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Trump Adds 25%, India Faces 50% Tariff

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In a major escalation of trade tensions between the United States and India, US President Donald Trump on Wednesday signed an executive order imposing an additional 25 per cent tariff on Indian imports. This brings the total tariff on Indian goods to a steep 50 per cent. The move, justified on grounds of national security and foreign policy concerns, is being widely seen as a reaction to India's continued oil trade with Russia. The executive order, released by the White House, stated that India's direct or indirect import of Russian oil constitutes an "unusual and extraordinary threat" to the United States. As per the directive, the new tariffs will take effect 21 days from the date of signing, except for goods already in transit and cleared before September 17.

Trump, in a televised interview, launched a strong attack on India's trade policies, calling them "strenuous and obnoxious" and accused India of being an unfair trading partner. "India is our friend, but we have done relatively little business with them because their tariffs are among the highest in the world," Trump said. "I think I'm going to raise that substantially over the next 24 hours because they're buying Russian oil."

The move follows a growing pattern of Trump's aggressive trade posture towards nations engaging with Russia amid the ongoing Ukraine war. India has consistently maintained its neutral stance and continued economic ties with Moscow, citing its energy security needs.

NSA Ajit Doval in Moscow

Even as Washington turned up the pressure, National Security Adviser Ajit Doval landed in Moscow on Wednesday for a scheduled visit aimed at further strengthening Indo-Russian strategic ties. The timing of the visit, though previously planned, is now being



viewed with renewed significance given the rapidly intensifying rift with the United States. Sources say Doval's discussions in Moscow will touch upon defense cooperation, intelligence sharing, and energy security, including long-term plans for oil and gas imports from Russia. Diplomatic observers believe the visit signals India's intent to maintain its independent foreign policy stance despite American disapproval.

PM Modi to Visit China for SCO Summit

Adding to the geopolitical developments, fresh reports confirm that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to travel to China on August 31 for the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit. This will mark his first visit to China in seven years. The SCO summit is expected to focus on regional security, economic integration, and anti-terrorism cooperation. However, Modi's presence alongside

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Our Struggle Will Continue Until BC Bill Is Passed: Revanth

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The Congress party continued its Mahadharna at Jantar Mantar in the national capital on Wednesday, demanding immediate Presidential assent to the Telangana Assembly's bills seeking 42% reservations for Backward Classes (BCs) in education, employment, and local body elections.

Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, TPCC President Anumula Revanth Reddy, Ministers Seethakka and Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, along with party MLAs, MLCs, Corporation Chairpersons, DCC presidents, and BC community leaders, participated in the protest. The party reiterated its commitment to social justice and BC empowerment.

Speaking to the media Chief minister A Revanth Reddy has reiterated that the Congress-led state government will not back down from its demand for 42% reservation for Backward Classes (BCs) in education, employment, and politics. Speaking at the BCs' protest dharna held at Jantar Mantar in Delhi on Wednesday, Revanth asserted that their struggle will continue until the bill passed by the Telangana Assembly is approved by the President.

Revanth Reddy recalled that Congress leader Rahul Gandhi had raised the demand for a nationwide caste census during the Bharat Jodo Yatra. "In line



with that vision, we conducted a caste census in Telangana and passed a bill ensuring 42% reservation for BCs. The bill is now pending with the President of India," he said.

The Chief Minister alleged that the central government is deliberately stalling the process. "We sought an appointment with the President to submit a memorandum, but have not received any response. We suspect Prime Minister Modi has influenced the President's office to avoid meeting us," he stated. He urged the President to immediately approve the reservation bill sent by the Telangana Assembly. "We are committed to social justice, and this is a fight for BC rights."

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BRS Leaders In Touch, Talks On: Ramachandra Rao

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Telangana BJP President Doodhi Ramachandra Rao has stirred political debate with his sharp remarks on the current state of the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS). He claimed that internal unrest, fear of ongoing cases, and declining public trust have pushed many BRS leaders to explore options outside their party — including joining the BJP.

"More than a year and a half has passed since BRS out to power, yet its leaders are unable to go back to the people. The party is facing internal cracks, and cases against its top brass are haunting them. Many BRS MLAs and ex-MLAs are in contact with us," Ramachandra Rao said, adding that even some leaders from the ruling Congress are showing interest in BJP. He said several leaders are voluntarily reaching out to the BJP as they sense growing public support for a 'double engine sarkar'.



"People are ready for a double engine government in Telangana. Leaders are also sensing the shift and joining us without being invited," he stated. In a scathing remark on the previous BRS regime, Ramachandra Rao alleged that the infamous farm house episode of MLA poaching was orchestrated under the direct supervision of former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR). "Who tapped phones from the farmhouse? Who installed the surveillance equipment?"

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AP Contractors Looting Telangana: Rajagopal Reddy

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Munugodu Congress MLA Komatireddy Rajagopal Reddy has stirred political waters once again with sharp and sensational remarks aimed at Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. Clearly unhappy over being left out of the recent cabinet expansion, Rajagopal Reddy voiced discontent with the Congress leadership while lashing out at the CM's leadership style and alleging large-scale corruption. "Telangana is being looted," Rajagopal said, accusing 20 Seemandhra-based contractors of looting the state with the government's blessing. He claimed that the party leadership had promised him a ministerial berth at the time of his rejoining, but that commitment was not fulfilled. "Those who are juniors to me have been made ministers, while experienced leaders like me were ignored," he lamented. He also dismissed rumors about his brother, Komatireddy Venkat



Reddy, being involved in lobbying for his ministerial post. "Even my brother doesn't know anything about this," he clarified. Taking a swipe at CM Revanth Reddy, Rajagopal said, "The CM should stop targeting the opposition in foul language and instead explain what his government is doing. He is wasting precious time in the name of commissions and vendettas."

Rajagopal Reddy also threw a political challenge, stating that Revanth might remain CM for three-and-a-half more years, but the real test of leadership would follow. "The Congress came to power only because we all united. No single person can claim credit," he reminded.

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Vijay Deverakonda Appears Before ED

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Tollywood actor Vijay Deverakonda appeared before the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Wednesday in connection with an ongoing investigation related to online betting and gaming app promotions. His appearance follows ED notices issued to several celebrities, including actor Prakash Raj, over alleged links to the promotion of betting platforms.

Deverakonda clarified that he was not involved in any illegal activity. "What I did was a legal gaming app promotion, not illegal betting app promotion," he told reporters after the session. He emphasized that there's a crucial distinction

between legal gaming and illegal betting, and it must be understood clearly.

"I was called for questioning in connection with the gaming app promotion case. I cooperated fully and provided all the information the officials requested, including complete bank transaction details," Deverakonda said.

The ED has been tightening its probe into actors, influencers, and agencies allegedly involved in promoting online betting platforms, which are under scrutiny for money laundering and other violations. Prakash Raj had earlier appeared before the agency on July 30.

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leaders of Russia and China, especially in the backdrop of Trump’s aggressive comments, underscores India’s balancing act in global diplomacy. While the US has stepped up pressure on India to reduce ties with Russia, India’s engagements with Moscow and Beijing in the coming weeks will test New Delhi’s diplomatic tightrope walk between strategic autonomy and global expectations.

What Will Be the Impact on India?

At first glance, the tariff hike may seem like a setback for India, particularly as pharmaceuticals, gems, steel, and aluminium form a major part of its exports to the

US, with pharma leading the pack. However, the real cost could fall on American consumers. During the COVID-19 crisis, the US had to rely on Indian pharma supplies due to its own production limits, a dependency that still exists. While Indian exporters may face short-term disruptions, many of these products are in global demand, making it easier to find alternative buyers. Additionally, India’s strong domestic market, driven by 60% internal consumption, offers a buffer against external shocks. Though initial hiccups are likely, the longer-term impact may hurt the US more — through higher prices and strained supply chains.

AP Contractors Looting Telangana: Rajagopal Reddy

He further demanded strict action in the Kaleshwaram corruption case and urged the government to focus on governance instead of political showmanship. Responding to Revanth Reddy’s earlier controversial remarks about the opposition, Rajagopal said, “You can’t keep saying the ship will cross... it must actually move. The people are watching.” He also criticized the CM for not

demanding KCR’s resignation from the opposition status post in the Assembly. “If KCR is not even attending sessions, why hasn’t Revanth asked him to step down?” he questioned. The remarks from the Congress MLA are likely to deepen internal rifts within the party even as the state government continues to push for its BC reservation agenda in Delhi.

Our Struggle Will Continue Until BC Bill Is Passed: Revanth

The struggle will continue until we achieve justice,” he declared. DMK MP Kanimozhi strongly backed the Telangana government’s efforts, stating, “We support the Telangana government’s stand on BC reservations. In Tamil Nadu, we implement 69% reservations. Justice should not be capped—no one should claim a 50% limit on reservations.”

The Congress leadership criticized the BJP-led Centre for allegedly blocking the Telangana bills and not granting an appointment with the President. The Mahadharna aims to mount pressure for constitutional approval of enhanced BC quotas, which the state claims reflect the caste census findings and social realities.

Vijay Deverakonda Appears Before ED

Officials said the investigation is still ongoing to determine whether any promotional activities crossed legal boundaries or were

linked to illegal betting networks. More summons are expected to be issued in the coming days as part of the broader inquiry.

BRS Leaders In Touch, Talks On: Ramachandra Rao

All these questions need to be answered. The truth is beginning to come out,” he said. The BJP chief’s comments come amid a politically tense atmosphere in Telangana, with multiple legal and corruption cases shadowing BRS leadership. From the liquor scam case involving MLC Kavitha, to the Kaleshwaram corruption report and the formula case linked to KTR, the BRS top

leadership is under pressure. Political observers see Ramachandra Rao’s comments as part of a larger strategy to position BJP as a credible alternative, especially with the party’s renewed momentum under his leadership. His statements also reflect the shifting power equations in the state as leaders weigh their political future amid growing uncertainty in the BRS camp.

Telangana to Export 2 Lakh MT of Rice to Philippines

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In a significant step towards boosting international trade, Telangana is set to export 2 lakh metric tonnes of rice to the Philippines. State Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister Captain N. Uttam Kumar Reddy announced this after meeting with Philippine Agriculture Minister Francisco P.T. Laurel Jr. in New Delhi. The Philippines has shown a special interest in Telangana Sona (RNR 15048), a rice variety developed in the state. Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy explained that the meeting aimed at strengthening trade relations, not only for rice but also for paddy and maize exports from Telangana. Civil Supplies Secretary D.S. Chauhan was also present at the meeting.



“The Philippines minister stated that his country will require around 2 million metric tonnes of rice. Given the rising demand for Telangana rice, es-

pecially the Sona variety, this is a major opportunity for our farmers and the state economy,” said Uttam Kumar Reddy. He reminded that Telangana has already signed a trade agreement with the Philippines regarding rice exports. He added that Wednesday’s discussions were conducted in a friendly and positive atmosphere, marking a step forward in bilateral cooperation. Minister Reddy also revealed that the Philippine minister responded positively to the invitation to visit Telangana in the near future. He said the Telangana government is committed to expanding the scope of agricultural exports and boosting farmers’ income through international markets.

NHRC Issues Notice to CS Over Pushpa-2 Stampede

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The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has issued a show cause notice to the Chief Secretary of the Telangana government in connection with the stampede incident that occurred during the premiere of the film Pushpa-2 at Sandhya Theatre in Hyderabad. The incident resulted in the tragic death of a fan, prompting nationwide outrage. The NHRC, expressing serious dissatisfaction over the initial police report, questioned the authorities’ inaction and the lack of preventive measures. “If the police had not granted permission for the premiere show, how did the actor and the fans turn up



at the venue? If timely action had been taken, the stampede could have been avoided,” the Commission observed. Citing negligence, the NHRC has asked the police to explain why compensation of ₹5 lakh should not be awarded

to the family of the deceased. The Commission also directed the Chief Secretary to conduct a thorough inquiry and submit a detailed report within six weeks. Further, the NHRC instructed the Hyderabad Commissioner of Police to ensure that the investigation into the incident is carried out impartially and without delay. The tragic incident during the highly anticipated premiere event drew criticism towards the event organizers and local authorities for poor crowd management. The NHRC’s intervention now puts additional pressure on the Telangana government to fix responsibility and take corrective measures.

