrapped up the match in the first period. His final in the 57kg category against Rahul was one-sided, with Sehrawat not conceding a single point.

He began the final with a push-out point and followed it up with a clean leg attack for a two-point takedown. “I feel I am back to my best. My fitness and rhythm are in place. I’m ready for the World Championship,” he said confidently. While he acknowledged his mistakes in Mongolia, he sees that loss as part of his learning curve. In the 65kg category, Sujeet Kalkal



impressed with his solid defence and exceptional counterattacks. He beat Anuj 10-0 and overcame Vishal Kaliraman 8-4, converting defensive situations into scoring chances. “Sujeet has developed rapidly. He beat top wrestlers from Russia and Kazakhstan recently. He’s an Olympic medal contender,” said coach Vinod Kumar. Deepak Punia, now competing in

92kg, also secured his spot with commanding victories. He needed just 73 seconds to defeat Manjeet before overcoming Sachin. Other wrestlers qualifying for the freestyle team include Udit (61kg), Sunny Kumar (63kg), Anil (67kg), Rohit (70kg), Jaideep (74kg), Amit (79kg), Mukul Dahiya (86kg), Vickey (97kg), and Rajat (125kg).

# A gripping series and a fantastic finale

How do you even begin to sum up a series like this? Words like “classic” or “epic” feel inadequate. For five Tests, across 25 days and over 70 sessions, India and England were locked in a relentless battle that swung back and forth like a pendulum, refusing to allow one side to dominate for long.

India, armed with experience and home conditions, faced a fearless and hungry English unit that refused to be overawed. The contest brought everything a cricket fan could ask for—brilliant centuries, gritty fightbacks, devastating spells, electric fielding, and even heated confrontations. There were moments of brilliance, lapses under pressure, and displays of pure heart from both camps.

After four Tests, the series stood at 2-1



in favour of India. But just when it seemed like the home side might close it out, England produced a stunning performance at The Oval, securing a memorable victory to level the series. That win wasn’t just a statistic; it was a statement. England’s young brigade had stepped up under pressure, and the seasoned heads guided them through.

India, too, had its heroes—batters standing tall, bowlers relentless, and

moments of individual genius that kept the team afloat. But in the end, the scoreboard read 2-2—an outcome that felt fitting after such an intense, balanced contest.

This wasn’t just a series; it was theatre. And as the dust settled, both teams walked away with their heads held high, their reputations enhanced. Cricket was the real winner.

# Swiatek Upset, Osaka Impresses at Canadian Open

In a stunning upset at the Canadian Open, Wimbledon champion and second seed Iga Swiatek was ousted in the Round of 16 by Denmark’s Clara Tauson. Tauson, ranked 16th, defeated Swiatek 7-6(1), 6-3, using a mix of creativity and power to disrupt the six-time Grand Slam winner’s rhythm. Despite challenging windy conditions, Tauson kept her composure after being broken in the second set and sealed the victory when Swiatek’s backhand sailed into the net.

“It’s tough conditions here with the wind but I tried my best to keep my head cool and keep working,” Tauson said after the match. Her win follows a similar upset the previous day, when top seed Coco Gauff fell in straight sets to Canadian teenager Victoria Mboko. Both Swiatek and Gauff will be looking to fine-tune their games ahead of the US Open starting later this month.

Tauson will face Madison Keys in the quarterfinals. Keys, known for her big serve, saved two match points to secure a tough 4-6, 6-3, 7-5 win against Czech player Karolina Muchova.

Meanwhile, former world No. 1 Naomi Osaka displayed glimpses of her former dominance with a commanding 6-1, 6-0 victory over Anastasija Sevastova in just 49 minutes, booking her place in the quarterfi-



nals. On the men’s side in Toronto, Australian Alex de Minaur showcased his quick defense to edge out American Frances Tiafoe 6-2, 4-6, 6-4. De Minaur will face American Ben Shelton, who won a tight battle against Italy’s Flavio Cobolli 6-4, 4-6, 7-6(1).

