



BUZZ POINTS

FORMER MINISTER HARISH RAO LAUNCHES RAVALPALLI SUNITHA'S NOVELS, PRAISES HER SOCIAL AWARENESS

Former Minister and MLA Harish Rao, along with MLC Deshpati Srinivas, Allam Narayana, K. Srinivas and other dignitaries, participated as chief guests at the launch of two novels—Jeevana Sandhya and Gunde Gundeko Katha—written by Ravalpalli Sunitha, held recently at the Tourism Plaza.

PAGE 03



SEETHAKKA'S ADDRESS AND PRIZE DISTRIBUTION AT INDIRA PRIYADARSHINI COLLEGE

Minister Seethakka, addressing students at Indira Priyadarshini Govern ment Degree College, drew inspiration from former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, urging students to strive for greatness. She expressed her joy in celebrating the first Bathukamma festival of the year at the college, highlighting the festival's significance in Telangana culture.

PAGE 02



Minister Ponnam Prabhakar on the Real Estate Sector

Minister Ponnam Prabhakar inaugurated the fifth edition of the Times Property Expo, hosted by the Times of India at Sandhya Convention in Gachibowli, Hyderabad. He commended the Times of India for creating a premier real estate platform that brings together top developers, potential homebuyers, investors, and industry experts.

PAGE 02

MINISTER QUESTIONED UNION GOVT'S SILENCE OVER TRUMP ACTION ON VISA FEE HIKE

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Sept 20: Telangana Minister Sridhar Babu has lashed out at U.S. President Donald Trump for once again causing harm to Indian interests. Speaking to the media in Hyderabad on Saturday, the Minister said that the decision to sharply increase visa fees would create serious hurdles for young professionals and entrepreneurs seeking opportunities in America.

"The hike in visa charges to nearly one



lakh U.S. dollars is unreasonable and damaging," Sridhar Babu said, expressing anger over the move. He pointed out that out of the 85,000 H-1B visas issued annu-

ally, a majority are taken by technology companies, and India continues to lead all countries in securing these visas. "Indian

PAGE 03



CM Revanth Reddy to Visit Medaram on September 23, to Finalize Development Plans

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Sept 20: Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy will visit Medaram on September 23 to review and finalize development plans for the historic Sammakka Saralamma Jatara, Asia's largest tribal fair. The visit comes after a detailed review meeting held earlier this week, where the Chief Minister directed officials to prepare designs and proposals in consultation with local tribal priests and community representatives.

During his visit, the

Chief Minister will inspect the development works at the ground level and hold a review meeting at Medaram itself. He is also expected to interact with tribal priests of Sammakka Saralamma temples and seek their inputs on the proposed development works. According to sources, the government will finalize designs only after receiving approval and consent from the priests, in order to ensure that tribal traditions are fully respected.

Revanth Reddy emphasized that all developmental works should align with the cultural

and spiritual significance of the Jatara. He made it clear that gadelu (sacred platforms) must remain untouched and that every aspect of the project must strictly respect tribal customs and practices. The Chief Minister also instructed that the temple premises should be expanded as per the wishes of the priests and local community.

As part of the developmental vision, CM Reddy suggested that welcome arches and other structural designs should reflect tribal heritage. He further directed that native tree species from

the region be planted around the temple and surrounding areas, so that the natural and cultural ethos of Medaram is preserved.

To ensure scientific and systematic planning, the Chief Minister has ordered the formation of a Technical Committee to oversee all works related to the Jatara. This committee will be tasked with evaluating the feasibility, sustainability, and cultural appropriateness of the proposed infrastructure projects.

The upcoming visit on September 23 will also see

PAGE 03

CM Revanth Reddy Meets Chief Justice, discussed on infra facilities

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Sept 20: Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Saturday met with the Chief Justice of the Telangana High Court, Justice Apresh Kumar Singh, at the MCRHRD Institute in Hyderabad. The high-level meeting focused on strengthening judicial infrastructure across the state and addressing the shortage



of staff in courts, especially in the newly formed districts.

The meeting was attended by several senior officials, including Chief Secretary K. Ramakrish-

na Rao, CM's Principal Secretary V. Sheshadri, Law Secretary Papi Reddy, Justice P. Sam Kosi, Justice Abhinand Kumar Shavili, along with other top bureaucrats and judicial representatives.

Chief Justice Apresh Kumar Singh highlighted the urgent need to expand judicial infrastructure to keep pace with the demands of a rapidly growing

PAGE 03

BJP Chief Accuses CM of 'BJP, Kishan Reddy Phobia'

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Sept 20: BJP Telangana president N. Ramchander Rao on Saturday launched a sharp attack on Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, accusing him of harbouring what he described as a "BJP and Kishan Reddy phobia." He alleged that the Chief Minister was repeatedly blaming the Union Government and Union Minister for Tourism and Culture G. Kishan Reddy to cover up his own government's shortcomings.

In an informal interaction with media persons, the BJP State

president argued that it was unwise for the Chief Minister to single out the Union Minister for every state issue. "To mask his failures in governance, Revanth Reddy has made it a habit to point fingers at the BJP and Kishan Reddy," Ramchander Rao said. He cited the examples of the pending Metro Rail and Regional Ring Road approvals, accusing the Congress government of misleading people by shifting the blame to the Centre.

On the Kaleshwaram irrigation project, Ramchander Rao said that the Congress government had handed over

the probe to the CBI only under BJP's pressure. He stressed that neither the BJP nor the Union Government dictates terms to the central probe agency. "The CBI functions independently. The Chief Minister should understand this before making unfounded allegations," he remarked.

Turning to education, the BJP State chief expressed doubts over the Chief Minister's announcement of sanctioning ₹1,000 crore to Osmania University. "When the State government is struggling even to pay salaries to its employees, how can the Chief Minister



promise such massive allocations?" he questioned.

Ramchander Rao

pointed out that the education sector, which comes directly under Revanth Reddy's portfolio,

was already facing a series of problems. He listed poor quality of midday meals, shortage

of teachers, and lack of basic amenities in schools as glaring issues the government had failed to address. Instead of resolving these concerns, he alleged, the Chief Minister had been frequently travelling to New Delhi. "Revanth Reddy has visited Delhi more than 50 times. Perhaps this occasion itself should be celebrated," he said sarcastically.

The BJP leader further accused the Congress government of failing to deliver on its poll promises and attempting to avoid accountability. He charged that fearing public backlash, the

government was deliberately delaying local body elections. "The Congress is worried about facing the people because it has not fulfilled the commitments it made. That is why the local polls are being kept on hold," he alleged. Concluding his remarks, Ramchander Rao urged the Chief Minister to focus on governance rather than targeting the BJP or its leaders.

"It is time the Congress government stopped the blame game and began addressing the real issues of infrastructure, education, and public welfare," he said.

Former MP Madhuyashki Goud Slams KCR and Kavitha, Calls Out "Double Standards"

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Sept 20: Former MP and senior Congress leader Madhuyashki Goud on Saturday accused the BJP-led Union Government of adopting a soft approach towards former Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) in the Kaleshwaram project case. Speaking to the media in Hyderabad, he alleged that there were indications KCR might even be spared in the ongoing probe into the irrigation project irregularities.

Launching a scathing attack on KCR's daughter and BRS MLC K. Kavitha, Madhuyashki questioned her sudden advocacy for the Backward Classes (BCs). "For so many years, Kavitha



never raised the concerns of BCs. Why now?" he asked. He further added that unlike activists such as Teenmaar Mallanna, who enjoyed some trust among people, Kavitha had no credibility. "People may believe Mallanna to some extent, but they will not believe Kavitha," he remarked.

The Congress leader claimed that Kavitha had distanced herself from KCR's political drama

only to script a new one of her own. He accused her of exploiting causes without genuinely working for them. "Jagruti was set up only to cover up what she has looted. Even in the past, she collected money in the name of supporting farmers' families," he alleged.

Madhuyashki also lashed out at Kavitha for her alleged vindictive attitude towards folk sing-

er and activist Vimalakka. "Out of sheer grudge, Kavitha ensured that no one in Hyderabad rented a house to Vimalakka. But if Vimalakka launches a political party, people will support her. If Kavitha does the same, why should they support her?" he questioned.

He accused Kavitha of being opportunistic and insensitive. "She is the kind of leader who tries to profit even from others' miseries," he said, in a sharp rebuke. According to him, BRS leaders were already preparing excuses, fearing defeat in the upcoming local body elections. "They know they are going to lose, so they are looking for scapegoats in advance," he alleged.

On the

PAGE 03

KAVITHA's NEW PARTY IS INEVITABLE?

SPARKS POLITICAL CIRCLES WITH FRESH STORM

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Sept 20: Telangana politics once again witnessed fireworks as Member of Legislative Council (MLC) and Jagruthi president K. Kavitha came before the media on Friday. Known for her sharp words and controversial statements, Kavitha has often left leaders unsettled — irrespective of whether they belong to her own party or to the opposition. True to her reputation, her latest press interaction triggered another round of intense debate in the state's political circles.

Addressing reporters, Kavitha alleged that she has become the primary target of coordinated attacks from different factions within the political spectrum. She specifically named the Bharat Rashtra Samithi's (BRS)



social media teams, MLA Harish Rao's supporters online, and what she described as Santosh Rao's "secret media" as orchestrating a smear campaign against her. "Everyone is targeting me," she declared, accusing her critics of deliberately trying to malign her image.

Kavitha's most striking remark, however, came in the form of a warning to the Congress

government in Telangana. Referring to the demand for 42 percent reservations for Backward Classes (BCs), she cautioned that if the state government failed to take a decision on the issue soon, she and her supporters would launch protests outside the residences of the Chief Minister and his ministers. "The government cannot afford to delay on such a crucial matter. If they ig-

nore BC rights, we will lay siege to their homes," she said firmly.

The MLC also shed light on her own political journey, revealing that she had already tendered her resignation to the Chairman of the Legislative Council in the Speaker's prescribed format. "I have formally resigned from my position. I do not understand why the acceptance of my resignation is being delayed," she remarked. She added that she had no attachment to the post, reminding that she had earlier declined positions offered through the BRS and was now once again stepping away on principle.

On the larger political landscape, Kavitha expressed a democratic vision, arguing that the presence of multiple political parties was healthy

PAGE 03

Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka’s Address on Women’s Empowerment

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Sept 20: Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu, speaking at an interest-free loan distribution event in Yousufguda, affirmed the government’s commitment to women’s financial independence. He declared that the government is prepared to invest any amount necessary to empower women and eliminate their need to rely on high-interest moneylenders. He noted that for the past decade, women’s self-help groups had been neglected, but the new administration is actively reviving support for them.

The Deputy CM provided specific statistics for Hyderabad, highlighting the presence of 63 lakh members in self-help groups and detailing that 50,764 groups with 5,09,957 members operate within the GHMC area. He announced plans to substantially increase these figures. He also mentioned that through MEPMA, ₹41.51 crore in interest-free loans was being disbursed to 8,130 women in the Jubilee Hills constituency. He explained that many low and middle-income families in Hyderabad depend on women’s small businesses for household income, and this new initiative will free

them from the burden of high-interest loans that often consume their profits. He shared the ambitious goal of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy’s administration to make one crore women millionaires within the next five years. Responding to skepticism from opposition parties regarding the government’s ability to provide ₹20,000 crore in annual interest-free loans, he stated that ₹21,632 crore has already been disbursed in the first year, setting a new record and demonstrating the government’s resolve. The Deputy CM assured women that they would no longer have to seek capital

from moneylenders and that the government would ensure all women who wish to join self-help groups are accommodated. He mentioned the revival of the interest-free loan program, which was originally a Congress initiative but was neglected for ten years. To further promote women as entrepreneurs, 100 shops at the expensive Shilparamam in Hyderabad have been allocated for women-led businesses. Additionally, women’s groups are being supported to purchase buses for lease to the RTC, with 150 buses already leased and 450 more planned. He also highlighted other welfare

schemes, such as free bus travel for women across the state, which has saved them approximately ₹7,000 crore. The government has reimbursed ₹7,422 crore to the RTC for this service. Other benefits include free medical treatment up to ₹10 lakh under the Rajiv Arogyasri scheme, the distribution of 6 kg of fine rice per person to 96 lakh families, simplified ration card issuance, and free electricity up to 200 units for poor and middle-class families. The Deputy CM concluded by asserting that the new “people’s government” is dedicated to the welfare and empowerment of its citizens.



Minister Konda Surekha reviews endowment lands

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Sept 20: Endowments Minister Konda Surekha and Endowment Principal Secretary Shailaja Ramayyar held a review meeting at the Telangana Secretariat on the progress of cases related to encroachment of state endowment lands. On this occasion, the minister directly questioned the lawyers as to why the legal battle to protect the properties and lands of the gods was not being carried out properly. Minister Surekha expressed deep dissatisfaction with the performance of the endowment pleaders. She strongly criticized the lawyers and endowment officials for the delay in protecting the lands of the gods. She questioned why the endowment pleaders were unable to argue in the courts as they had argued before her in the meeting. She instructed the officials to take strict action and ensure that there is no delay in protecting the properties of the gods. She suggested that the trial of the cases



should be expedited and that effective lawyers should be appointed to protect the endowment properties. Endowment Principal Secretary Shailaja Ramayyar, Commissioners, Lawyers, Assistant Commissioners and EOs participated in this meeting. It was decided to take immediate steps to protect the endowment assets as per the Minister’s orders. Through this review, it is clear that the government is committed to protecting the endowment assets. The Minister stated that more stringent steps will be taken to prevent the encroachment of God’s lands in the future.



Greetings from CM Revanth Reddy and Minister Seethakka on Bathukamma

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Sept 20: Chief Minister Revanth Reddy extended his warm greetings to all the women of Telangana on the occasion of the Bathukamma festival. He highlighted the festival’s grandeur, noting that it is a celebration of flowers and nature, joyfully observed by women. The Chief Minister expressed his wish for all women to celebrate the festival together, emphasizing its role as a symbol of Telangana’s culture, traditions, and the upliftment of women. He described the festival as a testament to the community-oriented life of Telangana and the unity of its people, who share both their difficulties and happiness. Revanth Reddy encouraged everyone to celebrate the festival with great enthusiasm for

nine days, from the initial floral arrangements to the final “saddula” rituals. He concluded by praying to Goddess Gouramma to fill the lives of the people with prosperity, and to keep everyone in the state joyful and healthy. Separately, Minister Dr. Danasari Anasuya Seethakka, who holds the portfolios for Panchayati Raj, Rural Development, and Women and Child Welfare, also conveyed her Bathukamma greetings. She referred to the festival as a symbol of the self-respect of Telangana’s women, a reflection of traditional elegance, and a representation of cultural splendor. Seethakka described the Bathukammas, meticulously decorated by women, not merely as an assembly of flowers but as a living manifestation of Telangana’s cultural heritage, traditions, and

shared lifestyle. She noted that the festival’s rituals, such as worshipping nature with Bathukamma flowers, honoring Gouramma, and the collective singing and dancing, reflect the unique character of Telangana’s culture. She further pointed out the unique medicinal properties of each flower used in the arrangements, stating that the festival is a way of expressing appreciation to Mother Nature. The minister concluded by hoping that the Bathukamma festival would bring happiness to every household and enhance the glory of Telangana. The greetings from both the Chief Minister and the Minister underscore the cultural and social importance of Bathukamma in Telangana, highlighting its connection to nature, community, and the empowerment of women.

