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Ancient Chola-Era Copper Plates Return to India After Centuries

Netherlands, May 16 | TPN Bureau

In a landmark moment for India's cultural heritage, the Netherlands has formally returned the ancient Anaimangalam Copper Plates, a treasured artefact dating back nearly a thousand years. The handover took place during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the Netherlands, symbolising a major step in international cultural cooperation and the restoration of historically significant Indian artefacts.

The Anaimangalam Copper Plates are associated with the reign of the celebrated Chola ruler Rajaraja Chola I, one of the most influential monarchs in South Indian history. Experts believe the inscriptions were created between 985 AD and 1014 AD. The collection includes 24 copper plates in total—21 large plates and three smaller ones—with a combined weight of nearly 30 kilograms. The inscriptions engraved on them are written in



Tamil and Sanskrit, reflecting the linguistic richness and administrative sophistication of the Chola Empire. Historians regard these plates as highly significant because they contain detailed records relating to grants and donations made to a Buddhist monastery situated in Nagapattinam, which was an important port city during the Chola period. The inscriptions also shed light on the strong maritime trade network and cultural exchanges maintained by the Cholas with Southeast Asian kingdoms. Researchers believe the artefacts

offer valuable insight into the political, religious, and economic systems that existed in South India during the medieval era. The copper plates were taken to the Netherlands during the 18th century, when Nagapattinam came under Dutch colonial administration. Since then, the artefacts remained in Dutch custody and were preserved as part of historical collections in Europe.

India began efforts to secure the return of the plates more than a decade ago. In 2012, discussions were initiated through diplomatic and cultur-



al channels to reclaim the artefacts. Over the years, negotiations continued with the support of international organisations, including UNESCO, which advocates the protection and repatriation of cultural heritage items.

Welcoming the development, Prime Minister Narendra Modi described the return of the Chola-era artefacts as a matter of pride for the nation. He stated that the restoration of these copper plates reconnects India with an important chapter of its civilisational and cultural history.

The return of the Anaimangalam Copper Plates is being viewed as a significant achievement in preserving India's heritage and strengthening global cooperation in protecting historical treasures.

Pochampally Ikkat to Shine at Cannes Festival

NALGONDA, May 16 | TPN Bureau

The renowned Pochampally ikkat saris of Telangana are set to gain international attention at the 79th Cannes International Film Festival in France, where they will be showcased on the prestigious red carpet from May 17 to 22. Organisers said this would be the first occasion that traditional Pochampally ikkat handlooms from Telangana will be featured at the globally celebrated film festival.

Miss Asia International and Ikkat Handlooms ambassador Rashmi Thakur will represent the handwoven textiles during her appearance at Cannes. She is expected to wear specially designed Pochampally ikkat saris created by local artisans, bringing global visibility to the centuries-old weaving craft.

Expressing happiness over the opportunity, Rashmi Thakur said it was a proud moment not only for her but also for the weaving community associated with the craft. She described the occasion as a recognition of the dedication and hard work of artisans who spend countless hours weaving intricate patterns on traditional looms in Pochampally.

According to her, the showcase at Cannes symbolises the journey of Telangana's cultur-

al heritage onto an international platform. She remarked that the handloom tradition, which has been preserved for nearly 200 years, now has an opportunity to connect with audiences from across the world.

Rashmi Thakur also credited the achievement to the efforts of Pochampally Producer Company Limited, along with local weavers and tie-and-dye workers who continue to preserve the art form despite changing market trends and challenges faced by the handloom sector.

PPCL Weaves founder Thadaka Ramesh said the participation in the Cannes festival is expected to significantly improve the international profile of Pochampally ikkat saris and boost demand in overseas markets. He noted that the film festival attracts participants, celebrities, designers and representatives from numerous countries every year, making it an ideal platform to showcase India's traditional textiles.

Ramesh said five specially crafted ikkat saris had been prepared for Rashmi Thakur's appearances during the event. He expressed hope that the global exposure would create new opportunities for local artisans and strengthen the handloom industry in Telangana.

Indian Diaspora in USA Celebrates BJP's Electoral Success

New Jersey, May 16 | TPN Bureau

The Indian diaspora in the United States came together in a grand celebration to mark the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) significant electoral victories in West Bengal, Assam, and Puducherry. The event was organized by the Overseas Friends of BJP-USA (OFBJP-USA) at the Royal Albert Palace in Edison, New Jersey, drawing an enthusiastic crowd of over 600 Indian-Americans from the Tri-State region.

The gathering was filled with excitement and patriotic fervor as attendees celebrated the BJP's landmark performance, including its first-ever major breakthrough in West Bengal and continued mandate in Assam and Puducherry, where the NDA secured consecutive terms. The results



were greeted with applause and celebratory expressions throughout the event.

BJP Member of Parliament Shri Mayank Naik addressed the audience virtually through a video conference. He credited the party's success to sustained grassroots efforts and the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Union

Home Minister Shri Amit Shah. His remarks were introduced to the audience by Shri Amar Goswami.

OFBJP-USA President Dr. Adapa Prasad highlighted the significance of the electoral outcome, stating that the victories in West Bengal and Assam are crucial for national unity and security. He also noted that

the BJP's performance in West Bengal held symbolic importance during the 75th anniversary year of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee, founder of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh. He expressed optimism about the party's growing influence in Kerala and future prospects there.

General Secretary Mr. Vasudev Patel described the results as a "reward for years of tireless work" by BJP grassroots workers across India. Former President Mr. Krishna Reddy Anugula emphasized the strong emotional connection of overseas Indians, noting that more than 600 attendees gathered despite weekday working hours in the United States.

Telangana Chapter Convenor Mr. Vilas Reddy Jambula expressed confidence in forming a "Double Engine Sarkar" in

Telangana, highlighting ongoing efforts by OFBJP volunteers and recent political mobilization activities in Hyderabad.

Several speakers praised the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, and BJP National President Shri Nitin Nabin, attributing the party's success to strong organizational structure and strategic leadership.

The event also featured community interaction, cultural celebrations, and a dinner. Traditional Bengali dish "Jhal-muri" was served, and a cake-cutting ceremony marked the celebratory mood.

Prominent community leaders, volunteers, and supporters participated, making the event a vibrant expression of diaspora engagement and political enthusiasm.



Major Voter Roll Revision begins

HYDERABAD, May 16 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) C. Sudharshan Reddy on Saturday announced that the state will undertake a Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls from June 15, the first such comprehensive exercise in nearly 24 years. The previous revision of this scale was conducted in undivided Andhra Pradesh in 2002.

To carry out the process, the Election Commission will deploy more than 40,000 personnel across the state, including nearly 35,000 Booth Level Officers (BLOs). These officials will conduct door-to-door visits, distribute partially filled enumeration forms, and later collect the completed documents from voters. Citizens will also have the option to submit forms online through the Election Commission portal or the ECINET mobile application. Overseas voters can complete the process digitally as well.

Clarifying concerns over documentation, Sudharshan Reddy stated that no supporting documents would be collected during the initial enumeration phase. Only the enumeration form itself will be accepted at this stage, and all voters whose forms are submitted will be included in the draft electoral rolls.