The Canadian Open continues to heat up as players gear up for the US Open later this month.

# Novak Djokovic Withdraws from Cincinnati Masters



Novak Djokovic announced his withdrawal from this week’s ATP Cincinnati Masters, marking exactly one year since his triumphant Olympic gold medal victory in Paris. Tournament officials confirmed the news to The Athletic on Monday, signaling that the 38-year-old Serbian star will not play any matches between his recent Wimbledon semifinal loss and the upcoming US Open, which begins in three weeks.

Djokovic’s decision comes as part of his ongoing strategy to manage his schedule and fitness, following a demanding season. The world number one, alongside top players like Carlos Alcaraz and Jannik Sinner, has opted to skip the current ATP Toronto Masters to rest and recover after Wimbledon. While Djokovic sits out Cincinnati, Sinner has already been present at the venue since the weekend, preparing for the event. On Monday, Sinner and his team shared a casual selfie from a golf course on social media,

highlighting their downtime after the opening practice session at the pre-US Open tournament. Djokovic’s history at Cincinnati is notable. He first competed in the tournament in 2005 and has won it three times, including his most recent title in 2023 after overcoming the disappointment of five previous final losses. The Serbian superstar holds 24 Grand Slam singles titles, underscoring his status as one of the all-time greats in tennis. As the US Open approaches, Djokovic’s withdrawal from Cincinnati raises questions about his readiness for the last Grand Slam of the season. However, his careful rest period reflects a broader trend among top players who prioritize peak performance at major events by limiting participation in smaller tournaments. Fans will now eagerly watch how Djokovic approaches the US Open, where he remains a strong contender despite the abbreviated preparation.





# Jr NTR’s Esquire Cover Marks Stylish National Debut

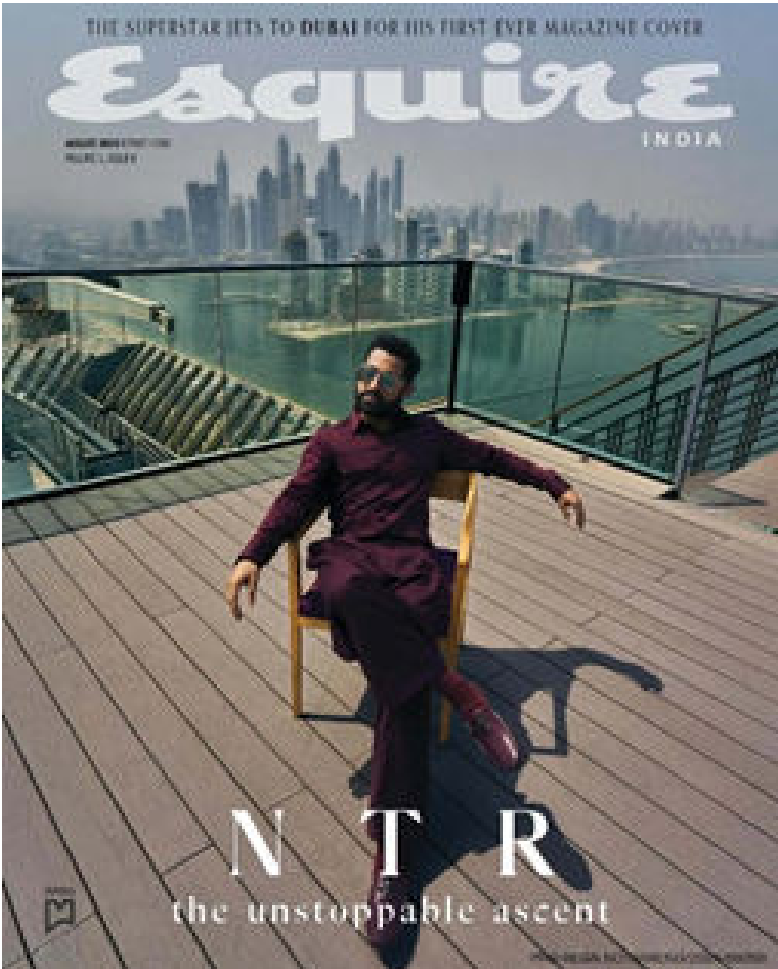
Jr. NTR is making waves once again — not just on screen, but in the world of high fashion. The RRR star has landed his first Esquire India cover, and it’s already grabbing attention for all the right reasons.