Seethakka’s Address and Prize Distribution at Indira Priyadarshini College

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Sept 20: Minister Seethakka, addressing students at Indira Priyadarshini Government Degree College, drew inspiration from former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, urging students to strive for greatness. She expressed her joy in celebrating the first Bathukamma festival of the year at the college, highlighting the festival’s significance in Telangana culture. Seethakka described Bathukamma as a communal festival where people create and play with Bathukammas made from various flowers. She emphasized that the festival celebrates the shared lifestyle of Telangana women and honors the region’s historical connection to water bodies. She noted that ancient rulers like Ramappa built large ponds, such as Laknavaram, which were vital for agriculture before modern irrigation methods. She explained that the festival symbolizes gratitude to these ponds,



which are the lifeblood of Telangana’s farming communities. She also pointed out that the specific flowers used, like the katlapuvu and tangedu, have water-purifying properties. The minister spoke about the social aspect of Bathukamma, where girls gather to share their life experiences and reminisce about their childhood. She stressed that the festival is a way of worshipping the ponds that sustain life. She also mentioned the health benefits of the festival’s activities, such as singing and clapping, and urged students to never forget the rich history and traditions behind Bathukamma. In her motivational address, Seethakka encouraged aged students not to be discouraged by temporary setbacks or tempted by wrong paths. She announced the formation of girls’ associations for those approaching 15 years of age, emphasizing the critical importance of education for girls. Drawing from her own life story, she shared her journey from being involved in the Naxalite movement to becoming an advocate, then a politician, and now a minister. She attributed her success to education, despite the immense hardships she faced. She urged the students to study diligently and become role models for others, concluding her speech with Bathukamma greetings. Finally, Seethakka congratulated and presented prizes to several students who had excelled in the Bathukamma celebrations, and she promised to look into the college’s need for additional classrooms, assuring the students that she would bring the matter to the Chief Minister’s attention.

Minister Ponnam Prabhakar on the Real Estate Sector

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Sept 20: Minister Ponnam Prabhakar inaugurated the fifth edition of the Times Property Expo, hosted by the Times of India at Sandhya Convention in Gachibowli, Hyderabad. He commended the Times of India for creating a premier real estate platform that brings together top developers, potential homebuyers, investors, and industry experts. The minister described the two-day event as more than just a property showcase; he called it a “lifestyle platform” designed to facilitate discussions, inspire investments, and connect diverse projects with buyers. He noted that over 25 leading developers from Hyderabad and across Telangana are participating, displaying more than 125 residential and commercial properties. Prominent names like



Aparna Constructions, Cybercity Builders, and ASBL are among the participants. He highlighted that the expo offers a wide range of properties at various price points, from luxury villas to affordable apartments and plots. A key benefit for attendees is the direct access to devel-

opers, financial advisors, and legal experts. This provides valuable guidance on home loans, financing, and property regulations, allowing visitors to evaluate, compare, and select properties efficiently, thereby saving a great deal of time and effort. Prabhakar expressed his desire for the property show to be widely recognized by Hyderabad residents and to contribute to the city’s brand image. He pointed out that the Telangana government, under the Chief Minister’s leadership, is simplifying processes like building permits to encourage

real estate development without unnecessary obstacles. He emphasized that the positive environment will help Hyderabad develop into a heritage city, and the expo will be particularly useful for those looking to purchase villas and properties in the region.



MINISTER QUESTIONED UNION GOVT's SILENCE OVER TRUMP ACTION ON VISA FEE HIKE

CONTINUED FROM >>>P1

intellectuals and professionals have brought global recognition to our nation. It is unfortunate and disappointing that President Trump's decision now threatens them," he added.

The Minister stated that the Telangana government would write to the Centre, urging it to take up the issue with Washington. He argued that Indian professionals have played a crucial role in strengthening the U.S. technology sector, and instead of acknowledging their contribution, the Trump administration was imposing

barriers.

Sridhar Babu also criticized the decision to raise trading tariff fees, describing it as another negative step. He questioned how Indian IT companies would manage the heavy burden of higher visa costs. "Why is the Central Government silent? Why has it failed to respond? This is a complete failure on their part," he said. He further accused the Centre of neglecting South Indian states, which would be among the worst affected due to their dependence on the IT industry.

Referring to Trump's

remarks that the U.S. tech industry was "happy" with the decision, the Minister dismissed them as misleading. He argued that in reality, the move would severely limit opportunities for Indian youth aspiring to work in America. "For thousands of young people, Trump's policies are a serious threat to their careers and future," he warned.

The Minister went on to criticize what he called Trump's "ill-conceived decisions," predicting that they would hurt multiple sectors in the United States itself, including real estate, ed-

ucation, and technology. According to him, American universities that depend on international students and tech firms that rely on Indian talent will also face negative consequences.

Sridhar Babu stressed that the Telangana government would press the Central Government to intervene immediately. "The Centre must act without delay. It cannot remain mute when lakhs of Indian professionals are at risk," he demanded.

Concluding his remarks, the Minister underlined India's role in building America's IT

strength. "Our skilled professionals have been a backbone of innovation in the U.S. Instead of penalizing them, America should value their contribution. Such arbitrary policies damage India-U.S. relations and harm America's own growth," he said.

His comments reflect growing concern among Indian leaders about the Trump administration's restrictive visa and trade measures. The Minister's criticism is expected to add pressure on the Central Government to mount a stronger diplomatic response.

CM Revanth Reddy to Visit Medaram on September 23, to Finalize Development Plans

CONTINUED FROM >>>P1

the participation of ministers, tribal MPs, MLAs, MLCs, and senior government officials. Together, they will conduct a comprehensive review of ongoing and proposed works to ensure timely completion ahead of the biennial Sammakka-Saralamma Jatara.

Government officials revealed that special focus is being given to improving pilgrim amenities, traffic management, sanitation, and drinking water facilities, while at the same time protecting the spiritual sanctity of the Jatara. With lakhs of



devotees expected to attend the next festival, the state government is keen on making arrangements that can handle the large influx of pilgrims smoothly.

CM Reddy reiterated that his government's priority is to preserve the cultural fabric of the Medaram Jatara while ensuring world-class fa-

cilities for devotees. "This festival is not just a spiritual gathering, but also a reflection of Telangana's tribal pride and heritage. Development should go hand in hand with tradition," he reportedly told officials.

The Medaram Jatara, held biennially in Mulugu district, is one of the largest tribal gatherings in Asia, drawing devotees from across India. With the Chief Minister's direct involvement, officials expect the developmental works to move forward at a faster pace and be completed well ahead of the festival.

CM Revanth Reddy Meets Chief Justice, discussed on infra facilities

CONTINUED FROM >>>P1

state. He pointed out that several new districts still lack adequate court complexes, forcing citizens to travel long distances to access legal remedies. Stressing the importance of accessibility, the Chief Justice urged the government to provide proper court buildings and supporting facilities wherever required.

In addition to infrastructure, Justice Singh emphasized the pressing need to fill vacancies in the judicial system. He explained that understaffed courts not only delay the delivery of justice but also increase the burden on existing judges and employees. To resolve these issues, he placed several proposals before the Chief Minister, calling for priority action to ensure effective functioning of the judiciary.

Responding to the concerns, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy assured full cooperation from the state government. He acknowledged the vital



role played by the judiciary in safeguarding democratic values and said his government is committed to strengthening the justice delivery system. "Providing access to justice at the grassroots level is one of our top priorities. We will ensure that courts in all districts are equipped with the infrastructure and staff needed to serve the people efficiently," the Chief Minister said.

Revanth Reddy further underlined that the government would not only focus on new districts but also upgrade facilities in older ones where

gaps remain. He added that the state is ready to work closely with the High Court to identify areas of immediate concern and develop an action plan.

During the meeting, officials also discussed proposals related to phased construction of court complexes, recruitment drives for judicial staff, and the introduction of technology to improve efficiency in court administration. The Chief Minister instructed senior bureaucrats to examine the suggestions submitted by the High Court and to prepare a roadmap for timely implementation.

The discussions marked a significant step towards closer collaboration between the executive and the judiciary. With the High Court highlighting urgent requirements and the government promising its support, the state is expected to see concrete measures soon to enhance judicial infrastructure and improve access to justice.

BRS Leaders Criticize Congress Government

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Sept 20: Former MLA Gandra Venkata Ramana Reddy and BRSV President Gellu Srinivas Yadav held a press conference at Telangana Bhavan to criticize the current Congress government on multiple issues.

They primarily focused on what they called rampant illegal sand mining across the state, particularly in the Godavari catchment area, alleging that it is being done under the guise of the Indiramma housing scheme and with the encouragement of Congress leaders.

Ramana Reddy stated that they had protested against sand mining in



the Tekumatla mandal of Bhupalapalli constituency but received no response from the government.

He questioned if a government even exists in the state, noting that Congress leaders are organizing counter-protests while they are trying to raise concerns for the public.

He warned that if the illegal mining continues, the area will eventually become a desert, urging the government to take immediate action.

The leaders also addressed the lack of funds for gram panchayats, which they said is causing darkness in villages.

Ramana Reddy accused Chief Minister Revanth Reddy of being afraid to hold local elections, claiming the CM has avoided the topic in Delhi.

They demanded that funds—₹5 lakh for large gram panchayats and ₹3 lakh for smaller ones—be allocated immediately to improve fa-

cilities, especially for the upcoming Bathukamma and Dasara festivals.

They called on Minister Seethakka to respond promptly and criticized the CM for speaking like an opposition leader, not focusing on village development.

Both leaders also raised concerns about the Singareni workers' share of profits, questioning why the government has not yet made an announcement, something that never happened during the previous BRS government's tenure.

They ridiculed the CM's recent statements on political defections, calling them laughable and against the constitution.

Gellu Srinivas Yadav specifically accused Re-

vanth Reddy of hypocrisy, noting that Rahul Gandhi advocates for the constitution while Revanth Reddy violates it by welcoming defecting MLAs with party scarves and even giving them Congress tickets to contest as MPs.

He pointed out the case of Danam Nagender as an example of a defection. Yadav also criticized the government's decision to go to the High Court Division Bench on the Group-1 exam issue, saying it is a bad move and accusing the CM of following "Trump's policies."

Both leaders asserted that the Congress will lose in any upcoming elections and demanded that the CM apologize for his remarks on KCR.

Former MP Madhuyashki Goud Slams KCR and Kavitha, Calls Out "Double Standards"

CONTINUED FROM >>>P1

issue of BC politics, Madhuyashki argued that merely being a BC leader does not automatically guarantee public trust. "It is not enough to be a BC by community. People look at credibility and actions. When leaders from other sections

speak up for BCs, Kavitha and her camp reject them outright. Now she suddenly claims to be fighting for BCs — people can clearly see through this drama," he said.

The former MP urged the public not to fall for what he termed as BRS's diversionary tac-

tics. He asserted that both KCR and Kavitha had failed to address the real issues of Telangana, including farmers' distress, unemployment, and corruption in large-scale projects like Kaleshwaram. "People will not forgive them for the betrayals of the past," he added.

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Sept 20: Former Minister and MLA Harish Rao, along with MLC Deshpati Srinivas, Allam Narayana, K. Srinivas and other dignitaries, participated as chief guests at the launch of two novels—Jeevana Sandhya and Gundekatha—written by Ravalpalli Sunitha, held recently at the Tourism Plaza.

Harish Rao expressed his pleasure at unveiling Sunitha's works in the presence of the audience. "I have known Sunitha garu for 30 years. Since then, I have observed her dedication and perseverance closely," he said. Recalling his earlier association with Sunitha during the preparation of the Vision 2020 document when KCR was in the Telugu Desam Party, he praised her commitment and creative rigor.

"Sunitha garu is a remarkable writer. She has authored numerous stories and novels. In these two novels, she has described sensitive social issues



with remarkable depth," he said, congratulating the author wholeheartedly. Speaking about Jeevana Sandhya, he appreciated how the novel highlights the struggles of elderly people. He cited an example of a retired teacher from Siddipet, whose children living in Bangalore and the U.S. neglected him despite his sacrifices, underscoring the social reality many senior citizens face today.

Harish Rao emphasized that the novel sends a strong message about family bonding, intergenerational care, and empathy. "As children, we receive immense love from our parents.

Similarly, we must care for them in old age. In today's competitive and technology-driven world, many elderly feel lonely. According to a recent survey, 54% of parents experience isolation in old age," he noted. He further stressed that beyond financial security, emotional care is equally important for senior citizens.

Turning to the second novel, Gundekatha, the former Minister highlighted its focus on medical professionals and the healthcare sector. "The novel explains the dual meaning of heart surgery—how words can hurt mentally while

surgery can save physically and mentally. Sunitha garu has beautifully portrayed the challenges and sacrifices doctors face," he said. He praised the depiction of Dr. Sharath Chandra's character and lauded Telangana's healthcare professionals for their tireless service, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Harish Rao reiterated that these novels are not just literary works but social commentaries, highlighting real-life struggles of the elderly, healthcare workers, and broader societal issues. He said the novels provide lessons in empathy, social responsibility, and moral values, making them relevant for both young and older readers.

Concluding his remarks, he congratulated Sunitha garu again and hoped that her works would receive widespread appreciation. "These novels awaken society, inspire young writers, and serve as a guiding light for readers. I wish Sunitha garu continued success in her literary journey," he said.

KAVITHA's NEW PARTY IS INEVITABLE?

CONTINUED FROM >>>P1

for society. "In a democracy, the more parties there are, the better. Anyone has the right to form a party," she said. Stressing her commitment to BC communities, she added: "The more voices we raise for the BCs, the better. We all need to fight together for their rights."