The draft voter list is scheduled to be released on July 31. Following this, electors can submit claims and objections until August 30. Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) will

examine and dispose of objections by September 28, while the final electoral rolls will be published on October 1. Rationalisation of polling stations will also be taken up after the draft publication.

The CEO explained that the primary goal of the SIR exercise is to improve the accuracy of electoral rolls and address concerns raised by political parties regarding duplicate or ineligible entries. He emphasized that every eligible citizen must be included in the voter list while ensuring that ineligible names are removed.

Currently, Telangana has approximately 3.39 crore registered electors spread across 35,985 polling stations. Of these, 14,750 are located in urban areas and 21,157 in rural regions. More than 28,000 polling stations have fewer than 1,200 electors. According to election authorities, 64.38 percent of voters have already been mapped in the pre-SIR exercise. The state's election machinery includes 33 District Election Officers, 119 Electoral Registration Officers, 867 Assistant EROs, 3,596 Booth Level Supervisors, and nearly 36,000 BLOs. Sudharshan Reddy also clarified that the National Register of Citizens (NRC) has no role or relevance in Telangana's voter revision exercise, despite being listed nationally among identification options.

Voters seeking assistance can contact the toll-free helpline 1950 or use the online "Book a Call with BLO" facility.

Army Chief Warns Pakistan Over Terror Support

New Delhi, May 16 | TPN Bureau

Chief of Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi issued a stern warning to Pakistan on Saturday, stating that continued support for terrorism against India could have serious consequences for the neighbouring country. Addressing an interactive session organised by 'Uniform Unveiled' at the Manekshaw Centre in New Delhi, the Army Chief said Pakistan must decide "whether it wants to remain part of geography or become part of history" if it continues to shelter and encourage terrorist activities targeting India.

The remark came in response to a question regarding how the Indian Army would react if circumstances similar to those that led to Operation Sindoor last year were repeated in the future. Though brief, Gen. Dwivedi's statement conveyed a strong message reaffirming India's uncompromising stand against terrorism and cross-border threats.

Apart from security issues, the Army Chief also shared his personal aspirations for life after retirement. Gen. Dwivedi, who was born on July 1, 1964, is scheduled to retire on June 30. Reflecting on his long military career, he said he had realised years ago that it was important to give back to society



after receiving so much through public service.

He noted that senior military leaders carry a responsibility not only toward serving personnel but also toward civilians by sharing experiences, lessons, and guidance gained through years of leadership. At the same time, he expressed concern over changing social behaviour among younger generations, observing that attention spans and patience levels appeared to be declining in the age of rapid digital consumption.

Speaking about his future plans, Gen. Dwivedi revealed his intention to establish a cafe called "Ahista Zindagi," likely in Bhopal. He described the concept as a peaceful retreat where people could slow down from the pressures of modern life. According to him, the cafe would encourage meaningful conversations, reading habits,

and social interaction rather than constant dependence on digital devices.

The proposed cafe would also feature a library and free consultation services where visitors could seek guidance and exchange ideas in a relaxed environment. He stressed that solutions often emerge through teamwork and interaction, whereas isolation and overreliance on internet-based information can create confusion and disconnect.

Gen. Dwivedi also said he hoped to contribute to efforts aimed at reducing migration from tribal villages in his home state. Concluding his interaction, he encouraged young people to stay physically fit, work hard, cultivate leadership qualities, and engage in outdoor and physical activities instead of spending excessive time watching social media reels.



Bandi Sanjay Sends Son for Police Interrogation, Cites Respect for Law

Hyderabad, May 16 | TPN Bureau

Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar has stated that he has voluntarily handed over his son, Bandi Bhagirath, to the police for questioning in connection with allegations levelled against him. Addressing the media, the Minister said the decision was taken in full compliance with legal procedures and out of deep respect for the rule of law.

Emphasising the principle of "Satyameva Jayate," Bandi Sanjay remarked that the law treats everyone equally, regardless of position, influence, or personal relationships. He stressed that no individual is above the law and that justice must be allowed to take its own course without interference.

According to the Union Minister, his son has consistently denied all allegations and maintained that he has not engaged in any wrongdoing. He explained that soon after the complaint was registered, the family initially intended to present him before the authorities immediately. However, they chose to consult legal experts before proceeding further.

Bandi Sanjay said that during legal consultation, the defence team reviewed the avail-

able documents and evidence. The lawyers reportedly expressed confidence that the case could be quashed and also indicated the possibility of bail being granted. This legal advice led to a short delay in presenting his son before the police.

Despite this, the Minister clarified that he did not wish to delay cooperation with the investigation process any further. He stated that he ultimately ensured that his son was produced before the police for questioning through appropriate legal channels, demonstrating full cooperation with the authorities.

He further noted that although related court proceedings are expected to take place in the coming days, he chose to act in advance and extend complete cooperation to the investigation. This, he said, reflects his commitment to transparency and respect for the judicial system.

Reaffirming his trust in the country's legal framework, Bandi Sanjay expressed confidence that the truth will emerge through proper investigation and judicial scrutiny. He added that he has full faith in the justice system and believes that due process will ultimately establish facts in the case.



Chemists to Observe Nationwide Shutdown

Hyderabad, May 16 | TPN Bureau

The Telangana Chemists and Druggists Association has announced that medical shops across the state will remain closed on May 20, 2026, in support of a nationwide one-day shutdown call given by the All India Organisation of Chemists and Druggists.

The protest is being organised against the growing presence of online pharmacies, aggressive discount policies adopted by large corporate companies, and what the associations described as the Centre's indifferent response to their long-pending demands.

According to the organisations, more than 12.40 lakh chemists and distributors across the country are expected to participate in the agitation. Representatives of the pharma trade sector stated that unchecked operations of e-pharmacies and heavy discounting practices are severely affecting the livelihood of nearly five crore people dependent on the pharmaceutical retail business.

The associations said they had already submitted a memorandum to Prime Minister Narendra Modi highlighting their concerns. However, they alleged that repeated requests for regulatory intervention had not received any meaningful response from the Union government.

High-Speed Rail Plans, Land Acquisition for Major Corridors Reviewed

Hyderabad, May 16 | TPN Bureau

In a major push towards improving high-speed rail connectivity, the Railways has requested the Telangana government to facilitate land acquisition for proposed bullet train corridors connecting Hyderabad with major metropolitan cities. The proposals include 93 kilometres of land for the Hyderabad-Pune-Mumbai corridor and 123 kilometres for the Hyderabad-Bengaluru and Hyderabad-Chennai routes.

Railway officials informed the state government that Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for the proposed high-speed rail networks within Telangana have already been prepared. These ambitious infrastructure projects aim to significantly reduce travel time between key urban and economic hubs across the country.

A review meeting on the proposed bullet train corridors was held at the state Secretariat on Friday, chaired by Telangana Chief Secretary K. Ramakrishna Rao. Senior officials from various departments, along with representatives of the Railway Ministry, participated in the discussion.

During the meeting, the Chief Secretary directed officials to work in close coordination with the Union Railway Ministry to prepare comprehensive proposals for the execution of the project. He emphasized the importance of inter-departmental cooperation, particularly in areas such as land acquisition, infrastructure development, connectivity planning, and regulatory clearances.