Shot at The View on Palm Jumeirah, Dubai, the backdrop features the city’s iconic skyline — a fitting match for Jr. NTR’s towering screen presence. Dressed in a striking deep maroon shirt paired with matching trousers and loafers, he channels a strong monochrome statement. His look is finished with reflective sunglasses and perfectly styled hair, giving off an air of effortless charm and confidence.

The photoshoot places Jr. NTR in a minimal setup — seated on a simple wooden chair, letting his presence do the talking. The styling, though understated, makes a strong impact, highlighting his transition into a global fashion icon.

The feature comes just days before the release of War 2, where Jr. NTR stars opposite Hrithik Roshan. Set to hit screens on August 14, the film marks a major crossover into mainstream Hindi cinema for the Telugu superstar.

Esquire notes that while Jr. NTR carries a powerful film legacy, he refuses to be confined by



it. Instead, he’s building a multifaceted persona — one that blends intense performances with refined personal style.

This cover is more than a fashion statement; it’s a bold declaration of Jr. NTR’s evolving journey. Whether it’s action-packed blockbusters or high-profile magazine spreads, he continues to redefine what it means to be a pan-Indian star with global appeal.

# Su From So Telugu Trailer Unleashed

The much-awaited Telugu trailer of Su From So has finally dropped, promising a hilarious ride through a mysterious village tale. Originally a Kannada hit, the film is now being brought to Telugu audiences by Mythri Movie Makers in association with Lighter Buddha Films. The film is all set for a theatrical release on August 8.



Directed by JP Thuminad, the trailer opens with a calm narration by a man named Ashok, who introduces his peaceful village and its quirky residents, including the local leader Ravi Anna and his gang. Life seems routine until strange incidents start unsettling the village — someone begins knocking on doors at night, stirring fear and confusion.

As the mystery deepens, villagers suspect that Ashok might be possessed. To solve the situation, they call in a quirky conjurer named Sulochana from Someshwara. What follows is a series of laugh-out-loud moments laced with superstition, chaos, and comical encounters.

The trailer is packed with rustic charm, thanks to S Chandrasekaran’s grounded visuals and Sand-

deep Thulasidas’s upbeat musical score. Shaneel Gautham, playing Ravi Anna, steals the spotlight with his impeccable comedic timing, supported by a strong ensemble cast. The final moments of the trailer are particularly entertaining and set the tone for a fun-filled village comedy with a touch of supernatural madness.

With a blend of satire, folklore, and rural humor, Su From So looks to connect with Telugu audiences while retaining its original flavor. The trailer hints at a film that’s both rooted and refreshingly different.

Distributed by Mythri Distributors LLP, the movie’s August 8 release is eagerly anticipated by fans of offbeat, content-driven comedy.

# The Raja Saab Delay Fans Seek Official Word

Prabhas fans are once again left in uncertainty as fresh buzz suggests that his upcoming film The Raja Saab may face another postponement. Directed by Maruthi and produced by People Media Factory, the film was earlier announced for a grand release on December 5, 2025. However, the latest promotional material has fans questioning that date. On the occasion of lead actress Malavika Mohanan’s birthday, the makers unveiled a special poster featuring her character. While fans appreciated the gesture and welcomed Malavika’s Tollywood debut, what caught their attention was the missing release date — a detail that was prominently featured in earlier announcements. The omission has sparked widespread speculation that The Raja Saab might now be eyeing a January 2026 release instead. If true, this would mark the second delay for the horror-comedy, leading to