Kavitha also criticized the tendency of political opponents to make personal attacks. "Responding to issues is fair. But indulging in personal criticism is un-

acceptable," she asserted.

Turning to cultural matters, Kavitha addressed speculation surrounding her participation in the upcoming Bathukamma festivities at her native village, Chintamadaka. Dismissing suggestions that her presence was politically motivated, she clarified, "The invitation from one's native place is always special. There is no political angle behind my visit. Last year, I was going through a very difficult

political phase and that is why I could not take part in the celebrations."

She went on to highlight promises made by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy in connection with Bathukamma, reminding that he had pledged to distribute not one but two sarees to women during the festival. However, she added a sharp note of criticism: "Sarees should be distributed in the name of Bathukamma, not under the Indiramma banner," she said, argu-



ing that the cultural identity of the festival should be preserved.

Kavitha's comments have once again put her at the center of Telan-

gana's political discourse. Her blunt attack on both her former party colleagues in the BRS and her tough stand on the ruling Congress gov-

ernment highlight the complicated role she plays in the state's evolving political arena. While she insists her commitment is towards social justice and community issues, her repeated public confrontations keep fueling speculation about her future political course.

Observers note that Kavitha's statements reflect a careful balancing act. By attacking the BRS leadership's online supporters, she is seen as distancing herself further from the party

her family once dominated. At the same time, her ultimatum to the Congress government on BC reservations indicates she is unwilling to let the ruling party go unchallenged. Analysts say this dual approach ensures she remains a relevant and unpredictable force in Telangana politics.

Her resignation from the MLC post, if accepted, could mark the beginning of a new chapter. Some speculate that she may align with BC movements or even float

her own political platform in the future, given her repeated emphasis on grassroots mobilization and democratic plurality.

For now, though, Kavitha's fiery words have reignited debates within both the ruling Congress and the opposition BRS. With her ability to command media attention and shape political discussions, one thing remains clear: every time Kavitha speaks, Telangana politics is bound to feel the tremors.

A Tragic Act of Domestic Violence

The peaceful night in Mahesh Nagar colony was shattered by a horrific act of domestic violence. Boda Shankar, a 40-year-old man from Addagur village, stands accused of murdering his 35-year-old wife, Manjula, in a brutal knife attack. This tragic incident unfolded at his sister-in-law's home, where the couple, along with their three children, had been staying for the past four days. The sudden and unprovoked nature of the assault, carried out while Manjula and their children slept, highlights the insidious danger of domestic abuse. Neighbors and family members awoke to Manjula's piercing screams, only to find her fatally wounded and Shankar having fled the scene.

The immediate aftermath was one of shock and chaos. The Kushaiguda police were quickly notified and arrived to secure the crime scene. Their investigation is now focused on understanding the motive behind this senseless act and locating the absconding husband. The sudden loss of Manjula has left her three children—a girl and two boys—orphaned, their young lives irrevocably altered by their father's alleged violence.

The local community and aid organizations are now rallying to support the orphaned children, ensuring they receive the care and protection they need. The psychological trauma they have endured is immeasurable, and their recovery will require long-term support. This incident highlights the ripple effect of domestic violence, which extends far beyond the immediate victim to devastate entire families. The community must come together to provide a safe harbor for the children and help them navigate this unimaginable loss.

The path forward is difficult, but with collective effort, there is hope for healing and rebuilding shattered lives. Authorities are now working tirelessly to apprehend Shankar, who is considered a fugitive. The manhunt involves a coordinated effort to check all possible locations he might seek refuge, including his hometown and the homes of other relatives. The police are also collecting forensic evidence from the scene and interviewing witnesses to piece together the events that led to the tragedy. This investigation is crucial not only for bringing the perpetrator to justice but also for providing some measure of closure to Manjula's grieving family. Her death is not just a personal tragedy but a public call to action against the pervasive issue of domestic violence.

In the face of such a devastating event, it is important to remember the signs of abuse and the resources available to help victims. Domestic violence is a pattern of behavior that can include physical, emotional, psychological, or financial abuse. It is often a cycle of violence that escalates over time. Manjula's story, sadly, is a grim example of how this cycle can end in the most tragic way. It underscores the urgency of creating a society where victims feel safe to seek help and perpetrators are held accountable for their actions. The memory of Manjula must be a catalyst for change, inspiring communities to be more vigilant and supportive of those at risk.

The local community and aid organizations are now rallying to support the orphaned children, ensuring they receive the care and protection they need. The psychological trauma they have endured is immeasurable, and their recovery will require long-term support. This incident highlights the ripple effect of domestic violence, which extends far beyond the immediate victim to devastate entire families. The community must come together to provide a safe harbor for the children and help them navigate this unimaginable loss.

The path forward is difficult, but with collective effort, there is hope for healing and rebuilding shattered lives. Authorities are now working tirelessly to apprehend Shankar, who is considered a fugitive. The manhunt involves a coordinated effort to check all possible locations he might seek refuge, including his hometown and the homes of other relatives. The police are also collecting forensic evidence from the scene and interviewing witnesses to piece together the events that led to the tragedy. This investigation is crucial not only for bringing the perpetrator to justice but also for providing some measure of closure to Manjula's grieving family. Her death is not just a personal tragedy but a public call to action against the pervasive issue of domestic violence.

Seizure of Illicit Liquor in Hyderabad and Ranga Reddy

The Excise Enforcement teams of Hyderabad and Ranga Reddy have seized a large quantity of non-duty paid liquor (NDPL) in a major crackdown. These coordinated operations led to the confiscation of 585 bottles of illicit liquor, with an estimated value of 21.80 lakhs.

The Ranga Reddy team, led by AES Jeevan Kiran, seized 449 bottles of liquor, valued at 15 lakhs, during vehicle inspections at Pahad Sharif. The seized bottles were from Goa, Delhi, and Haryana, and were being transported in small quantities by different individuals.

In a separate operation, teams in Hyderabad and Secunderabad confiscated 136 bottles of NDPL, with an estimated value of ₹6.80 lakhs. Raids were conducted in Dhulpet,



near Secunderabad Railway Station, and in the Pista House area.

According to officials, these raids are part of an ongoing effort to prevent revenue loss to the state of Telangana. They have warned that bringing even a single bottle of liquor from other states is a violation of the Telangana Excise Act. The enforcement teams will continue their raids, especially leading up to the Dussehra festival.

Massive Seizure of Illicit Liquor



The Excise Enforcement teams of Hyderabad, Secunderabad, and Kamareddy have conducted a series of successful raids, seizing a large amount of non-duty paid liquor (NDPL). This concerted effort is part of a wider campaign to combat the illegal trade of liquor from other states, which significantly impacts the state's revenue. The operations resulted in the confiscation of 301 bottles of illicit alcohol, with a total estimated



value of ₹15.85 lakhs.

The raids were strategically carried out across various locations. In a major operation, teams conducted checks on trains arriving from Delhi, leading to the seizure of 73 bottles. These bottles were immediately taken to the Secunderabad Excise Station. In the twin cities, DTF teams raided Sridevi Lodge and confiscated 34 bottles from a specific room. An additional 34 bottles were seized from an individual in front of the Alpha Hotel. In the Ameerpet area, an excise team seized 22 bottles near the SR Nagar New Bus

Stand. These targeted actions highlight the prevalence of small-scale smuggling.

The crackdown extended to other parts of the state as well. In Kamareddy, a tip-off about a house containing illegal liquor led to a search operation, where excise personnel successfully found and seized 55 bottles. Furthermore, the Excise STFA team, under the leadership of Anji Reddy, intercepted four individuals in the Almasguda area. These individuals were found to be in possession of 51 bottles of defense-grade liquor that had been illegally sourced from

Karnataka. Cases were immediately registered against all four suspects.

The Prohibition and Excise Enforcement Director, Shanwaz Qasim, along with Deputy Commissioners Anil Kumar Reddy and others, praised the teams for their dedicated efforts. The department has reiterated its commitment to continuing these operations to enforce the law and prevent revenue loss. This large-scale seizure sends a strong message to those involved in the illegal liquor trade that authorities are vigilant and will take firm action.

Tragic Train Accident Claims Two Lives

A tragic incident unfolded near the Bollaram Bazar railway station in Secunderabad, where a train struck three youths who were crossing the tracks. The accident, which occurred in the early hours of the morning, resulted in the immediate death of two of the young men and left the third with injuries. The victims were identified as residents of Karkhana and Macha Bollaram, and their families have been informed of the devastating loss.

According to the railway police, the three individuals were attempting to cross the tracks when they were hit by

the moving train. This unfortunate event serves as a grim reminder of the extreme dangers associated with trespassing on railway property. The police responded to the scene and initiated a preliminary investigation to understand the exact circumstances surrounding the accident. The bodies of the deceased were subsequently shifted to Gandhi Hospital for a postmortem examination.

The sudden and senseless loss has plunged the victims' families into a state of profound grief. The incident has left the local community in shock, highlighting the need for greater aware-

ness about railway safety. Authorities have repeatedly warned the public against walking on or crossing railway tracks, as such actions are not only illegal but also incredibly perilous. The high speed and silent approach of modern trains make them a deadly threat to anyone on the tracks. This accident underscores the critical importance of using designated railway crossings and overpasses to ensure personal safety. The investigation is ongoing, and the authorities are focused on providing support to the bereaved families during this difficult time.

Akshara International School Celebrates Bathukamma

Akshara International School in Kukatpally celebrated the Bathukamma festival with great enthusiasm and cultural pride. Students, staff, and management participated, all dressed in beautiful traditional attire. The campus was vibrant with colorful Bathukammas, meticulously arranged with a variety of seasonal flowers.

The festivities included a lively display of cultural songs and dances performed around the floral arrangements. The event not only showcased the artistic talents of the students but also fostered a sense of community and cultural



identity. The atmosphere was filled with joy and a spirit of togetherness, reflecting the true essence of the festival.

School Principal, Ms. Hymavathi Vatsavai, addressed the gathering, emphasizing the deeper meaning of Bathukamma. She spoke about its significance as a festival that celebrates harmony

with nature and pays tribute to womanhood. The principal highlighted the importance of preserving rich cultural heritage and passing these traditions on to future generations.

The celebration at Akshara International School was a vibrant affair that successfully combined traditional customs with modern education. It provided a platform for students to learn about their cultural roots while strengthening their appreciation for nature and community values. The event concluded on a high note, leaving everyone with a memorable experience of Telangana's beloved floral festival.

Arrest in Major Trading Fraud Case

A team from the Cybercrimes unit of the Hyderabad City Police has arrested a man from Punjab in connection with a major trading fraud. The suspect, Gurdit Singh, 27, was apprehended for his role as an account holder and operator in a scam that defrauded a 64-year-old freelancer in Hyderabad of over ₹86 lakhs.



The investigation began after the victim filed a complaint, detailing how he was lured into a fraudulent trading scheme through a WhatsApp message in April 2025. The scammer promised high returns on daily trading and used a fake app to display inflated profits. This convinced the victim to invest large sums of money. The victim eventually grew suspicious when the scammer pressured him for more investments and blocked him from withdrawing his

funds. The police determined the scammers' method involved building trust through friendly conversations, presenting themselves as trading experts, and showing fake profits to encourage larger investments. They also used "tax" and "withdrawal fees" as excuses to demand more money from their victims.

The successful operation was led by Inspector of Police K. Satish Reddy under the supervision of ACP R.G. Siva Maruthi. Authorities

seized a mobile phone and a debit card from the accused.

In a public advisory, the police are urging citizens to be cautious of fake investment groups on social media. They stress the importance of using SEBI-approved apps and consulting a SEBI-registered financial advisor before making any investments. This incident highlights the need for vigilance against online scams that promise unrealistic returns.

Telangana Police Prioritizes Well-being with 'Art of Living' Training



The Telangana DGP Office recently concluded a week-long training program focused on stress management and mental well-being for its staff. The program was conducted by the Art of Living Foundation, a renowned organization dedicated to promoting peace and human values. The valedictory session, held on Saturday, was attended by Director General of Police Dr. Jitender, Additional DGP Dr. Anil Kumar, and key representatives from the Art of Living Foundation.

Speaking at the event, DGP Dr. Jitender high-

lighted the immense pressure and stress inherent in the policing profession. He emphasized that such initiatives are crucial for helping officers and staff manage the mental and physical toll of their demanding jobs. He stressed the importance of regular practices like yoga, meditation, and mindfulness in reducing stress, boosting self-confidence, and improving overall health. Dr. Jitender noted that while stress has become an unavoidable part of modern life, its effective management is essential for a healthy and productive existence. He expressed

his belief that the training would be highly beneficial for all participants, leading to a better work environment and enhanced personal well-being.

The Director General also commended the Art of Living Foundation for its valuable contributions to society. He praised the organization for conducting meaningful programs that promote peace and wellness, and for providing life-enriching techniques to individuals and institutions. He acknowledged the foundation's support in helping people cope with the complexities of modern life through sim-



ple yet powerful methods.

The training program was led by a distinguished team of experts: Sri Vishal Arya, Director of the State Council, Art of Living Foundation; Sri Ravi Kumar, President of FTCCCI; and Sri Ajay Sethi, Senior Director at Qualcomm. The curriculum focused on practical stress-management techniques, including breathing exercises and the renowned Sudarshan Kriya. These practices are scientifically proven to help reduce anxiety and promote a sense of calm. The participants were trained in methods that can be easily integrated into their

daily routines, allowing them to better handle the pressures of their profession.

The initiative demonstrates the Telangana Police Department's commitment to the holistic welfare of its personnel. By providing access to such wellness programs, the department is not only addressing the challenges of a high-stress occupation but also fostering a culture of health and resilience. The success of this program sets a positive precedent, suggesting that similar initiatives may be implemented in the future to ensure the well-being of those who serve and protect the community.

Government Degree Women’s College in Sangareddy to Receive New Infrastructure

Proposals are being drafted for the construction of new hostels and college buildings for the Government Women’s Degree College in Sangareddy. The project, which aims to accommodate 1,000 students, follows a recent visit by TPCC working president T. Jagga Reddy and former minister Patnam Nirmala to the college campus.

During their visit, Jagga Reddy and Nirmala inspected the existing facilities and held discussions with college officials. They emphasized the need for modern and spacious infrastructure to meet the growing demand for women’s education in the region. The proposed plan includes

the construction of a new hostel with rooms large enough to accommodate 12 students each for dining. The design for the main dining hall is to be able to seat 1,000 people at a time.