Congress Dharna Is Not for BCs, But for Muslims: Bandi Sanjay

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Union Minister Bandi Sanjay strongly criticized the Congress party’s ongoing protest at Jantar Mantar in Delhi, claiming that the agitation is not truly aimed at securing justice for Backward Classes (BCs), but rather to push for Muslim reservation under the guise of BC rights. Speaking to the media, Bandi Sanjay alleged, “This is not a dharna for BCs... Congress is staging this protest to implement 100 percent reservation for Muslims. They are deceiving the BC communities for minority votes.” He further accused the Congress of abandoning its commitment to the Kamareddy Declaration. “Instead of standing by BCs, the Congress is focusing on implementing a so-called Muslim declaration. It is cheating the BCs



once again,” he said. Sanjay claimed that the Congress is conspiring to hike BC reservations by 5

percent while silently allotting an additional 10 percent to Muslims. “If the bill ensures 42 percent for BCs alone, we will support it. Otherwise, we will block it,” he warned. Raising questions on the Congress’s historical track record, Sanjay asked, “Has the Congress ever made a BC the Prime Minister in its 50 years of rule? Did it make a BC Chief Minister in the 48 years of governance in undivided Andhra Pradesh?” He lashed out at the Congress for blaming the BJP-led Centre to cover up its internal contradictions. “The Congress has no moral ground to speak on BC empowerment. The party is fading across the country and will soon disappear in Telangana too, just like it did in Bengal, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh,” he said.

BJP Muslim Card is to Block BC Quota: TPCC Chief

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TPCC President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud led a powerful protest at Jantar Mantar in Delhi, demanding Presidential assent to the Telangana government’s Bill ensuring 42% reservations for Backward Classes (BCs). The protest, held under the slogan “One Voice... One Vision... United BC,” saw fiery speeches targeting the BJP leadership over their alleged double standards on reservation policies. Mahesh Kumar Goud questioned whether Union Minister Kishan Red-

dy could even file his nomination in Secunderabad without the support of SCs, STs, and BCs. He accused BJP leader Bandi Sanjay of “shamelessly” backing Kishan Reddy while having claimed to be a BC champion. “Winning by dividing people on religious lines has become a habit for BJP,” he said. He further slammed the BJP for using religion to oppose the BC quota and accused the party of hypocrisy. “Kishan Reddy should watch the video of his own Prime Minister giving reservations to Muslims in Gujarat. Even in

UP, Muslim communities have been granted quotas,” he pointed out. Referring to Telangana CM Revanth Reddy, Mahesh said, “To take a sensational decision politically, one needs guts. Modi is clearly rattled by Revanth’s bold move.” Highlighting the Congress party’s efforts, he praised Rahul Gandhi’s commitment to BC welfare and CM Revanth’s execution of a scientific caste survey. “Telangana is now a compass for the nation,” he declared, calling the caste survey a revolutionary step.

Telangana Seeks Centre’s Support for MSME Parks

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Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka and Industries Minister D. Sridhar Babu on Wednesday met Union MSME Minister Jitan Ram Manjhi in New Delhi and sought financial assistance to establish two MSME industrial parks in Madhira constituency. The ministers submitted proposals to set up MSME parks in Yendapally

(Madhira Mandal) and Remidicherla (Errupalem Mandal) in Khammam district, spanning 85 acres and 60 acres respectively. They emphasized the strategic importance of the locations, which lie close to National Highway 65 and are well-connected by rail and road. “These parks will boost job opportunities for local youth, especially from SC communities,” said Bhatti Vikramarka. The proposed parks are expected to

generate 5,000 direct and 15,000 indirect jobs. Telangana has sought prior approval from the Centre to submit proposals under the MSME Cluster Development Programme (CDP). The Deputy CM and Industries Minister also explained the state’s broader vision to establish one MSME park in each of the 119 Assembly constituencies. These parks will include flatted factory complexes, hostels, kitchens, testing cen-

tres, and common facilities. They also aim to support women-led enterprises through schemes like Streenidhi, which offers loan assistance to encourage entrepreneurship. Currently, Telangana is implementing 25 MSME-CDP projects with Union support, which include industrial parks, Common Facility Centres (CFCs), and flatted factories. The ministers expressed confidence



that these efforts would further enhance Telangana’s role in India’s growth journey toward becoming a \$30 trillion economy.

Show Cause Notice to Rajagopal Reddy?

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PCC Disciplinary Committee Chairman Mallu Ravi has responded to the ongoing controversy surrounding former Congress MLA Komatireddy Rajagopal Reddy. Speaking to the media, Mallu Ravi stated that he would be speaking directly with Rajagopal Reddy tomorrow to gather complete details before deciding on further action. He clarified that he had been occupied with the arrangements for the Congress-led dharna in Delhi, focused on BC reservations, over the past two days. However, he confirmed that Rajagopal Reddy's recent comments would now be addressed seriously by the party. Mallu Ravi mentioned that Rajagopal Reddy would be asked for an explanation regarding his

criticisms of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and other matters that have caused unrest within the party ranks. The senior leader's comments have been interpreted by many as direct attacks on the party leadership. In this context, speculation is growing that the party may issue a formal show cause notice to Rajagopal Reddy. His recent statements targeting CM Revanth have sparked internal tensions, and the PCC disciplinary committee appears poised to take necessary action after seeking Reddy's clarification. The development has added fuel to ongoing discussions within the Congress about internal discipline and loyalty, especially at a time when the party is pushing hard for national-level issues like BC reservations.



Mistreatment Of Woman MLA Shameful: Harish Rao

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BRS senior leader and former minister T Harish Rao strongly condemned the Congress government's alleged mistreatment of senior legislator and former Home Minister Sabita Indra Reddy. He said it was disgraceful to subject a woman MLA to such treatment, especially from a party that boasts about



bringing back "Indira's Rajyam." Speaking to the media, Harish Rao questioned the Congress's intentions, asking, "Is Sabita Indra Reddy's only mistake that she questioned the government about ration card issues? Is this how a woman leader should be treated?" He alleged that Congress leaders, in the presence of a minister, threatened

Sabita Indra Reddy and that the police, instead of stopping them, supported the abuse. Harish Rao demanded strict action against the police officials who, he claimed, misbehaved with her.

"This incident is not just an insult to Sabita, but an insult to every woman in Telangana. The government must be held accountable for this," Rao said.

He further asserted that the Bharatiya Rashtra Samithi will not be cowed by the Congress's "slaps and rowdy attacks." Harish Rao said he would continue to challenge the ruling party's failures and expose them before the public.

The remarks come amid rising tensions between BRS and the Congress in the state, with frequent confrontations over issues ranging from welfare schemes to political conduct.

DK Aruna slams Congress over BC quota protest



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BJP MP DK Aruna came down heavily on the Congress government in Telangana, accusing it of playing political dramas instead of fulfilling its promises. She demanded that if the ruling party is truly sincere, it should first conduct the long-pending local body elections in the state.

Speaking to the media, DK Aruna said, "If the Congress really stands for BC welfare, let them first implement the Kamareddy Declaration. They have failed to keep their promises and are now trying to divert attention by blaming the BJP."

She alleged that the Congress is afraid of facing the people and losing in the local body polls. "That is why they are resorting to protests in the name of BC reservations. It's all a political show to escape from accountability," she remarked. The BJP leader also hit back at accusations made by the Congress during the Jantar Mantar protest in Delhi, where CM Revanth Reddy blamed the BJP-led Centre for delaying the BC quota bill. "They are trying to malign the BJP to cover up their own failures. The people of Telangana have already lost faith in them," Aruna said.

She reiterated that the Congress has no moral ground to speak about social justice when it has not taken any concrete steps to deliver on its declarations or hold elections for grassroots democratic bodies.

BCs Deserve Rights, Not Favours: Komatireddy

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Telangana Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy strongly defended the Congress party's commitment to the Backward Classes (BCs) at a press meet in New Delhi. Emphasizing the importance of social justice, the Minister said the Congress government in Telangana is implementing Rahul Gandhi's promise by conducting a caste census — the first such initiative in the country post-independence.

"The BCs are not backward by nature, but were pushed back historically. They are not just beneficiaries — they are shareholders of this nation," Komatireddy said, calling for unity among all BC communities. He demanded that 42% reservation for BCs be implemented as a matter of right, not charity. "We passed a resolution in the Cabinet, got it approved in the Assembly,



and sent it to the Governor for assent. Now, the BJP is saying one thing on the streets and another in Delhi. This hypocrisy must stop," he stated. Komatireddy added that the Congress leadership, including Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, is committed to ensuring justice for BCs. "An upper-caste CM and ministers are standing firmly with the BCs, proving our sincerity. We

will support every just and rightful demand of the BCs — not just in Telangana, but across India," he concluded. The Minister's comments come ahead of the Congress delegation's meeting with President Droupadi Murmu, where they are expected to press for immediate Presidential assent to the BC Quota Bill passed by the Telangana Assembly.

Congress Stands by BCs, Slams BRS-BJP: Konda Surekha

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Telangana Endowments Minister Konda Surekha has asserted that the Congress party has always stood by Backward Classes (BCs) and continues to champion their cause through concrete policy and representation. Speaking in Delhi, she cited her own journey—from MPTC to Minister as a BC woman—as proof of Congress' commitment to social justice. "Only the Congress gave BCs space to grow politically," she said, recalling leaders like Kamaraj, Nijalingappa, and current PCC chief Mahesh Kumar Goud. Surekha highlighted that Telangana became the first state to complete a caste census, under Rahul Gandhi's vision of "Jitni Abadi, Utini Hissedari." The Congress government conducted a 50-day door-to-door survey, leading to two bills ensuring 42% reservations for BCs in local bodies and education/jobs. She criticised BRS and BJP for



opposing or boycotting the caste census. "KCR and family tried to derail it, fearing exposure of the real numbers," she said. "They used BCs for votes, never for empowerment."

Surekha accused BJP of hypocrisy on Muslim reservations, noting they exist in Gujarat and UP, yet are opposed in Telangana. She also questioned BJP's removal of BC leader Bandi Sanjay

as state president. Listing BRS's "failures," she said: the BC Sub-Plan was scrapped, MBC Corporation never funded, and Rs. 1 lakh crore for BCs never spent. Concluding, she reaffirmed Congress' resolve: "We will ensure full implementation of caste census-based reservations. Congress delivers, not deceives."

BRS Flags AP's Banakacherla Project In Rajya Sabha

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The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) on Wednesday moved an adjournment motion in the Rajya Sabha, demanding an immediate discussion on Andhra Pradesh's Godavari-Banakacherla project. The party alleged that the project poses a serious threat to Telangana's rightful share of river water and accused the state government of failing to act in defence of farmers' interests.

BRS Parliamentary leader KR Suresh Reddy and MP Divakonda Damodar Rao submitted the notice to Deputy Chairman Harivansh Narayan Singh, urging the House to halt regular proceedings and take up the issue. However, the motion was rejected. The BRS leaders expressed concern that the Banakacherla project, located on the Goda-

vari basin, blatantly violates inter-State water-sharing norms. "This is not just a violation—it's a direct threat to Telangana's water security," the MPs said.



The party launched a scathing attack on Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, accusing him of maintaining a "dangerous silence" on the issue. "To please Andhra leaders, the CM is sacrificing Telangana's interests. This silence will lead to irreversible injustice to our farmers," they warned. The BRS has consistently raised concerns over the Banakacherla project on both state and national platforms. Reiterating

their stand, the party declared that it will continue to oppose the project and fight to protect Telangana's water rights.

Kaleshwaram Report Politically Motivated: BRS

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The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) leaders have come down heavily on the Congress government, accusing it of distorting and selectively leaking the Ghose Commission report on the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project to carry out a political vendetta against the opposition. Former Minister S Niranjana Reddy stated that the Congress government is misleading the public by portraying the Ghose Commission's findings as legal judgments. "The Commission of Inquiry is not a judicial body. It is only a fact-finding panel and cannot deliver verdicts," he said, alleging that Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy was misrepresenting the legal status of the Commission's report. Niranjana Reddy claimed that se-



lective leaking of 60 pages from the 665-page report was a deliberate attempt to malign BRS and its leadership, especially former Chief Minister K Chandrababhan Rao, and former Ministers T Harish Rao and Eatala Rajender. "Why is the government not questioning others who were also involved in the project at various stages?" he asked. Echoing similar concerns, Leader of Opposition in the Legislative Council, S Madhusudana Chary, said the Congress had no

moral right to speak about institutional integrity. "From the Emergency to the toppling of elected governments, the Congress has a history of manipulating institutions. They are now using the Ghose Commission as a political tool," he said. BRS leader G Devi Prasad accused the Congress of cherry-picking findings from the report while ignoring portions that point fingers at its own Ministers and officials. He challenged the ruling party to respond with a comprehensive rebuttal to Harish Rao's detailed defense presented earlier. "Why is Revanth Reddy hiding behind selective leaks if they have nothing to hide?" he asked, pointing to the CM's past statements on judicial rulings and questioning his respect for democratic institutions.