Ramakrishna Rao highlighted that the high-speed rail network connecting Hyderabad with Mumbai, Chennai, and Bengaluru has the potential to transform Telangana into a major economic growth corridor. He noted that such a rapid transport system would not only benefit passengers but also strengthen industrial development, boost the IT sector,

The protesting groups accused online pharmacies of taking advantage of relaxed regulations introduced during the pandemic period. They claimed that medicines were being sold without proper physical verification of prescriptions, raising concerns over patient safety and misuse of drugs.

The organisations also expressed concern over the possible misuse of artificial intelligence-generated fake prescriptions, warning that unrestricted access to antibiotics and other medicines could pose serious public health risks. They argued that improper sale of prescription medicines may lead to misuse and increased antimicrobial resistance.

In addition, the associations alleged that large corporate pharmacy chains are offering deep discounts despite existing price regulations under the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) and Drug Price Control Order (DPCO) guidelines. They said such practices create unfair competition for small and independent chemists.

The organisations demanded the withdrawal of emergency notifications introduced during the COVID-19 pandemic, stating that those temporary relaxations continue to be misused long after the health emergency ended.



and promote tourism across the state.

Officials also informed that the proposed Hyderabad-Pune-Mumbai corridor spans approximately 671 kilometres in total, with Telangana required to provide land for around 93 kilometres of the alignment. Similarly, the Hyderabad-Bengaluru and Hyderabad-Chennai corridors would require land acquisition for about 123 kilometres within the state.

In addition, land is also required for establishing railway depots in Kokapet and Shamshabad, which are crucial for operational and maintenance support of the high-speed rail network.

The Chief Secretary instructed the Roads and Buildings Department, Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA), and GMR Airport authorities to actively coordinate with central railway officials to ensure smooth progress of the project. He stressed the need for timely planning and resolution of land-related issues to avoid delays in implementation.

The meeting concluded with a consensus on accelerating preparatory works for the proposed high-speed rail corridors.

Kishan Reddy Expresses Anger Over Delay in Railway Station Modernisation Works

Hyderabad, May 16 | TPN Bureau

Union Coal and Mines Minister G. Kishan Reddy conducted a surprise inspection of the ongoing modernisation works at Malakpet railway station in Hyderabad on Saturday and expressed strong dissatisfaction over the slow pace of progress. The development works are being carried out under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, which aims to upgrade railway stations across the country with modern facilities.

During his visit, the Minister reviewed multiple infrastructure components at the station, including platform renovation works, passenger waiting halls, installation of lifts and escalators, sanitation facilities, and the expansion of entry and exit points. Railway officials briefed him on the current status of the project and explained the pending construction activities that are yet to be completed.

However, after assessing the on-ground situation, Kishan Reddy reportedly found that the progress did not meet expected timelines. He expressed serious displeasure over the delay and directly pulled up the contractor responsible for the work. The Minister instructed railway officials to ensure that the project is completed within the stipulated deadline without further delays.

He also emphasized that construction work should be expedited in a manner that does not inconvenience daily commuters.

Excise Department Orders Strong Crackdown on Illegal Liquor and Drugs

Hyderabad, May 16 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Prohibition and Excise Department Director (Enforcement) Avinash Mohanty has directed officials to significantly strengthen surveillance and enforcement measures against the illegal manufacture of liquor, smuggling of non-duty paid alcohol, and drug-related activities across the state.

He issued these instructions during a comprehensive review meeting held with Excise Enforcement officers and the State Task Force (STF) team at the Drug Control Administration (DCA) office in Hyderabad. The meeting focused on improving coordination between various enforcement wings to curb illicit activities more effectively.

Mohanty stressed the urgent need for closer cooperation between excise enforcement teams and drug control officials to identify and dismantle synthetic drug manufacturing units operating within Telangana. He instructed officers to locate such illegal production hubs and ensure strict action, including arrests of those involved, to prevent the spread of synthetic drugs.

During the review, officials presented a detailed Power-Point briefing outlining the organizational structure and functioning of the excise enforcement wing. They also discussed current challenges faced in monitoring illegal liquor trade and drug-related crimes.

The Director emphasized that the department must prioritize eliminating the consumption and circulation of illicitly distilled liquor, which continues to cause significant loss to state excise revenue. He called for intensified field operations and regular inspections to curb such practices.

Officials also highlighted the need to prevent the inflow of non-duty paid liquor being brought into Telangana from other states, including Delhi, Goa, Haryana, and Rajasthan.

Ranga Reddy, May 16 | TPN Bureau

A shocking double murder case has surfaced in the Moinsabad area of Ranga Reddy district, where two elderly women were found dead under suspicious circumstances at a farmhouse. The brutal nature of the killings has created panic among local residents and prompted an intensive police investigation.

According to police officials, unidentified persons are believed to have murdered the women and abandoned their bodies at the farmhouse. After receiving information about the incident, police teams immediately reached the spot, secured the area, and



The redevelopment is part of a larger national initiative under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, which focuses on transforming railway stations into modern transport hubs.

The inspection also covered cleanliness measures, passenger movement flow, and accessibility features for differently-abled passengers. Local public representatives accompanied the Minister during the visit and welcomed the review, expressing hope that it would accelerate the pending works.

Following the Minister's directions, railway authorities are expected to tighten monitoring, reassess project timelines, and improve coordination with contractors to ensure faster completion of the modernisation works at Malakpet station.



They noted that strengthened border checks and intelligence-based operations are essential to stop such illegal transport.

In addition, the STF teams were assigned a crucial responsibility to monitor and take action against individuals involved in mixing high-end liquor with cheaper variants and selling them illegally in the market. Officials stated that regular raids and coordinated enforcement drives are necessary to neutralize such networks. The Director concluded by urging all enforcement agencies to adopt a proactive and intelligence-driven approach, ensuring stricter vigilance and faster response to illegal liquor and drug-related activities across the state.

Police officials stated that efforts are underway to apprehend the accused at the earliest, while further details are expected to emerge as the investigation progresses.

State Ready to Fund Indiramma Houses if Centre Delays: Ponguleti

Hyderabad, May 16 | TPN Bureau

Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy stated that the Telangana Government is still awaiting the Central Government's financial share for the 'Indiramma' Housing Scheme and warned that if the pending funds are not released soon, the State would bear the expenditure on its own. Addressing the media in Hyderabad, the Minister said the Centre has not yet released nearly 1.13 lakh per house since March this year.

He explained that final payments to beneficiaries were temporarily withheld in anticipation of receiving the Centre's contribution. However, he assured that if the funds are not released within the next 15 to 20 days, the State Government would directly provide the pending amount to beneficiaries.

The Minister revealed that over 3.5 lakh houses were sanctioned in the first phase of the scheme, with nearly 1.32 lakh houses already completed. Slab works for another 68,000 to 72,000 houses are expected to finish by June-end.

Ponguleti announced that Chief Minister A. Revanth

Reddy will launch the second phase of the Indiramma Housing Scheme in Adilabad on June 2. He said the government plans to introduce several relaxations while sanctioning houses in the second phase, including support for partially completed structures.