In addition to the hostel and dining facilities, the proposal also covers the construction of essential academic and administrative spaces. This includes new classrooms, a staff room, a library, a computer lab, a science lab, and an auditorium. The comprehensive plan aims to provide a well-rounded and conducive environment for learning and personal development.

Jagga Reddy stated that if the detailed estimates and designs are prepared and submitted

by October 10, he will personally bring the proposals to the attention of key government officials. He plans to seek the approval and support of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, and ministers Damodar Rajanarsimha, Sridhar Babu, and Vivek to secure the necessary funding for the project. This streamlined approach is expected to expedite the process and ensure the project moves forward swiftly.

The visit also held a personal significance for Nirmala, who revealed that she is an alumna of the same college. She shared that she used to visit the campus as a student leader during her college days. Jagga Reddy also spoke

about the historical context of the college’s establishment, noting that it was a result of a student’s struggle against ragging and a subsequent suicide. He specifically mentioned Nagalakshmi, who fought tirelessly for the eradication of ragging, which led to the establishment of separate degree and junior colleges for women. This historical context underscores the college’s importance as a safe space for female students and reinforces the need for enhanced facilities to continue this legacy. The proposed infrastructure development is seen as a crucial step in supporting the academic and personal growth of female students in the region.

TPCC Chief Offers Condolences and Support to Deceased Journalist’s Family

TPCC President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud, accompanied by local party officials, visited the family of the late journalist Narayana in Mittapalli village, Dichpalli mandal. The Andhra Jyothi reporter recently passed away due to a heart attack, and the TPCC chief’s visit was intended to offer his deepest condolences and support. The untimely demise of Narayana has left the journalism community and his family in profound grief.

Mahesh Kumar Goud expressed his sorrow, noting that it was a great loss to the field of journalism. He highlighted Narayana’s dedication and strong commitment to his profession. The TPCC chief spoke of the importance of journalists who work tirelessly to bring accurate information to the public, often facing significant challenges. He commended Narayana’s service to the community through his work and lamented his sudden passing. This tragic event underscores the fragility of life and the immense contributions of individuals like Narayana who serve their communities with great integrity.

During the visit, Mahesh Kumar Goud spent time with Narayana’s family, offering words of comfort and reassurance. He emphasized that the party and its leaders would not abandon them in their time of need. To demonstrate this commitment, the TPCC chief announced a financial assistance of 1 lakh for the family. This gesture is aimed at providing some immediate relief and helping the family cope with the financial burden following the loss of their primary provider. The financial aid is a tangible way for the party to show its solidarity and support for the family during this difficult period.

The visit also served as a moment to reflect on the challenges faced by journalists in the modern era. Mahesh Kumar Goud and other leaders present acknowledged the risks and pressures that come with the job. They stressed the importance of ensuring the welfare and security of media personnel, who are essential pillars of a democratic society. The TPCC chief’s visit was not just a personal expression of sympathy but also a public statement of the party’s commitment to supporting the media fraternity.

The local leaders

who accompanied Mahesh Kumar Goud also shared their condolences and expressed admiration for Narayana’s work. They pledged to continue supporting the family in any way possible. The community in Mittapalli village has been deeply affected by the journalist’s death, and the visit by the TPCC chief brought some solace to the grieving family. The memory of Narayana, a dedicated professional who served his community with unwavering commitment, will be cherished by those who knew him. The financial assistance and moral support provided by the TPCC are a testament to the value placed on his contributions and a promise to stand by his family as they navigate a future without him.

The local leaders

The local leaders



Request to Rename Village to Honor Martyrs

Bhuvanagiri Member of Parliament Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy met with Chief Minister Revanth Reddy to submit a petition for the renaming of Bhairapalli village. He has requested that the village be officially named “Vir Bhairapalli” to honor the villagers who were massacred by Razakars in 1947.

MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy recounted the historical events, explaining that on August 27, 1947, 1,200 Razakars brutally attacked the village, killing 126 innocent villagers in retaliation for their resistance. He compared the massacre to the Jallianwala Bagh tragedy and emphasized the villagers’ immense courage and sacrifice against tyranny.

The MP also mentioned that the villagers had already contributed 10 lakhs for a memorial. He said that CM Revanth Reddy responded positively to the request, giving hope that the name change will be officially approved.

Minister Seethakka Directs Action on Land Titles for Chenchu Farmers

A delegation of Chenchu farmers from Kadthal, Ranga Reddy district, recently met with Minister Seethakka at Praja Bhavan to appeal for justice regarding their land titles. The farmers presented their grievances, explaining that they had been cultivating a total of 54 acres of land, which was originally allotted to 27 families in the limits of Asupantpalli Gram Panchayat back in 1988.

The farmers expressed their distress, stating that they had lost their land titles due to issues related to the Bhu Bharati scheme. This administrative complication had deprived them of official ownership, despite having cultivated the land for over 30 years. The

delegation appealed to Minister Seethakka to intervene and grant them the titles they rightfully deserved for the lands they have worked on for decades.

Responding to their plight, Minister Seethakka took immediate action. She promptly contacted Ranga Reddy District Collector Narayana Reddy and issued a clear directive. The Minister expressed her concern over the injustice faced by the farmers and ordered the Collector to ensure the issue is resolved swiftly. She instructed that the land titles, which were originally distributed to the poor Chenchu farmers by previous governments as part of a land distribution scheme, be officially granted to them.

The Minister’s quick

response and decisive action were a source of great relief for the farmers. Her direct intervention demonstrates a commitment to resolving long-standing land-related issues faced by marginalized communities. The directive to the District Collector is expected to initiate a process that will correct the administrative errors and restore the farmers’ rights to their land. This move is seen as a significant step towards ensuring that the benefits of government schemes reach the intended beneficiaries without bureaucratic hurdles. The farmers had lost hope, but the Minister’s immediate response has given them a renewed sense of confidence in the administration.

TPCC Chief Inaugurates Nitya Annadanam Program

TPCC President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud recently inaugurated the Nitya Annadanam program, a daily meal service, at an event organized by the SGS Padmavati Nitya Annadana Indur Trust. The ceremony, held in a grand manner, saw the participation of numerous devotees and local dignitaries. As the chief guest, Mahesh Kumar Goud marked the program’s official launch by personally serving food to the devotees, followed by joining them for lunch.

During his address, Mahesh Kumar Goud spoke about the significance of the initiative. He expressed his strong belief that “no one should go hungry” and highlighted that there is no greater act of charity than providing food. The TPCC chief shared his personal conviction, stating, “I am the first among the people who believe in God,” attributing his success to divine blessings. To support the no-



ble cause, he announced a personal donation of 1,01,116 to the trust, a gesture that was met with appreciation from the attendees.

Mahesh Kumar Goud further emphasized the importance of community involvement in such charitable endeavors. He stated that continuing a daily meal service with a genuine service attitude is a tremendous act of kindness that satisfies the hunger of the poor. He urged every member of society to contribute to such service-oriented programs, as collective

effort can make a significant difference. He also expressed his confidence in the trust members, believing they will always stand by people in their time of need. The TPCC chief concluded his speech by extending his heartfelt congratulations to the members of the Indur Trust for initiating the Nitya Annadanam program.

In his remarks, Mahesh Kumar Goud also assured the trust and the local community that he would take up their concerns with higher authorities. He

promised to discuss matters related to the daily food services, temple development, and other local issues with the local MLA. He also committed to bringing these issues to the attention of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, if



necessary, to ensure the smooth operation and continued development of the temple and its charitable services.

The inaugural event was attended by a large number of people, including TPCC General Secretary Ram Bhupal, senior Congress leaders, trust members, and other local dignitaries. The widespread support and participation in the program underscore the community’s collective commitment to service and charity. The inauguration of the Nitya Annadanam program is a positive step towards ensuring food security for the less fortunate and serves as a model for similar initiatives in other regions.

Grand Commencement of Bathukamma Festival

The Bathukamma festival, a significant cultural celebration in Telangana, is set to commence with grandeur today, with the inaugural ceremony taking place at the Thousand Pillar Temple in Warangal. The event will be graced by the presence of key state ministers, including Jupally Krishna Rao, Konda Surekha, and Dhanasari Anasuya Seethakka. The festival, which is deeply rooted in the state’s heritage, brings together people from all walks of life to celebrate a unique cultural identity intertwined with nature.

State Minister Konda Surekha released a statement on Saturday, extending her warm wishes to all the women of Telangana on the occasion of Chinna Bathukamma. She emphasized that the newly formed “people’s government,” led by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, has made comprehensive arrangements to ensure that this year’s celebrations are more magnificent than ever before. The government has planned numerous programs across the state to foster a spirit of unity among all communities and castes, reflecting the collective



identity of Telangana. Minister Surekha detailed the government’s preparations, noting that the festival will be celebrated over nine days at various historical sites, famous pilgrimage centers, heritage buildings, and popular tourist destinations. This approach aims to showcase the rich cultural tapestry of the state and make the celebrations accessible to a wider audience. A preparatory meeting has already been convened with District Collectors to finalize all logistical arrangements, ensuring a smooth and successful event. The minister affirmed that the Bathukamma festival is a perfect showcase of Telangana’s rich culture and traditions, which are intricately linked with the natural world, and that its global promi-

nence will be further enhanced through these festivities.

This year’s celebrations are particularly significant as they are being organized with a renewed focus on cultural pride and inclusivity. The government’s proactive role in making the festival a grand affair underscores its commitment to preserving and promoting Telangana’s unique heritage. The extensive planning and involvement of senior ministers highlight the importance placed on cultural events that unite communities and reflect the state’s values. The festival’s focus on nature, with flowers as the central element, also resonates with modern-day environmental consciousness, adding another layer of meaning to the celebrations.

Survivors Call for Stronger Anti-Trafficking Framework in Andhra Pradesh and Across India



Ram Mohan Nimmaraju, Social Worker

Vijayawada: In Andhra Pradesh, survivors of human trafficking are speaking out — and their message is clear: rescue alone is not enough. Without survivor voices at the table, laws remain toothless, rehabilitation is ineffective, and justice drags on for years. Lakshmi* and Parvathi* (names changed) spent months, even years, confined in shelter homes after their rescue. “We didn’t know our rights. No one asked if we wanted to stay there,” they say. Their experience reflects a national failure — policies made about survivors, without consulting them. “Our time in shelter homes was deeply distressing. We spent months—sometimes years—there without knowing when we would be allowed to leave,” recalls Anjali* (name changed), a 21-year-old survivor leader from Andhra Pradesh. Her experi-

ence reflects the stark reality faced by many survivors of trafficking who are institutionalised after rescue. “We were kept in the dark — unaware of our rights and unable to reach the decision-makers who determined our futures,” adds Parvathi* (name changed), another survivor leader. “No one ever asked if we wanted to stay in a shelter home,” she says, highlighting a critical gap: policies affecting survivors are often drafted without their participation or consideration of lived realities. Lakshmi is clear about the way forward: “Survivors must be recognised as stakeholders and have a voice in policies that shape our lives.” She spoke at the State-Level Consultation on “Paving Better Lives for Women and Girls” held on 4 August 2025 at Fortune Murali Park, Vijayawada, organised by VMM, Mahila Sanghala Ikya Vedika, and Dignity for Women. A Collective Voice Emerges

VIMUKTHI, a state-level forum of trafficking survivors and victims of commercial sexual exploitation, now has over 500 members across eight districts of Andhra Pradesh. For years, survivors like Lakshmi and Parvathi fought for their rights in scattered efforts at the district level. “Our issues rarely reached the State or National stage. VIMUKTHI gives us the platform to make our voices heard at the highest level,” says Bajamma, a survivor leader from Addanki. The forum serves as a platform to share knowledge, build evidence from survivor experiences, and push for systemic reforms. Members argue that trafficking persists in India due to institutional gaps and systemic failures — gaps they believe survivor expertise can help close. “We want to use our experience to strengthen the anti-trafficking ecosystem,” says Ramani, another VIMUKTHI leader. The Scope of the Problem:

Human trafficking remains one of the gravest human rights violations worldwide. In India, victims include men, women, and children exploited for sexual purposes, forced marriages, bonded labour, and even forced begging. According to the National Crime Records Bureau, three out of every five trafficking victims at the national level are children. In the state of Andhra Pradesh between 2017 and 2022, 1,972 women and girls were reported trafficked, including 155 girls below 18 years. In the same period, 2,106 individuals were rescued, of whom 91 were under 18. In Andhra Pradesh, districts such as Krishna, Guntur, Prakasam, and parts of Rayalaseema are trafficking hotspots, driven by poverty, migration, and deep-rooted social vulnerabilities. Survivors and activists say weak laws, poor rehabilitation measures, and lack of accountability enable the crime to persist.