HYDRAA Action Against Vasavi Constructions

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The Hyderabad Urban Development Authority (Hydra) has taken serious action against Vasavi Construction Company for encroaching upon a major flood canal. The canal, which connects Kamuni Cheruvu and Maisamma Cheruvu along the Bharatnagar-Khaitalapur route, was reportedly narrowed by dumping soil into it, triggering complaints from local residents. Hydra Commissioner Shri A.V. Ranganath personally inspect-

ed the site near Hitech City Railway Station on Wednesday following reports that construction was violating official norms. These norms mandate a minimum canal width of 17 meters and a 9-meter buffer zone on both sides. During the inspection, it was discovered that Vasavi Construction had filled portions of the canal with soil, disrupting the natural drainage system that flows from Mullakatva Cheruvu through Kamuni Cheruvu to Maisamma Cheruvu. The soil was reportedly dumped

on the company's premises, and Hydra officials used JCBs and tippers to remove it immediately. Taking a firm stand, Hydra directed that a case be filed against Vasavi Construction Company. The Irrigation Department lodged a formal complaint at Kukatpally police station, citing illegal encroachments and ongoing construction in the canal buffer zone. Based on the complaint, Kukatpally police registered a case against the company. Hydra officials also highlighted

that Vasavi had installed pillars in the middle of the canal, possibly in preparation to lay concrete slabs. These pillars, too, will be removed as they violate the canal's structural integrity. Authorities reminded the public that any construction in the flood-prone Khaitalapur area, especially near the Vasavi Sarovar, must strictly follow flood canal regulations. Officials reiterated that such violations could lead to severe flooding risks during the monsoon season.



Focus on Data-Driven Policing



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Director General of Police, Dr. Jitender, IPS, conducted a comprehensive review of the first Half-Yearly Crime Meeting at the DGP Office in Hyderabad on Tuesday. The meeting, organized by the CID under the leadership of ADG Charu Sinha, IPS, included senior police officials such as ADG (Law & Order) Mahesh Bhagwat, ADG (Personnel) Anil Kumar, IG (Planning & Logistics) M. Ramesh,

and Commissioners of Police Avinash Mohanty (Cyberabad) and Sudheer Babu (Rachakonda), among others. During the session, the DGP reviewed crime trends across Telangana, examining the status of major investigations, law and order conditions, and progress in cases involving bodily harm, property theft, and crimes against women and children. ADG CID presented detailed insights on district-wise performance

and crime rates. A key focus of the meeting was the need to increase conviction rates, ensure timely filing of charge sheets, and strengthen coordination between departments. Dr. Jitender commended the efforts of officers in maintaining law and order during the first half of 2025 and called for intensified efforts on economic offences and organized crime. He emphasized enhancing visible policing and public safety mechanisms, particularly with regard to women and children's safety. The performance of She Teams, Anti-Human Trafficking Units (AHTUs), and Bharosa centres was reviewed closely. The DGP stressed the importance of data-driven policing for effective crime mapping and control. He urged field-level officers to focus on accountability, transparency, and improving service delivery at police stations to build stronger public trust. The final presentation of the meeting was delivered by Director of Telangana Cyber Security Bureau (TGCSB), Shikha Goel.

Ganja Smuggling Foiled at Secunderabad Metro Station



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In a major crackdown, Excise DTF personnel seized 14 kg of ganja near Secunder-

abad West Metro Station and arrested a 20-year-old youth involved in the smuggling. The arrested individual, Sunil Nayak, an intermedi-

ate student and hotel waiter, had travelled from Orissa's Chitrapuri to Hyderabad via the Konark Express. Upon arrival at the Secunderabad Railway Station, Nayak was waiting to deliver the contraband when Excise DTF CI Soujanya's team apprehended him and seized a briefcase containing the ganja. The estimated market value of the seized narcotics is around ₹7 lakh. In another operation, the team also nabbed a person named Jurru Praveen near the Secunderabad Clock Tower with 400 grams of ganja. A case has been filed against Praveen and another indi-

vidual named Jatotha Anil. Secunderabad in-charge ES and AS Srinivasa Rao confirmed the arrests and stated that the ganja was intended for distribution within Hyderabad. The accused and seized material have been handed over to the Secunderabad Excise Station. The successful operation was carried out by CI Soujanya along with SI Sivakrishna, Ravi, Shilpa, and Sunitha. Excise Enforcement Director Shah Nawaz Qasim and Deputy Commissioner Anil Kumar Reddy lauded the efforts of the team for their swift action in curbing drug trafficking.

Let's Fence to Stop Encroachments, Says Hydra Commissioner

TPN Correspondent | Rangareddy
Hyderabad Commissioner AV Ranganath announced that over 200 acres of government land in Pupalaguda village of Gandipet mandal, Rangareddy district, will be fenced to prevent encroachments. This decision comes in response to complaints filed by the Society to Save Rocks regarding the protection of natural rock formations with a history of 250 crore years in survey numbers 452/1 and 454/1. During his field visit on Wednesday, the Commissioner inspected the area and discussed land allocations made to temples and dargahs, which reportedly cover around 10 acres. He said these allocations would be reviewed with revenue officials, boundaries identified, and fences erected accordingly. He also stressed that any land beyond what was officially allotted would be protected from further encroachment. Ranganath assured that a meeting will be held soon with representatives of all religious sites to ensure clarity on boundaries. He emphasized the importance of preserving the unique rock formations, calling



them an invaluable part of nature and history. "The hills are a part of our planet's natural history spanning 250 crore years. Preserving them is like preserving nature itself," the Commissioner stated. Locals also urged protection for the nearby Bhagirathamma lake and closure of its flood inlets to prevent further damage. Ranganath said the lake's protection would be considered integral to the overall preservation effort. He also mentioned that the High Court's restrictions on construction in the area will be reviewed to guide further action. As part of his inspection, the Commissioner also visited the Narsingh region, where historical stone formations spread across 160 acres are facing similar threats.

5016 Women to Join Deepa Vandana Program



TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
Sri Shaiva Kshetra Peethadhipathi Shiva Swamiji announced that a grand spiritual gathering will be held on August 22 in Manneguda as part of Shravan month celebrations. Organized by the Sri Shaiva Kshetra Dharma Rakshati Rakshita Trust, the event will feature 5016 women participating in a unique Mana Deepu Vandana and Shiva Shastra Parayanam. Shiva Swamiji stated that the spiritual embodiment of Vasavi Kanyakamata Parameshwari will be enshrined at the venue during the program. He emphasized that such religious and devotional initiatives have been consistently undertaken by

the trust in recent years to promote spiritual awareness and service. As a highlight of the event, Dharma Shiromani Awards will be presented to women who have rendered exceptional service through the Dharma Rakshati Rakshita Trust. The awards will be given across 12 different categories, recognizing their contribution to the cause of dharma. In a symbolic act of unity and devotion, around 5500 women dressed in identical sarees will participate in the spiritual rituals. Swamiji said this collective prayer and harmony is being conducted for the welfare, prosperity, and happiness of Telangana state.

Police Arrests Four accused



TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
The Jagadgirigutta police cracked the Yellammabanda murder case within 24 hours, arresting four individuals in connection with the brutal killing of a rowdy sheeter named Mahmood (40) from Musheerabad. He was hacked to death by a group of assailants on Monday. The accused have been identified as Syed Fazil (48), Syed Jahangir (23), and Sheikh Karim (23) — all residents of Yellammabanda — and an auto driver Sheikh

revealed that a financial dispute between the deceased Mahmood and Fazil was the motive behind the murder. Balanagar ACP P. Nareesh Reddy held a press conference at Jagadgirigutta Police Station to announce the arrests. He confirmed that all four accused have been remanded. The operation was carried out under his supervision with coordination from Jagadgirigutta SHO Narasimha, DI K. Narashima, Balanagar SOT CI, and police personnel from both SOT and Jagadgirigutta stations.

Free Health Checkups for Excise Staff at Nampally HQ

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
Free medical tests were organised for all employees at the Excise Bhavan in Nampally under the initiative of Medicovert Hospitals. Over 700 staff members benefited from the camp held on Wednesday. As part of the initiative, various health tests were conducted to ensure early detection and preventive care for the employees. The health camp, held within the premises of the Excise Headquarters, saw active participation and appreciation from the staff. The employees expressed their gratitude to Medicovert for arranging the comprehensive health checkups at no cost.



Beef Shops to Remain Shut on August 15, 16

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) has directed the closure of all cattle slaughterhouses and beef shops on August 15 and 16, 2025, in view of Independence Day and Sri Krishna Janmashtami celebrations. In an official notification issued under Section 533(b) of the GHMC Act, 1955, the civic body emphasized the importance of both occasions

and announced the temporary shutdown as a precautionary and respectful measure. GHMC Commissioner R V Karnan has also written to the Commissioners of Police from Hyderabad, Cyberabad, and Rachakonda zones, requesting their full cooperation to ensure the enforcement of the orders. The restrictions will be applicable across all areas falling under the GHMC's jurisdiction.

BC Leader Dismisses Congress Protest as Publicity Stunt

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
Former BC Commission chairman Vakulabharanam Krishna Mohan Rao has launched a scathing attack on the Congress-led protest in Delhi over BC reservations, labelling it a mere political drama aimed at impressing AICC leadership rather than securing justice for the Backward Classes.

Speaking to the media in Hyderabad on Wednesday, Krishna Mohan Rao urged the government to pursue the legal route instead of stage-managed protests. He questioned why the Congress government had not approached the Supreme Court with a Writ of Mandamus or sought opinion under Article 143(1) of the Constitution, as was done in the Tamil Nadu case. “The government is resorting to publicity over policy,” Rao said, adding that genuine justice for

BCs could only come through the courts. He pointed out inconsistencies in the government’s handling of reports, noting that while the Busani Commission report was quietly submitted to the Chief Secretary, the Justice Sudarshan Reddy Committee report was showcased with grand publicity. He also expressed doubts over the rushed nature of the BC reservation reports, contrasting it with the prolonged 16-month probe into the Kaleshwaram project.

“Why were BC reservation reports hidden while the Kaleshwaram report was fast-tracked?” he asked, further demanding the public release of all reports prepared on BC rights. Krishna Mohan Rao concluded that the Congress’s actions lacked sincerity and that the legal path, not staged protests, was the right way to ensure justice for BCs.



Seethakka Lauds Revanth for Backing Social Justice

TPN Correspondent | New Delhi
Speaking at Delhi’s Dharna Chowk, Telangana Tribal Welfare Minister Seethakka launched a scathing attack on the BJP, accusing it of double standards on BC reservations while praising Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for pushing forward Rahul Gandhi’s vision of social justice.

Seethakka said it was remarkable that Revanth Reddy, despite coming from an upper-caste Reddy background, was championing BC rights and oppressed communities, unlike parties that only offer lip service.

She accused the BJP of supporting BC reservation bills in the Telangana Assembly only for political mileage. “If BJP really stands for BCs, why aren’t their MPs ensuring passage of these bills in Parliament?” she asked.

Citing examples from Modi’s home

state Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh, Seethakka pointed out that poor Muslims are listed as BCs there too. “Not a single new Muslim caste has been added in Telangana. BJP is lying to mislead the people,” she said.

She also alleged that no BC officers serve in Modi’s PMO, and criticized the Prime Minister’s past statements on reservations in IITs/IIMs. “Modi’s ideology is anti-BC. It’s in his DNA,” she claimed. Seethakka urged people to demand accountability from BJP MPs and called for protests in Delhi, not just in Telangana streets.

“BJP wants BC votes, not their self-respect. They divide society for power but stand against true social justice,” she said. She concluded by calling Rahul Gandhi “a leader of the times” and reaffirmed Congress’ commitment to BC empowerment.

ACB Caught Jagtial DTO

TPN Correspondent | Jagtial
The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) conducted a raid on the RDO office in Jagtial and caught Divisional Transport Officer (DTO) Badru Nayak red-handed while accepting a bribe of ₹22,000. The operation was carried out following a complaint from a JCB owner in Korutla.

According to officials, DTO Badru Nayak had initially demanded

a bribe of ₹35,000 for processing official work related to the complainant’s JCB. Upon negotiation, the amount was reduced to ₹22,000. Nayak was caught while accepting the bribe through his driver, Arvind. The ACB arrested both the officer and the driver. A case has been registered, and DTO Badru Nayak has been sent to judicial remand. Further investigation is underway.



