

Has Op Kamal Begun in Telangana?

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Hyderabad: The political landscape in Telangana is witnessing tremors yet again — this time with clear signs of a possible “Operation Kamal” unfolding in the Telangana’s southern belt. The recent resignation of senior BRS leader and former Achampet MLA Guvvala Balaraju has triggered speculation of a larger strategic shift, with sources suggesting the BJP has begun moving its pieces to alter the balance of power in southern Telangana ahead of the local body elections.

Balaraju’s exit from BRS, though officially attributed to dissatisfaction over ticket allocation and neglect by party leadership, appears to be part of a broader script. His departure, coming at a time when the BRS is still recovering from its Assembly poll defeat, is being seen as the first move in a potential chain reaction — and it’s raising eyebrows not just because of who left, but why and what comes next.

Behind the scenes, the BJP’s Palamuru unit is believed to be working overtime, reaching out to disillusioned former MLAs and influential leaders in Nagarkurnool, Mahbubnagar, and Wanaparthy. Guvvala Balaraju’s resignation — and the swirling talk of his likely BJP entry — has reignited speculation that the saffron party may be orchestrating a silent coup within the ranks of BRS in Telangana’s southern belt.

While Balaraju maintained in public that he hasn’t officially joined any party, his recent meeting with Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy and the viral audio leak — in which he can be heard expressing concern over a possible BRS-BJP alliance and justifying his move to join the BJP before such a merger — reveal a more calculated political shift.

“There are reports that BRS might merge with BJP or form an alliance. If that happens, our future will be in danger. That’s why I decided to make my own way and join BJP before the BRS does,” he is heard saying in the leaked call. This message is being viewed by insiders as a signal to other



former BRS MLAs. Already, names of ex-legislators from Bhuvanagiri, Nagar Kurnool, and Makthal are doing the rounds as potential defectors who may soon switch sides to BJP. The goal? To consolidate regional power and prepare the BJP’s ground for a stronger showing in the upcoming local body elections.

Balaraju’s parting shots were also telling. He accused the BRS leadership of sidelining strong leaders and questioned their commitment to social justice. “The BRS has chosen leaders who are ineffective among the people. Does the party have the courage to offer tickets to Dalits in general constituencies?” he asked.

He also distanced himself from controversies such as the MLA poaching case, claiming he merely followed KCR’s orders to “observe” the developments. His remarks on KCR’s family being under emotional stress, and his decision to quit without lashing out in his resignation letter, suggest a deliberate attempt to exit gracefully — possibly to avoid burning bridges before a new political chapter.

While BRS is still putting on a brave face publicly, it is clear that fault lines within the party have deepened. If more leaders follow Balaraju’s path in the coming weeks, it may not just be a leadership crisis for BRS — it could mark the beginning of a serious political realignment in Telangana.

Congress Twisting Facts On KLIP: Harish Rao

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Former Irrigation Minister and BRS senior leader T Harish Rao on Tuesday mounted a strong defence of the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project (KLIP), countering the Congress government’s accusations with official records, expert recommendations, and statutory clearances.

In a detailed presentation titled “Congress conspiracies on Kaleshwaram project: Commission distortions, facts,” Harish Rao accused the Revanth Reddy-led Congress government of spreading misinformation ahead of local body elections. He said the project was not a political stunt, but a scientifically planned and expertly approved initiative.

Tummid Hatti Was Not Viable



Harish Rao clarified that the shift from Tummid Hatti to Medigadda as the barrage site was based on expert technical advice and not a political decision. He cited the Central Water Commission (CWC), which found that the Tummid Hatti site could not ensure 160 TMC water availability. He also quoted a written communication by then Union Minister Uma Bharati supporting the same.

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A Selfie Linking Two Liquor Scams?

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As the investigation into the Andhra Pradesh liquor scam intensifies, a 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. Chandrababbar 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 coordination 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.

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.

Congress Leaders Heads to Delhi for BC Quota Protest

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Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, accompanied by his Cabinet colleagues and senior Congress leaders, has left for New Delhi to participate in a protest at Jantar Mantar on Wednesday. The demonstration is aimed at demanding Presidential assent for the BC reservations Bill passed by the Telangana Legislative Assembly earlier this year.

AICC Telangana in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan, TPCC president Mahesh Kumar Goud, and other party leaders had already departed for Delhi by a special train on Monday. Several



ministers, including BC Welfare Minister Ponnamm Prabhakar, flew to the national capital on Tuesday. Ponnamm Prabhakar revealed that the Congress has prepared a three-day action plan to push for the implementation of 42% reservations for Backward Classes in Telangana.

As part of the plan, the party submitted an Adjournment Motion in Parliament on Tuesday, calling for a discussion on the issue. Wednesday will see the Congress staging a protest at Jantar Mantar, followed by a meeting on Thursday where a delegation led by Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi will meet President Droupadi Murmu. The purpose is to formally urge her to approve the reservation Bills already passed by the Telangana Assembly.

The State Assembly had passed the Bills on March 17 and forwarded them to Governor C P Radhakrishnan, who in turn sent them to the President for assent.



Road Sinks in Banjara Hills, Tanker Trapped

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A portion of the road in Hyderabad’s upscale Banjara Hills caved in due to heavy rains on Monday, leading to a tanker getting stuck at the spot. The incident left the vehicle’s driver and cleaner injured.

Soon after the incident, police, GHMC officials, and emergency staff rushed to the location. Locals helped in shifting the injured to a nearby hospital for

treatment. The road collapse severely disrupted traffic in the area, prompting traffic police to initiate measures to remove the stranded tanker and divert vehicles to alternate routes.

Authorities are investigating the cause of the road collapse, with preliminary reports indicating rain-induced weakening of the surface. GHMC teams are assessing the damage and planning restoration work.