A Call for Stronger Legislation VIMUKTHI leaders are pressing for a comprehensive anti-trafficking law that covers all forms of exploitation — including sex trafficking, bonded labour, forced labour, and servitude. They want the earlier Trafficking of Persons (Prevention, Protection and Rehabilitation) Bill, 2018 to be revived, strengthened, and passed with stronger deterrence measures and better conviction rates. Equally important is community-based rehabilitation. Survivors stress that reintegration should prioritise education, livelihood opportunities, and social acceptance. “Recovery does not happen in isolation — it happens when survivors can live and work with dignity,” says Parvathi. Implementing NHRC Directions The National Human Rights Commission’s (NHRC) 1st and 2nd advisories (5 October 2020 and 31 May 2021) recommend that sex

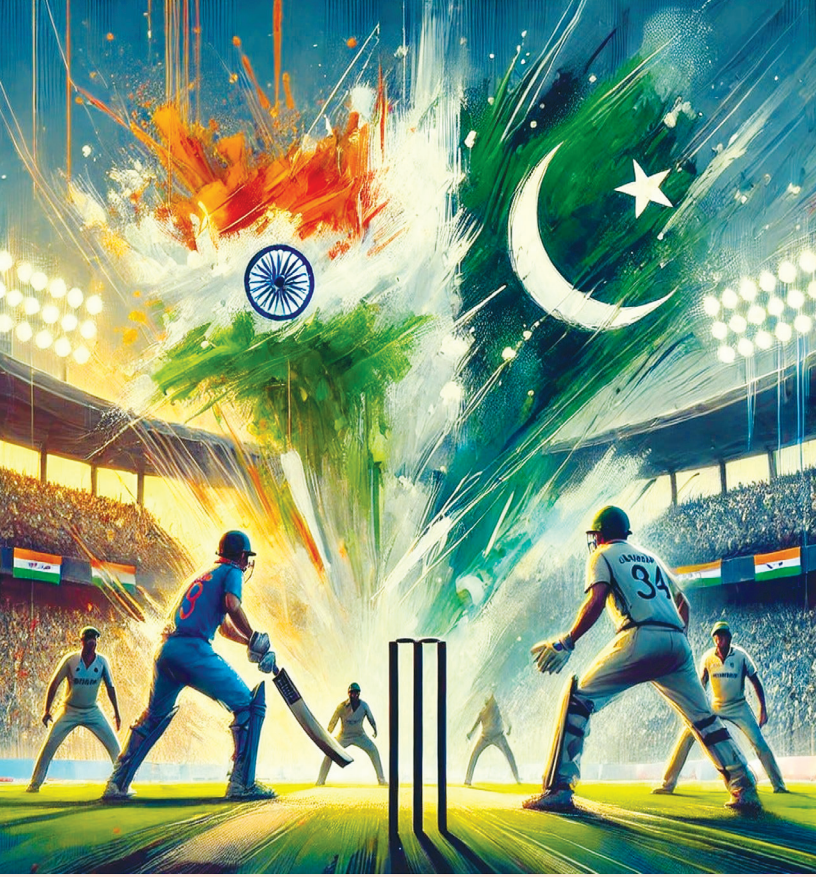
workers be recognised as informal workers entitled to all relevant welfare schemes and services. However, no department in Andhra Pradesh has acted on these directions. Lakshmi, VIMUKTHI’s treasurer, is calling for a state-level action plan to ensure better service delivery to sex workers, backed by effective monitoring and accountability. Fast-Tracking Justice and Ensuring Compensation Long legal battles are another major hurdle. “Many of us are still entangled in years of court proceedings,” says Smt. Apurva, VIMUKTHI’s president. Given the survivors’ often precarious economic situations, these delays are devastating. The forum is demanding special fast-track courts for trafficking cases. They also insist on reforms in victim compensation — ensuring it is not dependent solely on rescue status and that survivors are fully informed about available schemes. They demand penalties

for officials or service providers who fail to do so. A Growing Survivor-Led Movement VIMUKTHI members are actively engaged in public awareness campaigns, policy advocacy, and capacity-building to equip survivor leaders to advocate directly. They are expanding their networks across Andhra Pradesh, building new survivor groups, and linking with grassroots organisations. “We’ve only just begun and will not stop until a strong, effective system is in place to end trafficking — not just here, but across the country,” says Apurva. The message from these leaders is unambiguous: combating trafficking requires more than rescue operations. It demands an ecosystem that listens to survivor voices, delivers justice swiftly, and ensures rehabilitation with dignity. Only then can India dismantle the networks that prey on its most vulnerable citizens.



India, Pakistan & Cricket – A Question of Sport or Strategy?

In 130 years since the modern Olympics began, the Subcontinent has only three individual gold medals. Yet when Neeraj Chopra faced Pakistan’s Arshad Nadeem in Tokyo, there was no outrage, no trending debate. Contrast this with cricket, where the question of playing Pakistan sparks firestorms. The irony is sharp. India, the world’s fourth-largest economy with a powerful military, has punished terror outfits through operations like Sindoor. But many still argue cricket should serve as the new battlefield. Can cricket deliver justice that the armed forces couldn’t? If India boycotts Pakistan, it hands them walkovers. Pakistan, which has lost most cricket contests in the past 25 years, would gain automatic wins. Is justice for victims found in turning a near-perpetual loser into a permanent winner?



History proves otherwise. Social media outrage thrives because cricket guarantees engagement. Other sports don’t stir such frenzy, even though India now dominates Pakistan in hockey too. Governments in the past conceded games

for global causes—against apartheid South Africa, or over Intifada killings. But those were multinational actions. A unilateral boycott today damages Indian cricket, gifts Pakistan victories, and undermines India’s claim of being a strong, decisive power. Realpolitik also matters. India leads world cricket, with enormous influence in ICC and Asian cricket bodies. Leaders like Jay Shah must work with Pakistan counterparts. Just as the Prime Minister couldn’t walk out of an SCO group photo, sport can’t be hostage to bilateral wounds. The Modi government has been wise not to concede to populist outrage. Sport is not war. Indian cricket is no soldier in the fight against terror. To conflate the two is hypocrisy—and risks turning a position of strength into needless defeat.

Why Is Arvind Kejriwal Attacking Congress’s Gandhi Brand?

Arvind Kejriwal, AAP supremo and former Delhi chief minister, has sharpened his attack on the Congress party, particularly the Gandhi family. Addressing MLAs and councillors at Delhi’s Constitution Club, he alleged a nexus between BJP and Congress, claiming that if such a nexus didn’t exist, the Gandhis would have been arrested in the National Herald case. This hard stance comes at a time when AAP is battling for survival. After losing Delhi to BJP earlier this year, Punjab remains its last stronghold. With state elections two years away, Congress, not BJP, is AAP’s immediate challenger. By targeting

Rahul Gandhi and reviving corruption charges like National Herald and 2G, Kejriwal hopes to discredit Congress and position AAP as the real alternative. Kejriwal’s move also reflects frustration over Rahul Gandhi’s rising profile. As Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha, Gandhi has emerged as the key Opposition face—an ambition Kejriwal once nurtured for himself. AAP’s experiment of joining the INDIA bloc in 2024 backfired, with Congress outperforming it in Punjab and BJP sweeping Delhi. Within months, AAP quit the bloc, signalling its intent to reclaim an independent identity.

There’s also a signal to disillusioned BJP supporters. After 11 years in power, cracks are visible in the saffron base. By alleging that BJP has failed to act against Congress corruption, Kejriwal seeks to woo this section while also appealing to minorities opposed to BJP. With battles ahead in Punjab, Goa and Gujarat in 2027, AAP knows its survival depends on becoming a credible national alternative. The anti-Congress narrative, therefore, is both defensive and ambitious—an attempt to blunt Rahul Gandhi’s rise while carving space for Kejriwal on the national stage.



“Potholes Caused By Nature”: DK Shivakumar Amid Backlash Over Bengaluru Roads



TPN Correspondent |
Delhi

Bengaluru’s pothole problem has once again come under the spotlight, with Deputy Chief Minister and Bengaluru Development Minister DK Shivakumar addressing the issue on Saturday. Speaking to reporters, he said potholes are not deliberately created but develop due to natural causes and heavy

rainfall, along with increased traffic and vehicle load in the city. Shivakumar said, “We are here to sort out the problem. The BJP is doing politics; let them do whatever they want. Potholes are caused by nature; no one wants to create them.” He noted that the government has already filled over 7,000 potholes, with more than 5,000 still remaining. The Deputy Chief Minister added that the Police Commis-

sioner has been asked to submit a report on the condition of roads, and that common citizens are actively reporting potholes. Responding to allegations that funds are not being used properly, Shivakumar said that grants have been released for BJP MLAs without discrimination, and questioned why the potholes were not fixed earlier: “Even now, we are releasing Rs 25 crore for BJP

MLAs. Let them do their job,” he added. Earlier this week, he had addressed concerns regarding IT companies leaving Bengaluru due to poor road infrastructure, stating, “No one can threaten or blackmail the government. I will not stop anyone from leaving.” The Karnataka BJP, responding to his remarks, said that seeking accountability does not amount to threats or blackmail. In protest

against the state’s road conditions, the party has announced a one-hour roadblock in all Assembly constituencies across Karnataka, including Bengaluru, on September 24. Shivakumar concluded by reiterating the government’s commitment to finding solutions while urging opposition parties to avoid politicising civic issues, emphasizing that development work continues across the city.

PM Modi Inaugurates Mumbai Cruise Terminal

Launches Rs 34,200 Crore Projects
TPN Bureau | New Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for multiple development projects across various sectors worth over Rs 34,200 crore during the ‘Samudra Se Samridhi’ programme, while highlighting the importance of ‘Atmanirbhar Bharat’ or a self-reliant India. The event, held at Jawahar Maidan in Bhavnagar, primarily focused on the maritime sector, with initiatives worth Rs 7,870 crore aimed at modernising key ports and infrastructure. PM Modi said, “This event is being held in Bhavnagar, but it is for the entire nation... to decide India’s direction from Samudra to Samridhi.” The Prime Minister thanked citizens for birthday wishes and appreciated children who presented him with paintings and sketches, instructing officials to collect the artwork. He



also lauded the ongoing ‘Sewa Pakhwada’ from Vishwakarma Jayanti to Gandhi Jayanti, noting over 1 lakh blood donations and numerous cleanliness and health initiatives, with special attention on women. On maritime developments, PM Modi inaugurated the Mumbai International Cruise Terminal and laid the foundation for a new container terminal at Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata. Other key projects include cargo berths and modernisation works at Paradip, Chennai, Kamarajar, Deendayal, Car Nicobar, and inland waterway facilities at Patna and Varanasi. In Gujarat, projects worth Rs 26,354 crore were unveiled, spanning renewable energy, port

infrastructure, roads, healthcare, and urban transport. Initiatives include the HPLNG Regasification Terminal, Acrylics and Oxo Alcohol Project, 600 MW Green Shoe Initiative, PM-KUSUM solar feeders, Badeli 45 MW Solar PV Project, and solarisation of Dhordo village. PM Modi also laid foundation stones for hospital expansions in Bhavnagar and Jamnagar, and launched the four-laning of 70 km of national highways to improve connectivity. The Prime Minister is set to undertake an aerial survey of the Dholera Special Investment Region, envisioned as a greenfield industrial city promoting sustainable industrialisation and smart infrastructure.

‘Tamil Nadu govt restraining my movements’: TVK chief Vijay

TPN Correspondent |
Delhi

Actor and Tamilaga Vetttri Kazhagam (TVK) founder Vijay on Saturday sharply criticized the ruling DMK government for imposing multiple restrictions on his political meetings, questioning whether similar conditions would be applied during visits of the Prime Minister or Home Minister. Addressing a massive rally at Puthur, Vijay said the government curtailed his free movement and even disrupted power during his speeches.

“CM sir, will you impose conditions during the Prime Minister or Home Minister’s visit, or disrupt power as you do to the TVK? Numerous restrictions are imposed on me. I can’t move my hands,” he said, emphasizing that the contest in 2026 would be solely between the TVK and DMK. The crowd erupted with chants of “TVK, TVK”, which Vijay highlighted in his address. The actor alleged deliberate interference during his meetings: the speaker’s wire was cut in Tiruchirappalli, and power

was disrupted at Ariyalur, limiting him to just three minutes of speech. He warned the DMK against being “tyrannical” toward the TVK and stressed that his party is supported by the people. Vijay also questioned Chief Minister M.K. Stalin’s overseas trips, asking whether they were intended to secure investment for Tamil Nadu or for personal gain abroad. He criticized the DMK for neglecting development in Nagapattinam district, citing lack of a government marine college, poor tourism infrastructure, and insufficient industrial promotion. On social issues, Vijay attacked the DMK for inaction on the fishermen and Sri Lankan Tamil problems, stating, “We are not DMK to write letters and remain silent. Our agenda is to ensure lasting solutions.” He also criticized the BJP government for allegedly discriminating against Tamil Nadu fishermen. Responding to critics of his weekend rally schedule, Vijay said the timings were designed to avoid public inconvenience and to allow certain political leaders rest, while ensuring maximum participation.

Congress targets Modi as ‘weak PM’

Trump’s \$100,000 annual H-1B visa fee

TPN Correspondent |
New Delhi

The Congress party on Saturday, September 20, 2025, strongly criticized Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the recent imposition of a \$100,000 annual fee on H-1B visas by U.S. President Donald Trump, calling him a “weak PM.” The move, aimed at restricting highly skilled foreign workers in the United States, is expected to adversely impact Indian tech professionals and the country’s IT sector. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge addressed the PM on social media platform X, saying, “Indians are pained by the return gifts you have received after the birthday call... Birthday return gifts from your ‘Abki baar, Trump sarkar’ government!” Kharge warned that the fee hike could lead to estimated losses of 2.17



lakh crore across 10 sectors due to the HIRE Act and 50% tariffs targeting Indian outsourcing. Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, criticized Modi’s diplomatic approach, tweeting, “I repeat, India has a weak PM.” Deputy Leader Gaurav Gogoi highlighted that the hike threatens the future of India’s brightest minds, while Manish Tewari said the U.S. was deliberately escalating pressure on India, citing recent defense and trade developments. Tewari added that India’s strategic silence, coupled with optics-heavy diplomacy, had left the nation vulnerable to these moves, unlike the bold handling seen during former PM

Manmohan Singh’s tenure. Congress spokesperson Pawan Khera recalled Rahul Gandhi’s 2017 warning that H-1B visas were not addressed in Modi-Trump talks, stating, “Eight years later, Rahul Gandhi is vindicated yet again. India is still stuck with a weak Prime Minister.” The Congress leaders collectively called for a more assertive foreign policy, emphasizing that safeguarding national interests requires strategic balance, not mere optics. With Trump’s proclamation now in effect, India faces significant challenges in protecting its workforce and IT sector from the ramifications of this historic H-1B visa fee increase.

Soldier Killed In Encounter With Terrorists In J&K’s Udhampur

TPN Correspondent |
Delhi

A soldier lost his life in a fierce gun battle with terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir’s Udhampur district, official sources confirmed on Saturday. The en-

counter took place in the Basantgarh area, a mountainous tri-junction connecting Udhampur, Doda, and Kathua districts, following an intelligence-based operation launched by the Indian Army on Friday evening. According to offi-

cials, the terrorists were believed to be trained in jungle warfare, making the operation particularly challenging. Basantgarh has been a hotspot for repeated face-offs between security forces and militants, highlighting the ongoing security challenges in the

region. The army confirmed that two terrorists were killed during the operation, but tragically, one soldier made the ultimate sacrifice while engaging the heavily armed militants. This encounter comes just two weeks after another gun battle in the Kul-

gam district of Jammu and Kashmir, which resulted in the death of two soldiers, including a junior commissioned officer. Officials emphasized that the Jammu region, historically less affected by terrorism, has witnessed a sharp increase in militant activ-

ity over the past four years. In response, the government has reinforced the counter-terrorism grid, deploying thousands of additional troops and paramilitary personnel to the area to prevent further incidents and secure vulnerable zones. The army expressed

condolences to the fallen soldier’s family and reaffirmed its commitment to eliminate terrorist threats while ensuring the safety of local communities. Security forces continue to comb the region for any remaining militants and are maintaining heightened vigi-

lance across the district. This latest encounter underscores the persistent security challenges in Jammu and Kashmir, despite years of counter-terrorism efforts, and highlights the ongoing sacrifices of Indian soldiers in safeguarding the nation.