Notices to 42 Panchayat Secretaries in Bhadradri



TPN Correspondent | Bhadradri Kothagudem
In a significant move against dereliction of duty, the District Collector of Bhadradri Kothagudem, Jitesh V. Patil, has issued show cause notices to 42 Panchayat secretaries for allegedly submitting fake attendance records. The

crackdown follows orders from Panchayat Raj Commissioner Gummala Srijana, who directed the Collector to initiate criminal action against those found guilty. The issue came to light after several Panchayat secretaries, considered instrumental in local governance and

development works, were found marking attendance without reporting to their duties. Particularly in Burgampadu mandal, secretaries from major gram panchayats like Sarapaka, Burgampadu, and Lakshmipuram topped the list of irregularities. Reports indicate that some of them submitted false attendance for as many as 24 days.

The state government, taking a serious view of the matter, has instructed all District Collectors to register criminal cases against such officials. Additionally, disciplinary action has been recommended against supervisory officers who failed to monitor these irregularities effectively.

The large-scale issuance of show cause notices has triggered discussions across the district. As authorities await the responses from the concerned secretaries, further action is expected. The incident has raised questions about administrative oversight and accountability within the Panchayat Raj system.

The case now hinges on the outcome of the ongoing investigation and the replies submitted by the secretaries. The government’s stance indicates that strict punitive measures could follow to ensure better governance at the grassroots level.

Mahashakti Temple Gears Up for Grand Varalakshmi Vratam



TPN Correspondent | Karimnagar
Sri Mahashakti Temple in Chaitanyapuri, Karimnagar, is all set for grand Varalakshmi Vratam celebrations

on August 7 and 8. The temple, revered for housing the divine trinity — Sri Mahadurga, Sri Mahalakshmi, and Sri Mahasaraswati — has been adorned with vibrant

flowers and decorative lighting in preparation for the auspicious event.

Special rituals including Phala Panchamruta Abhishekam and Mangaladravya Abhishekam will be performed under the guidance of Sri Sri Sri Vidyananya Bharathi Swamy, the Peethadhipathi of Hampi Virupaksha Vidyaranya Peetham.

August 7 (Thursday): Phala Panchamruta Abhishekam and Mangaladravya Abhishekam at 7:00 PM for Sri Ganapati, Sri Mahadurga, Sri Mahalakshmi, and Sri Mahasaraswati.

August 8 (Shravana Friday): Special alankaram (decora-

tions) at 7:30 AM, followed by Mahaharati and Varalakshmi Vratam at 6:30 PM. The evening will conclude with Kumkuma Archana and Tirtha Prasada distribution.

Thousands of devotees are expected to participate in the sacred event. The temple management has made elaborate arrangements including drinking water, pendals, and coolers in view of the expected heat and large gatherings.

The temple authorities have invited devotees to attend the celebrations and receive the divine blessings of Goddess Lakshmi for prosperity and family well-being.

School Bus Driver Caught Drunk Driving

TPN Correspondent | Siddipet
In a serious lapse of safety, a private school bus driver was found intoxicated while ferrying 40 children in Siddipet’s Jagadevpur mandal on Wednesday evening. The incident came to light during a routine inspection conducted by the local police. The driver, Parushu-

ramulu, employed by The Master Minds School, was subjected to a breathalyser test which confirmed that he was under the influence of alcohol at the time.

Authorities acted swiftly by seizing the bus and filing a case against the driver. The timely inspection potentially averted what could have been a major tragedy.

Sub-Inspector Krishna Reddy condemned the act and stated, “Driving under the influence, especially when carrying schoolchildren, is not just a crime but a grave danger to innocent lives. Strict action will be taken in such cases.” The police department has reiterated its commitment to enforcing safety regulations around

school transportation, urging all institutions to conduct regular checks on their drivers and vehicles.

This incident has raised fresh concerns among parents and educationists about the enforcement of transport safety norms in private schools.

Sabita Inspects Raviryala Lake Beautification



TPN Correspondent | Maheshwaram
Maheshwaram MLA and former Minister Sabita Indra Reddy visited Raviryala Lake on Wednesday to review the ongoing beautification works. The lake, located within the limits of Thukkuguda Municipality, is undergoing development under her supervision.

During the inspection, Sabita Indra Reddy directed officials to expedite the works without compromising on quality. “The work should be completed quickly and the lake should be made available to the public without any compromise on the quality of the work.

These development programs should be memorable for future generations,” she stated. She emphasized that the project should stand as a long-term asset for the constituency and instructed the authorities to ensure that the lake becomes a clean and accessible space for locals.

Officials from various departments, along with party leaders and public representatives, accompanied the MLA during the inspection. The visit reflects the government’s ongoing focus on improving water bodies and public spaces within urban areas of Telangana.

Wife Ends Life After Recording Tearful Selfie Video

TPN Correspondent | Karimnagar
A heartbreaking incident unfolded in Tadikal village of Shankarapatnam mandal, where a young woman named Sravya took her own life after recording a tearful selfie video accusing her husband Tej of constant suspicion and harassment.

In the video, Sravya can be heard emotionally stating, “Tej, I have no relationship with anyone. I haven’t spoken to anyone. Even though I swear on everyone, please believe me. If you want, check my phone—you will know the truth. Take good care of Babu, and you be happy too.”

Sravya was married to Tej, a resident of Boinapalli in Rajanna Siricilla district, in 2020. Tej had moved to Dubai for work two years ago. Since his departure, Sravya alleged that her husband harassed her frequently, accusing her of infidelity without basis.

Unable to bear the mental torture and repeated accusations, Sravya took the extreme step. She died by suicide, hanging herself from a ceiling fan at her mother’s residence in Tadikal.

The incident has left the local community in shock, with the selfie video now serving as a painful testimony of her final moments. Police have registered a case and launched an investigation into the matter.

Waste is not a waste until it is wasted - a problem into an opportunity

Waste is not wasted until it is wasted" – this powerful adage serves as the guiding principle for a zero-carbon lifestyle practiced by all successful cities in the world and the evolution of the circular economy. As an outsider to Andhra Pradesh, I'm consistently struck by the apparent disregard many residents show for keeping their surroundings clean. It's a disheartening observation. Take, for instance, the affluent LIC Colony in Vijayawada where I live. Every morning, the dedicated staff of the Vijayawada Municipal Corporation (VMC) diligently collect trash from homes and meticulously clean the streets. Yet, by nightfall, a disheartening sight emerges: most of the resident's water clean their house front yard and draw Rangoli. But just before this cultural welcoming of deity, they dump all waste including kitchen waste over the street, yards away from their clean home. These wastes are then scattered by foraging street dogs. The sincere efforts of the VMC staff, who work tirelessly to maintain cleanliness, are undermined daily. This raises a crucial question: Whose responsibility is this? I keep my kitchen waste (biodegradable) and plastic waste separate and hand it over to VMC workers every morning. But the truth, as soon as they collect the separated waste, they dump it together into their truck, making it impossible to separate degradable and non-degradable



for recycling. Over and over, when I ask them to keep it separate, they comment what will we do at the end of the day. We can dump it together only, showing the inability of the authorities to provide a waste management solution. It's clear that a fundamental shift in behavior is desperately needed, not just in LIC Colony, but across all of Andhra Pradesh with the public and the responsible local bodies. We aren't lacking in environmental laws. Rather, the issue lies in their inadequate implementation and enforcement. Recent news, however, offers a glimmer of hope. It was encouraging to read about Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu's visit to a waste processing unit run by Jindal.

Then the 300-acre Circular Economy Industrial Park at Thukivakam near Tirupati. Furthermore, the government's recent ban on plastic covers across the state is a commendable step. While these initiatives are positive, it's important to acknowledge the scale of the challenge. The amount of waste generated in Andhra Pradesh is at least 98% more than what the Jindal plant can convert into energy, highlighting the immense task ahead. The Circular Economy Industrial Park is the solution to processing the huge reservoir of plastics produced in a day to recycling and value-added product manufacturing like the Plastwood, the alternative for wood and many other value added products.



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ates many urban landscapes. It is not that different in Andhra villages too. A fundamental pillar of effective waste management is segregation at the source (households, offices, commercial establishments). In India, despite rules mandating it, the practice remains largely inconsistent. Mixed waste streams, where wet and dry, recyclable and non-recyclable materials are haphazardly combined, make efficient processing and recycling almost impossible. This "trashing" of mixed waste immediately reduces its potential value, effectively "wasting" it before it even leaves the doorstep. Initiatives like the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) have raised awareness about cleanliness, a deep-seated behavioral change regarding waste disposal is still evolving. Insufficient public participation in segregation and a lack of stringent enforcement of waste management rules contribute significantly to the irresponsible trashing culture. More than enforcement, the government should wake up and start setting up waste management units than allocating waste dumping yards. Recent fire in God's Own Country Kerala's Bhramapuram Waste Treatment plant, which become a dump yard due to improper planning and corruption is a classic wakeup call on how many governments take this critical matter lightly and create land, air and water pollute.

India's Strategic Bipolarity

Subtitle: Hubris vs Victimhood



India's foreign policy establishment is gripped by a growing bipolarity—between triumphalism and victimhood. This internal contradiction, more evident now under the Modi government, has complicated India's response to shifting global dynamics, particularly under the unpredictable Trump-led U.S.

The first pole emerged in 2014 with Modi's rise. India was seen as a rising power, finally acting like one. From economic growth to global diplomacy, the narrative was that India had arrived. The 2023 G20 summit symbolised this peak. New Delhi was hosting world leaders, asserting its autonomy, and seen as an indispensable power in global alignments like the Quad.

But by late 2024, cracks began to show. India's diplomatic relations with the U.S., Canada, and Britain turned tense. The Nijjar-Pannun affair, Joe Biden canceling his Republic Day visit, and the fall of Sheikh Hasina in Dhaka—all signalled a turning tide. Suddenly, the narrative shifted. The same West that once embraced India was now seen as hostile. From strategic ally, America became a conspiratorial force. The establishment's tone turned defensive—asserting India's autonomy through Russian oil deals, blaming the 'liberal deep state' for Hasina's fall, and suspecting foreign plots in every setback.

This sense of betrayal fuels the second pole—strategic victimhood. A mindset that sees India surrounded by enemies: China, Pakistan, and now, even the West. Instead of introspection, the ecosystem blames others. India failed to sense Hasina's domestic unpopularity or the scale of opposition Washington supported. Despite massive diplomatic investments in Bangladesh, India was outplayed.

Pakistan, ironically, has worked U.S. diplomacy better. So have Hasina's critics. India's diaspora potential remains untapped as diplomacy leans too heavily on Modi's personal brand. The result is a volatile narrative—one day India is a global leader, the next, a wronged lone warrior.

The real challenge isn't Trump, but this internal incoherence. While the Prime Minister and senior ministers maintain quiet diplomacy, their broader support ecosystem lapses into Cold War-era rhetoric and reactive nationalism. A more grounded, measured approach—acknowledging foreign roles without inflaming domestic politics—would serve India better.

India must step back, reassess, and stabilise its strategic outlook. The world hasn't turned against India—but India can't afford to turn against itself.



India's Road to Lord's 2027 Is Well Underway

India's Test team has made a powerful statement with its performance in England, signaling the start of a confident march toward the 2027 World Test Championship (WTC) final at Lord's. What began as a tour clouded by uncertainty—an inexperienced captain, unsettled middle order, and doubts about the bowling attack—has turned into a defining moment of transition and belief.

Despite the skepticism, this squad has surpassed expectations. Jaiswal and his opening partner scored over 1,000 runs across the series, including four centuries. Shubman Gill, batting at No. 4, has now etched his name among the greats with a record comparable to Bradman. Rishabh Pant, back in form and thriving in English conditions, has emerged as India's most reliable middle-order batter.

Veterans like Jadeja, now 38, are

rewriting narratives—earning comparisons to Garry Sobers—while Washington Sundar has made a compelling case for a permanent role as an all-rounder, particularly after his memorable performance at Lord's.

But the heart of this turnaround has been India's pace attack. Jasprit Bumrah, hailed by Scyld Berry as the greatest fast bowler of all time, has become a legend across all formats. When Bumrah isn't on the field, Mohammed Siraj steps up. His match-winning spells—especially at The Oval—have proven he's more than a supporting act. Prasidh Krishna and Akash Deep have added depth, with the latter impressing in Edgbaston before being sidelined by injury.

