



BUZZ POINTS



ELON MUSK
CANCELS NETFLIX
SUBSCRIPTION

Tech billionaire Elon Musk has cancelled his Netflix subscription, joining growing backlash against British director Hamish Steele, the creator of Netflix's animated series Dead End: Paranormal Park, after Steele allegedly mocked the recent killing of conservative activist Charlie Kirk.

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"I LOVE TARIFFS":
TRUMP DEFENDS HIS
TRADE POLICY, SAYS
IT'S "MAKING US
RICH"

U.S. President Donald Trump has once again defended his aggressive trade policy, calling tariffs his "favourite word" and crediting them with making America "rich again." Speaking at the Marine Corps Base in Quantico, Trump said his administration's tariff strategy has helped the U.S. regain control over its trade relationships after decades of exploitation by other nations.

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TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Oct 01: Shivadhar Reddy has formally taken charge as the new Director General of Police (DGP) of Telangana, outlining a clear roadmap that combines traditional

policing with advanced technology to ensure safety, security, and public trust across the state.

Speaking after assuming office, Reddy expressed gratitude to the Telangana government for entrusting him with the responsi-

bility. He emphasized that the "Khaki Book" will remain the only official record of police activities and cautioned that misuse of social media platforms to malign or defame individuals would invite strict action.

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Congress Deliberates on Candidate Selection for Jubilee Hills Seat

The Congress party is treading carefully in finalizing its candidate for the Jubilee Hills Assembly constituency, where the by-election is expected to draw intense competition. With the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) already announcing Maganti Sunitha, wife of the late MLA Maganti Gopinath, as its candidate, the Congress leadership is factoring in the potential impact of sympathy voting before making its decision.

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Oct 01: Recognizing the sensitivity of the situation, Telangana Chief Minister and state Congress president Revanth Reddy has delegated the task of assessing probable candidates to a three-member committee of Ministers. The committee has been asked to prepare a detailed report on the most viable options for the party. Only after reviewing this report will the Congress high command take a final

call on the candidate.

The party's caution stems from the understanding that the BRS candidate, being the widow of the sitting MLA, is likely to attract significant sympathy votes. To counter this, Congress is weighing profiles of potential candidates who can consolidate its traditional voter base while appealing to newer sections of the electorate.

State PCC working president Mahesh Kumar Goud is closely involved in the exercise



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Speaker Continues Inquiry into Defected MLAs; Two More to be Examined Friday



TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Oct 01: The inquiry into the disqualification petitions against defected MLAs continued at the Telangana Assembly on Wednesday. Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar questioned MLAs Prakash Goud and Kale Yadaiah as part of the ongoing process to determine whether their defection warrants disqualification under the anti-defection law.

The proceedings took place in the presence of advocates representing the concerned parties. Both legislators were asked to submit their ex-

planations regarding the allegations of defection. By 7 p.m., the Speaker concluded the day's inquiry, after which he announced that the process would resume on Friday with two more legislators scheduled to appear.

On Friday, MLAs Gudem Mahipal Reddy and Bandla Krishna Mohan Reddy will be examined. The Speaker has indicated that the inquiry will continue systematically until all concerned MLAs are heard, ensuring that due process is followed before any decision is taken.

The issue of defections has become a politically sensitive subject in the state, with rival parties

closely watching the proceedings. The petitions against the defected MLAs were filed after allegations that several members crossed party lines following the Assembly elections. The inquiry is expected to set the stage for a decisive ruling from the Speaker's office in the coming weeks.

The Speaker's handling of the case will be significant, as it may influence the political equations ahead of the local body elections. For now, the inquiry process continues step by step, with each MLA being given an opportunity to present their case before a final decision is delivered.

Ex Minister Damodar Reddy Passed Away

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Oct 01: Former Minister Ramreddy Damodar Reddy (73) passed away on Wednesday at AIG Hospital in Hyderabad. He had been suffering from health-related issues for some time, and despite undergoing treatment, he breathed his last on Wednesday. His demise has left a deep void in Telangana politics, particularly in the Suryapet region where he had a long and illustrious political career.

Damodar Reddy was a senior Congress leader who represented the people with dedication and commitment. He was elected as a Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) five times and also served once as a Minister in the undivided Andhra Pradesh government. Throughout his political journey, he earned the respect of people across party lines for his straightforward approach and disciplined public life.

He represented the Tungathurthi and Suryapet constituencies during his career and played a vital role in raising local issues on the legislative platform.



Known for his grassroots connect, Reddy was instrumental in bringing several development initiatives to his constituencies and was seen as a strong voice for the people. His final rites will be conducted the day after tomorrow in his native place, Tungathurthi of Suryapet district. Political leaders cutting across party lines have expressed their condolences, recalling his decades-long service to the people and his contributions to the Congress party in Telangana.

Damodar Reddy's passing marks the end of an era for many who saw him as a guiding force in politics. His memory and service will continue to be cherished.



Centre Sanctions Four New Kendriya Vidyalayas for Telangana

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Oct 01: In a major boost to the education sector in Telangana, the Central government has sanctioned four new Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs), in addition to the existing 35 already functioning in the state. The new schools will be set up in Bhadradri Kothagudem, Mulugu, Jagtial Rural (Chelgal), and Vanaparathi (Nagavaram).

Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy made the announcement and

extended his gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan for their support. He noted that this decision will significantly strengthen the educational infrastructure in Telangana, especially benefiting students from remote and backward regions.

The four new schools are expected to play a crucial role in providing high-quality education from the primary to secondary level, ensuring that students in rural and tribal areas

have access to the same standards of education as those in urban centers.

District-wise details of new KVs:

- Bhadradri Kothagudem: Identified as part of the Aspirational Districts programme, this district will greatly benefit from a Kendriya Vidyalaya, offering local students access to modern infrastructure and quality teaching.
- Mulugu: Located in a

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Government Initiates Rehabilitation of Medigadda Barrage with EOI for Designs

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Oct 01: Exactly two years after the sinking of piers at the Medigadda barrage, part of the prestigious Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project (KLIP), the Telangana government has taken its first concrete step towards rehabilitation by inviting Expressions of Interest (EOI) for design proposals. This marks a significant development, as the Congress government is keen to project itself as working on a credible roadmap to restore functionality to all three

barrages Medigadda, Annaram, and Sundilla.

The decision comes against the backdrop of detailed investigations conducted by the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA), which had flagged severe structural concerns in the Medigadda barrage, particularly Block 7. According to the NDSA's findings, Block 7 posed a high safety risk due to problems with its raft foundation and damage to two of its piers. The authority recommended that the block should either be decommissioned or stabilized us-

ing appropriate engineering interventions, while ensuring that adjacent blocks remain unaffected.

A key recommendation involved filling subsurface cavities under the raft foundation by adopting soil-structure interaction techniques. This measure is intended to address the root cause of the instability, which led to the sinking of piers in the first place. The NDSA also called for the incorporation of upstream and downstream cut-off walls, along with hydro-me-

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CONTINUED FROM >>P1 and has been working alongside the Chief Minister to ensure that the candidate selection process is handled strategically. Party insiders note that consultations are being held with local

leaders, community representatives, and grassroots workers to identify a candidate who can pose a strong challenge to the BRS nominee. The Jubilee Hills constituency has historically been a high-profile

seat, often witnessing close contests. Given its urban demographic and diverse voter composition, both ruling and opposition parties view it as politically significant. For Congress, a victory here would not

only strengthen its presence in Hyderabad but also serve as a morale booster ahead of the local body elections. As the process unfolds, all eyes are on the Congress leadership's final decision, which is

expected in the coming days. The party's ability to strike the right balance between political pragmatism and electoral appeal will likely determine its prospects in the Jubilee Hills bypoll.



New DGP Promises Modern and Citizen-Centric Policing

CONTINUED FROM >>P1 “The police will not tolerate attempts to disrupt peace or damage reputations online. Lawful measures will be taken against such actions,” he said.

With the upcoming local body elections on the horizon, the DGP underscored that ensuring their smooth and peaceful conduct is the department's top priority. He revealed that preparations are already underway to strengthen deployment, surveillance, and coordination at every level. To bolster the state's policing capacity, he announced that 17,000 vacancies in the police department will soon be filled, providing much-needed manpower to address growing challenges.

Highlighting the need for modernization, Reddy stressed that basic policing methods would be seamlessly integrated with modern tools. Enhanced patrol systems, advanced visual monitoring infrastructure, and improved cyber se-

curity measures will form part of the strategy to maintain law and order. He assured full support to cyber crime and legal enforcement teams, noting that technological vigilance is now as crucial as on-ground policing.

Addressing concerns about Left Wing Extremism, Reddy referred to recent developments in Maoist circles, particularly the announcement by Maoist leader Venu Gopal about surrendering arms. He pointed out that many members have already abandoned the movement and that the threat of insurgency within Telangana remains minimal. “There is no immediate local Maoist threat. People should live without fear. We are committed to ensuring their safety while encouraging those still involved to join mainstream life,” the DGP assured.

Reddy also underlined the importance of strengthening public trust through professional conduct and citi-

zen-friendly policing. He reiterated that the police force would adopt a proactive approach to detect and prevent crime, rather than merely reacting to incidents. “Our focus will be on transparency, discipline, and efficiency. The people of Telangana should feel safe and protected at all times,” he said.

The new DGP's vision reflects a dual emphasis: upholding law and order during crucial political and social events, while also adapting to emerging challenges in cyberspace and technology-driven crime. By focusing on manpower expansion, professional conduct, and public engagement, Reddy aims to position the Telangana police as a modern, efficient, and approachable force.

As Telangana prepares for the next phase of political and social developments, the leadership of Shivadhar Reddy is expected to play a pivotal role in maintaining peace, security, and confidence across the state.



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CONTINUED FROM >>P1 predominantly tribal belt, the new KV will ensure that tribal children have access to national-level educational standards, bridging a long-standing gap in the region. Jagtial (Chelgal in Jagtial Rural Mandal): This new school will provide better schooling opportunities to rural students who have been seeking improved facilities. Vanaparathi (Nagavar-

am): Students in this area will now have the opportunity to enroll in a centrally run school, ensuring access to a broader curriculum and advanced teaching methods. The Union Minister also highlighted that the Centre has been consistently supporting Telangana's educational growth. As part of the PM SHRI Schools scheme, the government has already sanctioned 832 model

schools with a financial outlay of ₹400 crore. Additionally, a Central Tribal University in Mulugu district with an investment of ₹1,000 crore has been approved, further strengthening higher education access for tribal youth in the state. Kishan Reddy emphasized that these initiatives reflect the Centre's commitment to empowering the next generation with quality education and equal opportunities. “The new

Kendriya Vidyalayas will not only benefit the students of today but also lay a strong foundation for the state's future,” he said. The expansion of Kendriya Vidyalayas in Telangana is expected to bring multiple benefits. Apart from offering quality education at affordable costs, these schools are known for their standardized curriculum, discipline, and emphasis on both academics and extracurricular development.