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He explained that the Maharashtra government's refusal to permit a Full Reservoir Level of 152 metres at Tummidhi Hatti made the location unworkable. Based on this, engineers concluded Medigadda was the most suitable site, confirmed by a WAPCOS-led LIDAR survey and a sworn affidavit submitted to the Kaleshwaram Commission.

Not KCR's Solo Decisions

Responding to allegations that the KLIP lacked cabinet approval, Harish Rao presented records of Cabinet resolutions passed in June 2016, May 2018, and August 2021 endorsing the re-engineered design. He further revealed that the project received statutory clearance from 11 central agencies, including the CWC. "All claims that this project

lacked approvals are false. The DPR and every change in design were based on scientific advice and Cabinet ratification," he said. On the issue of a single pillar sinking at Medigadda, Harish Rao said the damage was isolated and not reflective of the entire structure. "There are 225 pillars. One issue doesn't make the whole project faulty," he remarked, accusing the Congress of turning it into a political drama.

He also questioned why the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) was quick to respond to Medigadda but ignored repeated breaches at Polavaram. Harish Rao concluded by saying the full Commission report, when tabled, would be countered point-by-point by the BRS to expose the political motives behind the Congress government's claims.

Sanjay to Testify Before SIT in Phone Tapping Case

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Union Minister of State for Home Affairs and BJP leader Bandi Sanjay Kumar will appear before the Special Investigation Team (SIT) on August 8 in connection with the phone tapping case linked to the previous BRS government. His office confirmed on Tuesday that he would depose as a witness and submit crucial evidence.

Kumar had earlier sought to give his statement on July 28 but was unable to attend due to the Parliament session. He has publicly alleged that former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao was behind the surveillance operation and has assured full cooperation with the investigation.

The SIT is probing allegations that a covert surveillance operation was carried out by a "Special Operations Team" under the Special Intelligence



Bureau (SIB) during the BRS regime. The team was allegedly formed under a now-suspended DSP to monitor political opponents and other individuals without proper authorization. Former SIB chief T. Prabhakar Rao, considered the prime accused, has already been questioned. He is alleged to have directed the surveillance activities, which reportedly included unauthorised profiling and monitoring of several individuals to benefit the ruling party at the time.

In March 2024, four police officials, including the suspended DSP, were arrested for tampering with intelligence data and carrying out illegal phone tapping. They were later granted bail.

The case has drawn widespread political attention, with opposition parties demanding accountability and transparency in the investigation.

Seethakka Seeks More NREGS Days

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Telangana State Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Minister Seethakka met Union Minister of State for Rural Development Pemmasani Chandrasekhar, appealing for the restoration of full workday allocations under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) for Telangana.



Seethakka was accompanied by Civil Supplies Minister Ponnamm Prabhakar, Warangal Mayor Gundu Sudharani, and Mulugu District Congress President Paidakula Ashok during the meeting held in Delhi. The minister submitted a petition highlighting that while Telangana had received 12 crore workdays under MGNREGS last year, the Centre had drastically reduced the allocation to just 6.5 crore workdays this year. She noted that the cutback had become a major hurdle to rural development and employment generation across

the state. Minister Seethakka emphasized that the Employment Guarantee Scheme not only provides jobs to rural people but also plays a crucial role in creating basic infrastructure in villages. "Limiting workdays is affecting both livelihoods and developmental progress," she said. Union Minister Pemmasani Chandrasekhar responded positively and assured that the Centre would review the issue and take appropriate action. Seethakka thanked him for the assurance and expressed hope for a favourable outcome.

MP Seeks Urea Supply for Telangana

TPN Correspondent | Telangana

Bhuvanagiri MP Chama Kiran Kumar Reddy has written to Union Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers J.P. Nadda, seeking urgent intervention to resolve the shortage of urea in Telangana during the ongoing Kharif season. In his letter, the MP highlighted that although 9.80 lakh metric tonnes (LMT) of urea were allocated to Telangana for Kharif 2025, only 4.36 LMT have been supplied as of July 31, against the expected 6.60 LMT from April to July—resulting in a shortfall of 2.24 LMT. He added that the State's actual requirement for August is around 3.50 LMT, but only 1.70 LMT has been allocated, deepening the crisis.

Farmers across Telangana, especially those cultivating cotton, maize, and paddy, are reportedly facing severe difficulties due to the shortage, Reddy said. The situation has led to mounting distress among the farming community during the crucial cropping period.



The MP also noted that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy had previously brought this issue to the Centre's attention, stressing the urgent need to fulfil the State's fertilizer needs. Reddy pointed out that not only Telangana but also farmers in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka are facing similar shortages.

Urging immediate action, the MP requested that the Centre ensure the full and timely supply of urea to Telangana as per the Fertilizer Allocation Letter issued on February 17, 2025.

Tollywood Tensions Rise Over Worker's Pay

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Leaders of the Telugu Film Industry Employees Federation met Additional Commissioner of Labor Gangadhar to discuss the long-pending issue of wage revisions for film workers. The federation is demanding a 30% wage hike, citing increased workload, rising costs of living, and the crucial role of workers in the industry's functioning. Federation President Anil stated that the Labor Commission had proposed a certain percentage hike earlier, but the federation did not agree to the suggestion and insisted on a full 30% hike. He emphasized that the demand is not to burden anyone but to ensure fair compensation for the labor and dedication of thousands of workers behind the scenes in film production. "We are not here to rob anyone. We are asking for rightful dues for our workers' hard work. A



healthy film industry benefits everyone — both producers and workers," Anil said, speaking to the media after the meeting. Additional Commissioner Gangadhar assured the federation leaders that the matter would be discussed with the Telugu Film Producers Council and steps would be taken to resolve the issue amicably. He expressed hope that a final decision could be reached by Tuesday. The Employees Federation added that their intention is to find a workable solution without causing disruption to the film industry. They reiterated that fair wages will not only uplift the workers' lives but also contribute to the industry's overall stability and growth.