growing frustration among Prabhas’ fans. Social media platforms have since been flooded with posts demanding clarity. Many fans are urging the production team to provide a concrete update to avoid further confusion. Given the scale of the project and Prabhas’ massive pan-India appeal, expectations around the release are sky-high, making transparency crucial at this stage. Alongside Prabhas and Malavika, the film also stars Nidhhi Agerwal and Riddhi Kumar in key roles, with Sanjay Dutt playing a pivotal part. Touted as a horror-comedy with commercial elements, The Raja Saab is planned for release in five major Indian languages. As anticipation builds, fans hope the makers will soon address the rumours and provide an official confirmation on the film’s status. For now, all eyes remain on People Media Factory and director Maruthi for the much-needed update.



# Gurram Paapireddy Teaser Hints at Quirky Dark Comedy

The teaser of Gurram Paapireddy has officially dropped, offering a vibrant and eccentric preview of what promises to be a unique cinematic ride. Directed by Murali Manohar, the film stars Naresh Agastya and Faria Abdullah in lead roles and explores the offbeat world of dark comedy with a Rayalaseema twist.

The teaser opens with Naresh Agastya narrating a 16th-century story, which quickly veers into a contemporary, quirky narrative. The sudden appearance of comedy legend Brahmanandam as a grumpy lawyer instantly draws laughs, setting the tone for the film’s humor-heavy approach.

Though the storyline remains under wraps, the teaser’s fast-paced edits, eccentric character reveals, and unexpected shifts hint at a film packed with situational comedy and clever writing. The presence of well-known supporting actors like Yogi Babu, Rajkumar Kasireddy, Vamshidhar Kosgi, Jeevan Kumar, John Vijay, and Motta Rajendran only adds to the film’s promising appeal.

Visually, the teaser is rich and stylish. Krishna Saurabh’s cinematography captures both rustic and vibrant tones, while the high production



quality ensures a polished look. The film’s energy, supported by a lively score, makes it clear that Gurram Paapireddy aims to entertain with its mix of action, humor, and offbeat storytelling.

Produced by Venu Satti, Amar Bura, and Jayakanth (Bobby), and presented by Dr. Sandhya Goli, the film already has social media buzzing with excitement. The teaser has struck a chord with audiences for its unpredictability and distinct tone — a refreshing change from routine comedy formats.

With an ensemble cast, quirky characters, and a promise of chaotic fun, Gurram Paapireddy looks set to deliver a laugh-out-loud theatrical experience that stands out from the usual fare.

# Ajith Marks 33 Years with Emotional Tribute to Fans

Tamil superstar Ajith Kumar has completed an inspiring 33 years in the film industry. On this significant occasion, the actor shared a heartfelt note, reflecting on his journey and expressing deep gratitude to his fans who stood by him through every high and low.



In the note, Ajith humbly dismissed the idea of celebrating landmark numbers, saying, “Each passing year is a landmark year.” He credited his fans for being the constant force behind his success. “I am not what I am without you,” he wrote.

Ajith opened up about his humble beginnings and the struggles he faced. “I did not come from legacy or influence. I started with nothing but a will to try,” he said. Speaking about his setbacks, injuries, and moments of doubt, Ajith emphasized how perseverance shaped him: “It’s not something I learnt, it’s something I lived.”

He also acknowledged the many ups and downs in his cinematic career. “I have fallen and risen more times than I can count. When I doubted myself, your love lifted me,” he wrote, thanking fans for their unwavering support even during his low phases.

Ajith, known for his passion for motorsport, shared how racing challenges him differently. “A track doesn’t care who you are. It demands respect, focus, and grit.” Reflecting on his 2025 return to motorsports with Ajith Kumar Racing, he called it a statement of resilience — “Age, fear, and obstacles are real, but so is willpower.”

Ending on a note of gratitude, Ajith assured his fans that their love would never be taken for granted. “You’ve turned admiration into acts of kindness. I see you. I thank you.”

Ajith’s message stands as a powerful reminder of humility, grit, and the lasting bond between a star and his fans.