For families of central government employees posted in rural districts, the availability of KVs also ensures continuity of education for their children. With the sanction of these four schools, Telangana now moves closer to bridging the urban-rural education divide, ensuring that even students in remote corners of the state can aspire to and achieve excellence through access to premier institutions.



Government Initiates Rehabilitation of Medigadda Barrage with EOI for Designs

CONTINUED FROM >>P1 chanical elements, to counter risks such as sand piping - a condition where seepage through soil can compromise the structural integrity of the barrage. For Annaram and Sundilla, the other two barrages under the KLIP, the NDSA prescribed immediate strengthening measures. These, it stressed, must form part of a broader rehabilitation plan that not only restores the barrages to working condition but also ensures their long-term sustainability. In its general recommendations, the NDSA underlined the importance of carrying out comprehensive investigations covering geotechnical, hydrological, hydraulic, geophysical, and structural do-

main. Detailed soil testing, raft evaluations, and secant pile assessments were deemed necessary before proceeding with full-scale rehabilitation. Equally critical is the recommendation for the installation of advanced monitoring systems. The NDSA advised the use of piezometers at midstream and downstream sections, as well as other specialized sensors, to allow real-time detection of anomalies. Such systems would enable engineers to monitor variations in pressure, seepage, and structural stress, thereby providing early warnings of potential failures. The authority also insisted that robust Operation and Maintenance (O&M) manuals be prepared and

strictly adhered to. These manuals would serve as a standard framework for day-to-day functioning, regular inspections, and emergency responses, thereby reducing the likelihood of recurring failures. The initiation of the EOI process signals the state's commitment to address one of the most controversial infrastructure setbacks in recent times. With the barrages being central to Telangana's irrigation strategy and political discourse, the rehabilitation plan is expected to gain momentum in the months to come. While the engineering challenges remain immense, the move is being seen as a step in the right direction to restore both functionality and public confidence in the Kaleshwaram project.



PRIVATE COLLEGES GOING TO STRIKE ON FEE REIMBURSEMENT

Private colleges in Telangana have announced a fresh strike beginning October 13, accusing the state government of failing to release fee reimbursement funds promised earlier. The decision was taken at a meeting of the Federation of Associations of Telangana Higher Institutions (FATHI), which represents professional colleges, in Hyderabad on Wednesday.

FATHI leaders said the government had committed to releasing ₹1,200 crore in two instalments- ₹600 crore during Dasara and another ₹600 crore by Diwali-but has so far released only ₹200 crore. They pointed out that the overall arrears under the fee reimbursement scheme now stand at nearly ₹10,000 crore, creating a severe financial burden on educational institutions.

FATHI chairman N. Ramesh Babu criti-

cised the government, saying education was not being given priority. “The government assured us on September 21 and 22 that ₹600 crore would be released, but only ₹200 crore has been cleared. Unless the remaining dues are settled by October 12, we will go on strike from the next day,” he warned. He further announced that henceforth the college managements would hold talks only with the Chief Minister’s Office, as repeated discussions with individual ministers had failed to yield results.

He also cautioned that if the arrears continue to remain pending, colleges may intensify their agitation and organise a “Chalo Hyderabad” protest along with students. This warning indicates that the strike could escalate into a larger movement, involving not just managements but also thousands of

students whose academics may be disrupted.

The standoff between the state and private colleges is not new. On September 15, college managements had earlier declared a class boycott to protest against arrears, which some institutions observed. That protest was withdrawn after Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka and IT Minister D. Sridhar Babu intervened. They had promised that ₹600 crore would be released on Dasara and another ₹600 crore by Diwali. They also assured that a special committee would be formed to resolve such disputes in the future.

However, with only a fraction of the promised funds being released, the managements now feel betrayed. Many colleges say they are struggling to pay salaries to teaching and non-teaching staff, main-



tain infrastructure, and manage day-to-day operations. This financial strain, they argue, is directly affecting the quality of education being provided.

Students, too, fear that continued strikes and protests may disrupt their classes, examinations, and placements. With professional colleges catering to a large num-

ber of youth aspiring for careers in engineering, medicine, and management, any prolonged deadlock could have significant academic and career

implications. As the October 12 deadline set by FATHI draws closer, uncertainty looms over the higher education sector in the state. Unless the government takes

immediate corrective action, Telangana could be heading towards a prolonged confrontation that will hurt both institutions and students alike.



NEGLECTING EMPLOYEES: HARISH ATTACK ON GOVT

Senior Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) leader and former minister Harish Rao on Wednesday, October 1, launched a scathing attack on the Telangana government, accusing it of completely ignoring the welfare of state employees while favouring contractors. Speaking at a press conference in Siddipet, Rao praised the Central government’s recent move to grant a three percent hike in Dearness Allowance (DA) to its employees, contrasting it with what he described as the state government’s negligence in clearing long-pending dues.

Rao reminded that before the Assembly elections, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy had assured employees that their pending DAs would be cleared immediately. However, he alleged that five DAs are still pending, leaving thousands of state workers, teachers, and staff members disappointed. “While releasing massive contractor bills to earn commissions, the government has shown a closed fist to its employees, teachers, and staff,” Rao charged. He emphasised that the government’s priorities appear misplaced, as those who serve the public daily continue

to wait for their rightful dues.

The senior BRS leader also highlighted the plight of police personnel, stating that as many as 14 DAs and five surrender leaves are pending for them. He alleged that allowances have been cut, salaries delayed, and even funds to fuel police vehicles have not been provided. “It is unfortunate that those responsible for law and order are being denied even the basic operational support,” Rao added.

Further, he accused the government of diverting Rs 5,500 crore from the contributory pension scheme (CPS), which he said had shaken the confidence of employees regarding their financial security. He noted that such decisions have worsened the sense of insecurity among government staff who already face delays in benefits and allowances.

Rao also drew attention to the struggles of contract workers, daily wage staff, ASHA workers, and Anganwadi employees, many of whom, he alleged, are going without pay for several months. He said these frontline workers, who are essential in healthcare, education, and grassroots governance, are

being pushed into financial hardship because of delayed salaries. “When the government delays payments to those working at the ground level, it is the common people who ultimately suffer, as services get disrupted,” he warned.

Calling for immediate corrective steps, Harish Rao demanded that the government release all pending DAs without further delay, announce the new Pay Revision Commission (PRC), clear arrears and allowances, and restore the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) as promised to employees. He also urged the state to fulfil its commitments to contract staff and frontline workers, saying that failure to do so would demoralise the workforce and erode trust in the government.

Rao’s statements reflect the growing discontent among employees and their unions, who have repeatedly raised concerns about pending dues and unfulfilled promises. By focusing on employee welfare, the BRS leader sought to sharpen his party’s attack on the Congress-led government, highlighting what he termed as misplaced priorities and financial mismanagement.

LARGEST STEEL BRIDGE IN SECUNDERABAD



Secunderabad is set to witness the construction of the country’s largest steel bridge, as part of the elevated corridor proposed along the Rajiv Rahadari from Secunderabad Paradise to Shamirpet. The 11.65-kilometre-long steel bridge will form a key portion of the 18.170-kilometre elevated project, which is being taken up at an estimated cost of ₹2,232 crore. The state government has already

given its nod for the project, and the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) has invited tenders under the Engineering Procurement and Construction (EPC) model.

Officials said the steel bridge will be more durable, require less construction time, and provide long-term stability compared to conventional designs. The structure will be built entirely with steel, except for the foundation,

which will be constructed with reinforced concrete. This design is expected to speed up the construction process significantly.

The elevated corridor will begin from the Parade Grounds in Secunderabad and pass through West Marredpally, Karkhana, Tirumalagiri, Bolarum, Alwal, Hakimpet, and Thumkunta before ending at Shamirpet. The stretch from Paradise to Hakimpet

will feature the steel bridge, followed by a 450-metre underground tunnel near Hakimpet Army Airport. Beyond the tunnel, the road will be expanded into a six-lane corridor for over six kilometres.

The project is expected to greatly ease traffic congestion in Secunderabad and benefit commuters traveling towards North Telangana, particularly on the busy Hyderabad-Karimnagar route. Urban planners believe the

corridor will improve connectivity and reduce travel time for lakhs of daily commuters.

With tenders now floated, attention is on how contractors will respond to HMDA’s estimated project cost, as final quotes could influence the speed and efficiency of execution. Once completed, the steel bridge will not only be the largest in India but also stand as a landmark infrastructure achievement for Hyderabad.



Senior Congress Leader Honors Hydra Commissioner

Senior Congress leader and former MP V. Hanumantha Rao met Hydra Commissioner Ranganath at his office to recognize his efforts in protecting and restoring the Bhatikamma pond in Amberpet. The pond is an important ecological and cultural site, and Commissioner Ranganath has taken several steps to prevent encroachment and maintain its wa-

ter quality. During the meeting, V. Hanumantha Rao honored Ranganath with a traditional shawl as a token of appreciation for his work. Other senior Congress leaders, including R. Lakshman Yadav and Narayana Swamy, attended the event, praising the Commissioner's initiatives to combine administrative efficiency with community engagement. The restoration in-

cluded clearing debris, repairing the pond structure, and ensuring water retention for local residents. Leaders emphasized that protecting water bodies is essential not only for environmental reasons but also to maintain community traditions, as ponds have historically been centers for social and religious activities. Commissioner Ranganath encouraged collaboration with lo-

cal residents and civic authorities, creating a shared sense of responsibility. This approach is expected to ensure the pond's long-term sustainability and can serve as a model for other environmental initiatives in Hyderabad. The meeting concluded with a commitment from political and civic leaders to continue working together for the city's environmental and public welfare projects.

Deputy Mayor Performs Durgashtami Pooja

Deputy Mayor Mothe Srilatha Sobhan Reddy performed the Durgashtami pooja at her chamber in GHMC headquarters on Wednesday, marking the auspicious occasion of Vijayadashami. The ceremony was attended by Secretary Satyanarayana and office staff.

During the pooja, the Deputy Mayor prayed for the well-being of Hyderabad's citizens and for the city's continued development. She extended Dasara greetings to all government employees, emphasizing the importance of festivals in promoting har-

mony and social unity. She encouraged residents to participate actively in community activities and cultural traditions while supporting civic development initiatives. The pooja rituals symbolized the removal of obstacles and the promotion of peace, prosperity,

and communal bonding. The Deputy Mayor highlighted that civic leaders must balance administrative responsibilities with cultural values, demonstrating that governance and tradition can go hand in hand to strengthen community engagement.



iBOMMA Issues Mass Warning to Hyderabad Police

Hyderabad Police issued a warning regarding the piracy website iBOMMA, which threatened to expose the phone numbers of users if authorities blocked the site. The website claimed to have the data of over

five crore users and warned of shocking revelations affecting media, OTT platforms, and film celebrities. Authorities stated that they plan to arrest the operators of iBOMMA to curb piracy. Despite police action, the

website threatened that it would not back down and claimed nationwide support. The incident highlighted the increasing challenges law enforcement faces in combating digital piracy and protecting personal

data. Police have urged citizens to report suspicious online activity while promising strict action against illegal platforms that threaten privacy and intellectual property.