The Minister further said the Cabinet meeting scheduled on May 21 would decide constituency-wise allocations of houses. He also announced that revised land values across Telangana would come into effect by the end of this month after a scientific assessment.

Discussing housing and land reforms, Ponguleti said the government is conducting joint surveys to resolve long-pending revenue and forest land disputes. He added that new software worth 14.08 crore is being introduced to address registration server issues within the next few months.

The Minister also stated that incomplete 2BHK housing projects would be handed over to beneficiaries for completion with direct financial assistance from the government.

Cancer Atlas to Strengthen Healthcare Planning

Hyderabad, May 16 | TPN Bureau

The Telangana government has released a comprehensive "Cancer Atlas of Telangana," providing detailed insights into the prevalence of cancer across the state and helping authorities strengthen future healthcare planning and treatment infrastructure.

The report was presented to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy by noted radiation oncologist and state government advisor on cancer care, Dr. Nori Dattatreya. According to the findings, Telangana has recorded an average of 52 cancer cases annually for every one lakh people between 2020 and 2025. The statistics were compiled primarily using data obtained through the Aarogyasri health insurance scheme.

Dr. Dattatreya explained that while the numbers indicate a notable disease burden, the situation is not currently considered alarming. However, he added that the actual number of cancer patients in the state could be higher, as the study mainly covered individuals treated under the Aarogyasri programme and may not include patients outside its network.

The Cancer Atlas offers extensive information on various aspects of the disease, including incidence rates, treatment trends, age-based distribution, commonly detected cancer types, and the financial methods adopted by patients for treatment. Officials believe the report will serve as a crucial tool in understanding regional health challenges and developing targeted responses.

The report identified Hy-

derabad, Hanamkonda, Karimnagar, Peddapalli, Rajanna Sircilla, and Jagtial as districts showing relatively higher cancer incidence rates compared to other regions in the state.

Speaking after submitting the report, Dr. Dattatreya said the government plans to integrate the data into the official cancer health portal to establish a centralized and continuously updated cancer registry. Since Telangana has already declared cancer a notifiable disease, hospitals across the state will now be required to report all cancer cases to the government. This move is expected to improve data accuracy and help authorities monitor disease patterns more effectively.

He further noted that the atlas would assist policymakers in identifying high-risk areas and allocating additional healthcare resources accordingly. Plans include strengthening cancer screening programmes, setting up specialized treatment centres, and expanding mobile diagnostic services in districts reporting higher case loads.

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy praised the preparation of the Cancer Atlas, describing it as a valuable initiative in the state's fight against cancer. He said the findings would help the government understand the reasons behind increasing cases and improve healthcare access. The Chief Minister also announced that specialized cancer hospitals would be developed not only in Hyderabad but also in districts witnessing a larger number of patients, ensuring better treatment access for people in rural areas.

Massive Fire Erupts in Apartment Complex, Sparks Panic Among Residents

Hyderabad, May 16 | TPN Bureau

A major fire incident was reported on Saturday at a premium residential complex in Kutapally, Hyderabad, causing panic among residents of the high-rise building. The fire broke out in one of the top-floor flats of the Lodha Bellezza apartment complex, sending thick plumes of smoke and visible flames into the sky.

The incident occurred on the 29th floor of one of the towers in the upscale residential project, which is spread across approximately 4.5 acres and consists of five towers, each rising up to 34 floors. The fire was reported from the fourth phase of the complex, prompting immediate alarm among residents and security personnel.

On noticing the fire, residents quickly alerted emergen-

cy services. Fire department personnel and disaster response teams rushed to the location and began operations to control and extinguish the flames. Several units of firefighters worked to prevent the fire from spreading to adjacent flats and higher floors, ensuring that the situation remained under control.

Preliminary observations suggest that the fire may have been triggered by an electrical short circuit, although officials have confirmed that the exact cause is still under investigation. Authorities are expected to conduct a detailed technical assessment to determine the origin of the blaze.

Fortunately, no casualties have been reported so far. Officials have also not yet confirmed the extent of property damage caused by the fire.

BJP Leader Slams CM Revanth Reddy Over Political Aspirations

Hyderabad, May 16 | TPN Bureau

BJP Telangana Chief Official Spokesperson and Media In-charge N.V. Subhash launched a sharp attack on Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, stating that his recent comments reflect an attitude of political overconfidence rather than responsible governance. He alleged that the Chief Minister's statements give the impression of a leader who assumes that political power is permanent. Subhash remarked that at a time when different sections of society, including farmers, unemployed youth, women, and government employees, are facing multiple hardships, it is concerning that the Chief Minister is allegedly focusing more on long-term political ambitions than addressing pressing public issues. He claimed that the public is surprised that a leader who has not fully delivered on electoral promises is already discussing or envisioning a role in national politics beyond 2034. He further criticized the Congress-led state government, stating that it is steadily losing public trust due to unfulfilled commitments and governance gaps. According to

him, the ground realities in Telangana are increasingly contradicting the government's public statements and promotional narratives. Subhash alleged that attempts to project a positive image through publicity campaigns cannot hide the dissatisfaction among people over key issues such as employment generation, welfare delivery, and administrative efficiency. He emphasized that governance should focus on solving real-time problems rather than political positioning or future ambitions. He also stated that the public is closely observing the performance of the current administration and is capable of distinguishing between promises and actual implementation. He added that growing discontent among various sections of society reflects the need for more accountable and result-oriented governance. Reiterating his criticism, the BJP leader said that leadership should prioritize public welfare over personal or political aspirations and urged the state government to focus on addressing the concerns of citizens instead of engaging in speculative political discourse.

CM Revanth Reddy Slams Fuel Price Hike, Demands Rollback

Hyderabad, May 16 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Saturday strongly opposed the recent hike in petrol and diesel prices, urging the Central government to immediately roll back the revised rates. He made these remarks through a post on social media platform 'X', terming the decision unjustified and harmful to the public. The Chief Minister alleged that the decision taken under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi would have far-reaching negative consequences on multiple sectors of the economy. He warned that rising fuel prices would directly push up transportation costs, leading to an increase in the prices of essential commodities and thereby adding an additional burden on ordinary citizens. Revanth Reddy criticized the Union government's economic policies, stating that repeated policy failures have weakened the country's financial stability. He argued that slogans such as "Atmanirbhar Bharat" have remained limited to political rhetoric rather than translating into effective economic outcomes. He further claimed that small and medium-scale industries are facing severe hard-



ships due to rising input costs and unstable market conditions. The Chief Minister also said that unemployed youth continue to struggle without job security, while the promise of doubling farmers' income has not been fulfilled as assured. Highlighting concerns over macroeconomic indicators, he pointed out that the value of the Indian rupee has steadily declined over the past decade, reaching a critical stage. According to him, this reflects broader economic stress and policy inefficiencies. The Chief Minister also questioned the timing of the fuel price hike, alleging that it was indirectly justified using global tensions such as the Iran-Israel conflict. He said such reasoning amounts to burdening common people for international developments. Referring to recent elections, Revanth Reddy alleged that the Central government had repeatedly assured voters that fuel prices would remain unchanged. He claimed that the subsequent increase of over 3 per litre within days of election results amounts to a breach of public trust. He concluded by reiterating his demand that the Central government immediately withdraw the revised petrol and diesel prices in the interest of the public.