State Approves Tiger Monitoring Unit

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The Telangana State Wildlife Board has approved the creation of a dedicated 'Tiger Cell' to monitor the movement of tigers and leopards across forest regions. This decision was a key outcome of the board's 9th meeting held at the Secretariat chaired by Forest Minister Konda Surekha. The cell will enhance wildlife monitoring and help prevent human-wildlife conflict. The meeting was attended by Panchayat Raj Minister Seethakka and MLAs Payam Venkateswarlu, Koram Kanakaiah, Murali Naik, Ramdas Naik, and Vedma Bojju. Minister Surekha reiterated the government's commitment to enforcing forest laws strictly and reaffirmed support for Adivasi rights. The board discussed multiple projects



in forest areas, approving the Peddagattu Lift Irrigation Project in Nalgonda while rejecting an 11 KV substation in Mulugu on environmental grounds. It was also decided to conduct a study on the impact of heavy vehicle traffic in Kawal Tiger Reserve, focusing on wildlife deaths and pollution. The board resolved to review 22 rural road projects and recommended allocating forest checkpoint revenues exclusively for forest conservation and staff welfare.

Doctor Held at Airport in Surrogacy Scam

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Hyderabad police detained Dr Vidyulatha, an accused in the surrogacy scam linked to the Universal Fertility Centre, at Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA) on Monday night while she allegedly attempted to flee to Visakhapatnam. Immigration officials intercepted her at the airport and alerted the Gopalpuram police, who took her into custody. A lookout circular had already been issued against the doctor for her suspected role in aiding the key accused, Dr Namratha, in the ongoing surrogacy scam.

According to the police, Vidyulatha was involved in providing illegal treatments, which reportedly led to the removal of uteruses in some cases. Statements from arrested accused, including Dr Namratha, Kalyani, and Dhanasri Santoshi, indicated Vidyulatha's involvement. She had reportedly visited Hyderabad on personal work and was detained during her return attempt. Police said they had been monitoring her movements closely.

The surrogacy scam has now widened, with a total of 16 suspects and 12 arrests made so far. Investigations are ongoing to uncover the full scale of the illegal activities allegedly conducted at the fertility centre.



Don't Stop Free Water: KTR

TPN Correspondent | Telangana

BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao has issued a stern warning to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy over reports that the Congress government may scrap the free drinking water scheme in Hyderabad. He said any attempt to tamper with the scheme, launched by former CM K. Chandrashekhara Rao, would face massive public opposition.

KTR said the free water scheme is vital for over 1.2 crore people in the city and that discontinuing it would be a political blunder. "The people will never forgive the Congress or Revanth Reddy if this scheme is rolled back," he warned.

He also criticised the Congress for failing to deliver on its election promises. "It has been 20 months, and Revanth Reddy hasn't fulfilled even a fraction of the 420 promises made. Now, unable to supply water to farmers, they are targeting Hyderabad's drinking water," he said.

Accusing the government of poor planning, KTR pointed to worsening civic conditions, such as bad roads, drainage issues, and flawed proposals like HYDRAP. He added that under the BRS regime, such issues never arose.

KTR concluded by saying the people of Hyderabad were ready to give a strong political response to Congress for its inefficiency and misplaced priorities.



Ready to Resign from MLA Post Again: Rajagopal Reddy

TPN Correspondent | Telangana

Munugode MLA Komatireddy Rajagopal Reddy has once again stirred the political waters with sensational remarks during his constituency tour. In a bold statement, he declared that he is ready to resign from his MLA post once again — if that serves the interests of the people of Munugode. Rajagopal Reddy, who inaugurated a power substation in Lachchamagudem, Narayanapuram mandal, used the occasion to directly respond to critics. "Some say I'm speaking like this because I didn't get a minister post. Only those who loot thousands of crores want big positions. I'm not like them," he asserted.

He revealed that the Congress leadership had earlier suggested he contest from LB Nagar, with a promise of a ministerial berth. However, he chose to stay back and contest from Munugode. "If someone like me becomes a minister, it would benefit people. I resigned during the BRS rule and brought the government to the people's doorstep. I'm ready to resign again if needed," he said.

The MLA has been openly expressing dissatisfaction with the Congress leadership ever since the recent cabinet expansion left him out. He said that juniors were given ministerial posts while he was



sidelined, despite the party's earlier assurance. "This is their wisdom," he remarked sarcastically.

Reiterating that the development of Munugode is his top priority, Rajagopal Reddy said, "I don't beg for posts. Do I want a ministerial position or the people of Munugode? I choose the people."

Rajagopal Reddy didn't hold back in criticizing Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy either. He lashed out at the CM's recent comments that he would remain in power for the next ten years, calling it against the spirit of Congress ideology. He also strongly objected to the crackdown on social media journalists, led by CM Revanth, stating on Twitter that such actions were undemocratic and unacceptable. His fiery remarks have once again put the spotlight on internal tensions within the Congress party in Telangana, especially as Rajagopal Reddy continues to voice dissent at every available opportunity.

Ramachander Gets Grand Welcome in Peddapalli

TPN Correspondent | Peddapalli

BJP Telangana State President N. Ramchandra Rao received a grand welcome in Peddapalli district as part of his tour of Peddapalli, Mancherial, Kumuram Bheem, and Asifabad districts. Party workers and supporters gathered in large numbers, welcoming him with saffron flags and a massive rally through the streets of Peddapalli town. During the rally, Rao was joined by local BJP leaders and cadres. The event witnessed a significant political development as former BRS leader Nalla Manohar Reddy joined the BJP, along with over 300 activists from the Congress and BRS. Rao welcomed the new members by offering party



scarves, calling it a sign of the growing strength of the BJP in Telangana.