Woman Kills Husband After Heated Quarrel

In Borabanda, Hyderabad, a tragic case of domestic violence occurred on Tuesday night. Balaswamy, 60, a mason, allegedly assaulted his wife Lakshmi, 54, leading her to hit him on the head with a hammer in a fit of rage. He died from head injuries.



Their son, Venkatesh, discovered the incident after a neighbor called to report the quarrel. Venkatesh and his sister found Balaswamy deceased and reported the matter to the police. Lakshmi was taken into custody for questioning, and

the case is under investigation. This incident underscores the dangers of prolonged domestic disputes and the need for interventions to prevent violence at home.

Delegation Submits Complaint On Illegal Land Encroachment

A delegation led by Kukatpally MLA Krishna Rao, Senior Advocate Rajeshwara Rao, and MLC Dr. Dasoju Shruvan submitted a representation to the Commissioner of HYDRAA regarding the illegal encroachment of government land worth thousands of crores in Gajula Ramaram Village, Survey Number 307. The land was allegedly encroached upon by defected MLA of Sherlingampally, Mr. Arikapudi Gandhi. The complaint details how the land, which is of significant value and under government ownership, has been illegally occupied and misused. The delegation requested immediate intervention by the HYDRAA authorities to reclaim the property and take legal action against those responsible for the encroachment. Officials accompanying the MLA stressed the importance of safeguarding public assets from unlawful occupation. The delegation highlighted that in-

action would encourage further encroachments and undermine government authority in the region. They urged the Commissioner to investigate the matter thoroughly, initiate eviction procedures, and ensure that legal proceedings are pursued without delay. The issue underscores the ongoing challenges in urban and rural land governance, particularly when influential individuals are involved. By submitting this representation, the delegation aims to protect public interests, maintain transparency, and prevent misuse of government property. The HYDRAA authorities are expected to examine the complaint and take prompt action in accordance with the law. The representation reflects the combined efforts of political leaders, legal experts, and public officials to address large-scale land encroachments and enforce accountability.



Hyderabad Police Distribute Wheelchairs

On October 1, 2025, Hyderabad Police Commissioner Sri V.C. Sajjanar participated in a free wheelchair distribution program for persons with disabilities, organized by Vikalaangula Network, Freedom Association, Triple R Foundation, and NAMC Trust at Banjara Hills. The Commissioner personally handed over wheelchairs to beneficiaries, stating that po-

lice are committed not only to law enforcement but also to social service. He congratulated the organizations for their efforts and pledged continued support from Hyderabad Police. The program was attended by senior police officers and leaders of disabled persons' associations, emphasizing the importance of public-private collaboration in social initiatives.

Bandi Sanjay Kumar and N. Ramachandar Rao Attend Religious Ceremony



Central Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar and BJP state president N. Ramachandar Rao participated in a religious ceremony. They attended the tenth-day Rudra Sahita Chandi Yagam at the Sri Maha Shakti Temple as part of the Devi Navaratri festivities on Wednesday.



Minister Ponnam Prabhakar Meets with Group 2 Candidates

Minister Ponnam Prabhakar held a congratulatory meeting with a group of candidates who recently cleared the Group 2 examinations. The meeting took place at the Minister's quarters in Hyderabad, where he personally extended his best wishes to the newly-appointed officials. The minister expressed his confidence in the abilities of the candidates and their potential to contribute to the state's development. During the interaction, Minister Prabhakar encouraged the successful candidates to approach their new professional lives with a strong sense of dedication and commitment. He urged them to uphold the values of their respective departments and to serve the public with integrity. He emphasized that their work would not only reflect on their own careers but also bring pride to their families and the state government. The meeting served as a gesture of encouragement from the minister, highlighting the government's commitment to recognizing and supporting talented individuals who have achieved success through hard work.



KCR Transforms Telangana from Farmer Suicides to Food Security

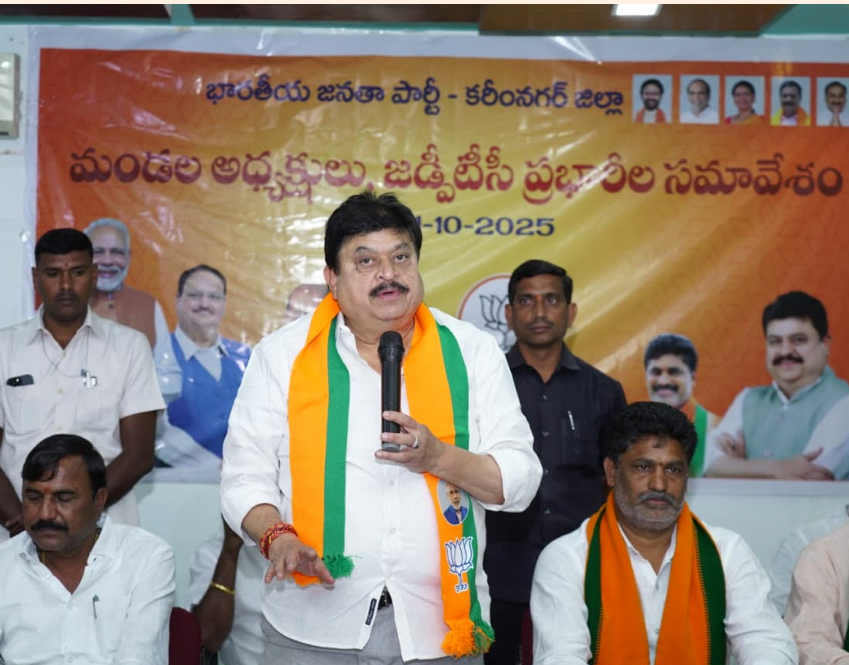
Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) has been widely recognized for transforming the state from one plagued by high rates of farmer suicides into a model of agricultural welfare and food security. Official data shows that farmer suicides in Telangana have dropped dramatically from 1,347 in 2014 to just 56 in 2023, reducing the state's national ranking from second to fourteenth. Out of 10,786 farmer suicides reported across India in 2023, Telangana accounted for only 0.51%, reflecting a record 95.84% reduction during the ten-year BRS government. KCR's administration implemented a comprehensive range of welfare programs to support farmers and strengthen agriculture. Key initiatives include Rythu Bandhu, providing direct financial support; Rythu Bima, offering life insurance; debt waivers under Runa



Mafi; free 24-hour electricity for farming needs; crop procurement programs guaranteeing fair prices; and large-scale irrigation projects such as the Kaleshwaram Project and Mission Kakatiya,

which restored tanks and improved water availability. Groundwater management and land development initiatives further converted barren lands into productive fields, boosting crop yields and farmer confidence. Before KCR's governance, Telangana faced recurrent droughts, crop failures, mass migration, and widespread despair among farmers. Today, the state has become agriculturally prosperous, self-reliant, and a national example of effective farmer welfare policies. KCR's vision emphasizes a deep, personal commitment to the well-being of farmers, treating them as partners in Telangana's development. His leadership has turned "Telangana of Farmer Suicides" into "Annapurna Telangana," symbolizing nourishment, hope, and sustainable growth. This transformation showcases how targeted government intervention, combined with consistent policies and social welfare schemes, can dramatically improve the lives of farmers and strengthen the agricultural sector, making Telangana a model state for the entire country.

BJP Prepares for Local Body Elections in Karimnagar



Telangana BJP state president N. Ramachandar Rao directed party leaders in the Karimnagar parliamentary office to prepare for the upcoming local body elections. In a meeting with mandal presidents and ZPTC in-charges, he emphasized the need for a strong strategy to increase the party's presence from the village level up to the ZPTC level.1 Ramachandar Rao stated that the BJP should aim to win all positions, including ward member, sarpanch, and ZPTC.





From Bias to Business: How a Landlady Sparked a Digital Identity Giant

In 2011, Ashok Hariharan had just moved from the U.S. to Mumbai when a strange incident changed his life. While trying to rent an apartment in Bandra, his landlady hesitated—until she found out he was South Indian. She agreed to rent him the place based on that alone.

“Boss, there needs to be better ways to arrive at decisions,” Hariharan said, reflecting on the experience. That moment led him to start IDfy, a digital identity verification startup aimed at replacing hunches with data and trust.

From that small apartment, Hariharan and a handful of colleagues laid the foundation for what would become one of India’s biggest players in the Know Your Customer (KYC) revolution—a booming industry now valued in the hundreds of millions of dollars.

The KYC Surge: Fueling India’s Digital Economy

Today, KYC is no longer a backend compliance process—it’s the backbone of India’s digital economy.

The country has over 227 startups dedicated to KYC technology, more than any other nation, including the U.S. and the U.K.

On average, 17 new KYC startups emerge each year in India. Among them, 83 have received external funding, and 31 have progressed to Series A or later rounds, signifying deep investor confidence.

The Indian digital KYC market, currently pegged at \$26.3 million, is projected to grow to \$139.3 million by 2033, clocking a 20.3% annual growth rate—ahead of fintech, e-commerce, and even IT services.

The Titans of Trust: Who Rules India’s KYC Space?

According to exclusive data from IMARC’s India KYC Market Insights, four companies are leading the charge in digital identity checks:

- IDFY
- PROTEAN EGOV TECHNOLOGIES
- AUTHBRIDGE
- PERFIOS

Each has carved out a niche in video KYC, e-verification, document analysis, and onboarding tech.

IDfy: From Start-Up to Verification Powerhouse

IDfy was founded to tackle fake résumés and unreliable background checks. Over time, it evolved into a full-stack KYC platform. Today, it processes 65 million verifications per month across seven countries and generates close to 188 crore in annual revenue.

Backed by investors like Blume Ventures, TransUnion, IndiaMART, and Elev8 Venture Partners, IDfy has raised over \$60 million in primary and secondary funding. Its current estimated valuation is \$126.5 million, according to Tracxn.

The Video KYC Breakthrough

The real turning point for the industry came in 2016 with the introduction of video KYC. Instead of paperwork and in-person meetings, users could now verify their identity via a short video call.

Regulators were quick to adapt. SEBI first allowed brokerages to experiment with video-based onboarding, and by 2020, the RBI officially recognised video KYC as a valid method. The impact was instant—the industry scaled rapidly.

India recorded over 205 crore e-KYC transactions in 2018–19, and after a brief regulatory dip, surged to 416 crore transactions in 2023–24.

HyperVerge: Making KYC Work Even in Rural India

HyperVerge, a Bengaluru-based startup, began in an IIT Madras dorm with a dream to fix governance tech. Its biggest test came with Jio—it had to build a system that worked just as well on rural 2G networks as it did in metros.

HyperVerge’s AI-based selfie and liveness detection tech passed rigorous global benchmarks, including those from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Today, it powers KYC for sectors far beyond banking—including insurance, e-commerce, and telecom.