DK Aruna Criticizes Revanth Reddy Over Political Remarks

Hyderabad, May 16 | TPN Bureau

D. K. Aruna strongly criticized Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy over his recent comments about continuing as Chief Minister until 2034 and later entering national politics. In a press statement issued in Hyderabad, the BJP National Vice President alleged that the Chief Minister was focusing more on political ambitions rather than addressing public concerns. DK Aruna questioned the Congress government over the implementation of its election promises and "Six Guarantees," claiming that the party had failed to fulfill commitments made to the people of Telangana. She alleged that farmers, unemployed youth, women, and employees across the state were dissatisfied with the functioning of the Congress administration. She stated that instead of concentrating on issues such as farmers' problems, unemployment, women's safety, and pending welfare promises, the Chief Minister was making

statements about retaining power for another decade. According to her, such remarks reflected a disconnect from the real challenges faced by the public. The BJP leader also remarked that the Congress party was overestimating its political strength based on recent local body election results. She claimed that the people's actual verdict would become clear in future elections and alleged that public dissatisfaction against the Congress government was steadily growing. Commenting on national politics, DK Aruna dismissed claims that Rahul Gandhi would become Prime Minister in the future. She pointed out that the NDA government had secured repeated electoral victories and alleged that Congress was continuously losing public support across the country. She urged the Chief Minister to first focus on fulfilling promises made to the people of Telangana and resolving governance issues before making statements about future political ambitions.

MLA Seeks Cabinet Post, Meets Rahul Gandhi

Delhi, May 16 | TPN Bureau

Pargi MLA K. Rammohan Reddy said he met Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha and senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi during his visit to Delhi. On this occasion, the MLA stated that he formally requested inclusion in the Telangana Cabinet and submitted a memorandum outlining his appeal. He pointed out that three ministerial positions are currently vacant in the Telangana Cabinet and expressed concern that Ranga Reddy district does not have any representation at present. According to him, ensuring regional representation is important for balanced governance and administrative effectiveness. Rammohan Reddy recalled that in earlier governments, Ranga Reddy district had multiple ministerial posts, ranging from three to six. He said that the district has historically played a significant role in state politics and should continue to receive adequate representation in the Cabinet. He further noted that with the ongoing delimitation process, the district is expected to see an increase in political significance, with Assembly constituencies likely rising to 44 and Parliamentary seats increasing to eight. In this context, he said his demand for a ministerial position is based on the growing importance of the region.



The MLA also highlighted his long-standing association with the Congress party, stating that his family has been serving the party for three generations. He added that he began his political journey at the grassroots level and has consistently worked for the party's growth. He mentioned that he has contested four Assembly elections and has remained committed to strengthening the Congress organization. Rammohan Reddy said that Rahul Gandhi responded positively to his request. He further expressed hope that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy would take up his case with the party leadership to help secure a Cabinet berth for him. He concluded by stating that he remains confident about receiving due consideration based on his service and the need for regional representation.

Congress Leaders Hold Key Strategy Meeting

Hyderabad, May 16 | TPN Bureau

A crucial meeting of constituency in-charges and observers of the Karimnagar Parliamentary constituency was held at the office of Minister Ponnampati Prabhakar located in the Ministers' Quarters. Senior Congress leaders and party coordinators participated in the discussions focused on strengthening the party organization and improving coordination across the parliamentary segment. Among those present were Karimnagar Parliamentary Coordinator Kooma Srisailem Goud, Government Whip and Adi Srinivas, Karimnagar DCC President and MLA Medipalli Satyam, MLA Kavvampalli Satyanarayana, Sircilla DCC President Sangitham Srinivas, Karimnagar Congress Corporation President Anjan Kumar, K.K. Mahender Reddy, Odithala Pranav, and several constituency coordinators. The leaders discussed measures for expanding the party's organizational activities in the Karimnagar Parliamentary constituency and effectively taking government welfare schemes and development initiatives to the public. It was decided that District Congress



Committee presidents should organize party review meetings at the mandal level throughout the constituency. Special attention was given to the Special Summary Revision (SSR) of voter lists. Party leaders and coordinators were instructed to remain alert and closely monitor the voter revision process in all constituencies. Discussions were also held regarding ensuring smooth procurement of paddy and addressing issues faced by farmers. Leaders emphasized that party workers who have remained committed since the



NSUI Holds State Executive Meet at Gandhi Bhavan

Hyderabad, May 16 | TPN Bureau

A state-level extended executive committee meeting of the NSUI was held on a grand scale at Gandhi Bhavan in Hyderabad on Saturday, bringing together party leaders, student representatives, and activists from across Telangana to discuss key student-related issues and future organizational programs. The meeting was attended by TPCC Vice President and NSUI Organizational In-charge M.A. Faheem as the chief guest. Addressing the gathering, he emphasized the need for the student wing to intensify its efforts in highlighting issues affecting students throughout the state and called upon leaders to strengthen grassroots movements in educational institutions. One of the major topics discussed during the meeting was the alleged NEET paper leak issue, which has sparked widespread concern across the country. Speakers at the meeting strongly criticized incidents that they said were damaging the future and confidence of students preparing for competitive examinations. Participants demanded immediate and strict action from the Central Government against those responsible for irregularities

in national-level entrance examinations. The executive committee members also reviewed preparations for the upcoming visit of NSUI National President Vinod Jakhur, who is scheduled to tour Telangana on May 22. Leaders stressed the importance of ensuring the visit's success and announced several protest and awareness programmes in connection with student issues. As part of the planned activities, the organization intends to conduct a torchlight rally and submit memorandums to the Governor, the Chief Minister, and Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, urging authorities to address concerns related to examination transparency and student welfare. During the meeting, M.A. Faheem guided party functionaries on strengthening the organization at the district and college levels while encouraging active participation in campaigns concerning education, employment, and youth welfare. The gathering witnessed the participation of NSUI State President Venkataswamy, along with state committee members, district presidents, student leaders, and a large number of party workers from different parts of Telangana.

Talasanani Says BRS Will Return to Power Soon

Hyderabad, May 16 | TPN Bureau

A general body meeting of the Sanath Nagar constituency was held at Bharat Rashtra Samithi headquarters, Telangana Bhavan, in the presence of BRS Working President K. T. Rama Rao. Senior party leaders and cadre from the constituency attended the meeting to discuss organizational strengthening and future party activities. Addressing the gathering, former minister and Deputy Floor Leader Talasanani Srinivas Yadav alleged that the Congress party came to power by making misleading promises to the public. He claimed that assurances such as providing 2,500 women and implementing the 'Rythu Bharosa' scheme had not been fulfilled, leading to disappointment among people. Talasanani stated that while some appreciate KTR's speech and leadership style, others



criticize him unfairly. Defending KTR, he remarked that any son would naturally feel hurt and emotional if his father was insulted. He criticized those making remarks against KTR without understanding such sentiments. Praising KTR's leadership, Talasanani said he had represented Telangana effectively on international platforms and played a major role in attracting investments to the state. He alleged that people

who expected major changes under Congress governance were now facing several difficulties. The BRS leader also raised concerns over the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process, claiming that attempts were being made to remove voters' names despite voting being a constitutional right in a democracy. He informed party workers that K. Chandrashekar Rao had decided to launch party committees along with a digital membership drive. According to him, the digital system would help record details of entire families and strengthen the organization at the grassroots level. Expressing confidence in the party's future, Talasanani asserted that the BRS would return to power within the next two years and assured Sanath Nagar leaders that committed party members would receive priority in upcoming committee appointments.