The WTC journey is just beginning. India has 13 Tests left in this cycle, including nine at home. The home stretch will fea-

ture series against South Africa, West Indies, and Australia. This offers a chance to bring back Kuldeep Yadav and trust India's evolving all-round attack rather than rely on spin-friendly pitches alone.

Yet, selection remains a concern. The No. 3 spot is still unclaimed, with Karun Nair and Sai Sudharsan yet to deliver consistently. Playing two spinners on a green-top at The Oval backfired, highlighting recurring selection gambles. India needs to embrace logic over sentiment if they are to succeed overseas.

With a renewed mindset and a squad that's maturing fast, India's path to Lord's 2027 has begun with promise. If this momentum is maintained, fans can start dreaming—seriously—about a WTC final featuring the Men in Blue at the Home of Cricket.

PM inaugurates Kartavya Bhavan

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday inaugurated Kartavya Bhavan-03, the first of ten buildings planned under the Common Central Secretariat initiative. The landmark project aims to consolidate several ministries and departments under one roof to improve governance efficiency.

Located in the heart of the national capital, Kartavya Bhavan-03 will house key ministries including Home Affairs, External Affairs, Rural Development, MSME, DoPT, Petroleum & Natural Gas, and the Principal Scientific Adviser's office.

The inauguration marks a significant milestone in the Centre's plan to modernise its administrative infrastructure. The older buildings—such as Shastri Bhawan, Krishi Bhawan, Nirman Bhawan, and Udyog Bhawan—constructed in the mid-20th century, are now considered “structurally outdated and inefficient,” as per government officials.

Prime Minister Modi was accompanied by Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Manohar Lal Khattar and HUA Secretary



Katikithala Srinivas during the inauguration. The Prime Minister toured the new facility, while Mr. Srinivas briefed him on the building's modern features and energy-efficient design.

The Common Central Secretariat project is part of the broader Central Vista Redevelopment Plan, which also includes the new Parliament building, the Prime

Minister's residence, and a new Vice-President Enclave.

According to officials, Kartavya Bhavan has been designed with sustainability and modern workplace needs in mind, including advanced security, digital infrastructure, and eco-friendly architecture.

Once completed, the entire Cen-

tral Secretariat complex will not only help streamline inter-ministerial coordination but also reduce real estate and operational costs, while improving employee productivity. The remaining nine buildings are expected to be inaugurated in phases over the next few years, making this project one of the largest administrative infrastructure overhauls in independent India's history.



Rahul Gandhi Granted Bail in Jharkhand Defamation Case

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Congress leader and Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi was granted bail on Wednesday by an MP-MLA court in Chaibasa, Jharkhand, in connection with a 2018 defamation case linked to remarks he allegedly made against Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

Gandhi appeared before the court around 10:55 am, following directions from the Jharkhand High Court, which had earlier set August 6 as the date for his appearance after postponing a prior court-scheduled date of June 26.

“Rahul Gandhi appeared before the court as directed and sought bail, which has been granted. We will now continue with the legal process,” said his counsel.

The defamation case was filed by Pratap Kumar, who alleged that Gandhi had made defamatory statements against Amit Shah during a political rally in Chaibasa in 2018, intending to tarnish the Home Minister's public image.

The special court had initially directed Gandhi to appear on June 26. However, his legal team approached the high court citing prior commitments and requested an extension. The high court accepted the plea and granted the revised date of August 6.

Gandhi arrived in Jharkhand on Tuesday to attend the funeral of former Chief Minister Shibu Soren at his ancestral village Nemra in Ramgarh district. From there, he traveled to Chaibasa by helicopter, landing at a specially prepared helipad at Tata College Ground.

This case adds to the series of legal challenges Gandhi has faced over past public remarks. Despite these, he continues to maintain a high-profile political presence, especially in the wake of his new role as the Leader of the Opposition in Parliament. The court is expected to schedule the next hearing in the coming weeks.

INDIA bloc seeks SIR debate in Parliament: Kharge

TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

Leaders of the INDIA bloc on Wednesday called for an urgent debate in Parliament on the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls being conducted in Bihar, alleging that the exercise threatens the voting rights of minorities, Dalits, and adivasis.

At a joint press conference at Vijay Chowk, Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge said the alliance of opposition parties is united in demanding that the issue be discussed in both Houses.

“We are urging the Speaker, the Chairman and the government again and again – people's voting rights must not be stolen. That's exactly what's happening through the SIR exercise,” said Kharge, who also



heads the Congress party.

He asserted that the INDIA bloc parties will continue to protest both inside and outside Parliament, despite the government's stand that the functioning of the Election Commission of India (ECI) – a con-

stitutional body – cannot be debated in the House.

“Everything under the sun can be discussed in Parliament. This is not just about the ECI. They're essentially casting doubt on the citizenship of individuals,” Kharge said.

Prominent leaders present at the briefing included Priyanka Gandhi Vadra (Congress), Akhilesh Yadav (Samajwadi Party), Sanjay Raut (Shiv Sena-UBT), Supriya Sule (NCP-SP), and John Brittas (CPI-M).

Trinamool Congress MP Sagarika Ghose announced a protest march to the Election Commission office on August 11, and alleged targeted harassment of Bengali-speaking communities in BJP-ruled states.

The Election Commission's SIR drive in Bihar, which involves re-verifying voter rolls, has drawn criticism from various quarters for allegedly being opaque and exclusionary. Opposition parties claim the exercise could disenfranchise vulnerable communities ahead of key elections.

Trump doubles tariff on India to 50% for buying Russian oil

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

In a significant escalation of trade tensions, the United States has announced a steep hike in tariffs on Indian goods, doubling the rate from 25% to 50%. The decision, made under the leadership of former President Donald Trump, comes in response to India's continued purchase of crude oil from Russia despite Western sanctions.

According to the U.S. administration, the tariff increase is meant to penalize India for “undermining global efforts” to isolate Russia economically. The initial 25% duty will take effect on August 7, with the additional 25% surcharge coming into force 21 days later, effectively raising the total import duty to 50%. India has strongly condemned the U.S. move, calling it “unfair, unjustified, and unreasonable.” In an official statement, the Indian government emphasized its right to pursue an independent foreign policy and energy strategy, especially during a time of global volatility and rising oil prices.

“We will take all necessary steps to protect our national interest,” an Indian government spokesperson stated. “Energy security is a critical concern, and we will not compromise on our sovereign right to choose our trade partners.” India has defended its oil purchases from Russia as legal and essential for



meeting its domestic energy needs. Officials argue that such decisions are based on economic pragmatism, not geopolitics. Trade analysts warn that the tariff hike could significantly impact bilateral trade between the two countries, which has already seen strain in recent years over issues like digital taxes and defense partnerships. With this new tariff move, tensions could escalate further, potentially spilling over into other strategic areas of cooperation. Diplomatic talks are expected in the coming weeks as both sides seek to avoid a deeper rift.

Over 60 Feared Missing in Uttarkashi Floods

Rescue Operations Intensify

TPN Correspondent | Dehradun

Dehradun, Aug 6 – As torrential rains continue to pound Uttarkashi, rescue teams are racing against time to locate over 60 people feared missing after flash floods and landslides struck the region. The disaster, which unfolded earlier this week, has triggered widespread destruction in Harsil and surrounding areas.

Colonel Harshvardhan, who is leading the Indian Army's rescue operations, confirmed that while the exact number of missing remains uncertain, operations are ongoing round-the-clock. “Additional Army columns, tracker dogs, drones, and heavy earth-moving machinery have been deployed to intensify search and rescue efforts,” he said.

The situation remains critical as several rivers have breached danger levels, raising fears of further flash floods. In response, residents have been shifted to higher ground to prevent casualties from potential water surges.

Air Force helicopters are also being mobilised to deliver essential supplies, medicines, and facili-



tate evacuation of marooned villagers, the Army said in a statement.

Rescue operations entered their second day on Wednesday, with teams working to clear thick walls of debris and mud from blocked roads, especially near Harsil. Excavators and bulldozers were seen clearing landslide-hit sections to restore access.

Local officials said that many areas remain cut off due to collapsed bridges and damaged roads, complicating efforts to reach those stranded. Communication lines have also been partially disrupted in remote villag-

es.

The Uttarakhand government is closely monitoring the situation and has urged residents to stay alert, avoid riverbanks, and follow safety advisories. Emergency response teams, including NDRF and SDRF units, remain on high alert.

Authorities have also warned of continued heavy rainfall in the region over the next 48 hours, which could further hamper rescue operations.

This is one of the worst monsoon-related disasters to hit Uttarkashi in recent years.

I never said a percentage: Trump

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U.S. President Donald Trump has signalled a potential hike in tariffs on imports from India, citing New Delhi's continued purchase of Russian oil. In a press conference on Tuesday, Trump said, "I never said a percentage, but we'll be doing quite a bit of that," while addressing questions on reports suggesting a 100% tariff. Trump's statement came after earlier reports claimed he planned to raise the current 25% tariff on Indian imports "very substantially" within 24 hours. Speaking to CNBC, he said, "They're fuelling the war machine, and if they're going to do that, then I'm not going to be happy."

According to Trump, the core issue is that India not only buys significant volumes of Russian oil but also allegedly resells it in global markets for profit. "India is not only buying massive amounts of Russian oil but also selling it on the open market for big profits. They don't care how many people in Ukraine are being killed," Trump posted on Truth Social. Former U.S. Ambassador to the UN, Nikki Haley, criticised Trump's stance,



warning against jeopardising ties with India, a key U.S. ally. She also questioned why China — the top buyer of Russian and Iranian oil — received a 90-day tariff pause while India was being singled out. "Don't give China a pass and burn a relationship with a strong ally like India," she posted on X.

Trump had already announced a 25% reciprocal tariff on India, alongside a planned penalty for oil imports from Russia. No exact figures have been confirmed yet, and the White House said meetings with Russian officials are expected soon to assess the situation further.

India, Russia Reaffirm Defence Ties

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Moscow: India and Russia have reaffirmed their strong defence cooperation and strategic partnership during a meeting between Russian Deputy Defence Minister Colonel General Aleksandr Fomin and Indian Ambassador to Russia Vinay Kumar on Tuesday.

According to a statement by the Russian Defence Ministry, the leaders discussed key areas of bilateral defence cooperation and emphasized strengthening the "particularly privileged strategic partnership" between the two nations. The ministry noted that the meeting was held in a warm and friendly atmosphere, reflecting the long-standing cordial ties between the two countries. The meeting comes amid rising geopolitical tensions and pressure from the United States on India over its continued oil imports from Russia. Krem-



lin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov defended India's trade choices, stating that sovereign nations have the right to independently choose their economic partners and cooperation terms based on national interests. "We believe that sovereign countries must have and do have the right to choose their trade partners... that suit the interests of the country," said Peskov, countering US remarks. On the same day, US President

Donald Trump announced plans to substantially raise tariffs on Indian imports within 24 hours, citing India's ongoing energy trade with Russia. In response, India strongly rejected the criticism, calling the targeting of its policies "unjustified and unreasonable."

India's Ministry of External Affairs issued a statement asserting that energy imports from Russia began only after traditional sources were redirected to Europe following the Ukraine conflict. The statement further highlighted that several Western nations, including the US, continue to import key Russian commodities such as uranium, palladium, and fertilisers. India reaffirmed its commitment to safeguarding its economic interests and energy security. "Like any major economy, India will take all necessary measures to safeguard its national interests," the statement said.



France Battles Year's Largest Wildfire

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France is grappling with the biggest wildfire of the year, which has ravaged 27,000 acres (12,000 hectares) in the southern Aude department. The fire, which started Tuesday and continued into Wednesday, has injured nine people, including one critically injured with severe burns, and claimed the life of an elderly woman at her home.

Over 1,800 firefighters are battling the blaze as it threatens several villages. So far, 25 homes have been destroyed or damaged, and authorities have partially evacuated one village and closed several roads and campsites to ensure public safety.

Lucie Roesch, Secretary General of the Aude prefecture, said, "The fire is advancing in an area where all conditions are ripe for it to progress. We are monitoring the edges and back of the fire to prevent flare-ups." Despite a slowdown due to rising humidity, officials warn the firefighting efforts will be a "long-term operation."

The wildfire has been fueled by a combination of low rainfall, strong winds, rising temperatures, and dry vegetation. The removal of vineyards, which previously acted as firebreaks, has also contributed to the fire's spread.

French President Emmanuel Macron expressed the nation's full support, stating on social media that "all of the Nation's resources are mobilised," while urging citizens to exercise "the utmost caution."

The Aude wildfire is the largest so far in a summer that has already witnessed some 9,000 fires, primarily along France's Mediterranean coast.