‘Return To US Within 24 Hours: Meta, Microsoft To H-1B Visa Holders

TPN Correspondent | Washington

Major U.S. technology companies, including Meta and Microsoft, have issued urgent advisories to their H-1B visa holders following President Donald Trump’s latest immigration crackdown, which includes raising the H-1B visa fee to USD 100,000 annually.

According to internal emails accessed by NDTV Profit, the companies urged employees currently in the U.S. to remain in the country for at least 14 days, while foreign workers residing outside the U.S. were advised to return within 24 hours to avoid potential re-entry issues. Employees were instructed to comply



with these directives for the foreseeable future, as firms seek clarity on the new regulations.

Meta specifically advised H-1B and H-4 visa holders to stay in the U.S. “till practical applications are understood”, while Microsoft strongly recommended

employees to stay put and asked those abroad to make every effort to return.

The H-1B visa programme, designed for professionals in specialty occupations such as software engineers, program managers, and other IT roles, is valid for three

years with a three-year renewal option. Trump’s new policy, aimed at protecting American workers, dramatically increases the cost of hiring foreign talent, with visa fees jumping from just USD 215 to USD 100,000 annually.

Additionally, the ad-

ministration has announced a Gold Card visa programme, including the Trump Gold Card, Platinum Card, and Corporate Gold Card, designed to provide exclusive privileges for investors, businesses, and highly skilled professionals, potentially replacing traditional employment-based visa paths to U.S. residency.

India, the largest source of H-1B visa holders, is expected to feel a significant impact from these changes, particularly for tech professionals employed by multinational firms in the U.S. The move underscores the administration’s focus on hiring “truly extraordinary people” while limiting routine foreign worker inflows.



Trump Imposes \$100,000 Fee On H-1B Visas

TPN Bureau | Washington

In a major move affecting Indian professionals and other foreign workers in the United States, President Donald Trump on Friday signed a proclamation raising the H-1B visa fee to USD 100,000 annually. The announcement forms part of the administration’s broader efforts to curb immigration and prioritise highly skilled foreign workers.

White House staff secretary Will Scharf described the H-1B programme as “one of the most abused visa systems,” intended to allow only specialized talent in sectors where American workers are unavailable. The new fee, he said, ensures companies bring in

“truly extraordinary people” without replacing domestic workers.

Speaking at the White House, Trump said, “We need great workers, and this ensures that’s what’s going to happen.” Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick added that the programme would raise over USD 100 billion for the U.S. Treasury, funds that will be used to reduce taxes and pay down national debt.

The USD 100,000 annual fee will apply to both first-time applicants and renewals. H-1B visas, typically valid for three years and renewable for another three, can now cost companies up to USD 600,000 over six years per employee. This move is expected to significantly impact Indian tech profes-

sionals, many of whom face decades-long waits for Green Cards.

Alongside this, Trump introduced the ‘Gold Card’ programme, offering a path to U.S. residency for individuals who can pay USD 1 million personally, or USD 2 million via corporate sponsorship, ensuring expedited visa treatment and Green Card eligibility.

Lutnick emphasized that companies must now evaluate whether foreign employees are valuable enough to justify the annual fee or hire American workers instead. Trump asserted that tech companies support the measure, saying it will allow the U.S. to retain highly productive talent while ensuring American workers are prioritised.



TPN Correspondent | Ottawa

Nepal’s deposed Prime Minister K.P. Sharma Oli has said his government did not order police to open fire

on protesters and has called for a probe into the deadly unrest that claimed at least 73 lives. Oli, 73, made his first statement since stepping down last Tuesday, blaming “infiltrators” for inciting violence during youth-led dem-

Nepal’s ousted PM Oli calls for probe into deadly youth protests

onstrations that began on September 8.

The protests were initially sparked by a short-lived social media ban, but quickly escalated due to anger over corruption and longstanding economic hardships. On the first day alone, at least 19 people were killed in clashes with authorities.

Oli posted on Facebook, stating, “Those who infiltrated the protests incited violence, resulting in the tragic loss of young lives. The government did not issue orders to target the protesters and fire shots.” He also called for an investigation into the use of automat-

ic weapons, which he said the police did not possess. “I will not say much about the conspiracy behind this today, time will tell itself,” he added.

During the unrest, mobs ransacked government offices, attacked Oli’s residence, and set fire to a newly opened Hilton hotel. Some protesters were even seen brandishing automatic rifles. Oli has remained out of public view since his removal, reportedly under military protection, and returned recently, according to party colleague Agni Kharel.

His successor, Prime Minister Sushila Karki, a 73-year-old former

chief justice, has been tasked with restoring order and addressing the protesters’ calls for a corruption-free governance ahead of elections in six months. Karki said, “The demonstrations reflect both the aspirations of our young generation and dissatisfaction with prevailing corruption. The state machinery should function in accordance with the aspirations and expectations of the people.”

The situation underscores the growing tensions in Nepal, as the country grapples with demands for accountability, transparency, and systemic reform while transitioning to new leadership.

Imran Khan Alleges Mental Torture by Pakistan Army Chief



TPN Correspondent | Rawalpindi

Former Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan has accused Army Chief Gen Asim Munir of inflicting mental torture on him and his wife Bushra Bibi in prison, aiming to break their will and force submission. Khan, 72, a former cricketer-turned-politician, has been in jail for over two years in multiple cases and is currently lodged at Adiala Jail, Rawalpindi.

In a post on X, Khan

stated, “The mental torture being inflicted on me and Bushra Begum in prison is being carried out by Asim Munir, and the sole purpose is to make us break down and submit.” He warned, “As long as we are alive, we will not bow down before the cruelty of Yazid or the tyranny of the Pharaoh,” referencing historical figures known for oppression.

Khan further accused Gen Munir of using the army to create lawlessness and fascism in Pakistan, alleging that the Army Chief seeks to extend his rule illegiti-

mately for 10 years. Khan claimed that ever since Munir assumed office, he has tried to sour relations with Afghanistan, issuing threats, expelling Afghan nationals, and conducting drone strikes to provoke conflict, portraying himself as a “mujahid” to Western lobbies.

The former premier also highlighted the economic consequences of this oppression, stating that Pakistan’s economy is experiencing historically slow growth, foreign investment is near zero, and national debt has doubled in three

years, leaving citizens trapped in a financial quagmire.

Khan called upon his party members to stay focused on upcoming political activities, particularly the Peshawar rally scheduled for September 27, emphasizing the need for a government truly representing the people to resolve the country’s economic and political challenges.

This statement underscores the ongoing political tension in Pakistan and Khan’s continued opposition to the current military and administrative leadership.



Russia Launches Widespread Missile, Drone Attacks Across Ukraine

TPN Correspondent | Kyiv

Russia launched a massive missile and drone strike across multiple regions of Ukraine, killing at least three people and wounding dozens more, Ukrainian officials confirmed. President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said attacks struck nine regions, including Dnipropetrovsk, Mykolaiv, Chernihiv, Zaporizhzhia, Poltava, Kyiv, Odesa, Sumy, and Kharkiv.

“The enemy targeted infrastructure, residential areas, and civilian enterprises,” Zelenskyy

said, adding that a missile equipped with cluster munitions hit a multi-story building in Dnipro. He described the strikes as a deliberate strategy to intimidate civilians and destroy infrastructure.

In the Dnipropetrovsk region, at least 26 people were injured, with damage to several high-rise buildings. Kyiv authorities reported strikes in Bucha, Boryspil, and Obukhiv, affecting homes and vehicles, while in Lviv, two cruise missiles were intercepted.

Ukraine’s Air Force detected 619 Russian drones and missiles—including 579 drones, eight

ballistic missiles, and 32 cruise missiles. Ukrainian forces successfully shot down 552 drones, two ballistic missiles, and 29 cruise missiles. Tactical aviation, particularly F-16 fighters, played a key role in neutralising the threat, demonstrating the effectiveness of Western weapons.

Meanwhile, Russia denied violating Estonia’s airspace, after Tallinn reported three Russian fighter jets briefly crossed into its territory. Moscow maintained the flights remained over neutral waters and adhered to international airspace regulations.

President Zelenskyy

confirmed he expects to meet U.S. President Donald Trump at the UN General Assembly next week, with discussions also planned between the first ladies on humanitarian issues. Zelenskyy emphasized the need for long-term security guarantees from international partners and stressed that sanctions against Russia must remain if peace efforts stall. He said Europe is prepared to move forward, provided the U.S. remains closely engaged, highlighting ongoing diplomatic efforts to secure Ukraine’s safety amid continued hostilities.

SEBI Clears Adani Group, Boosts Investor Confidence

New Delhi: Markets regulator SEBI's clearance of the Adani Group has been hailed as a major boost not only for the conglomerate but also for India's investment climate, according to Manish Singh, Chief Investment Officer at Crossbridge Capital.

On September 18, SEBI dismissed allegations by US short seller Hindenburg Research, which had claimed that Adani Group firms, including Adani Enterprises, Adani Ports, and Adani Power, had routed funds through three companies – Adicorp

Enterprises, Milestone Tradelinks, and Rehvar Infrastructure – in an irregular manner. SEBI's investigation found that all loans were repaid, funds were used for intended purposes, and there was no fraud or unfair trade practice, effectively giving a clean chit to both the group and Chairman Gautam Adani.

Speaking to NDTV Profit, Manish Singh welcomed the move, saying, "This is very good news for the group, and it is also very good news for India, given the importance of the Adani Group in the Indian development story.

India needs a lot of power, and in my opinion, the country needs a few more Adanis."

He further highlighted the broader economic implications, noting that investor confidence directly affects the cost of capital, a critical factor in any country's growth trajectory. "If investor confidence erodes, it leads to a higher cost of capital, which can slow development. This SEBI order is a significant confidence booster for India," Singh said.

However, Singh cautioned that the government should scrutinize any malicious intent

behind such allegations to prevent future attempts at tarnishing reputations. "The last thing you want is investor confidence to drop because people rely on headlines without knowing the full story. Any potential malicious intent should be investigated and exposed," he added.

With SEBI's clearance, the Adani Group's stock performance and credibility are expected to strengthen, providing a boost to foreign investor confidence and supporting India's broader economic growth story.



GST cuts to boost economy, but revenue loss could hit banking sector

The government is facing a significant revenue shortfall due to the recent reduction in Goods and Services Tax (GST) rates on various essential products. While official estimates put the annual revenue loss at around Rs 480 billion, a recent report by Systematic Research suggests that the actual impact could be far greater, potentially reaching nearly Rs 1.2 trillion.

The GST rate cuts, aimed at easing the financial burden on consumers and boosting consumption, cover a range of items, including essential goods and daily-use products. According to economists, such reductions are expected to stimulate demand in the short term, providing relief to households grappling with inflation and increasing disposable income for middle-class families.

However, the Systematic Research report highlights that while the rate cuts may benefit consumers, they will exert substantial pressure on government finances. The higher-than-expected revenue loss could limit the fiscal space available for development projects, social welfare schemes, and infrastructure investments. Analysts caution that if



such revenue shortfalls persist, the government may need to explore alternative measures, such as improving tax compliance, broadening the GST base, or adjusting rates on non-essential items.

Financial experts also note that while the move may stimulate economic activity, it underscores the delicate balance policymakers must maintain between boosting consumption and safeguarding fiscal health. The government is expected to monitor revenue collections closely over the next few months to gauge the actual impact of these GST cuts and assess whether additional measures may be required to offset the shortfall.

With the potential revenue loss reaching Rs 1.2 trillion, the debate over the sustainability of GST reductions is likely to continue among policymakers, economists, and industry stakeholders.



Stock Markets Snap 3-Day Rally on Profit-Taking; Adani Group Stocks Surge

Mumbai: Benchmark indices on Friday witnessed a sharp correction, snapping a three-day winning streak, as profit-taking in major blue-chip shares weighed on investor sentiment. The BSE Sensex fell 387.73 points or 0.47 percent to settle at 82,626.23, while the NSE Nifty 50 declined 96.55 points or 0.38 percent to close at 25,327.05. During the session, the Sensex touched a low of 82,485.92, down 528 points from its previous close.

Among the top laggards, HCL Tech, ICICI Bank, Titan, Trent, Ko-

tak Mahindra Bank, Hindustan Unilever, Mahindra & Mahindra, and HDFC Bank faced heavy selling pressure. Profit-taking in HDFC Bank and ICICI Bank was a key factor behind the market decline.

In contrast, select stocks, especially Adani Group companies, witnessed robust gains. Adani Ports, Adani Power, Adani Total Gas, Adani Green Energy, Adani Enterprises, and Adani Energy Solutions rallied up to 13 percent after markets regulator SEBI cleared billionaire Gautam Adani and his group of allegations regarding stock manipulation

made by US short-seller Hindenburg Research. SEBI found that inter-company fund transfers did not violate any regulations, giving a significant boost to investor confidence.

Other gainers included Bharti Airtel, SBI, NTPC, and Sun Pharma, helping offset some losses in the broader market.

Global markets showed mixed trends, with South Korea's KOSPI, Japan's Nikkei 225, and Shanghai's SSE Composite ending lower, while Hong Kong's Hang Seng closed in positive territory. European markets were trading high-

er, and US markets had ended higher on Thursday. Meanwhile, Brent crude dipped 0.55 percent to USD 67.07 per barrel.

Foreign institutional investors continued to support domestic equities, purchasing shares worth Rs 366.69 crore on Thursday, reflecting sustained interest from global players despite profit-taking in select sectors. The market correction comes after a three-day rally, where Sensex had gained over 320 points and Nifty had risen by 93 points, showing renewed caution among investors amid profit-taking.

Tata Technologies Acquires Germany's ES-Tec Group, Shares Rise 2%

Tata Technologies Limited shares rose 2 percent intraday on Monday, September 15, following the company's announcement of the acquisition of Germany-based ES-Tec GmbH and its subsidiaries in a deal valued at up to 75 million.

The acquisition will be executed through Tata Technologies' Singapore subsidiary and is expected to close by December 31, 2025, subject to regulatory approvals in Germany and Morocco. ES-Tec Group, founded in 2006 and headquartered in Wolfsburg, is a premium automotive engineering services provider specializing in advanced driver assistance systems (ADAS), connected driving, and digital engineering. The company reported 36 million in revenue in 2024 and employs over 300 professionals.

Tata Technologies said the deal will significantly enhance its engineering, research, and development capabilities, particularly in embedded systems and systems engineering. The acquisition is expected to be earnings-per-share accretive from the first full year of operations.