Police Bust Interstate Credit Card Scam Gang

Hyderabad, May 16 | TPN Bureau

In a significant breakthrough against cybercrime, the Cyberabad Cyber Crime Police have dismantled an interstate gang involved in cheating citizens across the country by promising to arrange credit cards and collecting large sums of money under false pretences.

According to officials, the gang had been operating as an organised network for quite some time, targeting unsuspecting individuals and defrauding them of lakhs of rupees. The accused reportedly posed as representatives of reputed banks and contacted victims over phone calls. They assured people that credit cards could be issued quickly and at attractive or low-interest terms, creating a sense of trust and urgency.

Once the victims agreed, the fraudsters collected money in the name of processing charges, verification fees, and other administrative costs. After receiving the funds, the accused diverted the money into multiple accounts and soon switched off their phones, making themselves unreachable and absconding from the locations they operated in.

Following multiple complaints, the Cyberabad Cyber Crime unit launched a detailed investigation. Using advanced digital tracking methods, including analysis of mobile locations and IP address trails, the police successfully traced the suspects' movements. Their investigation revealed that the gang had been operating near the India-Bangladesh border to evade arrest.

Acting swiftly on the intelligence, a special police team was deployed to the location, where they apprehended the gang members. The operation led to the arrest of the main accused, identified as the mastermind, along with five other associates who were actively involved in executing the fraud.

Police officials stated that further investigation is underway to uncover possible additional members of the network and to determine the total extent of the financial fraud committed across various states. Authorities also believe more victims may come forward as the probe continues.



Shoppers Stop, HYBE INDIA Launch Talent Hunt Campaign in Hyderabad

Hyderabad, May 16 | TPN Bureau

Shoppers Stop, in collaboration with HYBE INDIA, has launched "Get Spotlight Ready," a special in-store campaign at Inorbit Mall in Hyderabad aimed at discovering young musical talent for India's first global girl group auditions.

The week-long initiative, running from May 14 to May 22, is designed primarily for Gen Z and Gen Alpha participants. Combining fashion, beauty, and pop culture, the campaign transforms the retail space into an interactive platform where aspiring artists can prepare for auditions and showcase their creativity.

The programme supports HYBE INDIA's nationwide digital auditions, which are open online from March 31 to July 31. As part of the Hyderabad edition, a HYBE INDIA Pop-Up Park will be organized on May 23, followed by on-ground audi-

tions on May 24, offering participants an opportunity to enter HYBE's international training and production network.

Speaking about the collaboration, Shoppers Stop Managing Director and CEO Kavindra Mishra said the initiative reflects the brand's commitment to encouraging Indian talent on a global stage.

The Hyderabad launch also featured a live performance by singer and actor Sanjeeta Bhatnagary, known for her appearance in the film Jawan. Her energetic performance attracted large crowds and inspired aspiring performers attending the event. The store has also introduced fashion and beauty activity zones, including style consultations, colour analysis sessions, and interactive photo booths to help participants prepare for auditions. Following successful events in other cities, the campaign will expand to several major metro cities across



Central Bank Conducts MSME Credit Drive

Nacharam, May 16 | TPN Bureau

The Central Bank of India organized a large-scale Mega MSME Credit Outreach Program in Hyderabad with the aim of supporting small and medium enterprises, promoting entrepreneurship, and extending financial assistance for business growth. The event witnessed participation from entrepreneurs, startup founders, traders, and aspiring business owners from different sectors. Addressing the gathering as the chief guest, M.V. Murali Krishna, Executive Director of the bank, stated that the institution is dedicated to offering quick and simplified loan facilities to MSMEs, startups, women-led enterprises, and

self-employed youth. He emphasized that easy access to finance plays a crucial role in strengthening the country's economic development and encouraging innovation among young entrepreneurs.

International badminton star Saina Nehwal attended the program as the guest of honor and motivated participants with an inspiring speech. She highlighted that discipline, determination, and confidence are essential qualities for achieving success in any field, including business and entrepreneurship. During the interactive sessions, entrepreneurs engaged directly with senior bank officials to understand various financial schemes and loan opportunities. Discussions focused on collateral-free

loans, GST-linked funding, Mudra loan facilities, and special financial schemes designed for women entrepreneurs and businesses in the hospitality sector.

Officials explained that eligible MSMEs can avail collateral-free financial support under the CGTMSE scheme. They also informed participants that businesses can receive loans based on GST turnover records, while Mudra loans of up to 10 lakh are available for qualified applicants.

Several senior dignitaries attended the event, including Vasti Venkatesh, M. Pitchaiah, Gajendra Chauhan, Devendra, A.V. Ramana Murthy, C.S.S. Rao from the MSME Development Institute, and A. Prabhakar from TGIIC.



Projector TVs Inaugurated at Girls' College

Sangareddy, May 16 | TPN Bureau

Nirmala Jaggareddy inaugurated four projector TVs at the Government Girls' Junior College in Sangareddy town to support online learning and improve students' academic skills. The equipment was pro-

vided by the State Government as part of efforts to strengthen educational infrastructure in government colleges.

Addressing the gathering, Nirmala Jaggareddy thanked A. Revanth Reddy for supplying TVs to colleges across the state with the aim of helping government college students

excel in all fields.

She also felicitated students of the college who secured top marks in their examinations and congratulated them on their achievement. Congress leader Koonna Santhosh, Principal Sunitha, Lecturer Srinivas, teaching staff, and several others attended the program.

Nacharam Police Launch 'Mee Suraksha' Safety Drive

Nacharam, May 16 | TPN Bureau

Under the Malkajgiri Police Commissionerate, the Nacharam Police Station has launched a new initiative titled "Mee Suraksha" (Your Safety) aimed at strengthening security in residential areas and preventing property-related crimes. The program was formally initiated on Saturday at Pallu Apartments and will be extended to all colonies, gated communities, and apartment complexes under the station limits. As part of the drive, police will collect and verify details of domestic helpers including maids, cooks, drivers, watchmen, caretakers, tenants, and senior citizens living alone. Officials said the objective is to improve background verification and enhance safety monitoring in residential neighborhoods.



Speaking on the occasion, Nacharam Circle Inspector Dhanunjaya Goud stated that the initiative was launched in response to increasing incidents of thefts, house break-ins, and crimes involving do-

mestic staff and vulnerable individuals such as women and the elderly. He added that the program will help build a secure database and strengthen coordination between residents and police, thereby ena-



Justice Chandraiah's Demise a Major Loss: Mahesh Kumar Goud

Hyderabad, May 16 | TPN Bureau

Mahesh Kumar Goud expressed profound grief over the demise of Justice Dr. G. Chandraiah, describing it as an irreparable loss to both the judiciary and society. In a press statement, the TPCC President and MLC paid rich tributes to the former judge, recalling his remarkable contribution to the protection of democratic principles and human rights.