In his address, Rao accused both the Congress and BRS of betraying public trust. He said the people had already experienced the corrupt rule of BRS and the anti-people governance of Congress, and were now ready to give BJP a chance. He added that the BJP

had consistently fought on public issues, while Congress reaped the benefits without meaningful contribution.

Targeting the Congress government, Rao highlighted its failure to fulfill electoral promises. He said the promised ₹15,000 per acre under Rythu Bharosa was never fully delivered, with only ₹6,000 paid in two installments just

before local polls. He blamed the state government for mismanagement in fertilizer distribution, despite the Centre supplying 12.47 lakh metric tonnes of urea, more than the state's demand.

Rao also pointed to the revival of the Ramagundam fertilizer plant at a cost of ₹6,300 crore and ₹20,000 crore worth of central development works in Peddapalli. He criticised Congress for failing to develop the district and for attempting to dilute BC reservation promises by including religious quotas. Calling the Congress a party driven by caste and religious politics, Rao urged BJP workers to unite at the grassroots level and ensure a BJP victory in the upcoming local body elections.

Tension Flares at Balapur Ration Event

TPN Correspondent |Hyderabad

Tensions flared during a government-organised ration card distribution program in Balapur, Maheshwaram constituency. Congress and BRS party workers clashed in the presence of senior leaders. The event, held at YAR Convention Hall, saw the participation of Ranga Reddy district in-charge Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu and Maheshwaram MLA and former minister Sabita Indra Reddy.

What was intended as a welfare outreach initiative turned chaotic when workers from both parties disrupted the proceedings, raising slogans and engaging in heated arguments. The unrest reportedly began over disagreements regarding protocol and the inclusion of leaders on stage.

MLA Sabita Indra Reddy, visibly upset by the developments, briefly exited the venue in protest. Speaking to reporters later, she criticised the ruling Congress party for ignoring protocol and alleged that elected representatives from opposition parties were being sidelined at official government events. "Government events must follow protocol. It is inappropriate to exclude former ministers and sitting MLAs," she said.

She also condemned the police for allegedly mishandling BRS supporters and misbehaving with members of the media. "Even journalists were not spared. The language used by officials recently, including the Chief Minister, against the press is regrettable," she added.

Minister Sridhar Babu, addressing the gathering earlier, highlighted the Congress government's commitment to welfare. He announced that 12,000 new ration cards were being issued in Maheshwaram as part of a broader plan to include 20,000 new families under the public distribution system. "This is part of the Congress government's commitment to social justice and inclusive growth," he said.

He noted that the government has already rolled out six major schemes, including free electricity, free bus travel, enhanced pension benefits, and now new ration cards. "What the previous government could not do in ten years, we are delivering in a matter of months," Sridhar Babu claimed.

The incident reflects the deepening political rivalry between Congress and BRS ahead of the upcoming local body elections, with both parties vying for influence at the grassroots level.



Ponguleti Slams KCR Over Kaleshwaram Scam



TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

State Minister for Revenue, Housing, and Information & Public Relations, Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, criticized on former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao, alleging massive corruption in the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project during the BRS regime. He said the Justice P.C. Ghosh Committee's 665-page report has confirmed the irregularities. Speaking at Tirumalayapalem mandal after laying the foundation stone for ₹3.30 crore worth of Panchayat Raj roads, the minister said, "We had warned before the elections that KCR looted public money. Now it stands proven. The illegally acquired money should be returned to the people."

The minister also distributed new ration cards, Kalyana Lakshmi and CMR cheques at the local Rythu Vedita. He assured that all eligible citizens in the state will receive new ration cards and that no one will be left out of the Indiramma housing scheme. "We are allotting 3,500 houses per constituency and more will be given in three upcoming phases," he added.

Ponguleti stated that one of the 15 new ITI colleges being set up in the state has been sanctioned for Tirumalayapalem. Additionally, the 30-bed hospital in the area will be upgraded to a 50-bed facility with an investment of ₹26 crore. He said that ₹77.5 crore has already been allocated for development in the mandal.

The minister criticised the Dharani portal, calling it a curse for the poor, and said the government has introduced the Bhubharati system in its place. "People were deceived by false promises of BRS for two terms. This time, they gave them a slap by voting for change," he said.

HC Warns Cops in Bhoodan Land Case

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

Justice K. Lakshman of the Telangana High Court has issued a stern warning to the police, cautioning that any interference in the ongoing proceedings related to Bhoodan lands in Nagaram village, Rangareddy district, could attract disciplinary action, including suspension.

The warning came during a hearing on a petition filed by Vaditya Ramulu of Padamati Thanda, who sought a Commission of Inquiry to investigate alleged illegal encroachments on Bhoodan lands by senior bureaucrats, including IAS and IPS officers. Ramulu informed the court that he was facing pressure and threats to withdraw his case.

Taking serious note of the allegations, the judge summoned a constable from Maheshwaram police station accused of intimidating the petitioner. During questioning, the constable admitted making the call but claimed it was related to verifying village history records, denying any attempt to influence the legal proceedings. He said the call was made on instructions from the Station House Officer.

Justice Lakshman made it clear that any further attempts to intimidate the petitioner would result in immediate suspension of the concerned officer. While the court declined to issue restraining orders, it assured that any police misconduct would be dealt with firmly.

BRS Protests Kaleshwaram Telecast Disruption

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Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) workers staged a protest in Jagtial after a power cut interrupted the live telecast of senior party leader T. Harish Rao's presentation on the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project.

As part of a statewide campaign, the BRS had arranged LED screens at district party offices to broadcast Harish Rao's address from Telangana Bhavan in Hyderabad. However, midway through the presentation, electricity supply to the Jagtial BRS office was abruptly disconnected.