Warren Harris, MD & CEO of Tata Technologies, described the acqui-

sition as a "strategic leap" that strengthens Tata Technologies' ability to deliver end-to-end product engineering solutions across the automotive value chain." He added that ES-Tec's technical depth, customer focus, and regional presence align with Tata Technologies' vision to become the first partner choice for global OEMs navigating intelligent, connected, and sustainable mobility.

Marc Wille, MD & CEO of ES-Tec, welcomed the partnership, saying it will allow the German firm to expand its international presence and address future automotive challenges.

The acquisition positions Tata Technologies more strongly in Europe's automotive hub, at a time when global OEMs are ramping up R&D investments in electrification, ADAS, and software-defined vehicle platforms. With the European engineering services market projected to grow from 4.5 billion in 2020 to 11.7 billion by 2030, the move offers significant growth opportunities for the company and strengthens India's footprint in global automotive R&D. The contentious issue that has affected India's telecom industry for years.



Vodafone Idea Shares Surge 7% as Centre Signals Relief in AGR Case



New Delhi: Vodafone Idea shares jumped 7 percent on September 19, after the Centre informed the Supreme Court that it was not opposing the telco's plea regarding adjusted gross revenue (AGR) dues and added that "some solution is required."

Speaking before the apex court, the government said, "Not opposing Vodafone Idea plea, some solution is required, government is also an equity holder. Some solution may be required, subject to Supreme Court approval," according to CN-BC-TV18. The next

hearing in the case is scheduled for September 26, with the bench, led by Chief Justice B.R. Gavai, emphasizing that "there has to be some finality to these proceedings."

The Centre highlighted its 49 percent equity stake in Vodafone Idea, urging the court to consider changed circumstances and provide relief in the larger public interest. Following the announcement, Vodafone Idea's stock touched an intraday high of Rs 8.42, trading 6 percent higher at Rs 8.31 by noon.

Vodafone Idea has approached the Su-

preme Court seeking to quash an additional AGR demand of Rs 9,450 crore by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT). The telco argued that the fresh dues exceed the scope of the 2020 SC ruling, which had locked AGR liabilities up to FY17. Of the total demand, Rs 5,675 crore pertains to pre-merger Vodafone Group liabilities, while Rs 2,774 crore relates to the post-merger entity after consolidation in August 2018.

The company noted that Rs 5,606 crore had already been settled and requested a full reconciliation of pre-

FY17 dues. Vodafone Idea warned that the revised demand threatens its financial viability, 4G and 5G expansion plans, and the livelihoods of thousands of employees. The telco's total dues, including penalties and interest, stand at nearly Rs 2 lakh crore, with instalments of around Rs 18,000 crore due annually from March 2026 after the moratorium period.

Investors welcomed the Centre's statement as a potential reprieve, giving temporary relief to the struggling telecom giant in a highly competitive market.



Which Country Holds The Most Gold?

Gold has always been more than a shiny metal—it is wealth, stability, and power. Even in today's digital age of cryptocurrency and on-line payments, gold continues to be a backbone of global economies. Nations with large gold reserves enjoy a buffer against inflation, rising investor confidence, and stronger currencies. The World Gold Council's latest data highlights the top countries leading the gold game in 2025

At number one is the United States, holding a massive 8,133.46 tonnes of gold in the second quarter of 2025. This level has remained steady since the first quarter and makes the US the undisputed leader in official gold reserves worldwide. Germany follows at number two, with 3,350.25 tonnes, although this

marks a 25-year low for the country, still placing it firmly behind America

In third position stands Italy, holding steady at 2,451.84 tonnes—a figure that has barely changed for decades, showcasing remarkable consistency. Close behind is France with 2,437 tonnes, maintaining stable reserves despite past fluctuations. Meanwhile, Russia secures fifth place

with 2,329.63 tonnes, nearly doubling its long-term average and reflecting its aggressive push to build reserves in recent decades

These figures not only underline the global gold hierarchy but also signal how countries use gold as a hedge against economic uncertainties. While Western economies dominate the top ranks, nations like Russia have been catching up

rapidly, using gold as a shield against sanctions and currency instability. For emerging economies like India, which also features in the top 10, gold reserves remain a crucial part of financial security and long-term strategy

The bottom line: gold is still king, and the countries that hold it the most continue to wield significant influence in the world economy

Internet Shocked Over Sky-High iPhone 17 Prices in Pakistan

Apple's latest iPhone 17 series has just hit global markets, but in Pakistan, it's the jaw-dropping price tags that have caught everyone's attention. While Indian fans queued up outside Apple stores in Mumbai and Delhi to grab the new device on launch day, social media in Pakistan is buzzing over how expensive the phones are across the border.

A viral post on X revealed that a resident in Pakistan will need to shell out between PKR 3.65 lakh (Rs 1.14 lakh) and PKR 5.74 lakh (Rs 1.79 lakh) for the new lineup. The iPhone 17 Pro Max alone costs

around PKR 547,000—or roughly Rs 1.70 lakh. The iPhone Air comes in at PKR 483,680 (Rs 1.51 lakh), while the iPhone 17 Pro is priced at PKR 531,680 (Rs 1.66 lakh).

Reactions online have been hilarious and exasperated in equal measure. Some users quipped that “flats mil jayenge iss daam mein” (you can buy an apartment at this price), while others joked that buying an iPhone in Pakistan now requires taking out a loan. Many pointed out that with the country already struggling with inflation and economic challenges, these luxury prices make the iPhone 17 an unrealistic dream

for the average consumer.

Comparisons with India also dominated the chatter, where despite premium pricing, the iPhone 17 is still considerably cheaper. Indian fans, though, face their own problem—long queues outside Apple's flagship stores in cities like Bengaluru, Mumbai and Delhi.

For Pakistan, however, the bigger conversation is about affordability. With the iPhone priced like real estate, netizens are asking whether Apple's latest innovation is even worth it—or if it's time to settle for Android alternatives that don't cost the price of a flat.



Rare Black Tiger Captured by Indian Photographer

In a moment that has mesmerized the world, India has gifted a rare glimpse of nature's magic. A photograph of the elusive black tiger, captured in Odisha's Similipal National Park, is featured on the October 2025 cover of National Geographic. Wildlife enthusiasts and the online community alike are celebrating this extraordinary achievement.

The photographer behind this stunning shot is Prasenjeet Yadav, an Indian wildlife photographer and National Geographic Explorer. Known for his dedication and keen eye for nature's hidden wonders, Yadav has once again brought India's unique wildlife into global focus. The black tiger, also called

the pseudo-melanistic tiger, is an extremely rare variant of the Bengal tiger, and Similipal National Park is the only place in the world where it is known to exist.

National Geographic highlighted the tiger's striking appearance, with its dark coat and subtle stripes, which make it almost invisible in the dense forest. The image not only showcases the animal's rarity but also emphasizes the importance of wildlife conservation in India. By bringing attention to the black tiger, Yadav is encouraging awareness and protection of the forests that are home to such unique species.

The photograph has gone viral across social media, with en-

thusiasts, conservationists, and nature lovers praising the skill, patience, and perseverance required to capture such a once-in-a-lifetime shot. Many users expressed pride that an Indian photographer has achieved this global recognition while spotlighting the biodiversity of India's forests.

For Prasenjeet Yadav, this moment is both a personal triumph and a reminder of the responsibility photographers hold in documenting and protecting wildlife. The October cover of National Geographic is not just about a tiger—it is about India's rich natural heritage and the incredible stories it continues to offer the world.



Charlie Kirk's Anti-India Visa Remark Resurfaces Amid H-1B Shakeup



Conservative US leader and staunch Trump supporter Charlie Kirk, who was shot dead on September 10 in Utah, is back in the spotlight after his controversial post on Indians and immigra-

tion resurfaced. Just days before his death, the 31-year-old Turning Point USA founder declared that America does not need more visas for Indians.

On September 2, Kirk wrote on X that legal im-

migration from India had displaced American workers more than any other, insisting that America was “full” and should put “its own people first.” His remarks were in response to Fox News host Laura Ingraham, who argued that any US trade deal with India would involve more visas. Kirk's post sparked backlash, with critics calling it xenophobic and damaging to innovation and bilateral ties, since most Indians in the US migrate as skilled professionals in the tech sector.

The controversy has resurfaced now because former President Donald Trump, back in the headlines, has announced sweeping changes to the H-1B visa programme. From September 21, 2025, applicants will face an annual \$100,000 fee, a move expected to drastically reduce Indian tech migration. The H-1B visa has long served as the backbone of Silicon Valley's

workforce, powering giants like Google, Microsoft and Amazon with Indian talent.

Kirk, known for his fiery podcasts and youth outreach, built a strong base in conservative circles, aligning with Trump's “America First” agenda. His critics, however, saw his stand as part of a broader push within the MAGA movement to curb legal immigration, even at the cost of America's competitiveness.

With his death, Kirk leaves behind a polarising legacy. But his last words on visas highlight a growing fault line in US politics—whether America should remain open to Indian talent or shut the door in the name of nationalism.

Bengaluru Techie Calls Traffic the City's Hidden Tax

A viral Reddit post has reignited the debate on Bengaluru's traffic crisis, calling it a “hidden tax” that drains time and productivity from lakhs of commuters. Shared in the r/Bengaluru community on Friday, the post narrates the ordeal of an Oracle employee living in JP Nagar, who says the city's gridlock costs him nearly two and a half months of his life every year.

According to the post, the techie earns Rs 28 lakh annually, excluding stock options. Out of this, he pays Rs 6.5 lakh in income tax and another Rs 1.4 lakh through GST on daily expenses—already surrendering over three months of work to the exchequer. But the bigger loss, he ar-

gues, is time. His office, just 14 kilometers away, should be a 30-minute commute. Instead, it takes an exhausting 90 minutes each way. Over the course of the year, this adds up to 2.5 months lost—time he believes is equivalent to another hidden tax paid not to the government, but to the city's poor infrastructure.

The post has struck a chord with thousands of Bengaluru residents who face the same grind daily. Many echoed the frustration that India's “Silicon Valley” may be powering global innovation, but its broken roads, endless traffic jams, and inadequate public transport force professionals to pay with their most valuable resource—time.



Experts say such urban inefficiencies also take a toll on mental health, family life, and the city's economy. While civic authorities have announced metro

expansions, road upgrades, and tech-driven traffic management systems, citizens argue change is too slow to match the city's exploding population and vehi-

cle density.

For Bengaluru's workforce, the message is clear: the real tax isn't just in paychecks—it's the endless hours wasted in traffic.



India Ready for Another Showdown Against Pakistan in Asia Cup

India gears up for another high-voltage encounter against Pakistan in the Super 4s of the Asia Cup this Sunday at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium. Skipper Suryakumar Yadav will once again rely heavily on his spin trio—Kuldeep Yadav, Axar Patel, and Varun Chakravathy—as India looks to dominate the neighbours following their seven-wicket win in the last clash.

The build-up to this Indo-Pak fixture has been tense, especially after India's decision to maintain a no-handshake policy, which is expected to continue, adding to the drama on and off the field. India's batting hopes will depend on Suryakumar, Shubman Gill, Tilak Varma, and Hardik Pandya to handle Pakistan's bowlers effectively. Sanju Samson may get limited opportunities depending on the top-order situation.

Axar Patel's fitness remains a concern after his head injury against Oman, but fielding coach T Dilip has reassured that he is recovering well. In case of unavailability, replacements like Washington Sundar or Riyan Parag are on standby. Rested stars Jasprit Bumrah and Varun Chakravathy will return to the playing XI, boosting India's bowling strength.

Pakistan, however, continues to struggle, particularly with its batting. Opener Saim Ayub has failed to impress, while Fakhar Zaman and Shaheen Shah Afridi remain their key threats. Fast bowler Haris Rauf is likely to return to the attack after a strong performance against the UAE, adding pace and aggression to Pakistan's lineup.

With Dubai pitches favoring spinners, India's strategy will focus on controlling the game early, with Suryakumar leading from the front. Both teams are aware that this match is more than just cricket—it's a grudge match with immense pressure and high stakes, and India aims to assert dominance once again.

India Squad: Suryakumar Yadav (c), Abhishek Sharma, Shubman Gill, Tilak Varma, Sanju Samson (wk), Shivam Dube, Hardik Pandya, Kuldeep Yadav, Axar Patel, Varun Chakravathy, Jasprit Bumrah, Rinku Singh, Jitesh Sharma (wk), Arshdeep Singh, Harshit Rana.

Pakistan Squad: Salman Ali Agha (c), Abrar Ahmed, Faheem Ashraf, Fakhar Zaman, Haris Rauf, Hasan Ali, Hasan Nawaz, Hussain Talat, Khushdil Shah, Mohammad Haris, Mohammad Nawaz, Mohammad Waseem Jnr, Sahibzada Farhan, Saim Ayub, Salman Mirza, Shaheen Afridi, Sufyan Moqim.

India Begin Second Futsal Asian Cup Qualifiers Against Kuwait

The Indian men's futsal team will kick off their second-ever AFC Futsal Asian Cup Qualifiers campaign against hosts Kuwait in Group A at the Qushaian Al-Mutairi Hall in Ardiya on Saturday. The 14-member Futsal Tigers squad arrived in Kuwait on September 16 after playing two friendly matches in Lebanon, losing 2-7 and 4-7. However, head coach Reza Kordi, hailing from Iran, emphasized that the experience mattered more than the results. "Some-

times we win, sometimes we learn. We learned a lot from our matches against Lebanon," Kordi said. The qualifiers feature 31 teams divided into eight groups, competing for 15 spots in the final tournament in Indonesia next year. India, ranked 135th in the world, are in Group A with Kuwait, Australia, and Mongolia. Kuwait, the highest-ranked team in the group at 43rd, presents a formidable challenge. Kordi, who has coached across Asia, stressed that the quali-

fiers are about growth, competition, and making history by winning India's first international futsal match. India captain Nikhil Mali, the all-time top scorer of the AIFF Futsal Club Championship in Rudrapur, the team has been fine-tuned for the challenges ahead. With high spirits and lessons learned from previous outings, the Futsal Tigers are ready to take on Kuwait and aim to create history in their journey toward the 2026 AFC Futsal Asian Cup.



Supreme Court Mandates AIFF To Operate India's Top-Tier Football League



In a landmark decision for Indian football, the Supreme Court has approved the All India Football Federation's new Constitution, making the AIFF the sole owner and operator of the country's top-tier football league. Until now, the Indian Super League (ISL) was managed by Football Sports Development Limited, a subsidiary of Reliance Industries, since its inception in 2014.