Perfios: Digitising Credit and Compliance

Perfios—short for “Personal Finance One Stop”—started in 2008 to help consumers manage money. But its founders, V.R. Govindarajan and Debashish Chakraborty, soon discovered the real bottleneck was inside banks.

By digitising loan application and compliance processes, Perfios transformed from a consumer app into a key enabler for NBFCs and banks, helping them speed up credit decisions and customer onboarding.

A Billion-Dollar Future, But Who Regulates It?

India’s KYC startups have now raised over \$111 million in funding and are becoming prime acquisition targets for large banks and depositories.

Yet, despite their critical role, these firms operate in a regulatory grey zone. Banks carry the compliance risk, but no regulator directly oversees the KYC vendors themselves. Still, their influence is undeniable.

The Last Mile of Trust

India’s digital boom—powered by Aadhaar, UPI, and mobile internet—has transformed how we transact. But it’s the KYC industry that closed the loop, turning access into trust.

From apartment rejections to billions in verifications, companies like IDfy, Protean, AuthBridge, HyperVerge, and Perfios have turned identity into infrastructure—and compliance into opportunity.

As the digital economy grows, these companies will remain the silent engines behind every verified identity, every bank account opened, and every loan disbursed.

In today’s India, trust isn’t just earned—it’s verified.

Protean: From PAN Cards to Digital Verification Giant

Formerly known as NSDL e-Governance, Protean eGov Technologies played a key role in India’s early digital infrastructure. Initially managing PAN validations and pension infrastructure, the company eventually shifted focus to digital identity.

Now, as a licensed KYC User Agency (KUA) and Other Service Agency (OSA) under Aadhaar, Protean processes 1.2 million e-KYC transactions every day, working with thousands of financial institutions nationwide.

Its long-standing government ties and national infrastructure give it a unique edge in scale and reliability.

India’s Semiconductor Mission Gains Momentum with Emerging State Clusters

India’s push to become a global semiconductor hub is entering a decisive phase, backed by the 76,000 crore (\$9.1 billion) India Semiconductor Mission (ISM). With a strategic mix of central and state-level incentives, the country is aiming to fast-track decades of semiconductor ecosystem development within just a few years. The ISM provides up to 50% fiscal support for eligible fabrication units, outsourced semiconductor assembly and test (OSAT) facilities, and compound semiconductor projects. In parallel, states like Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka have launched additional incentive packages, streamlined clearances, and built sector-specific infrastructure—mirroring the successful mod-

els seen in global tech hubs across the U.S., such as California and Texas. India’s strategy includes not only manufacturing but also innovation. The Design Linked Incentive (DLI) Scheme encourages chip design and intellectual property creation through R&D grants, prototyping support, and access to Electronic Design Automation (EDA) tools and fabrication services. These clusters are more than just factories. They aim to create comprehensive ecosystems where design houses, component suppliers, academia, and advanced R&D facilities work together—forming the bedrock of long-term competitiveness and export-readiness.

For the U.S., this creates a natural partner in supply chain diversifica-

tion and talent access. India’s vast pool of engineering talent and its design expertise complement America’s existing manufacturing and research strength. Strategic collaboration with India offers Washington a trusted production base beyond East Asia—a priority as security considerations begin to outweigh cost in semiconductor decisions.

For India, U.S. experience in building integrated manufacturing clusters provides a tested roadmap to scale operations beyond design to full-spectrum semiconductor production, enhancing both resilience and self-reliance.

With the stakes high and global demand surging, India’s semiconductor ambition is no longer just aspiration—it’s active execution.



GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE HAS LOST ITS WAY
CHINA CAN STEP IN BUT INDIA HAS AN EDGE TOO

From SDGs to SDGs Denied

A decade after world leaders adopted the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Paris Agreement, global development appears to be on life support.

Last week, at the UN General Assembly, President Donald Trump’s mocking dismissal of climate change and multilateralism underscored what many feared: the era of global cooperation is crumbling. The SDGs,

once hailed as a universal blueprint to improve human well-being, have failed to take off.

Trillions of dollars in annual funding were promised but never materialised. Private investment meant to be leveraged through public aid didn’t arrive.

According to McKinsey, global aid is projected to drop by up to 22%—leaving the SDG vision largely unrealised.

Why It Matters—Especially to India

In India, some welcome this demise, labelling the SDGs as “Western” or “anti-national.”

But that’s a flawed view. India has historically shaped and benefited from global development dialogues. Our own economic reforms in 1991 were deeply informed by global debates and knowledge flows.

Global cooperation also helps tackle transnational crises like pandemics and climate change—challenges no single nation can resolve

alone.

India’s Development Dilemma

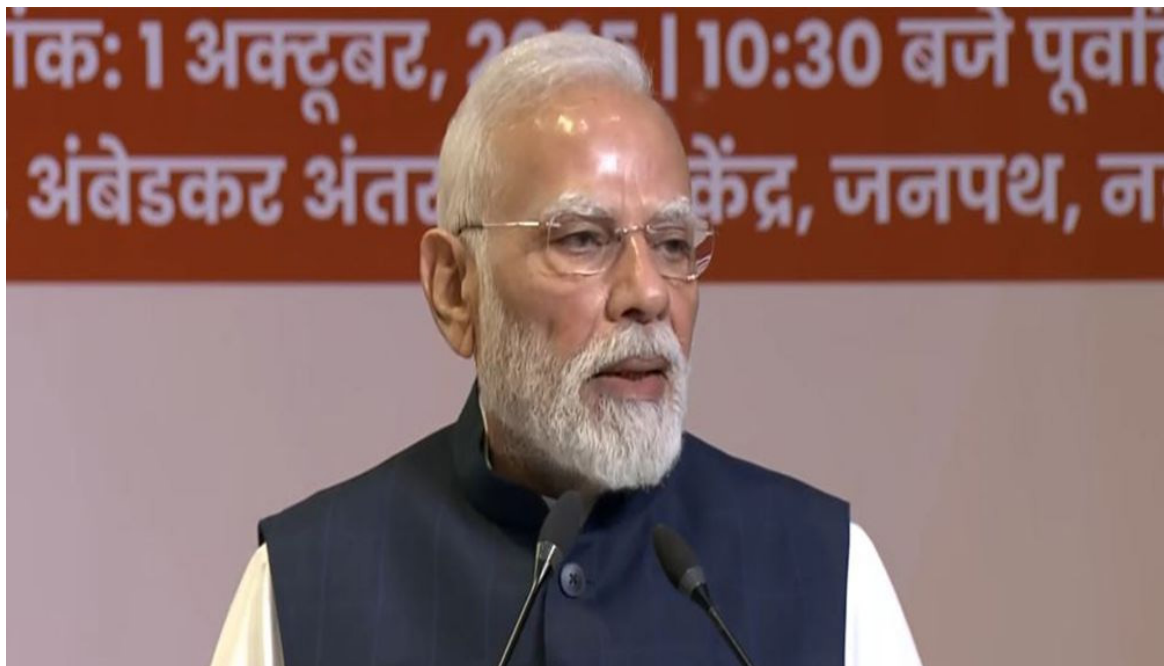
Yes, the global development system is flawed—dominated by Western interests, often hypocritical, and increasingly irrelevant. But walking away from it cedes ground to China, which is poised to become the world’s development superpower through sheer scale.

India cannot match

China’s development finance, but it can lead with ideas, democratic values, and grassroots innovation. To do so, it must empower its civil society and knowledge institutions—not silence them.

The Real Choice

This is not idealism—it’s strategy. India must either help reimagine global development on equitable terms or risk irrelevance in a new world order where China writes the rules.



‘Helped Nurture Countless Lives’: PM Modi Hails RSS on 100th Anniversary

Calls It Pillar of Nation-Building

TPN Bureau | New

Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday lauded the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) for its century-long contribution to nation-building during a grand centenary celebration held in the national capital. Describing the RSS as a movement that has nurtured countless lives, PM Modi said, “Just as civilisations flourish along rivers, hundreds of lives have blossomed

along the flow of the RSS. Since its formation, the Sangh has had one grand objective — nation-building.” Founded on Vijayadashami in 1925 by Dr. K.B. Hedgewar, the RSS marks 100 years of its existence in 2025. PM Modi emphasised the symbolic importance of the organisation being founded on a day that celebrates the victory of good over evil, noting that this was “no coincidence.” Paying tribute to Hedgewar, he said, “I offer my humble respects at the feet of the founder of the Sangh. It is the

good fortune of our generation of volunteers to witness this historic centenary.” As part of the celebrations, PM Modi released a commemorative 100 coin and a special postage stamp. He said, “This is the first time in independent India that Bharat Mata has appeared on our currency. The image shows her seated on a lion, blessing swayamsevaks in ‘varad mudra’.” The commemorative postal stamp features the 1963 Republic Day Parade, in which RSS swayamsevaks proudly par-

ticipated — a moment of historic importance, the PM noted. Modi also praised the harmony within RSS’s vast network of affiliated organisations, stating, “No two units are ever in conflict. The guiding principle is always ‘Nation First’.” Founded in Nagpur, the RSS was created as a cultural and volunteer-driven organisation aimed at instilling discipline, service, and national pride. The centenary celebration is being viewed as a major milestone in India’s socio-political history.

TVK announces ‘temporarily’ postponing party chief Vijay’s rallies

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Actor-politician Vijay’s party, Thanthai Vazhakkal Katchi (TVK), on Wednesday suspended his state-wide public tour for two weeks after a stampede at a rally in Karur left 41 people dead, many of them women and children, and sparked widespread outrage. The party announced the temporary halt on its official X account, saying public meetings would be postponed “in this situation where we are in pain

and sorrow over the loss of our loved ones.” New dates will be announced later. The tragedy occurred on Sunday when an estimated crowd of nearly 30,000 converged on a venue with an official capacity of about 10,000. Police said violations of security guidelines, lack of adequate food and drinking water, and a long delay in Vijay’s arrival — people began gathering around noon while he arrived only at 7pm — contributed to the crush. Vijay has faced heavy criticism for not immediately visit-

ing Karur, though he released an emotional video saying he would meet victims’ families soon and announcing relief of 20 lakh for each bereaved family. “I’ve never faced such a painful situation,” he said, adding that he avoided visiting immediately to prevent further unrest. TVK leaders rejected claims of negligence and alleged a conspiracy by local rivals in the ruling DMK, an accusation the government dismissed. Key TVK figures, including party number two and Vijay aide N. Anand, have been booked on charges

including culpable homicide not amounting to murder, endangering human life, and disobedience to public servants. Karur West district secretary Mathiyazhagan and South City treasurer Pounraj were arrested and are being questioned. Authorities said police will scrutinise event venues more closely ahead of future gatherings. The suspension aims to allow time for investigations, condolence measures, and restorations of public confidence before TVK resumes its mass mobilisation.