Alleging deliberate sabotage by the ruling Congress government, local BRS leaders led by former Choppadandi MLA Sunke Ravishankar and former Zilla Parishad chairperson Dava Vasantha staged a road blockade



in protest. The agitation disrupted vehicular traffic briefly before police intervened and cleared the area.

Ravishankar accused the Congress of resorting to "cheap tricks" to prevent people from hearing the BRS's perspective on Kaleshwaram. "You can't hide facts by cutting electricity. Revanth Reddy is acting like an agent of Chandrababu Naidu," he alleged.

He further claimed that only one pillar of the Medigadda barrage had shrunk slightly, and that the Congress was exaggerating the issue for political gain. Police assured the situation was under control following the peaceful dispersal of protesters.

City Lashed by Rains, Alert Till Aug 9



TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
Heavy rains drenched several parts of Hyderabad, with the western zones receiving the most intense downpours. According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), Serilingampally recorded the city's highest rainfall at 30.5 mm, followed by Chandanagar at 28 mm. Other areas like the BHEL township in Ramachandrapuram saw 17 mm of rainfall, while Patancheru registered 12.5 mm. The rainfall, which began as localized showers in the early afternoon, gradually intensified and spread to most suburbs and other parts of the city by evening. Cloud cover dominated the city throughout the day, with occasional drizzles adding to the wet conditions in many localities. The IMD has issued a yellow alert for Hyderabad and the rest of Telangana, forecasting continued rain activity until August 9. Officials have urged residents to stay alert, especially in low-lying areas prone to waterlogging, as more spells of moderate to heavy rain are expected in the coming days. The rains have brought relief from the recent heat but also raised concerns about traffic disruptions and urban flooding in some parts of the city.

Water Supply Interrupted in City Today

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The Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB) has announced a temporary disruption in drinking water supply on Wednesday, due to critical maintenance work on two main pipelines between Lingampally and the Sanathnagar reservoir. According to an official release from the HMWSSB, the junction works are scheduled to take place from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. The activity is expected to impact several areas in the city, where residents may face complete suspension or low-pressure water supply during this period. Localities likely to be affected include Rajiv Gandhi Nagar, NTR Nagar, Srisri Nagar, Prashanth Nagar, Deendayal Nagar, Jinkalawada, Prabhakar Reddy Nagar, Samathanagar, Venkateshwara Nagar, Karmik Nagar, Shiva Shankar Nagar, LBS Nagar, Fateh Nagar, Charabanda Raju Colony, Balanagar, Janata Nagar, Chaitanya Basti, Waddar Basti, Erukul Basti, Shastri Marg, Zilla Basti, Sriram Colony, Kaithlapur, Raghavendra Colony, Hanuman Chowk, Yadav Basti, HP Road, Bhavani Nagar, Sardar Patel Nagar, Goods Shed Road, JP Nagar, and several colonies in the EWS, MIGH, HIG, and LIG categories in Sathya Sai Nagar. Other affected areas include DNM Colony, Ashok Colony, Alaud-din Koti, BJR Nagar, Renuka Nagar, Suprabhat Nagar, and Neemkar Nagar. Authorities have urged residents in these areas to store sufficient water in advance and cooperate with the water board during the maintenance operation.



Ex-Convict Held with Bullets in Meerpet

TPN Correspondent | Meerpet
In a significant development, Meerpet police have arrested a former convict, Chandrashekhar, who was previously involved in multiple cell phone and bike theft cases. Acting on credible information, the police took Chandrashekhar into custody from the Meerpet police station limits. During the arrest, officers discovered several live bullets in his possession, which he failed to account for. The presence of ammunition without proper license or explanation has raised serious suspicions, prompting a deeper investigation into his recent activities and possible connections. Officials said that the bullets were recovered without the need for an extensive search, which further intensified concerns about his movements and intentions. Chandrashekhar is currently being interrogated by the Meerpet police to ascertain the origin of the ammunition and whether there is any larger network or motive involved. Authorities are also reviewing his previous criminal history and associates to determine if the recovered bullets are linked to any other criminal activity. Police sources indicate that further legal action will be taken based on the outcome of the investigation. The case has brought renewed attention to the activities of repeat offenders and the importance of continuous surveillance on former criminals.



JBS Set to Become Major Metro Transit Hub



TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
Hyderabad is rapidly transforming into a modern, smart city — and a major step in that direction is the redevelopment of the historic Jubilee Bus Station (JBS) into one of the country's largest integrated transit hubs. The Jubilee Bus Station,

located in Secunderabad and long known for its role in intercity bus services, is now set to be reshaped as a state-of-the-art transit center where three metro corridors will converge. Spread over 30 acres, the upcoming JBS Transit Hub is being designed as a seamless interchange point connecting

metro, bus, train, and other last-mile services like autos and cabs — all within one centralized facility. **Three Metro Corridors to Merge At JBS** Hyderabad Metro has already completed three corridors under Phase 1. As part of the Phase 2B expansion plan, the Jubilee Bus Station will serve as the central node for new metro extensions, including the JBS–Medchal and JBS–Shamirpet routes. Hyderabad Airport Metro Ltd. (HAML) has prepared the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for six new proposed routes. At present, these DPRs are awaiting State Government approval. Once cleared at the State level, they will be forwarded to the Central Government for final clearance. According to officials, construction is expected to begin in 2027, with full operations likely between 2028 and 2030. The project includes not

only metro connectivity but also a complete revamp of the bus depots and surrounding infrastructure. From a once-chaotic bus terminal with crowded buses, noisy vendors, and bustling tiffin centers, the JBS site is set to become a modern transport landmark. This transformation will dramatically reduce travel times and offer passengers the convenience of switching between different transport modes on a single platform. The new Transit Hub is expected to serve millions of passengers daily. More than just an infrastructure upgrade, officials believe the hub will stimulate local employment, boost business for small traders, and open new opportunities for tech and service industries. It is also expected to ease urban congestion, making public transport more accessible and efficient.