Prime Minister Francois Bayrou is scheduled to visit the affected area to oversee relief and recovery operations.

As firefighting efforts continue, authorities remain vigilant against potential flare-ups amid unfavorable weather conditions that could exacerbate the blaze.

Afghanistan's hunger crisis worsens



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Kabul: Afghanistan's hunger crisis is rapidly worsening, with the World Food Programme (WFP) warning that the situation is becoming dire amid ongoing economic instability, prolonged droughts, and the forced return of thousands of Afghan migrants from neighbouring countries.

According to a report by Tolo News, the WFP has identified women, children, and returnees as the most vulnerable groups in this growing crisis. The agency stated that it needs nearly USD 540 million to sustain its humanitarian programs over the next six months to reach the most at-risk populations across the country.

"For the next six months, the World Food Programme in Afghanistan needs nearly 540 million US dollars to carry out its programs," said WFP communications officer Ziauddin Safi.

Experts, however, caution that while aid is crucial in the short term, long-term solutions require deeper investment in infrastructure and development. Economic analyst Mir Shaker Yaqubi stressed that

humanitarian aid, although vital in preventing immediate disaster, cannot solve Afghanistan's structural economic issues.

"These aids are humanitarian and prevent a serious crisis, but they cannot be considered a fundamental solution," Yaqubi said.

Sayed Masood, another economist, pointed out that Afghanistan's crisis is primarily political, not economic. "We have the resources to develop, but political barriers and lack of global engagement are halting progress," he noted.

Deputy Minister of Economy Abdul Latif Nazari echoed the importance of continued aid, particularly with the rising number of returning migrants. "Our request is that international aid organisations and the global community continue their humanitarian and emergency assistance," he said.

The UN had earlier appealed for over \$2 billion in aid to assist nearly 23 million Afghans. With limited domestic resources and increasing humanitarian needs, Afghanistan remains heavily reliant on international support.

Pakistan to Repatriate Over 1.3 Million Afghan Refugees from Sept 1

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The Pakistan government has announced it will begin the repatriation of over 1.3 million Afghan refugees holding Proof of Registration (PoR) cards starting September 1, 2025, following the expiration of these cards on June 30. This marks a continuation of the country's efforts to expel illegal aliens that began in 2023.

According to a letter from the Interior Ministry dated August 4, the voluntary return process for PoR cardholders will start immediately, with formal repatriation and deportation commencing from September 1. The ministry has instructed provincial governments and law enforcement agencies to map PoR cardholders and develop repatriation action plans, including transit areas, transportation, and financial support for deportees.

The National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) will assist with deregistration at border points, while the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) will facilitate returns at designated crossings. The Interior Ministry has also called on authorities in Pakistan-occupied

Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan to share PoR databases with relevant committees.

The decision follows the Interior Ministry's July 31 declaration that PoR cardholders are now considered unlawful residents after their cards expired. Over 800,000 Afghan refugees have already been repatriated since 2023.

UNHCR has expressed concern over the forced returns, highlighting reports of arrests and detentions of PoR cardholders in Pakistan. The agency emphasized that such forced repatriation violates the principle of non-refoulement and Pakistan's long-standing humanitarian stance toward Afghan refugees. As of June 30, 2025, more than 1.3 million Afghans lived in Pakistan, with the majority residing in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, followed by Balochistan, Punjab, Sindh, and Islamabad.

The PoR cards were first issued in 2004-05 with UNHCR assistance, and Afghan Citizenship Cards (ACC) were introduced in 2016 under the Foreigners Act. The coming months will be crucial for the fate of Afghan refugees in Pakistan amid growing tensions.



RBI Policy Status Quo and Global Uncertainty Weigh on Dalal Street

Domestic stock markets fell moderately on Wednesday. The benchmark indices initially remained range-bound. Investors were cautious due to mixed signals from Asian and international markets, Trump's tariff threats and RBI keeping interest rates unchanged. The movement of the indices is not understandable due to the lack of decisiveness. Overall, the Nifty 75 and the Sensex rose by 166 points.

The BSE Sensex, which closed at 80,710 in the previous session, opened at 80,694 on Wednesday. It touched an intraday low of 80,448. It reached an intraday high of 80,834. It finally closed at 80,543, down 166 points. The NSE Nifty, which opened at 24,641, touched a low of 24,539 and a high of 24,671. It closed at 24,574, down 75 points. The Nifty Bank rose 50 points to settle at 55,411.

In the Nifty50, 12 companies gained and 38 lost. Asian Paints, HDFC Life, Mahindra & Mahindra, BEL, CoalIndia were the top gainers. Wipro, Sun Pharma, Jio Finance, Tech Mahindra, IndusInd Bank lost the most. All sectoral indices, except PSU banks, turned red today. Pharma, telecom,



healthcare, IT, realty, media, FMCG, consumer durables, auto, metal and oil indices were volatile.

Market breadth favored sellers on NSE today. Out of a total of 3071 stocks traded, 846 gained and 2128 lost. 35 shares touched their 52-week high and 85 touched their 52-week low. The upper circuit was 62 and the lower circuit was 95.

The rupee strengthened by 7 paise against the dollar to settle at 87.73. KPR Mills' net profit fell 28.5% to Rs. 121

crore from Rs. 169 crore. Morgan Stanley has maintained its underweight rating on Berger Paints with a target price of Rs 482. It has given a neutral rating to Exid Industries with a target price of Rs 404. The Highway Infra IPO received a response of 64.23 times at the close of the second day of the market. The rights net profit was Rs 91 crore. Godrej Agrovet's net profit in the first quarter rose 13% to Rs 148 crore from Rs 131 crore. Jefferies has given a buy rating to DLF with a target price of Rs 1000. CLSA has given an outperform rating to Britannia Industries with a

target price of Rs 5973.

Stock Recommendations

Asian Paints: This stock is showing a bullish trend. Buy above Rs. 2450. Momentum and relative strength are increasing. Investors are showing interest in this stock due to strong demand in the paints and home decor sector. These shares closed at Rs. 2491 on Wednesday.



Swiggy: Bullish momentum has started in the stock of food delivery and quick-commerce giant Swiggy. Market expansion and operational efficiency make this stock attractive. These shares closed at Rs. 393 on Wednesday and should be accumulated in the Rs. 380 range.

HDFC Life: This insurance giant is showing a bullish trend. Buy on dips above Rs. 730 should be followed. Strong financial fundamentals and increasing demand for life insurance

products are the reasons for this stock's positive trend. These shares closed at Rs.752 on Wednesday.



Adani Ports: This stock is slowly changing to a bullish trend. Relative strength is good. Optimism over port operations and infrastructure growth is the reason for the uptrend. This counter closed at Rs.1367 on Wednesday. Should be bought in the Rs. 1350 range.



Jindal Stainless Steel: These shares, which have been in a downtrend for a few months, have given good returns in the last two months. They have been consolidating well for a few days. Momentum is currently picking up. This counter closed at Rs.734 on Wednesday, should be bought in the Rs.700 range.

RBI MPC keeps repo policy rate unchanged at 5.5% in August



The Reserve Bank of India's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) on Wednesday decided to keep the policy repo rate steady at 5.5%, reflecting a cautious yet optimistic stance on the economy. The standing deposit facility (SDF) rate remains at 5.25%, while the marginal standing facility (MSF) and Bank Rate continue at 5.75%.



The MPC maintained the GDP growth forecast for the fiscal year 2025-26 at 6.5%, with quarterly projections ranging from 6.3% to 6.7%. The real GDP growth for Q1 of 2026-27 is projected at 6.6%, with risks described as evenly balanced.

Inflation outlook has improved, with retail inflation falling to its lowest level in over six years. CPI inflation for 2025-26 is now expected at 3.1%, down from the earlier 3.7% projection. Quarterly inflation estimates stand at 2.1% for Q2, 3.1% for Q3, and 4.4% for Q4, with a projected rise to 4.9% in Q1 of 2026-27. The MPC noted that while headline inflation has eased, core inflation remains moderately above 4%, driven largely by stable food prices and other demand-side factors.

RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra said supportive government policies combined with RBI's measures bode

well for India's near-term economic outlook, despite lingering global trade challenges and geopolitical uncertainties. He highlighted the RBI's coordinated use of monetary tools to accelerate policy transmission during the current easing cycle.

Malhotra also emphasized that while growth remains robust, uncertainties around tariffs and the full impact of the 100 basis points rate cut since February 2025 are still unfolding.

The MPC unanimously decided to maintain the neutral policy stance and pledged to closely monitor incoming data to guide future monetary decisions, balancing growth support with inflation control.

India Poised for Major Economic Leap : Vaishnaw

India's steady economic growth during a transformative global period was highlighted by Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, who spoke at the inauguration of SAP Labs India Innovation Park in Devanahalli on August 5, 2025. The newly established facility represents a €194 million investment by SAP Labs and is expected to generate 15,000 jobs for AI innovators.



Addressing SAP Labs' leadership and employees virtually, Vaishnaw emphasized India's rising global economic stature, noting that the country has moved from the 11th largest economy 11 years ago to being on track to become the world's third largest soon. He cited the eightfold growth in electronics exports and upcoming production of India's first domestically made chip as milestones. Vaishnaw also praised technological advancements in the railways, comparing the acceleration of the Bullet train and Vande Bharat.

The minister highlighted the government's efforts to democratize computing power through public-private part-

nerships, providing 34,000 GPUs to students, researchers, and startups nationwide at a cost far below the global average. This initiative empowers young innovators and fuels India's technology ecosystem.

Strategically located near Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport, SAP Labs' sprawling 41-acre campus will serve as a flagship R&D and innovation hub for India and the Asia-Pacific region. The campus will house 15,000 professionals, becoming SAP's largest office in the country and focus-

ing on global AI roles in product engineering and customer service.

The facility will lead development of Joule's agentic AI capabilities and feature advanced AI labs, a customer experience centre, startup incubation hubs, hybrid collaboration zones, and green spaces. Vaishnaw described the investment as a sign of global confidence in India's talent and innovation ecosystem, reinforcing the country's growing role as a trusted technology partner.

Airtel Q1 Net Profit Soars 57%, Revenue Up 28%

Mumbai: Bharti Airtel Limited reported a strong performance for Q1 FY26, with net profit jumping 57.32% to Rs 7,421.8 crore, compared to Rs 4,717.5 crore in the same quarter last year, according to a stock exchange filing.



The telecom giant's revenue from operations rose 28.45% to Rs 49,462.6 crore from Rs 38,506.4 crore in Q1 FY25, driven by robust growth in India and a recovery in Africa on a reported currency basis.

Consolidated EBITDA stood at Rs 28,167 crore, with an improved EBITDA margin of 56.9%. Airtel's average revenue per user (ARPU) increased to Rs 250 from Rs 211 in the previous year's quarter.

India operations delivered an EBITDA of Rs 22,352 crore, with margins rising by 598 basis points to 59.5% year-on-

year. The company's net debt to EBITDA ratio improved to 1.70 times from 1.86 times as of March 31, excluding lease obligations which stood at 1.26 times.

Airtel invested Rs 8,307 crore in capital expenditure during the quarter, with Rs 7,273 crore dedicated to strengthening digital infrastructure in India. In Africa, revenue grew 24.9% year-on-year in constant currency terms, with

EBITDA margins rising to 48.1%.

During the quarter, Airtel introduced new prepaid OTT packs giving access to over 25 streaming platforms and launched the Business Name Display (BND) feature for enterprises.

Vice-Chairman and Managing Director Gopal Vittal highlighted consistent growth with India mobile revenues rising 2.9% sequentially, helped by portfolio premiumisation and 4 million new smartphone data customers. The Homes business added a record 939,000 new connections, resulting in 7.6% sequential revenue growth.

Airtel's total customer base reached 605 million across 15 countries by the quarter's end. Vittal emphasized that sustained investments, focus on customer experience, and disciplined capital allocation continue to strengthen Airtel's strong balance sheet and cash flow.

USS Nautilus: First Undersea Voyage to the North Pole



Sixty-seven years ago, on August 3, 1958, the USS Nautilus etched its name into history by becoming the first submarine to complete an undersea voyage to the geographic North Pole. This groundbreaking achievement marked a milestone not only in naval exploration but also in the use of nuclear power for marine transport.

The USS Nautilus was the world’s first nuclear-powered submarine, launched by the United States Navy in 1954. Named after Jules Verne’s fictional submarine in Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea, Nautilus revolutionised naval capabilities by overcoming the limitations that had long plagued conventional submarines.