India’s 5th-Gen Stealth Fighter Closer To Reality, 7 Firms Make Prototype Bid

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Seven Indian companies have submitted bids to partner with the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) to design and develop prototypes of the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA), India’s ambitious home-grown fifth-generation stealth fighter jet project. The bidders include major names such as Larsen & Toubro, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), Tata Advanced Systems Ltd, and Adani

Defence. A committee led by former BrahMos Aerospace chief A Sivathanu Pillai will evaluate the proposals and shortlist two companies. These two firms will share a budget of Rs 15,000 crore to develop five AMCA models to the highest standards before manufacturing rights are granted. The AMCA project, valued at approximately Rs 2 lakh crore, aims to produce over 125 stealth fighters, but the jet is not expected to enter the Indian Air Force until around 2035. Once operational, India will join an exclusive group of coun-

tries—currently the US, China, and Russia—with indigenous fifth-generation fighter capabilities. India’s AMCA will be a single-seat, twin-engine fighter featuring advanced stealth coatings, internal weapons bays, and super-maneuvrability comparable to global fifth-gen jets like the US F-22 and F-35, China’s J-20, and Russia’s Su-57. The aircraft is expected to operate at altitudes up to 55,000 feet, carrying 1,500 kg of weapons internally, an additional 5,500 kg externally, and roughly 6,500 kg of fuel. Two variants are

planned, with hopes that the second version will feature an indigenously developed engine, potentially more powerful than the US-made GE F414 engine powering the initial model. The AMCA reflects India’s broader push to modernize its military amid regional tensions, supplementing recent defence deals such as the Rs 63,000 crore acquisition of 26 Rafale-M fighter jets. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has pledged over \$100 billion in domestic military contracts by 2033 to boost indigenous defence manufacturing and exports.

Centre Hikes DA/DR by 3%, Benefits Over 1.18 Crore Employees and Pensioners

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The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved a 3% hike in Dearness Allowance (DA) for central government employees and Dearness Relief (DR) for pensioners. The revised rate takes the DA/DR from 55% to 58% of basic pay or pension, effective retrospectively from July 1, 2025. The decision is set to benefit approximately 49.19 lakh central government employees and 68.72 lakh pensioners, offering relief amid ongoing inflation concerns. Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said the increase aims to compensate for the rising cost of living. “The combined impact on the exchequer on account of



this increase in DA and DR will be 10,083.96 crore per annum,” he said during a media briefing on the Cabinet decisions. Dearness Allowance and Dearness Relief are revised twice a year—in January and July—based on the All India Consumer Price Index (AICPI) to mitigate the impact of inflation on government employees and pensioners. This latest hike follows the government’s standard formula and was widely anticipated ahead of the festive

season. The retrospective implementation from July 1 means employees and pensioners will receive arrears for July, August, and September in their upcoming pay cycles, providing a festive financial boost. Experts have noted that while the 3% hike aligns with historical trends, rising inflation and cost pressures could warrant a sharper increase in the next review if the economic situation persists. This DA/DR increase comes at a time when the government is also managing broader financial challenges and election-year spending demands. However, the move is likely to bolster morale among government staff and retirees, especially with general elections on the horizon in 2026.

Congress Slams PM Modi’s Silence on Gaza, Calls It ‘Moral Cowardice’

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The Congress party on Wednesday, October 1, 2025, strongly criticised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for maintaining what it called a “deafening silence” on the ongoing violence and alleged atrocities in Gaza, calling it a “total betrayal” of India’s long-standing foreign policy values. In a sharp statement posted on social media platform X, Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh accused the Prime Minister of prioritising personal alliances over moral responsibility. “To appease his good friend President Trump and in solidarity with his other good friend



Bibi Netanyahu, Prime Minister Modi has welcomed President Trump’s so-called peace plan while ignoring the horrific atrocities being committed in Gaza. This is moral cowardice and a total betrayal of everything that India has historically stood for—justice, non-alignment, and

human rights,” Ramesh said. The Congress leader’s remarks come amid mounting global condemnation of Israel’s military actions in Gaza and concerns over civilian casualties, particularly in the wake of airstrikes and blockades reported over the past

few weeks. India, under successive governments, has traditionally supported the two-state solution and shown solidarity with the Palestinian cause while maintaining diplomatic relations with Israel. However, the Congress alleges that the current govern-

ment’s foreign policy has shifted significantly, driven more by personal equations than principled positions. “India was once a moral voice on global issues, rooted in Gandhian values and non-violence. Today, it stands mute in the face of tragedy,” Ramesh added. The Modi government has not yet issued an official statement on the latest escalation in Gaza. However, India did attend the emergency session at the UN Security Council last week, where it called for “restraint” from all parties and emphasised the need for dialogue. Meanwhile, international pressure is growing on world leaders to intervene diplomatically to de-escalate the conflict.

“I Love Tariffs”: Trump Defends His Trade Policy, Says It’s “Making US Rich”

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U.S. President Donald Trump has once again defended his aggressive trade policy, calling tariffs his “favourite word” and crediting them with making America “rich again.” Speaking at the Marine Corps Base in Quantico, Trump said his administration’s tariff strategy has helped the U.S. regain control over its trade relationships after decades of exploitation by other nations.

“I love tariffs. Most beautiful word. We’re becoming rich as hell,” Trump declared, boasting that the U.S. has taken in “trillions of dollars” through tariffs — enough, he said, “to buy a lot of battleships.” Trump’s comments come ahead of a major Supreme Court hearing in early November, where justices will review lawsuits filed by American businesses challenging the president’s use of emergency powers under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) to impose sweeping tariffs.

A federal appeals court had earlier upheld a ruling that Trump’s use of the IEEPA to levy global tariffs was unlawful, raising questions about the legal future of his trade agenda. Despite legal setbacks, the Trump administration remains firm. U.S. Trade Representative Jamieson Greer has warned that tariffs will remain a key policy tool regardless of the court’s verdict. “Win or lose at the Supreme Court, tariffs are here to stay,” Greer told the Financial Times, adding that reciprocal tariffs represent

“how it’s going to be.” The administration insists that the courts should defer to the president’s judgment in declaring economic emergencies that justify such trade actions. Critics, however, argue the policy has hurt American consumers and businesses by raising import costs and straining global trade ties. As the legal showdown nears, Trump continues to frame tariffs as patriotic and profitable — a stance that will likely shape U.S. trade policy heading into the 2026 elections.



US Government Shuts Down, 1st Since 2018

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The U.S. federal government officially shut down at midnight after Democrats blocked a Republican-led stopgap funding bill that failed to meet their key demands, marking the first shutdown in over six years. The stalemate, centered around healthcare funding and partisan tensions, has halted non-essential government operations. As many as 750,000 federal employees face temporary furloughs, while essential personnel, including military, border agents, and air-traffic controllers, will work without pay until the shutdown ends. President Donald Trump has escalated the conflict, threatening permanent job cuts and warning of mass layoffs if the standoff continues. “We’ll be laying off a lot of people — they’re going to be Democrats,” he said, raising concerns of politicised purging in federal



agencies. Essential services — such as in-hospital care, law enforcement, and Social Security payments — will continue, though functions like food inspections, student loan processing, and national park operations may pause. Issuance of Medicare cards and benefit verifications could also be disrupted. The shutdown could dent the U.S. economy if prolonged. Analysts estimate a weekly impact of 0.1 to 0.2 percentage points shaved off GDP growth. The situation is particularly volatile as over 150,000 federal workers are already exiting through buyouts — the largest government workforce reduction in eight decades. At the heart of the deadlock are Democrat demands to include permanent Affordable Care Act subsidies in the funding bill, which

would prevent healthcare cost spikes for 24 million Americans. Republicans have pushed back, accusing Democrats of leveraging the shutdown for political gain ahead of the 2026 midterm elections. With no clear path to resolution, the duration and fallout of this shutdown remain uncertain, heightening fears of economic disruption and deeper political divisions in Washington.

“This is Republicans’ shutdown,” Ex US VP Kamala Harris says

TPN Correspondent | Jerusalem

Top Democratic leaders have slammed President Donald Trump and Republican lawmakers for triggering a federal government shutdown, blaming their refusal to address rising healthcare costs as the key reason behind the crisis. Former Vice President Kamala Harris led the charge, posting on X (formerly Twitter), “President Trump and Congressional Republicans just shut down the government because they refused to stop your health care costs from rising. Let me be clear: Republicans are in charge of the White House, House, and Senate. This is their shutdown.” The shutdown, which took effect at midnight, comes as Congress failed to pass a funding bill, largely due to disagreements over the inclusion of permanent Affordable Care Act (ACA) subsidies. Democrats insisted on including provisions to curb healthcare cost spikes expected to hit millions of Americans by year-end, while Republicans demanded a clean funding bill without additional conditions. The official account of House Democrats echoed Harris’s sentiments, stating, “Donald Trump and Republicans just shut down the federal government rather than address the health care crisis they created. Democrats will keep fighting to protect health care.” California Governor Gavin Newsom mocked Trump’s leadership style, writing in a dramatic Truth Social-style post: “THE TRUMP SHUTDOWN IS HERE! HEALTH CARE FOR BABIES, MOMS & GRANDMAS HELD HOSTAGE BY A VERY

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WEAK MAN WHO CAN’T EVEN DO STAIRS... TRUMP ALWAYS CHICKENS OUT.” Illinois Governor JB Pritzker accused Trump and “MAGA Republicans” of pushing an “extreme agenda” by threatening core social programs like Medicaid and SNAP. Senator Patty Murray (D-WA) added, “It’s midnight in DC... Republicans don’t even want to TALK about how to stop your premiums from doubling. This is a REPUBLICAN SHUTDOWN.” With no resolution in sight, Democrats say they will continue to push for healthcare protections while warning of long-term harm if the standoff continues.

Elon Musk Cancels Netflix Subscription

After Director Hamish Steele Mocks Charlie Kirk

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Tech billionaire Elon Musk has cancelled his Netflix subscription, joining growing backlash against British director Hamish Steele, the creator of Netflix’s animated series Dead End: Paranormal Park, after Steele allegedly mocked the recent killing of conservative activist Charlie Kirk. The controversy erupted after screenshots surfaced online, purportedly showing Steele using profane language and referring to Kirk as a “Nazi” in a post responding to UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer’s condolence message. “Your sympathy for any of the families being slaughtered



by your own weapons but a random Nazi gets shot and it’s a public statement,” read Steele’s alleged comment. Though the viral screenshots remain unverified, they quickly ignited outrage online, particularly among conservative audiences and commentators. Steele had already been under scrutiny for incorporating transgender themes in a children’s animated series, a point of contention among critics who claim such content is inappropriate for young audiences. An X (formerly Twitter) user announced they had cancelled their Netflix account, citing the streamer’s support for “pro-trans content” aimed at children and for employing someone who “celebrated the murder of Charlie Kirk.” Musk amplified the criticism by resharing the post, writing simply: “Same.”

This latest move from Musk — a frequent critic of “woke” culture and corporate policies — comes amid heightened cultural tensions in the U.S. around free speech, LG-BTQ+ representation in media, and political violence. His decision adds to the mounting pressure on Netflix, which has not yet publicly commented on the matter. While Steele has not responded to the allegations directly, calls for accountability and content boycotts have gained traction online. The situation underscores how content creators’ personal views, especially when shared online, continue to spark high-stakes fallout for major platforms.