Upasana Gets Key Role in Telangana Sports Revamp



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In a landmark decision aimed at revolutionizing sports in the state, the Telangana Government has appointed Upasana Kamineni as the co-chair of the newly-formed Board of Governors, a high-powered body set up to drive the TS Sports Policy 2025 and oversee the upcoming

Sports Hub project. Upasana will serve alongside Dr. Sanjiv Goenka, a prominent business leader, with a panel that includes some of India's most iconic names in sports and infrastructure. The board comprises Vita Dani (Sports Entrepreneur), Kaviya Maran (Sports Management), C. Sasidhar (Infrastructure Expert), Pullela Gopichand, Kapil Dev, Abhinav Bindra, Baichung Bhutia, Ravikanth Reddy and Biyyala Papa Rao (Sports Administrators) and Injeti Srinivas, Former Sports Secretary. This is the first time a state in India has assembled such a diverse and expert board to directly influence sports gov-

ernance and policy. The initiative marks a strategic shift—blending entrepreneurship, sports excellence, and public governance to build a new-age sports ecosystem in Telangana. The Board's responsibilities include ensuring optimal use of sports funding, identifying and nurturing young talent, and elevating Telangana's sporting standards to global levels. According to officials, this move also signifies the formal inclusion of sports management as a core element of state sports policy, offering athletes not just support but also market-driven opportunities in sports infrastructure, events, and brand-building.

The planned Sports Hub will be more than a physical infrastructure—it is envisioned as the nucleus of all sports activities in the state, where aspiring athletes will receive mentorship, training, and access to world-class resources. Speaking about the move, the Sports Minister stated, “This Board will change the game for Telangana. We want the best minds guiding our athletes and our future.” With the board commencing operations this August, Telangana is signaling a new chapter—where talent meets opportunity and sports become a state priority with real, structural backing.

City to Host US Varsity Fair



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EducationUSA, the official source of information on US higher education supported by the US government, will host a “Study in the US” education fair in Hyderabad on August 11. The event will be held at Hotel ITC Kohenur, Madhapur, from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm. The Hyderabad fair is part of a nationwide series of eight events being organised across India between August 9 and 17. The series begins in Chennai and concludes in Pune. Over 50 accredited American universities will participate, offering Indian students and parents an opportunity to interact directly with official representatives from these institutions. The education fairs are free and open to all, but prior registration is mandatory. Interested participants can register at: <https://bit.ly/EdUSAFair25EMB>. Aimed at aspiring undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral students, the fair will provide comprehensive guidance on studying in the US. Attendees will receive expert advice on choosing academic programs, the application process, scholarships, eligibility criteria, and campus life in American universities. In addition to university booths, the event will feature sessions led by EducationUSA advisers and US Embassy representatives. These sessions will provide students with credible, up-to-date, and transparent information about studying in the United States, including key insights on obtaining student visas. A press release from EducationUSA said the initiative is designed to support students in making informed decisions and taking a lawful, well-supported path to academic success in the US. With a broad range of disciplines—from science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) to the arts, business, and humanities—the event seeks to empower students to explore world-class academic opportunities. EducationUSA functions through its network of advising centers across India and globally. Students can learn more about its services by visiting www.educationusa.in or by contacting india@educationusa.org. The Hyderabad event is expected to draw significant interest from students and parents exploring US education options for the coming academic cycles.

Drug Peddler Held with 21 Kg Poppy Husk

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In a joint operation, the Hyderabad Narcotics Enforcement Wing (HNEW) and Amberpet Police arrested a drug peddler and seized 21 kilograms of poppy husk along with drug-processing equipment, all worth around Rs. 3.5 lakh. The accused, Mangala Ram, 44, a native of Barmer district in Rajasthan, was residing in Chengicherla and working as a steel welder. According to police, he became addicted to poppy husk in his native village and later began peddling the substance in Hyderabad to support his habit and earn quick money. Based on credible information, the police team apprehended him while he was attempting to sell the contraband in the Amberpet area. Items recovered from his possession include 21 kg of poppy husk, a mixer grinder, two mixer jars, two weighing machines, a strainer, two mobile phones, and a Hero Splendor motorcycle bearing registration number TS 08 GH 2856. A case has been registered under Crime No. 347/2025 at Amberpet Police Station under relevant sections of the NDPS Act, 1985. Officials said that Mangala Ram used to procure poppy husk from his village at a lower price and sell it at a higher price in Hyderabad. He used household items to package the substance and sold it to local users. Police appealed to the public to avoid substance abuse and report drug-related activities. Citizens can contact the Hyderabad Narcotics Enforcement Wing at 8712661601 with any information.



All Eligible to Get Ration Cards: Sridhar Babu

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State IT and Industries Minister and Medchal-Malkajgiri District In-charge, Duddilla Sridhar Babu, reiterated the government's commitment to providing ration cards to every eligible person in Telangana. Speaking at a distribution program at GNR Convention Hall in Medchal, the minister emphasized that ration card issuance is a continuous process and not linked to political affiliations.

He stated that 1.22 lakh ration cards have already been issued in the district, and an additional 60,000 will be distributed soon, taking the total to 2 lakh. Eligible citizens can apply through Mee-Seva centres if they have not yet received a card. Highlighting the government's welfare agenda, Sridhar Babu said free electricity up to 200 units is being provided to 3.75 lakh beneficiaries, at a cost of ₹200 crore.

He added that free bus travel for women is helping save household expenses and that integrated residential hostels worth ₹200 crore are being constructed in every district to improve education. The minister also mentioned plans to divert Godavari water to Hyderabad to address the city's future water needs. Additionally, 3,500 Indiramma houses are being allotted per constituency, he said.