Before nuclear propulsion, submarines could remain submerged for only 12 to 48 hours, primarily due to the need to surface for air and recharge batteries. Nuclear power changed that forever. The Nautilus could stay underwater for weeks, making long-distance submerged voyages possible for the first time.

Its journey beneath the Arctic ice cap, code-named “Operation Sunshine,” began in late July 1958. Navigating through thick ice and treacherous underwater terrain, the submarine made its way to the geographic North Pole, surfacing days later to worldwide acclaim. This voyage proved the viability of nuclear submarines for stealth and endurance, especially during the Cold War era.

The USS Nautilus was decommissioned in 1980 and is now preserved as a museum exhibit at the Submarine Force Library and Museum in Groton, Connecticut. Visitors can explore the vessel that not only changed the course of naval history but also symbolised the technological leap of the 20th century.

The historic mission of Nautilus remains a landmark in maritime history, showcasing how innovation and engineering reshaped global naval power and undersea exploration.

Youth Turning to AI for Emotional Support Raises Mental Health Alarms

A growing number of teenagers are turning to AI chatbots like ChatGPT to share emotional struggles, raising concerns among mental health experts and educators. Professionals warn this trend is fostering validation-seeking behaviour, emotional dependency, and social isolation, while undermining real-life communication skills.

Sudha Acharya, Principal of ITL Public School, highlighted that many students wrongly believe their phones offer a “private space,” making them confide in chatbots instead of people. “They’re looking for comfort, but they’re just feeding an illusion,” she said.

Acharya pointed out that a lack of emotional communication at home drives children toward AI tools. “If parents don’t open up about their own struggles, how will children learn emotional regulation?” she asked.

To address this, her school has introduced a digital citizenship curriculum from Class 6 onwards, aiming to educate students on ethical digital behaviour.

One concern is that AI bots like ChatGPT respond with comforting phrases like “We’ll solve this together,” which creates a false sense of emotional connection.

Teenagers such as Ayeshi, 16, admit to turning to AI for fear of being judged by friends or

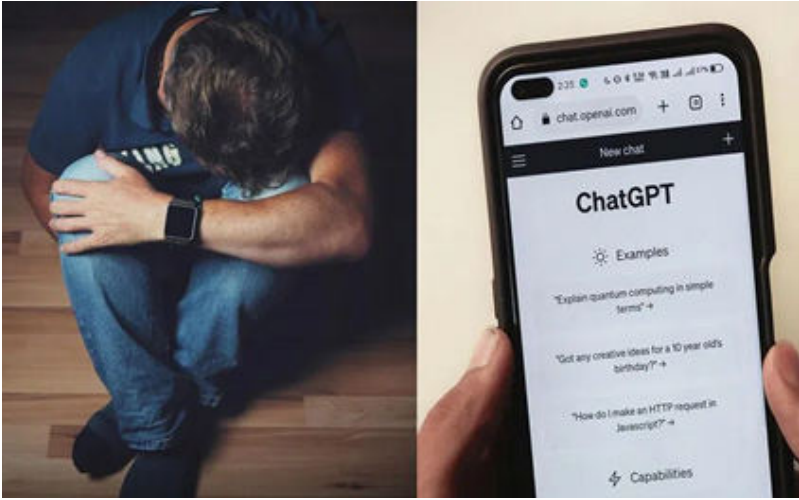
family. “It felt like my safe space. It always gave positive feedback,” she said, before realising the chatbot wasn’t offering real guidance.

Psychiatrist Dr. Lokesh Singh Shekhawat warned that repeated validation by AI can embed false beliefs, leading to mental distortions like attention and memory bias.

He likened the AI dependence to addictions such as gaming or alcohol. “There’s no constructive criticism, no emotional growth — just dependency,” he added.

With rising cases of self-harm linked to validation issues, experts urge parents to provide more emotional support and caution youth about relying on emotionless AI tools for guidance.

“It’s a machine — not a mentor,” Acharya summed up.



WhatsApp Rolls Out ‘Safety Overview’ Tool

Bans 6.8 Million Scam Accounts

WhatsApp has launched a new ‘Safety Overview’ feature aimed at protecting users from unwanted group adds and scams, as the Meta-owned messaging platform steps up efforts against fraudulent activities.



The Safety Overview alerts users whenever someone not in their contacts adds them to a new WhatsApp group. This tool provides essential information about the group along with safety tips. Users can choose to exit the group without viewing any messages if they don’t recognise it, while notifications from the group remain muted until the user opts to stay.

Additionally, WhatsApp is working on features to inform users when they start a chat with someone outside their contacts, enabling better decision-making on who they interact with.

WhatsApp’s crackdown on scams is already showing results. In the first half of 2025, the platform, alongside Meta’s security teams, detected and banned over 6.8 million accounts linked to organised scam centres, many of which are reportedly run through forced labour in Southeast Asia.

One notable disruption involved a scam network in Cambodia that used ChatGPT to craft deceptive initial messages containing WhatsApp chat links. Victims were then redirected to Telegram, where they were tasked with liking TikTok videos as part of a pyramid-like scheme promising fake earnings. Eventually, targets were pressured to deposit money into cryptocurrency accounts.

WhatsApp emphasises that these enforcement actions are proactive, aiming to dismantle scam operations before they become fully functional.

With these steps, WhatsApp aims to enhance user safety and curb the rising threat of scams exploiting its platform.

Users are encouraged to stay vigilant and use the new Safety Overview feature to protect themselves from unwanted groups and potential fraud.

Experts Dismiss Claims That Wireless Earbuds Harm Brain

A recent viral claim by a Bengaluru-based neurosurgeon warning that wireless earbuds could “fry your brain” has been dismissed by medical experts and engineers, who affirm there is no scientific evidence supporting such fears.

The doctor’s statement — suggesting that the microwaves from earbuds can damage brain tissue as they operate on frequencies similar to microwave ovens — sparked wide concern online. However, neurologists and tech professionals have responded, labelling the claim as misleading and unsubstantiated.

Dr. Sudhir Kumar, a senior neurologist from Hyderabad, clarified that Bluetooth earbuds operate on very low-power radio frequencies, typically around 2.4 GHz. “There is no evidence that such low-intensity signals can cause brain damage,” he said. “People



should not panic. The real risk comes from prolonged exposure to loud volume, which can lead to hearing loss or tinnitus — not brain injury.”

Engineers echoed this sentiment, pointing out that Bluetooth technology uses non-ionising radiation, which lacks the energy to

alter DNA or heat tissue — unlike high-energy microwave radiation. They emphasized that audio signals from earbuds are physical sound waves, not harmful electromagnetic waves.

Experts agree that wireless earbuds are safe when used responsibly, recommending users keep volume levels moderate and limit usage time to avoid ear fatigue and potential hearing damage.

While online fear-mongering around gadgets isn’t new, professionals are urging the public to verify health-related claims before accepting them. “The idea that earbuds are frying brains is simply not backed by science,” Dr. Kumar stated.

In conclusion, the consensus remains clear: wireless earbuds do not harm brain health, but like any audio device, responsible use is key to avoiding hearing issues.

Humanoid Robot joins PHD programme in China

In a groundbreaking development, China’s humanoid robot Xeuba01 has been officially admitted to a four-year PhD programme at the Shanghai Theatre Academy. The acceptance was announced during the World Artificial Intelligence Conference held on July 27, 2025.

Developed by the University of Shanghai for Science and Technology in collaboration with DroidUp Robotics, Xeuba01 will pursue a doctorate focusing on Chinese opera within the Drama and Film department. The robot has been assigned a student ID and will be mentored by Shanghai artist and professor Yang Qingqing.

Xeuba01 is expected to arrive on campus on September 14 to begin its academic journey. The curriculum will include stage performance, scriptwriting, and set design, as



well as technical subjects such as motion control and language generation. Standing 1.75 meters tall and weighing 30 kilograms, the humanoid has a realistic human-like face and the ability to physically interact with fellow students.

The admission of Xeuba01 marks a notable milestone in integrating AI and robotics into higher education, especially in creative fields traditionally dominated by humans.

However, the announcement has sparked mixed reactions on social media. Some users expressed skepticism, concerned about robots replacing human students. Twitter user @mikekalilmfg commented, “Now robots are replacing students. Meet Xeuba01, China’s first AI robot to enter a PhD program.” Another user, @MatTrang911, noted that the robot will undergo full training and write a dissertation, highlighting that an earlier version of Xeuba01 had previously won a bronze medal at a robo-marathon.

With over 60 humanoid robot models showcased by 80 companies at the WAIC, Xeuba01’s enrollment symbolizes the expanding role of AI in education and the arts, setting the stage for future collaborations between humans and intelligent machines.

Naomi To Face Clara Tauson In WTA Canadian Open Semi-Finals

Four-time Grand Slam champion Naomi Osaka advanced confidently to the semi-finals of the WTA Canadian Open with a dominant 6-2, 6-2 win over 10th seed Elina Svitolina on Wednesday. Osaka needed just 68 minutes to dispatch the Ukrainian star, securing a spot in the semi-finals against Denmark's 16th seed Clara Tauson.

Osaka, who is chasing her first WTA Tour-level title since the 2021 Australian Open, said, "I'm just having a lot of fun playing. I'm glad to be here. I think I'll be seeded in the US Open because I won my match. That was a really good goal for me. I'm just really excited."

Tauson's semi-final spot came after a stirring 6-1, 6-4 victory over reigning Australian Open champion Madison Keys. The Danish player dedicated her win to her late grandfather, who passed away just days before her stunning upset over second seed Iga Swiatek.

"Two days ago, my grandfather unfortunately passed away, so I really wanted to win for him today," Tauson said tearfully. "I was told the day after I beat Iga, so I really wanted to come out and show my best tennis for him. Hopefully he's watching."

The US Open warm-up in Montreal has been



a breakthrough for Tauson, marking the first tournament where she has defeated two top-10 players. At 22, she is aiming for her fourth career WTA title after previous wins at Lyon, Luxembourg, and Auckland.

Osaka and Tauson previously met earlier this year at Auckland, a match cut short by Osaka's injury. "She's really tough," Osaka said. "I'm really excited that I'm healthy."

In the other semi-final, 2022 Wimbledon champion Elena Rybakina will face 18-year-old Canadian rising star Victoria Mboko. Rybakina won their only previous meeting last month in Washington.

Siraj Rises to Career-Best 15th in ICC Rankings

Dubai, Aug 6 (PTI) – India pacer Mohammed Siraj has achieved a career-best 15th position in the latest ICC Test bowling rankings, following his sensational nine-wicket haul in the fifth Test against England at The Oval.

Siraj's fiery spell, which included a crucial five-wicket haul, helped India clinch a thrilling six-run victory and level the five-match series 2-2. His efforts earned him the 'Player of the Match' award and a 12-spot jump in the rankings.

The Hyderabad-born speedster now surpasses his previous best of 16th, achieved in January 2024.

In the match, Siraj delivered under pressure on the final day, claiming three vital wickets, including the last dismissal of Gus Atkinson, to seal the narrow win for India. His partnership with Prasidh Krishna, who also picked up four wickets in each innings, marked a historic feat. They became the first Indian fast-bowling pair since Bedi and Prasanna in 1969 to take four or more wickets each in both innings of a Test match.

Jasprit Bumrah, despite playing only three Tests in the series, remains the No. 1 ranked Test bowler with 889 rating points.

In the batting rankings, young opener Yashasvi Jaiswal returned to the top-5 after his second century of the series. He moved up three spots and now has 792 points. Rishabh Pant, who missed the final Test due to injury, slipped to eighth.



On the English side, Joe Root maintained his dominance at the top of the batting chart after notching his third consecutive century. Harry Brook, with a brisk 111 off 98 balls, rose to second.

Among bowlers, England's Atkinson broke into the top-10, while Josh Tongue jumped 14 places to 46th after their impressive performances at The Oval.

Tendulkar Slams Stokes Over 'Handshake Drama', Backs Team India

Cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar has defended Team India's decision to refuse a handshake from England captain Ben Stokes on Day 4 of the Manchester Test, which ended in a draw. The incident occurred during the fourth Test of the India-England series, sparking controversy and debate over the spirit of the game.

Tendulkar responded to criticism over the move, particularly because Ravindra Jadeja and Washington Sundar were nearing centuries when the handshake was declined. "Why shouldn't it be in the right spirit?" Tendulkar questioned in a Reddit video. "They were playing for a draw.



England had a go at them, and India negotiated it well."