Pakistan’s top leadership will decide on deployment of troops in Gaza: FM Dar

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Pakistan’s Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, Ishaq Dar, said on Tuesday that the decision to deploy Pakistani troops in Gaza under the proposed peacekeeping mission of Muslim nations will be taken by the country’s top leadership. Dar was responding to a question during a press conference regarding Pakistan’s potential participation in the multinational peacekeeping force outlined in a new Middle East peace plan announced by U.S. President Donald Trump on Monday. “The final decision will rest with the highest levels of our leadership,” Dar stated. “Any deployment of Pakistani troops abroad is a matter of national security and will be decided with due consultation



among all stakeholders.” The proposed peacekeeping initiative is part of a broader U.S.-backed deal aimed at ending months of deadly conflict in Gaza. President Trump’s plan, which seeks to stabilise the region through a Muslim-led security framework, includes the formation of a joint peacekeeping force involving countries such as Turkey, Egypt, Indonesia, and potentially Pakistan. While Pakistan has a long history of contrib-

uting to United Nations peacekeeping missions, this deployment would be different, as it falls outside the UN framework and stems from a U.S.-brokered initiative. Foreign Minister Dar noted that Pakistan supports all efforts aimed at restoring peace in Gaza and ensuring humanitarian access. “We have always stood for the rights of the Palestinian people and continue to support a two-state solution,” he said. There has been no official confirmation yet on whether Islamabad has received a formal request to contribute troops. Analysts say the decision could face domestic political scrutiny, given the geopolitical sensitivities surrounding any cooperation with U.S.-led initiatives in the Muslim world. As consultations continue, the government is expected to issue a formal position in the coming days.



RBI Announces Measures to Support Exporters Amid U.S. Tariffs

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Wednesday unveiled a series of measures aimed at assisting Indian exporters facing difficulties due to the recent 50 per cent tariffs imposed by the U.S. administration on Indian shipments.

RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra emphasized the importance of the export sector, calling it “a vital part of India’s economy.” To ease the pressure on exporters, the central bank has extended the repatriation period for foreign currency accounts held by Indian exporters in International Financial Services Centres (IFSC) from one month to three months. This extension provides exporters greater flexibility in managing their foreign earnings amid the challenging trade environment.

In addition, the RBI announced steps to reduce paperwork and compliance burdens, particularly targeting small exporters and importers. These efforts are designed to streamline export processes, helping businesses save time and costs, and improve overall ease of doing trade.

The central bank’s move comes in response to growing concerns from the export community, which has been grappling with the increased tariffs that threaten to impact India’s trade competitiveness. By easing procedural requirements and extending repatriation timelines, the RBI aims to provide exporters with much-needed relief and enhance their ability to manage foreign exchange inflows efficiently.

These measures form part of a broader strategy to safeguard and promote India’s export sector during uncertain global trade conditions. Stakeholders across industries have welcomed the RBI’s proactive approach, viewing it as a timely boost that can help maintain the sector’s growth momentum.

With these steps, the RBI reinforces its commitment to supporting exporters and ensuring the resilience of India’s external trade amidst evolving international challenges.



RBI Holds Rates, Cuts Inflation Forecast, Ups Growth Outlook

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Wednesday kept the key policy rate — the repo rate — unchanged at 5.5%, while lowering its inflation forecast and raising its growth outlook, reflecting confidence in the domestic economy despite global uncertainties.

The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), in a unanimous decision, opted to maintain the current rate for the second consecutive meeting. Lending and deposit rates across the banking system are expected to remain steady, offering relief to borrowers and depositors alike. The RBI also retained its “neutral” policy stance, indicating it will remain flexible in responding to future economic developments.

In a significant move, the central bank revised its inflation forecast downward to 2.6% from the earlier 3.1%, citing easing food and fuel prices. Simultaneously, the GDP growth projection for FY26 has been raised to 6.8%, up from the previous estimate of 6.5%.

RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra said that recent rationalisation of Goods and Services Tax (GST) rates is likely to cushion the impact of global trade tensions and ongoing uncertainty around U.S. H-1B visa policies. “The Indian economy remains resilient, supported by stable demand conditions, improving exports, and moderating inflation,”

Malhotra noted. The central bank’s cautious optimism comes amid rising global risks, including escalating tariff wars and currency volatility. However, domestic indicators, including robust tax collections and strong service sector growth, have provided enough buffer for the RBI to hold rates steady.

Analysts expect the RBI to continue monitoring inflation trends and global developments closely before making any further policy shifts. For now, the pause signals policy stability and continued support for economic growth, while leaving room to respond to future shocks.

Bank Nifty Jumps 700 Points as RBI Unveils Lending, Capital Reforms

Banking and financial stocks rallied sharply on Wednesday after the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) held interest rates steady and proposed sweeping reforms to boost lending and ease capital requirements. The Bank Nifty soared 700 points, or 1.3%, reclaiming the 55,000 mark, while the Nifty Financial Services index rose 1.4% to 26,396.

Private banks led the charge, with Kotak Mahindra Bank, ICICI Bank, and HDFC Bank gaining up to 3% intraday. The Nifty Private Bank index rose 1.75%, though public sector banks saw some profit booking, with the Nifty PSU Bank index down 1.1%.

The RBI’s proposals, announced alongside its bi-monthly monetary policy review, include the removal of the 2016 lending restrictions on large corporates, allowing banks greater freedom to finance corporate acquisitions. Lending limits against listed debt securities and equity shares were also relaxed, and the cap on bank financing for IPOs was raised from ₹10 lakh to ₹25 lakh per individual.

Another major boost came for non-bank lenders (NBFCs), as the RBI lowered risk weights for loans to high-quality infrastructure projects. Shares of HUDCO, IREDA, PFC, and REC jumped 3-5% following the move, which is expected to reduce financing costs in the infrastructure sector.

RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra also announced the phased implementation of the Expected Credit Loss (ECL) framework from April 2027 to March 2031, and the adoption of Basel III capital norms starting April 2027. Draft credit risk rules—expected to reduce capital requirements for small businesses and home loans—will be released soon.

Market experts welcomed the reforms, calling them growth-positive. “These steps align with the government’s broader economic stimulus agenda,” said Nilesh Shah, MD, Kotak Mahindra AMC.

The RBI’s dovish tone and regulatory easing fueled optimism, pushing banking and financial indices to fresh highs.



ATF Price Hiked 3%, Commercial LPG Up ₹15.50



Oil companies on Wednesday revised fuel prices, increasing the cost of Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) by over 3% and commercial LPG rates by ₹15.50 per cylinder, reflecting changes in global market benchmarks.

The price of jet fuel (ATF) in the national capital, home to one of India’s busiest airports, was raised by ₹3,052.50 per kilolitre - a 3.3% hike - bringing the new rate to ₹93,766.02 per kilolitre, according to state-owned fuel retailers.

Alongside this, commercial LPG used by hotels and restaurants also saw a price increase of ₹15.50 per 19-kg cylinder, pushing the cost to ₹1,595.50 in New Delhi. This adjustment follows a series of six reductions in LPG prices over the past six months, with the last cut being ₹51.50 on September 1. Since April, LPG prices have fallen by a total of ₹223 per cylinder.

The recent hikes come as oil firms align domestic fuel prices with fluctuating global crude oil markets and foreign exchange rates. This adjustment impacts sectors relying heavily on ATF and commercial LPG, such as aviation and hospitality, which may see a rise in operational costs.

The aviation industry, already recovering from pandemic-related setbacks, will feel the effect of the ATF price increase, potentially influencing airfares and cargo charges. Similarly, restaurants and hotels might adjust prices to offset the higher fuel costs.

Fuel price revisions by state-owned oil companies are closely monitored, as they directly affect inflation and the cost of living. The government typically allows market-driven adjustments, but such hikes often draw public and industry attention.

Consumers and businesses alike will be watching for any further fuel price movements amid ongoing global energy market volatility.

Manufacturing Growth Slows in September, Job Creation Hits One-Year Low

India’s manufacturing sector witnessed a slowdown in September, with growth in new orders, output, and input buying easing to four-month lows, according to the HSBC India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers’ Index (PMI) released on Wednesday.

The seasonally adjusted PMI dropped to 57.7 in September from 59.3 in August, marking the weakest expansion since May. While the index remains comfortably above the 50-mark that separates growth from contraction, it indicates a mild loss of momentum in the sector.

Pranjul Bhandari, Chief India Economist at HSBC, noted, “The September headline index softened, but it remained well above the long-term average,” highlighting the sector’s resilience despite competitive pressures and global uncertainties.

Job creation in the sector also slowed, hitting a one-year low. Only 2% of surveyed companies reported an increase in staffing, making it the weakest hiring pace since September 2024.

Despite the slowdown, optimism remains strong. Business confidence rose to a seven-month high, boosted by recent tax relief measures and expectations of rising demand. Many firms cited changes in GST rates as a key factor behind their positive outlook for the next 12 months.

Export demand offered some relief, with international orders increasing at a faster rate, particularly from Asia, Europe, the Americas, and the Middle East. This offset some of the negative impact from recent U.S. tariffs on Indian goods.

On the pricing front, input and output costs rose at the fastest pace since May. Firms reported higher expenses for labour, raw materials, and transport, which led to the sharpest rise in output charges in nearly 12 years.

Overall, while manufacturing continues to expand, rising costs and sluggish hiring indicate emerging challenges that may affect the sector’s growth trajectory in the months ahead.





US Man Wins Rs 17 Crore on Scratch-Off Ticket Bought ‘ON A WHIM’

A 32-year-old man from Wayne County, Michigan, has struck gold after purchasing a scratch-off lottery ticket on a spontaneous impulse, winning a life-changing \$2 million (approximately Rs 17 crore). The lucky winner was at Fleck’s Fresh Mart on Michigan Avenue in Canton when he spotted the 100X scratch-off tickets. Although he didn’t

usually play this particular game, he decided to buy a few “on a whim.” Little did he know, his impulsive choice would lead to one of the top prizes offered by the Michigan Lottery. As he scratched the tickets, he was stunned to find a match on number 11, revealing the \$2 million jackpot. “I kept asking myself: ‘What does this mean?’ because I didn’t believe I

really won \$2 million at first,” the winner told Michigan Lottery officials. In disbelief, he asked his mother to double-check the ticket, and upon her confirmation, excitement took over. “When my mom looked the ticket over and told me it was a \$2 million winner, I was so excited I didn’t know what to do with myself!” he said.

“Turning 20 into \$2 million is unbelievable and still doesn’t feel real. I don’t think it’s going to fully sink in until I cash the check.” The man has decided to be prudent with his newfound fortune, choosing to put the entire amount into savings to secure his financial future. This remarkable win highlights the thrill and unpredictability of

lottery games, where a moment’s whim can lead to an extraordinary payday. The 100X scratch-off game remains one of Michigan Lottery’s most popular offerings, boasting several top prizes just like this one. As the winner prepares to cash his check, this story serves as a reminder that sometimes fortune favors the spontaneous.