Chief Whip Patnam Mahender Reddy stressed the government's efforts to support women through interest-free loans and other schemes. District Collector Manu Chaudhary noted that 15,000 metric tonnes of parboiled rice are being supplied monthly through 618 ration shops. The event also saw the distribution of ₹1 crore in Kalyana Lakshmi and Shaadi Mubarak cheques to beneficiaries.



ITDA Gets Tough on Hostel Meals

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Amid concerns over recent incidents related to food safety in tribal welfare schools, ITDA Project Officer B. Rahul issued a stern warning to Principals, Headmasters, and Wardens of Ashram Schools, Post-Matric Hostels, Gurukuls, and EMRS institutions in the erstwhile Khammam district. In a video conference held Monday night, the officer expressed serious displeasure over negligence in serving meals and maintaining hygiene. "Over the past one and a half years, we've ensured proper education, food, and health standards in our institutions. These recent lapses are purely due to staff carelessness and will not be tolerated," he said. He warned that any future incidents involving food poisoning or student illness would result in criminal cases and departmental action against the responsible staff. Going forward, food must be tasted and certified by teachers before being served to students. "No student



should fall ill due to negligence," he added. Rahul stressed the importance of cleanliness in kitchens and hostels, proper storage of food grains, and immediate reporting of substandard supplies to ATDOs. He also directed that all rice and pulses supplied by GCC be verified and any damaged stock returned without delay. Further, he instructed that only local staff be employed and mandated regular visits by RCOs, ATDOs, Tribal Welfare Officers, and ITDA-appointed

officers to monitor student welfare. Weekly tree plantation drives with the involvement of students and staff were also suggested. Special meetings with Gurukuls and EMRS heads are scheduled this week to issue further directives. The review was attended by DD Tribal Welfare Officer Manema, RCO Aruna Kumari, ATDOs Chandramohan, Ashok Kumar, Radhamma, and other officials— Issued by the Office of the Additional Civil Relations Officer, Bhadrachalam

ICFAI, ACCA Sign MoU for Global Accounting Excellence

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The ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education (IFHE), located in Dhonthanpally village, Shankarpally mandal, has entered into a strategic partnership with the UK-based Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA). The two institutions signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) aimed at enhancing global standards in accounting and finance education. Facilitated through Zell Education, ACCA's official learning partner in India, the MoU paves the way for ICFAI students to pursue internationally recognized accounting qualifications. The collaboration promises curriculum integration, faculty development, and increased industry exposure, equipping students with global career opportunities and real-world skills. Speaking at the event, ICFAI leaders reaffirmed their commitment to providing value-added, pro-



fessionally relevant education. The MoU was signed by Dr. Vijayalakshmi, Registrar, on behalf of IFHE, in the presence of In-Charge Vice Chancellor Dr. T. Kotireddy. ACCA representatives included Prabhanshu Mittal (Country Head – India), Md. Sajid Khan (Director – India), and other senior officials from ACCA and Zell Education. Senior ICFAI faculty members and administrative leaders also attended the ceremony. The partnership strengthens ICFAI's mission to nurture future-ready professionals and foster deeper engagement with global industry standards.

Gas Leak at Shreeyansh Labs

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A suspected gas leak at Shreeyansh Labs Pvt Ltd in Medak district left several workers hospitalised, prompting the Telangana State Pollution Control Board (TSPCB) to issue a Stop Production Order to the unit. The incident occurred at the company's Unit-2 located in Kucharam village, Manoharabad mandal. Workers, who were operating machinery when the leak occurred, rushed out coughing and gasping for breath. Some alleged that the leak had been recurring over the past few days due to a damaged pipeline, but the management had ignored repeated complaints. Locals also reported that trees

around the facility had withered, indicating the severity of the gas leak. All affected workers were shifted to a local hospital for treatment. In a press release, the TSPCB confirmed that chlorine gas had leaked from a cylinder around 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday and was brought under control within 30 minutes. A strong chlorine odour was detected in the vicinity, and residual gas had contaminated surrounding soil and sand. The Board criticised the plant for failing to take timely safety measures. It noted that a power failure hindered containment efforts, as the DG set was inappropriately located. Citing serious safety violations, the PCB ordered immediate stoppage of production.



Madaram Tribals Seek Justice



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A delegation led by former MP and Telangana Adivasi Tribal Association State President Medium Baburao submitted a petition to the Bhadrachalam ITDA Project Officer B. Rahul, demanding a re-survey of lands being cultivated by tribal families in Madaram village of Mulakalapalli mandal. The petition highlighted the plight of 65 tribal families who have been cultivating lands for over three decades, growing cashew, mango, and cotton crops. Baburao said that despite long-standing cultivation, no official land titles have been issued to these families. He urged the authorities to grant pattas and ensure their rights are protected. The delegation alleged that forest officials have been harassing tribal farmers, filing false cases, and destroying their crops. They demanded strict action against officials involved in such acts and urged the ITDA to prevent further destruction of cultivated lands. The petition also referred to a recent incident in Gaddor Gattu village of Dummugudem mandal, where forest officials allegedly damaged cotton crops belonging to tribal farmers. The ITDA PO assured the delegation that a re-survey would be conducted and promised appropriate action against any officials found responsible for unlawful actions. Leaders of the Telangana Rythu Sangam and other tribal organisations, including Karam Pullaiah, Uokanti Ravikumar, Kunja Srinu, Narayana, Booram Nagababu, and several tribal farmers, participated in the meeting.