The former India captain argued that resting England's bowlers for the fifth Test was not India's responsibility. "If Ben Stokes didn't want to bowl his frontline pacers, it was his choice. India had every right to continue batting. They were not batting for personal milestones but to save the Test."

England handed the ball to part-timers Joe Root and Harry Brook after the handshake was refused. Stokes later justified the move, saying his bowlers were exhausted and the result was already clear.

Tendulkar also praised Washington Sundar for his adaptability across the series. "He dropped anchor in Manchester, scoring 101* off 206, and accelerated brilliantly at The Oval. He showed immense maturity."

He added his full support to the Indian team's stance. "I am 100% with them — whether it's Shubman, Jadeja, or Sundar. They made the right decision for the team, not for personal glory."

India eventually drew the match, keeping the series alive, and later went on to level it 2-2 after a dramatic win at The Oval.

Fortuna Dusseldorf Drops Shon Weissman Over Controversial Posts

German club Fortuna Dusseldorf abruptly withdrew from signing Israeli striker Shon Weissman following backlash over his past anti-Gaza social media posts. The move to sign Weissman from Spanish side Granada was expected to be finalized but was called off at the last minute after intense fan objections.

Though the club did not publicly specify the reason, a statement from Dusseldorf said, "We looked into Shon Weissman intensively, but ultimately decided not to sign him." According to German media outlet Bild, the decision came amid protests from fans after resurfaced posts where Weissman reportedly called for Israel to "wipe Gaza off the map" and to "drop 200 tons of bombs on it." These posts have since been deleted.

Weissman, who joined Granada in 2023 amid similar protests, addressed the controversy on Twitter after the Dusseldorf deal collapsed. He expressed that he is not a promoter of hate and clarified the posts were deleted immediately after being shared.

"I am a son of a nation still grieving from the horrors of October 7th, when entire families were murdered, kidnapped, and brutalized," Weissman said. "It's both possible and necessary to oppose harm to innocent people on both sides. But I won't allow myself to be painted as someone who promoted hate with 3 likes and 1 comment that was deleted instantly."



He added, "While I accept all criticism, it pains me that the full context was not considered. In a moment of national and personal heartbreak, I remain committed to the values of humanity, sportsmanship, and mutual respect."

Weissman concluded by reaffirming his loyalty to Israel, saying, "At the end of the day, a person will always stand with their country. I will continue to proudly carry the Israeli flag wherever I play."

This controversy highlights the sensitive intersection of sports, politics, and social media, as clubs weigh fan sentiments and player backgrounds in recruitment decisions.

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.



Manoj Manchu Announces Period Drama ‘David Reddy’

Actor Manoj Manchu has officially announced his next big project titled David Reddy, a historical action drama set during the British colonial era. Directed by Hanuma Reddy Yakkanti, the film will chronicle the untold story of a brave Indian who fought back against British oppression between 1897 and 1922.

The film was announced today to mark Manoj Manchu’s 21st year in the film industry. Known for taking up intense and unconventional roles, Manoj takes on a powerful character once again—this time, portraying a rebel who rises from the shadows to challenge the might of the British Empire.

David Reddy promises a gritty blend of emotional storytelling, high-octane action, and raw realism. The film is being produced by Motukuri Bharath and Nallagangula Venkat Reddy, with the script currently in the final stages of development.

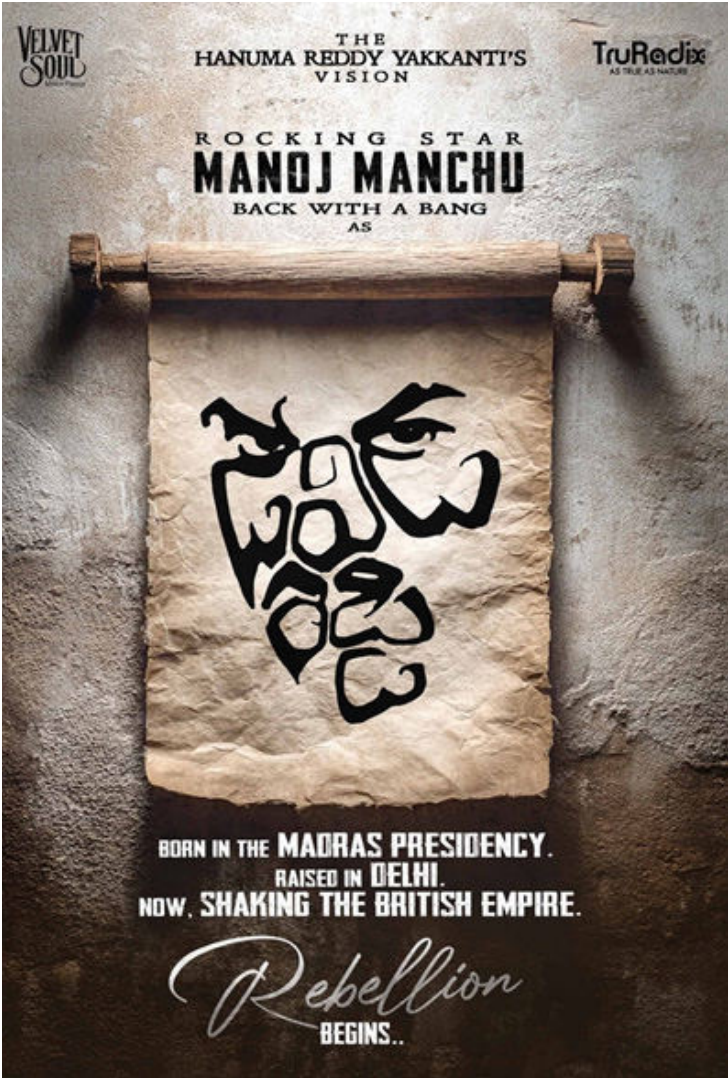
The announcement poster, featuring a fierce and determined Manoj, captures the essence of the film’s tone. It hints at the character’s journey: born in the Madras Presidency, raised in Delhi, and ultimately becoming a force that shakes the British Empire.

Speaking about the film, sources close to the production say it aims to shed light on a lesser-known chapter of India’s freedom struggle while delivering cinematic spectacle. The team is now working on extensive pre-production, with casting and location scouting underway.

This marks a significant milestone for Manoj,

whose return to full-fledged acting roles in recent years has been met with excitement by fans. David Reddy is expected to go on floors early next year, with more details to follow soon.

The film adds to the growing trend of patriotic period dramas in Indian cinema and is expected to generate strong buzz in the coming months.



‘Ole Ole’ Song from Mass Jathara Delivers a Folk Punch



The second single from Mass Jathara, titled Ole Ole, has finally dropped — and it’s already creating waves with its folk energy and festive vibe. Starring Ravi Teja and Sreeleela, the film is directed by Bhanu Bogavarapu and is shaping up to be a full-on commercial entertainer.

Composed by Bheems Ceciroleo, who is known for his pulse-pounding mass numbers, Ole Ole hits the mark with high-voltage beats and vibrant rhythms rooted in folk traditions. Sung by Bheems himself along with Rohini Sorrat, and written by Bhaskar Yadav Dasari, the track is an instant crowd-pleaser.

Adding to the song’s appeal are the electrifying dance moves by Ravi Teja and Sreeleela. Their chemistry and energy light up the screen, and the choreography matches the upbeat tempo of the song, making it a likely chartbuster for festive playlists.

Produced by S Naga Vamsi under Sitara Entertainments in collaboration with Sai Soujanya of Fortune Four Cinemas, Mass Jathara is building momentum with each update. With two singles now released, the film’s promotional campaign is well underway, and fans can expect more announcements in the coming days.

The buzz around Mass Jathara continues to grow, especially with Ravi Teja and Sreeleela reuniting after their successful collaborations in the past. Ole Ole is a perfect teaser of what’s to come — full of color, dance, music, and mass appeal.

With its catchy hook, folk essence, and star power, Ole Ole is poised to become one of the standout songs of the season. Stay tuned as Mass Jathara heads towards release with more exciting updates on the way.

‘Tribandhari Barbarik’ to Release on August 22



The much-awaited mythological drama Tribandhari Barbarik is set to release in theatres on August 22. With an impressive lineup of teasers, songs, and promotional content, the film has generated strong buzz among moviegoers ahead of its release.

The film stars veteran actor Sathyaraj, widely known for his role as Kattappa in Baahubali, in the titular role of Barbarik—an intense character inspired by Indian mythology. Directed by Mohan Srivatsa, Tribandhari Barbarik promises to deliver a powerful blend of mythological storytelling, emotion, and drama.

One of the major highlights from the promotions is the chart-topping song Iskithadi Uskithadi, featuring a sizzling special appearance by Udaya Bhanu. Sung by Rahul Sipligunj with music composed by the Infusion Band, the song has gone viral, boosting anticipation for the film’s release.

Produced by Vijaypal Reddy

Adidhala under the Vanara Celuloid banner and presented by noted filmmaker Maruthi, the film brings together a talented cast including Satyam Rajesh, Vasishtha N. Simha, Saanchi Rai, Kranthi Kiran, and Udaya Bhanu. Notably, Udaya Bhanu also plays a negative role in the film, adding an intriguing layer to the narrative.

With a rich mythological backdrop and a focus on storytelling that appeals to both mass and class audiences, Tribandhari Barbarik is expected to be a visual and emotional spectacle. The film’s team has hinted that more promotional material will be released in the coming days as part of the final marketing push.

With its official release date now locked for August 22, expectations are high for Tribandhari Barbarik to make a strong impact at the box office and win the hearts of mythological film lovers across the country.

Double Treat for Mega Fans This August

August is always special for Mega fans, and this year, the celebrations are set to reach a whole new level. As Megastar Chiranjeevi gears up to celebrate his 70th birthday on August 22, fans can expect a double dhamaka both in theatres and online.

In a special tribute to the iconic star, his 2006 blockbuster Stalin, directed by AR Murugadoss, will be re-released in cinemas. The film, known for its strong social message and Chiranjeevi’s commanding performance, will once again hit the big screen, giving fans a chance to relive the magic.

Adding to the excitement, Anjana Productions has made a surprise announcement that will thrill Pawan Kalyan’s followers. The much-awaited Firestorm song from Pawan Kalyan’s upcoming action entertainer They Call Him OG will be played exclusively in theatres screening Stalin. This surprise sneak peek has already creat-



ed a buzz across social media platforms.

The track, loaded with high-octane visuals and pulsating energy, is composed by Thaman S and has taken the internet by storm. Directed by Sujeeth of Saaho fame, OG is being produced by DVV Entertainments, the banner behind RRR. The film is slated for a global release on September 25, 2025, and expectations are sky-high.

With the re-release of Stalin and the Firestorm song debut, this birthday month becomes a celebration of two Mega stars — Chiranjeevi and Pawan Kalyan. Fans across the world are gearing up for this unique cinematic event that promises nostalgia, adrenaline, and plenty of fanfare.

The Mega family has once again proved why they hold a legendary status in Indian cinema — by giving fans not just one, but two reasons to celebrate.

‘120 Bahadur’ Teaser Brings Rezang La Battle to Life

The teaser of 120 Bahadur, a gripping war drama starring Farhan Akhtar, was officially released today. The film is based on the heroic real-life story of the Battle of Rezang La, one of the most iconic moments in Indian military history.

Farhan Akhtar takes on the powerful role of Param Vir Chakra awardee Major Shaitan Singh, leading a battalion of 120 Indian soldiers who held their ground against overwhelming Chinese forces during the 1962 Indo-China war. The film is directed by Razneesh Razy Ghai and will hit theatres on November 21.

The teaser sets an emotional and patriotic tone, combining stirring visuals with intense battlefield moments. The line “Hum Peechhe Nahin Hatenge” (We won’t step back) echoes through the clip, symbolising the bravery and un-



wavering resolve of the Indian soldiers who fought till their last breath.

Alongside Farhan Akhtar, the film also stars Raashii Khanna, Ajinkya Ramesh Deo, Eijaz Khan, and Vivaan Bhatena in pivotal roles. The visuals in the teaser showcase snow-covered battlefields, gritty close-combat scenes, and moments of deep camaraderie, giving audiences a taste of what promises to be a powerful cinematic experience. 120 Bahadur aims to honour the memory of the 120 Indian soldiers of the 13 Kumaon Regiment who created history with their unmatched courage in Rezang La. The film adds to Bollywood’s growing slate of patriotic war dramas, but stands apart with its strong historical foundation and emotional depth.

With Farhan Akhtar leading the charge and a compelling true story at its core, 120 Bahadur is set to be one of the most anticipated films of the year. The film releases nationwide on November 21.