APPLE, GOOGLE, META MUST FACE LAWSUITS OVER Casino-Style Gambling Apps

A federal judge has ruled that Apple, Google, and Meta Platforms must face lawsuits accusing them of promoting illegal gambling through casino-style apps on their platforms. The ruling came on Tuesday from U.S. District Judge Edward Davila in San Jose, California, who denied the tech giants’ attempts to dismiss the claims. The lawsuits allege that Apple’s App Store, Google’s Play Store, and Meta’s Facebook enabled an “authentic Vegas-style experience” of slot machine gambling by hosting these apps and collecting commissions, often as high as 30 percent. Plaintiffs contend that these platforms knowingly profited from apps that are addictive and harmful, contributing to mental health issues like depression and suicidal thoughts among users. Apple, Google, and Meta argued that Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act shields them from liability because they are not



responsible for third-party content posted on their platforms. However, Judge Davila rejected this defense for most claims, stating that the companies could still be held accountable for their role in facilitating and profiting from these gambling apps. While the judge dismissed some claims based on certain state laws, all consumer protection claims—except those in California—were allowed to proceed. The decision means the companies will have to defend themselves in class-action lawsuits brought by dozens of plaintiffs accusing them

of operating an illegal racketeering conspiracy. This ruling signals increased scrutiny of how major tech platforms manage and profit from third-party apps, especially those with potential social harms. The case highlights ongoing concerns about the regulation of online gambling and the responsibilities of app stores in protecting users. As these lawsuits move forward, Apple, Google, and Meta could face significant legal and financial challenges related to their casino-style gambling app ecosystems.

ChatGPT Launches ‘INSTANT CHECKOUT’ to Simplify In-Chat Purchases

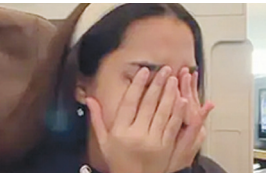
OpenAI has introduced a new feature called “Instant Checkout” that allows ChatGPT users in the United States to make purchases directly within their chat sessions. The update aims to streamline online shopping by enabling users to confirm orders, delivery, and payment details with a simple tap of the “Buy” button—no need to leave the chat. Available to ChatGPT Pro, Plus, and Free users who are signed in, Instant Checkout initially supports purchases from US-based Etsy sellers and more than one million Shopify retailers. Popular brands like Glossier, Skims, Spanx, and Vuori are expected to join the platform soon, expanding the range of products accessible through ChatGPT. This feature builds on ChatGPT’s earlier shopping capabilities, where users could ask for product recommendations and receive curated options complete with images, reviews, and prices. Now, users can complete transactions seamlessly using payment options like credit cards, Apple Pay, Google Pay, or Stripe—all within the conversation interface. In a recent blog post, OpenAI emphasized that product suggestions will remain “natural and unsponsored,” ranked strictly by user relevance rather than paid promotions. To sustain the service, OpenAI plans to charge merchants a small fee on completed purchases. Instant Checkout marks a significant step toward integrating AI-powered shopping assistance with payment and delivery logistics, aiming to enhance convenience for consumers and boost sales opportunities for merchants. By merging product discovery, recommendation, and payment into one smooth experience, ChatGPT is positioning itself as a new kind of online shopping assistant, reducing friction in the buying process and potentially reshaping e-commerce interactions. As this feature rolls out, it could redefine how consumers shop online, turning casual conversations into instant purchasing moments.

“America, I Love You”: Indian Woman’s Emotional Farewell AFTER US LAYOFF

Ananya Joshi, an Indian biotechnology graduate, bid a tearful goodbye to the United States after being laid off and unable to secure a new job. Joshi, who graduated from Northwestern University in 2024 with a master’s degree in Biotechnology, had been working at a biotech startup through the F-1 Optional Practical Training (OPT) program. On September 29, Joshi shared a heartfelt video on Instagram capturing the emotional moment of her departure. Despite having come to terms with her situation, she admitted that leav-



ing the country was the hardest part of her journey. “Nothing could have prepared me for this day,” she said, reflecting on the deep emotional impact of saying goodbye. In her message, Joshi expressed immense gratitude toward the US, which she described as her first home as a financially independent adult—a milestone she cherished deeply.



“Though short-lived, I really appreciate the life you gave me. AMERICA, I LOVE YOU,” she wrote in the video’s caption. Joshi’s story resonates with many international students and professionals who face uncertainty due to visa restrictions and job market challenges. After being laid off from her startup job, she spent months searching for new opportunities but

was unable to find a suitable position, leading to her difficult decision to leave. Her candid account highlights the challenges skilled foreign workers face in the US job market, especially in highly competitive fields like biotechnology. Despite the setback, Joshi’s gratitude and affection for her time in America remain clear, marking a bittersweet end to her chapter in the country. Her video has touched many viewers, sparking conversations about immigration, career struggles, and the emotional toll of leaving a place that once felt like home.

Opera has unveiled its latest innovation, Neon, an AI-powered web browser designed to take web browsing to the next level by executing tasks and running code directly within web pages. This launch places Opera in the growing race among tech companies to develop “agentic” browsers—browsers that do more than just deliver search results by actively assisting users in completing tasks. Neon aims to transform the traditional browsing experience into a productivity hub where AI can act on behalf of users, streamlining online activities such as shopping, researching, and managing workflows. A key feature of the browser is that all AI actions occur locally on the user’s device, giving users full control over when the AI operates or pauses, ensuring privacy and transparency. Opera’s entry into this space highlights the in-

Opera Launches Neon AI Browser to Revolutionize WEB BROWSING



tense competition among companies eager to redefine how people interact with the web. Earlier this year, Perplexity AI

introduced its Comet browser, and The Browser Company launched Dia, both focused on integrating AI to enhance

user productivity. Meanwhile, OpenAI is preparing to launch its own Chromium-based AI browser, which may incorporate its “Operator” agent. This feature promises to let users browse and transact seamlessly without ever leaving a native chat interface, further blurring the lines between browsing, chatting, and completing tasks. With Neon and other AI browsers emerging, the future of web navigation looks set to become more interactive and intuitive. By embedding AI deeply into browsing, these new tools aim to save users time and effort, offering personalized assistance and smarter web experiences. As AI browsers like Opera’s Neon hit the market, they signal a significant shift in digital habits—where the browser is no longer just a window to the web but an active partner in online productivity.



EIGHTH TITLE OF THE SEASON

Carlos Alcaraz's remarkable 2025 season hit another high—and a sudden halt—on Tuesday. Just hours after winning his eighth title of the year at the Japan Open in Tokyo, the world number one announced his withdrawal from the Shanghai Masters, citing “physical issues”.

Alcaraz defeated American Taylor Fritz 6-4, 6-4 in the final to secure his latest ATP title. However, despite lifting the trophy, the 22-year-old Spaniard admitted he had been struggling physically, having injured his ankle earlier in the tournament.

“Even though I managed to win here, it hasn't been easy physically,” Alcaraz said after the final. “I've decided to listen to my body and skip Shanghai to avoid further complications.”

The six-time Grand Slam champion also used the opportunity to criticize the sport's packed calendar, calling for reforms that better prioritize player health.

“We play almost every week, and there's little time for recovery. It's something that really needs to be addressed,” Alcaraz said.

His withdrawal from Shanghai is a blow to the tournament and fans, who were eager to see the top seed in action. Alcaraz has been one of the standout performers of the year, consistently competing at the highest level and building on his status as a dominant force in men's tennis.

With the ATP Finals and other major events still to come, Alcaraz's team is likely taking a cautious approach to ensure he's in peak condition for the season's end.

For now, his absence from Shanghai is a reminder of the physical toll of modern tennis—even on its youngest stars.

As the calendar intensifies, Alcaraz's words may reignite discussions on how the ATP can balance competitiveness with athlete well-being.

Pakistan, Bangladesh Eye Strong Start in Women's ODI World Cup 2025

Pakistan and Bangladesh are set to begin their ICC Women's ODI World Cup 2025 campaigns on Thursday in Colombo, with both teams aiming to make steady progress after underwhelming performances in the previous edition.

In the 2022 World Cup, both sides had finished at the bottom of the table, struggling to make an impact against the more established teams. However, with a new crop of players and leadership, both camps are hopeful of turning the tide this time around.

Pakistan, led by dynamic all-rounder Fatima Sana, will play all their group matches in Sri Lanka, including a highly anticipated clash against India on Sunday. Pakistan secured their spot in the tournament by topping the qualification event earlier this year, showcasing a more settled squad and improved performances.

Bangladesh, captained by experienced wicket-keeper-batter Nigar Sultana, finished second in the qualifiers and are looking to carry forward that momentum into the World Cup. Their lineup, while young, boasts several promising names who have shown glimpses of potential on the international stage.

While both teams are considered underdogs in a tournament featuring heavyweights like Australia, England, and India, the opening clash between Pakistan and Bangladesh is expected to be a closely fought contest. It also presents a key opportunity for either side to secure early points and gain confidence for tougher fixtures ahead.

Incremental gains remain the realistic goal for both squads—improving match-to-match, upsetting stronger opponents, and climbing higher in the standings than in past campaigns.

With momentum, team spirit, and qualification success behind them, both sides will be eager to shed the “minnows” tag and make their presence felt on the world stage.

The match will be played at the R. Premadasa Stadium in Colombo on Thursday afternoon.

India beat Sri Lanka by 59 runs under DLS Method in

Women's World Cup opener

India kicked off their ICC Women's ODI World Cup 2025 campaign with a hard-fought win over Sri Lanka at the Barsapara Stadium in Guwahati on Tuesday, thanks to impressive all-round performances from Deepti Sharma, Amanjot Kaur, and Sneh Rana.

After choosing to bat, India faced early jitters and slipped into trouble during the middle overs. However, Deepti Sharma (42), Amanjot Kaur (38), and Sneh Rana (34) played crucial knocks to steer the innings to a respectable total of 227.



The Lankan bowling attack was spearheaded by Inoka Ranaweera, whose four-wicket haul kept India on edge for much of the innings. Sri Lanka began their chase with promise, as captain Chamari Athapaththu smashed a quick 32 off 28

balls, injecting momentum into their innings. But her dismissal triggered a collapse, as the Indian bowlers tightened their grip.

Amanjot Kaur, already instrumental with the bat, also made a mark with the ball, taking 2

crucial wickets, while Sneh Rana and Deepti Sharma chipped in with disciplined spells to restrict Sri Lanka to 189 all out in 48 overs, handing India a 38-run win.

Despite a few nervy moments, the Women in Blue showed grit and

composure in their World Cup opener.

The performance underlined the growing depth in the squad and the ability of younger players like Amanjot to rise to the occasion.

India next faces South Africa in their second group-stage match on October 4, while Sri Lanka will look to bounce back against New Zealand.

With a promising start, Harmanpreet Kaur and her team will aim to build momentum and stake a strong claim for their maiden World Cup title.