Wanaparthy Cop Behind Multi-Crore Loan Fraud



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A police constable-led gang involved in a ₹2.61 crore housing loan scam has been busted by Wanaparthy district police. The gang, comprising six members including constable Bandaru Rakesh, is accused of defrauding banks and the Telangana Police's Bhadrata housing loan wing using forged property documents. Addressing the media, District SP R. Giridhar said the gang created fake property sale agreements to fraudulently obtain housing loans from banks such as Indian Overseas Bank, HDFC, LIC Housing Finance, and the Bhadrata wing. Rakesh, on long leave from service for over five years, reportedly operated as a full-time real estate agent. In one case, loans worth ₹89.3 lakh were raised using forged documents in the names of Rakesh and S. Sekhar. In another, loans of ₹57.59 lakh were secured using fabricated records, and the same property was later sold for ₹40 lakh. A third instance involved loans totalling ₹75 lakh raised using fictitious documentation involving other gang members. SP Giridhar stated that the role of bank officials and Bhadrata wing staff will also be investigated. The police team led by CI M. Krishnaiah and SIs Hariprasad, Ramaraju, and Vijayakumar was praised for cracking the case.

42 Officials Booked for Attendance Fraud

TPN Correspondent | Kothagudem
Kothagudem District Collector Jitesh V. Patil issued show-cause notices to 42 Gram Panchayat secretaries for allegedly marking fake attendance using static photos instead of being physically present. The malpractice came to light during a statewide audit conducted via a facial recognition attendance app. The audit revealed that the secretaries had managed to log their attendance remotely, with the help of colleagues who uploaded their photographs in the system — bypassing the live facial scan requirement. Collector Jitesh Patil instructed that attendance must be registered only through live face recognition within the stipulated hours. He warned that any manipulation would result in disciplinary action under service rules. The accused secretaries, however, claimed that recent server outages and technical issues forced them to use photos for attendance, insisting there was no intent to defraud.



Despite their defense, the district administration is treating the matter seriously. An internal inquiry is underway, and further action will be based on its findings. Officials say the crackdown aims to improve transparency and accountability in the panchayat system. This is one of the largest such actions against staff in recent times in the district.

Chilli Prices Rise in Khammam, Farmers Relieved

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After months of sluggish market movement, chilli prices in Khammam have started to rise, offering a much-needed boost to farmers who have been waiting patiently for better returns. The maximum price for the AC variety of chilli at the Khammam agricultural market reached ₹14,150 per quintal, sparking cautious optimism across the farming community. There are 49 cold storage units in Khammam, Madhira, Vaira, and Tallada with a combined capacity of 51.35 lakh bags. Of this, around 38.26 lakh bags of chillies remain in storage as farmers, disappointed by low prices in the previous season, chose to hold their stock rather than sell at a loss. For months, chilli prices hovered between ₹13,000 and ₹13,600 per quintal. However,

the recent uptick is being attributed to a significant drop in the area under chilli cultivation this year, coupled with increasing demand in the domestic market. "Chilli stocks in many states are running low, and demand from regions like Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, and Bihar is rising," said Khammam Agricultural Market Secretary P. Praveen Kumar. "We're also seeing early signs of export orders, which could further push prices. Farmers are hopeful that rates might cross ₹15,000 per quintal in the coming days." Despite no major exports yet to China, Thailand, or Bangladesh, the local and inter-state demand is currently sustaining the price rise—offering farmers a rare break after a long wait.

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 (CNCP), 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 child-less 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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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

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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

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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



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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

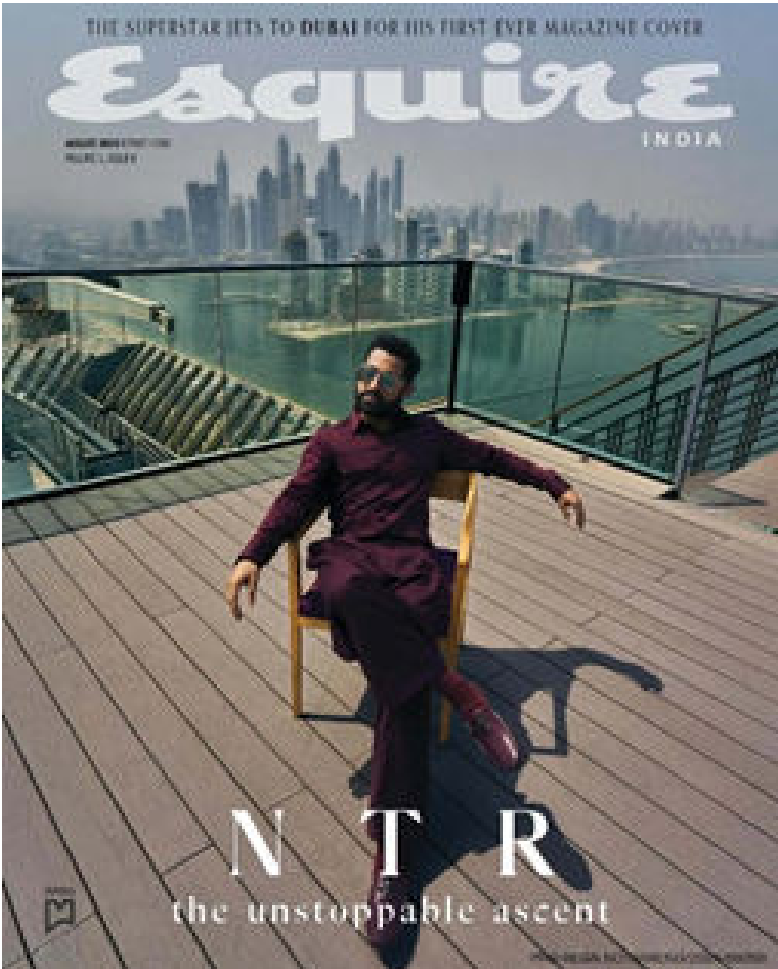
Jr. NTR is making waves once again — not just on screen, but in the world of high fashion. The RRR star has landed his first Esquire India cover, and it’s already grabbing attention for all the right reasons.

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.