The new Constitution also introduces a promotion and relegation system for the top league, aligning Indian football with global governance standards. According to the draft, the "seniormost top division league" will now be recognized, owned, and operated solely by the AIFF, implementing promotion and relegation principles.

The Supreme Court has modified several provisions, including reducing the criteria for eminent players to five international matches for men and two for women. The executive committee will consist of 14 members: one president, two vice-presidents (one man, one woman), a treasurer, and 10 other members, including five eminent players, of which two will be women. The Constitution also allows for the removal of office bearers through a no-confidence motion—a provision not present earlier.

The court recognized the current AIFF executive committee, headed by president Kalyan Chaubey, and ruled that no fresh elections are necessary due to the remaining tenure of one year. Additionally, the AIFF can now conduct open tenders to find a new commercial partner for the top league and prepare for the 2025-26 season, ensuring compliance with FIFA regulations before the October 30 deadline.

The Supreme Court highlighted that continuous third-party monitoring of the sports body is unnecessary, stating that the adoption of the Constitution marks a new beginning for Indian football, aiming to make the sport thrilling, competitive, and globally respected. The federation has been directed to adopt the new Constitution within four weeks at a special general body meeting, paving the way for structural reforms and the long-term growth of football in India.

Beth Mooney Powers Australia to Record Total Against India

Beth Mooney delivered a masterclass in hitting under pressure as she powered Australia to a record-breaking 412 all out against India in the series-deciding third women's ODI in New Delhi on September 20, 2025. Mooney's blistering 138 off just 79 balls propelled Australia to their joint highest-ever innings total, matching the 412/3 scored against Denmark in 1997, while also setting a new record for the highest total against India, surpassing their previous mark of 371/8.



Opener Georgia Voll (81) and all-rounder Ellyse Perry (68) provided early fireworks, putting on a 107-run partnership to punish India's inconsistent lengths. Skipper Alyssa Healy added 30 in

an aggressive start before falling to Kranti Goud, who dismissed her for the third time in as many games. India's bowling attack struggled on the flat Kolkata track, conceding 270 runs in boundaries alone — 60 fours and five sixes — while the fielding unit faltered with dropped chances and misfields. Mooney, however, ensured Australia maintained dominance, sweeping, cutting, and lofting with authority.

Arshdeep Singh Creates History, Hardik Pandya Levels with Chahal

In a landmark moment for Indian cricket, Arshdeep Singh became the first Indian to take 100 T20I wickets, achieving the feat during India's final group stage clash against Oman in the ongoing Asia Cup in Abu Dhabi. The 26-year-old left-arm pacer reached the milestone in just 64 matches, making him the fastest Indian fast bowler to the mark and the third-fastest overall, behind Afghanistan's Rashid Khan and Sri Lanka's Wanindu Hasaranga.

The historic wicket came in the final over, when Arshdeep bowled a short delivery to Vinayak Shukla, who attempted a big pull shot but was caught by substitute fielder Rinku Singh, sealing Arshdeep's place in history. His tally now stands at 100 wickets at an average of 18.49, highlighting his consistency and impact in the shortest format.

On the same night, India's stylish all-rounder Hardik Pandya matched Yuzvendra Chahal to become the joint second-highest wicket-taker for India in T20Is. Pandya picked up a key wicket, dismissing Hammad Mirza with a clever short-ball ploy, bringing his tally to 96 wickets in 117 matches at an average of 26.61.



Little Hearts Crosses \$1 Million at North American Box Office

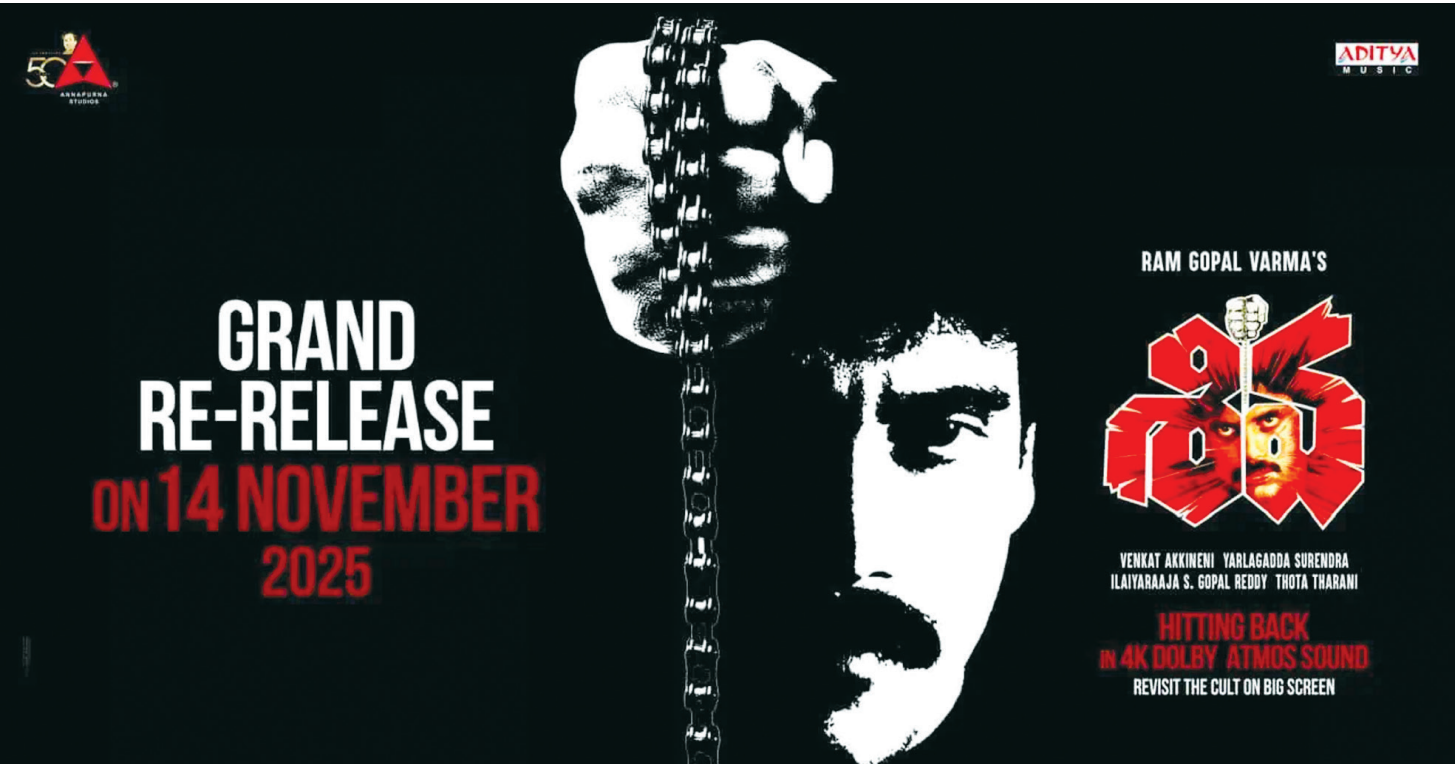
Telugu cinema is celebrating a major success as the youthful entertainer Little Hearts hits an extraordinary milestone at the North American box office, surpassing the \$1 million mark. Starring Mouli Tanuj Prashanth and Shivani Nagaram in lead roles, the film has exceeded expectations and become one of the biggest hits in Telugu cinema in terms of return on investment.

Directed by Sai Marthand and produced by Aditya Hasan of #90's fame under ETV Win, Little Hearts has captured audiences' hearts with its simple, relatable rom-com narrative. Initially slated for a direct-to-digital

release, the film's theatrical performance has turned it into a blockbuster success, proving that good content can defy initial plans and resonate globally.

Supporting the leads are Rajeev Kanakala, Jay Krishna, Anita Chowdary, S.S. Kanchi, and Sathya Krishnan, whose performances added depth and charm to the story. The film's music, composed by Sinjith Yerramilli, has also contributed to its popularity, while Vamsi Nandipati and Bunny Vas expertly managed distribution to ensure maximum reach.

Crossing the \$1 million mark in North America is particularly significant for a pro-



Shiva Returns in 4K Dolby Atmos – Release Date Announced

Telugu cinema history is set to relive a milestone as the iconic film Shiva returns in a completely remastered 4K version with Dolby Atmos sound. The film, which originally marked a turning point in Indian cinema, was created by the legendary Nagarjuna and director Ram Gopal Varma, who dared to think beyond the norms of Telugu films, introducing

Hollywood-style storytelling, camera work, and sound design.

When Shiva first released, it not only became a cult classic in Telugu cinema but also redefined action and narrative standards across India. Ram Gopal Varma rose as a sensational director, while Nagarjuna became a dream action hero, captivating audiences with his performance. The film's influence continues to inspire filmmakers and fans alike, decades after its first release.

Now, after extensive remastering, the original film has been upgraded to 4K resolution, with the mono audio track converted to Dolby Atmos, offering audiences an immersive cinematic experience like never before. As always, Nagarjuna prioritized perfection, ensuring every

detail was meticulously enhanced before announcing the release date.

On the occasion of his father ANR's 101st birth anniversary, Nagarjuna officially revealed that Shiva 4K will release on 14th November 2025. Speaking about the release, Nag said, "My father always believed cinema had the power to live beyond generations, and Shiva was one such film.

Bringing it back to the big screen on 14th November in a completely new avatar of 4K Dolby Atmos is a tribute to his dream of keeping stories alive forever."

For fans of Telugu cinema and action film enthusiasts alike, this is a chance to experience a landmark film in a spectacular new form, celebrating both the legacy of ANR and the timeless magic of Shiva.

Jolly LLB – Works in Bits and Pieces

The courtroom drama franchise returns with Jolly LLB 3, starring Akshay Kumar, Arshad Warsi, Saurabh Shukla, Amrita Rao, and Huma Qureshi, directed by Subhash Kapoor. Released on September 19, 2025, the film has been rated 2.75/5 by 123telugu.com.

The story revolves around two lawyers, Jagadishwar Mishra (Akshay Kumar) and Jagadish Tyagi (Arshad Warsi), clashing in the Delhi court over a case filed by a woman farmer against Imperial Group head Haribhai Khetani (Gajraj Rao). The film explores the challenges they face while fighting against corporate land grabs and the hardships farmers endure, forming the emotional core of the narrative.

However, Jolly LLB 3 has notable drawbacks. Unlike the previous films, it features fewer courtroom scenes, and the story becomes monotonous at times. Arshad Warsi's role could have been written better, and the insertion of unnecessary comedy tracks in the second half disrupts the narrative flow. The climax falls short, and emotional moments, including the songs, fail to leave an impact.

From a technical perspective, the screenplay struggles with pacing, editing is below par, and the story itself is routine. Production values are solid, but the film lacks the punch and excitement of its predecessors.

Verdict: While Jolly LLB 3 offers engaging court sequences and commendable performances from Akshay Kumar, Arshad Warsi, and Saurabh Shukla, weak writing, dragged sequences, and underwhelming storytelling prevent it from reaching the heights of the earlier films. Fans of the franchise may find it disappointing but still worth a watch for the actors' performances.



Shriya Reddy's Role in OG Creates Buzz

Hollywood star Pawan Kalyan is all set to play the title role in the pan-India gangster drama OG, directed by Sujeeth. The film also features Priyanka Arul Mohan as the female lead, with Emraan Hashmi, Arjun Das, Prakash Raj, Sam, and Shriya Reddy in pivotal roles.

Recently, the makers clarified Shriya Reddy's role, ending fans' curiosity. She will be seen as Geetha in OG, and her first look poster has created a stir. In the poster, Shriya Reddy is dressed in a saree and is seen pointing a gun with intense anger. The suspense over who Geetha is aiming at has generated huge buzz, and audiences will have to wait a few more days to find out.

Adding to the excitement, Bollywood actor Emraan Hashmi is making his Tollywood debut with OG. The makers have also released the character poster of Arjun Das, showing him in boxing preparation, which has further intensified the hype surrounding the film.

The movie is being produced by DV Danayya and Kalyan Dasari under DVV Entertainment, while S Thaman is composing the music and background score. OG promises high-octane action, drama, and intense performances, making it one of the most anticipated releases this year.

OG is scheduled for a grand worldwide release on September 25, 2025, in Telugu and multiple Indian languages. With Pawan Kalyan's iconic look, Shriya Reddy's mysterious role, and Emraan Hashmi's debut, the film is generating massive pre-release buzz. Fans are eagerly awaiting the release to witness the gangster drama, the suspense-filled plot, and the power-packed performances.

OG is shaping up to be a visual spectacle with strong performances and an engaging storyline, making it a must-watch for cinema lovers across India.

Siddhu Jonnalagadda Caught in OG Fever Ahead of Release

Telugu actor Siddhu Jonnalagadda, currently busy with the promotions of his upcoming rom-com Telusu Kada, has revealed that he is completely caught up in the hype surrounding Pawan Kalyan's OG. Speaking to fans on social media platform X, Siddhu admitted that the overwhelming excitement for OG is affecting his health.

He wrote, "OG HYPE ki health upset aaye la undi. 25th varaku memu untamo pothamo ardham kaatledu. Ippude Ila unte 25th taravaanta ento paristhithi. (The

OG hype is so feverish that my health could be upset. If today it is like this, on 25th we may die looking at Pawan Kalyan in theatres). @PawanKalyan garu, YEH PAWAN NAHI, AANDHI HAI. @Sujeethsign this is UNREAL man!!! @priyankaamohan @emraanhashm sir @MusicThaman bro, #naveennooli anna and @DVVMovies!"

While Siddhu jokingly described his own reaction, it reflects a wider sentiment among audiences in the Telugu states. Fans across regions are experiencing

the same intense excitement and anticipation for Pawan Kalyan's pan-India gangster drama OG, which is set for a grand release on September 25, 2025.

The film, directed by Sujeeth, stars Priyanka Arul Mohan, Emraan Hashmi, Arjun Das, Shriya Reddy, and Prakash Raj in key roles, with S Thaman providing music and background score. Produced by DV Danayya and Kalyan Dasari under DVV Entertainment, OG has generated unprecedented buzz, with fans eagerly waiting to see Pawan Kalyan

in his much-talked-about role.

Meanwhile, Siddhu Jonnalagadda continues to focus on Telusu Kada, which is slated for an October 17 release, with the team planning a massive promotional campaign ahead of the launch. However, even amidst his own projects, Siddhu cannot escape the frenzy of OG, highlighting just how strong the anticipation for Pawan Kalyan's film has become.

The excitement continues to build as fans count down the days to September 25, ready to witness OG on the big screen.