Mitchell Marsh Smashes 85 as Australia Crush New Zealand in 1st T20I

Australia made a commanding start to their T20I series against New Zealand, securing a thumping victory in the first match at Bay Oval, thanks to a blistering knock from captain Mitchell Marsh, who led by example with an unbeaten 85 off just 43 balls.

Opting to bowl first, Australia made early inroads into the New Zealand top order, reducing the hosts to 6 for 3 inside the first three overs. The Aussie pace attack, led by Josh Hazlewood and Sean Abbott, rattled the Kiwi top order with accuracy and aggression.

However, Tim Robinson played a lone hand for New Zealand, rescuing his side from collapse with a brilliant unbeaten 106 off 66 balls. His maiden international century, laced with 10 boundaries and 4 sixes, lifted the Black Caps to a competitive total of 181/6 in 20 overs.

Despite the recovery, the target was no match for the Australians on the day. Mitchell Marsh walked in at No. 3 and immediately took charge, punishing the Kiwi bowlers with powerful hitting all around the ground. He found excellent support from David Warner (42 off 25), as the pair added a crucial 98-run partnership.

Australia chased down the target in just 16.3 overs, finishing at 185/3, with Marsh sealing the win in style with a towering six. His knock, which featured 8 fours and 5 sixes, earned him the Player of the Match award. The dominant win gives Australia a 1-0 lead in the three-match series and puts them in pole position heading into the second T20I.

The teams will face off again on October 3, with New Zealand needing a win to keep the series alive.

Liverpool Stunned By Galatasaray In Champions

LEAGUE CHELSEA BEAT JOSE MOURINHO'S BENFICA

Matchday 2 of the UEFA Champions League delivered drama across Europe, with Liverpool stunned by Galatasaray, while Chelsea edged Jose Mourinho's Benfica in a tight contest at Stamford Bridge.

In Istanbul, Victor Osimhen was the hero for Galatasaray, converting a second-half penalty to seal a 1-0 win over Jurgen Klopp's Liverpool. The defeat leaves the Premier League giants under pressure in Group B

after an unconvincing start to their European campaign.

Meanwhile in London, Chelsea grabbed a narrow 1-0 victory over Portuguese side Benfica, now coached by former Blues boss Jose Mourinho, making his return to Stamford Bridge. The only goal of the match came via an unfortunate own goal, gifting Mauricio Pochettino's side a valuable three points.

Real Madrid flexed their muscle in Kazakhstan, thrashing Kairat

Almaty 5-0, with Kylian Mbappe netting a brilliant hat-trick.

The French superstar continues his red-hot form in Europe, underlining Madrid's title ambitions.

Elsewhere, Tottenham Hotspur avoided defeat in a tense encounter with Bodo/Glimt, clawing back to secure a 2-2 draw thanks to a late equalizer.

Bayern Munich, Atletico Madrid, Marseille, and Inter Milan all enjoyed big wins, assert-

ing their dominance early in the group stage. Bayern cruised past Red Star Belgrade, Atletico brushed aside Young Boys, Marseille hammered Slovan Bratislava, and Inter eased past Copenhagen.

With several groups wide open after two rounds, the Champions League is already delivering high drama, unexpected upsets, and standout performances—setting the stage for a thrilling campaign ahead.





Nayanthara's First Look as SASIREKHA UNVEILED

The makers of the much-anticipated film Mana Shankara Vara Prasad Garu, starring megastar Chiranjeevi, have unveiled the first look of Nayanthara as the female lead, Sasirekha. Directed by Anil Ravipudi, the film has already generated significant buzz, and this latest reveal adds to the mounting excitement.

In the newly released poster, Nayanthara stuns in a traditional saree, exuding grace and festive charm. Adorned with pearls, bangles, and holding a classic umbrella, her look is vibrant and rooted in tradition. Set against a colorful and celebratory backdrop, the image captures a perfect blend of elegance and energy, hinting at a pivotal role in the story.

This marks the first on-screen collaboration between Chiranjeevi and Nayanthara under Anil Ravipudi's direction, promising an electrifying pairing. Earlier, the megastar's stylish look from the film was revealed to an overwhelmingly positive response from fans, who are eagerly awaiting more glimpses from the project.

Adding to the excitement, the team has teased a special announcement scheduled for tomorrow, coinciding with the festive occasion of Dussehra. While details remain under wraps, speculation is rife that it could be a teaser or a major update on the film's release.

Mana Shankara Vara Prasad Garu is jointly produced by Sahu Garapati and Sushmita Konidela, combining strong creative and production forces. With vibrant visuals, a star-studded cast, and a proven director at the helm, the film is shaping up to be a grand festive entertainer.

Stay tuned for tomorrow's announcement as the countdown to another Chiranjeevi blockbuster continues.

Dhanush's 'TERE ISHQ MEIN' Teaser Hints at Intense Romantic Drama

The much-awaited teaser of Tere Ishq Mein, starring Dhanush and Kriti Sanon, has been officially released — offering a glimpse into a deeply emotional love story laced with pain, passion, and poetic intensity.

Directed by Aanand L Rai, who earlier delivered the hit Raanjhanaa with Dhanush, the film marks their powerful reunion. In Tere Ishq Mein, Dhanush plays an Air Force officer grappling with love and betrayal. The teaser reveals a raw, emotional side of his character, setting the tone for a layered romantic narrative.

The highlight of the teaser is a haunting monologue delivered by Dhanush in Banaras (Kashi): "I went to cremate my father... Thought I'd bring some Ganga water for you. You're starting a monkey's life, aren't you? At least wash your old sins."



The emotionally charged dialogue, presumably addressed to Kriti Sanon's character, reflects a story steeped in heartbreak and unresolved emotions.

Kriti Sanon plays the female lead and shares strong screen chemistry with Dhanush. The film's music is composed by AR Rahman, whose score in the teaser already hints at a soul-stirring soundtrack.

Written by Himanshu Sharma and Neeraj Yadav, the film promises a complex narrative revolving around love, loss, and redemption.

The visual aesthetics — rich with the spiritual backdrop of Banaras — enhance the film's emotional gravity.

Produced by Bhushan Kumar, Krishna Kumar, Aanand L Rai, and Himanshu Sharma, Tere Ishq Mein will release in both Hindi and Tamil on November 28, 2025. With its emotionally charged teaser and a powerful team behind it, Tere Ishq Mein is shaping up to be one of the most anticipated romantic dramas of the year.



KANTARA CHAPTER 1 Rebel Song Roars with RITUAL POWER

Hombale Films continues to build anticipation for Kantara Chapter 1 with the release of its second song — "Rebel" (Telugu) — a fiery war chant that blends folklore, faith, and fury. Directed by and starring Rishab Shetty, this film marks the next grand chapter in the Kantara saga and is being mounted on a larger scale than ever before.

After the devotional first single that was warmly received, the Rebel song introduces a more intense, spiritual resistance. Composed by B Ajaneesh Loknath, the track throbs with ritualistic energy — echoing like sacred drums beating through

time. It's not just a song; it's a call to arms steeped in mythology and cultural reverence.

Rishab Shetty commands the screen with a raw, grounded energy that fuses warrior spirit with divine devotion. Krishna Kanth's powerful lyrics speak of a people's undying spirit, and Kaala Bhairava's evocative vocals deepen the emotional impact. The musical arrangement, rich with tribal percussions and atmospheric undertones, captures the primal heart of the story.

"Rebel" is not just a track to hype action — it underscores the film's deeper theme: the

sacred resistance of man in communion with nature, tradition, and divine duty. It sets the tone for what promises to be a spiritually charged cinematic experience.

Produced by Hombale Films, the banner behind pan-India hits like KGF and Salaar, Kantara Chapter 1 continues to push the boundaries of Indian mytho-fantasy cinema. With Rukmini Vasanth joining Shetty in the lead, the film's scale, intensity, and musical depth hint at another milestone moment. The Rebel song is now streaming across platforms — and it's not just a listen, it's a summons

Avika Gor Marries Milind Chandwani IN STAR-STUDED CEREMONY

Popular television actress Avika Gor, best known for her iconic role in Balika Vadhu, has officially tied the knot with her longtime boyfriend Milind Chandwani. The couple, who got engaged in June 2025, celebrated their wedding in a unique and heartwarming ceremony that has since gone viral across social media.

The wedding took place on the vibrant sets of Pati, Patni Aur Panga, blending real life with reel-life charm. The event was attended by several well-known faces from the television and film industry, turning it into a glamorous affair.

Among the star-studded guest list were Hina Khan, Rubina Dilaik, Abhinav Shukla, Gurmeet Choudhary, Debina Bonnerjee, Rocky Jaiswal, and Swara Bhaskar. Adding more sparkle to the occasion were special guests like Krushna Abhishek, Farah Khan, Rakhi Sawant, and Samarth Jurel, who joined the



couple in their joyful celebrations.

Avika and Milind shared several candid and emotional moments from their big day on Instagram, which quickly captured the hearts of fans. From heartfelt rituals to fun-filled dances, the couple's chemistry and happiness radiated through every frame, making the photos go viral within hours.

Fans and celebrities alike have flooded social media with wishes and admiration, praising the couple's strong bond and the beautifully intimate nature of the ceremony.

The duo has been open about their relationship over the years, and their wedding marks a new chapter that fans have been eagerly waiting for. With their radiant smiles and genuine love, Avika Gor and Milind Chandwani have made their wedding one of the most talked-about celebrity events of the year.



Vishnu Vishal Returns as Cop in Intense Thriller 'ARYAN'

Tamil actor Vishnu Vishal is back in the thriller space with his upcoming film Aryan, and the newly released teaser promises a gripping investigative drama. Directed by Praveen K, Aryan is all set to hit theatres on October 31, releasing simultaneously in Tamil and Telugu. The teaser, unveiled on

Tuesday, opens with the backdrop of a chilling murder case and quickly escalates into a tense world of crime, suspicion, and pursuit. Vishnu Vishal takes center stage as a powerful and intense police officer, showcasing a gritty performance that has already started drawing comparisons to his breakout role in

Ratsasan.

Known for his knack for choosing high-concept thrillers, Vishnu Vishal's return to the genre has set expectations soaring. His transformation into a no-nonsense, sharp-witted cop investigating a complex case forms the core of the teaser's intrigue. The visuals are moody and dark, emphasizing the

psychological edge of the storyline.

Aryan features a strong supporting cast including Selvaraghavan, Shraddha Srinath, Manasa Chowdhury, and others in key roles. Each character appears layered and critical to the unfolding mystery. The film's music is composed by Ghibran, whose background score

in the teaser enhances the tension and mood, adding to the thriller's edge.

Produced jointly by Shubra, Aryan Ramesh, and Vishnu Vishal himself, Aryan is shaping up to be a taut crime drama with a psychological twist. With its sleek visuals, intense lead performance, and gripping storyline, Aryan looks ready to offer a thrilling cinematic ride this Halloween season.

Watch the teaser now and prepare for a crime saga where every clue counts.