Mahesh Kumar Goud stated that Justice Chandraiah earned immense respect through his dedication, integrity, and commitment to justice. He highlighted that Justice Chandraiah emerged from a humble background and, through determination and hard work, became the first Dalit jurist from the Telangana region to rise to the position of a High Court Judge. According to him, the late jurist's life journey continues to inspire many people, particularly aspiring members of marginal-

ized communities.

He further noted that Justice Chandraiah served with distinction as a former Judge of the Andhra Pradesh High Court and later as the first Chairman of the Telangana State Human Rights Commission. His efforts in safeguarding constitutional values and protecting human rights earned him widespread admiration across various sections of society.

Mahesh Kumar Goud described Justice Chandraiah as a symbol of fairness, humility, impartiality, and humanitarian values. He said the former judge's contributions to the judicial system and the guidance he extended to society would remain memorable for generations to come.

Offering prayers for the departed soul to rest in peace, Mahesh Kumar Goud conveyed heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and wished them strength during this difficult time.



KTR Directs BRS Leaders on Voter List Vigilance

Hyderabad, May 16 | TPN Bureau

K. T. Rama Rao held a review meeting at Telangana Bhavan with Assembly constituency in-charges under the Hyderabad and Secunderabad Parliamentary segments. During the meeting, he issued important instructions regarding the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of voter lists and the party membership drive.

KTR urged party leaders to remain alert at the grassroots level and prevent any attempts

by rival parties to remove genuine voters from the electoral rolls. He also stressed strict monitoring to stop bogus and duplicate voter registrations.

He said Booth Level Assistants (BLAs) must actively protect voters' rights. Aspirants for Corporator posts were asked to stay connected with the public and highlight the alleged anti-people policies of Congress and BJP. Senior leaders, MLAs, and Cantonment Board members attended the meeting.

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Damodar Rajanarasimha Attends Religious Rituals at Dattagiri Ashram

Sangareddy, May 16 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Medical and Health Minister Damodar Rajanarasimha participated in the Ashtottara Sahasra Thila Taila Ghattabhishekam Yagna and the ceremonial Kalyanam of Goddess Jyeshtha Devi and Lord Shanaishwara Swami at the famous Sri Dattagiri Maharaj Ashram in Bardipur village of Jharasangam Mandal.

The special rituals were organized on the auspicious occasion of Shani Amavasya and

Sri Shanaishwara Jayanthi. Following the ceremonies, the Minister offered special prayers and sought blessings from the deity.

The religious event witnessed participation from Dhanpal Suryanarayana Gupta, Market Committee Chairman Sudhakar Reddy, former chairman Ram Reddy, local public representatives, and a large gathering of devotees who attended the celebrations with devotion and enthusiasm.

TUWJ Membership Drive Gains Momentum

Nalgonda, May 16 | TPN Bureau

The membership enrollment campaign of the Telangana Union of Working Journalists (TUWJ-IJU) is progressing actively across Nalgonda district, with journalists from various media organizations joining the union in large numbers. Enrollment programs are being conducted in mandals, towns, constituency centers, and the district headquarters as part of the large-scale drive.

Editors, reporters, photo-journalists, video journalists, and representatives from print, electronic, and digital media platforms, including small publications, are participating enthusiastically in the campaign. The initiative aims to strengthen the journalists' union and address issues concerning media professionals in the district.

Speaking at a membership enrollment meeting held in Nalgonda on Saturday evening, TUWJ District President Garlapati Krishna Reddy stated that the organization has been continuously working to protect the rights and welfare of journalists. He said the union remains committed to securing essential benefits for journalists, including house plots, housing assistance, health cards, and accreditation



facilities for eligible media personnel.

Krishna Reddy noted that the union has consistently fought for journalists' issues both before and after the formation of Telangana state. He emphasized that TUWJ stands firmly with journalists during professional challenges and continues efforts to improve their working conditions and welfare measures.

He further assured that the organization would continue to raise journalists' concerns before the government and work towards resolving prob-

lems faced by media professionals at all levels. According to him, strengthening the union through large-scale membership enrollment would help amplify the collective voice of journalists in the district.

Several union leaders and office bearers participated in the event, including Abboju Madana Chary, Pulimamidi Mahender Reddy, Pittala Ramakrishna, Dothi Srinivas, Potu Muthu Ashok, K. Jagadeeshwara Chary, Kathula Yadagiri, Mohammed Ghouse Uddin, and others.



Boy Dies of Rabies After Stray Dog Attack

Karimnagar, May 16 | TPN Bureau

A tragic incident was reported from Mamidipalli village in Konaraopet mandal of Rajana Sircilla district, where an 11-year-old boy succumbed to rabies on Friday night after being bitten by a stray dog several days earlier.

According to local sources, the child, identified as Nishanth, was a Class V student studying at a government school in the village. The incident occurred on April 23 when he was playing cricket near his residence during the summer holidays. A stray dog suddenly attacked him, causing severe injuries to his head and near the eyes.

Family members immediately rushed the boy to the government hospital in Sircilla, where doctors provided primary treatment for the wounds. However, after a few days, his health began to deteriorate. On May 7, Nishanth reportedly developed a fever and started displaying unusual behaviour, alarming his family members.

As his condition became critical, he was shifted to Niloufer

Hospital in Hyderabad for advanced treatment. Doctors at the hospital diagnosed him with rabies and informed the family that the infection had already spread to his central nervous system. Despite medical efforts, the boy died while undergoing treatment.

The incident has left the village in shock and grief. Nishanth's father, Lokurthi Raju, is employed in Saudi Arabia, while his mother, Mamata, supports the family by rolling beedis. Health officials urged the public to remain cautious in cases of animal bites, particularly from stray dogs. They advised that bite wounds should be washed thoroughly with soap and water immediately after the incident, followed by timely medical attention and completion of the full anti-rabies vaccination course to prevent life-threatening complications.

Authorities also stressed the importance of awareness regarding rabies prevention and early treatment, especially during the summer season when children spend more time outdoors.

Searches for Extra Storage as Jowar Arrivals Rise

Adilabad, May 16 | TPN Bureau

Authorities in the erstwhile Adilabad district are exploring alternative storage arrangements for jowar stocks as government warehouses have reached capacity with procured rice, maize and jowar. Officials said urgent steps are being taken to speed up procurement operations before possible rainfall damages the harvested crop.

With limited storage facilities available in villages, farmers have been transporting large quantities of produce directly to market yards. Officials noted that jowar production has been particularly high during the current rabi season, aided by the state government's procurement price of 3,699 per quintal.

Agriculture market committee authorities stated that private ginning mills and function halls are being identified to temporarily store both maize and jowar stocks. At the Boath market yard, farmers were instructed to bring their produce according to scheduled dates beginning May 18, as the yard will remain closed on May 16 and 17 because of space constraints. Existing stocks are expected to be cleared within two days to accommodate fresh arrivals.

Officials said storage pres-

sure may ease once maize and jowar distribution begins through the civil supplies department to fair price shops, residential schools and hostels from June 2 onward. Farmers have also been encouraged to use facilities such as the Swapna cotton ginning factory for temporary storage of produce.

In view of the intense summer heat, the district administration has arranged drinking water and shaded resting areas for farmers at procurement centres. District Collector Rajarshi Shah visited the Adilabad market yard on Saturday to review procurement activities. He instructed officials to install five additional weighing machines to ensure quicker processing and reduce delays caused by the heavy influx of farmers. The collector also directed officials to strengthen night security and announced that new procurement centres would be opened at Kajjarla and Talamadugu godowns. Elderly farmers were asked to be given priority during procurement operations.

Officials said around 20,000 gunny bags of jowar are reaching the Adilabad market daily, while steps are being taken to resolve shortages of labour, transport vehicles and gunny bags through coordination among various departments.

Traffic Safety Lessons for Summer Camp Students

Adilabad, May 16 | TPN Bureau

In a first-of-its-kind initiative in Adilabad district, the District Police Department organized a special traffic awareness and training program for children attending the summer camp at the Traffic Park. The event was conducted under the supervision of District SP Akhil Mahajan and began at the Adilabad Police Headquarters.

As part of the awareness drive, Traffic SI Devender educated the students on essential road safety practices and traffic regulations. The children were given detailed information about traffic lights, road signs, traffic discipline, and the correct use of zebra crossings. The session was designed in an interactive and child-friendly manner to help students easily understand the importance of following road safety rules.

Officials also explained the necessity of wearing helmets and seat belts while travelling, highlighting how these measures can save lives during accidents. The students were cau-



tioned against underage driving and were informed about the risks involved in violating traffic regulations. Guidance was also provided on safely crossing roads and following proper rules while operating vehicles.

Speaking during the program, SP Akhil Mahajan said that creating awareness among children at an early age would help shape them into responsible and law-abiding citizens in the future. He stressed that road safety is a collective re-

sponsibility and noted that many accidents can be avoided if people strictly follow traffic norms and regulations.

The children enthusiastically participated in the session, interacted actively with police personnel, and showed keen interest in learning about road safety and traffic management. Police officials expressed hope that such initiatives would encourage students to spread awareness about safe driving practices within their families and communities.

Negligence Allegation at Government Hospital Triggers Protest

Siddipet, May 16 | TPN Bureau

Serious allegations of medical negligence have surfaced against doctors at the Siddipet Government Hospital after a woman patient reportedly suffered complications due to a post-surgical oversight. According to details, Nandini, a resident of Ramayampet, was admitted to the Siddipet Government Hospital on April 14 for delivery. She underwent a surgical procedure during which Dr. Sindhuri allegedly placed cotton inside her body to control excessive bleeding. However, it is alleged that the patient was not properly informed about the need for follow-up removal of the cotton after the procedure. As a result, the cotton reportedly remained inside her body for nearly a month. Over time, Nandini's condition worsened as she developed a severe infection, leading to a decline in her health. With her symptoms in-

creasing, she later approached a private hospital for further treatment. Medical examination there reportedly revealed that the infection had been caused due to the retained cotton, pointing to negligence during the earlier treatment at the government hospital. The revelation left her family members shocked and distressed. Following this, relatives and family members reached the Siddipet Government Hospital and staged a protest, questioning the doctors and demanding accountability for the alleged lapse in medical care. The incident has sparked strong reactions among patients and the public, with many expressing anger over the alleged negligence and calling for a thorough investigation into the matter. Hospital authorities are yet to issue an official detailed statement, while the case continues to draw public attention and demands for action against those responsible.

Collector Urges Students to Pursue Skills Alongside Education

Nalgonda, May 16 | TPN Bureau

District Collector B. Chandrasekhar advised students to develop interest not only in academics but also in vocational skills, arts, crafts, and cultural activities for their overall growth. He was speaking as the chief guest at a special Arts, Crafts and Culture program organized by the Education Department at the DIET College premises in Nalgonda district headquarters as part of the "Education Week" celebrations under the "Praja Palana - Pragathi Pranalika" 99-day action plan. The Collector stated that the Telangana Government is giving top priority to the education sector and has introduced several welfare measures for students. He said schemes such as free uniforms, mid-day meals, cosmetic allowances for hostel students, and enhanced diet charges are already being implemented. A common food menu has also been introduced across welfare hostels to ensure nutritious



and quality meals for students. He further mentioned that the government is preparing to launch a breakfast scheme for school students from the upcoming academic year beginning in June. Chandrasekhar also highlighted the State Government's ambitious plan to construct "Young India Integrated Residential Schools" in every constituency with an investment of nearly 200 crore. These institutions, designed to accommodate around 2,500 students, will provide education from Classes 5 to 12 while encouraging sports and skill development along with academ-

ics. Emphasizing road safety, the Collector instructed schools to establish dedicated "School Zones" and strictly follow traffic regulations. He said parents and students should compulsorily wear helmets while travelling to schools from the next academic year. Referring to the government's "Alive Arrive" road safety initiative, he stressed the importance of teaching traffic discipline to children from an early age. District Educational Officer Bikshapathi, science officials, MEOs, teachers, and other officers attended the program.

Inter-State Gang Link Found in PMJ Robbery

Karimnagar, May 16 | TPN Bureau

Police investigating the robbery at the PMJ jewellery showroom on May 3 have uncovered what they describe as a well-organised inter-state criminal network operating with a clear hierarchy and carefully assigned responsibilities.

According to investigators, the gang is allegedly headed by Subodh Singh, who is presently lodged in a jail in Bihar. Officials said the syndicate is known for recruiting seasoned offenders and executing operations through a coordinated system. Each member was reportedly given a specific role, including surveillance, planning, logistics, and execution of the crime. Police sources revealed that operatives involved in robberies were allegedly paid through indirect channels, with extra rewards offered for successful missions. Investigators also found that the gang relied heavily on coded communication and advanced digital methods to evade law enforcement agencies. Instead of regular messaging platforms, the accused reportedly used specialised mobile applications equipped with auto-delete features to

erase evidence quickly.

In the Karimnagar robbery case, officials said the accused deliberately avoided highways, toll plazas, and police checkpoints. They reportedly travelled through interior roads using offline navigation systems to remain undetected. Initial suspicions about possible local assistance were dismissed after the investigation pointed towards the involvement of operatives from outside the state. Police further stated that gang members frequently shifted their locations and even relocated family members periodically to avoid tracking by authorities. A major breakthrough in the investigation came after officers recovered fragments of a damaged mobile phone allegedly discarded by one of the suspects. Forensic examination of the device provided crucial leads that helped investigators trace the network linked to the crime.

So far, three individuals have been arrested in connection with the robbery. Goush Alam said police are making efforts to secure the custody of the alleged mastermind for detailed questioning and to uncover the wider network behind the operation.

National Dengue Day Awareness Drive

Hyderabad, May 16 | TPN Bureau

As part of the observance of National Dengue Day (NDD) 2026, awareness activities were conducted under the supervision of the National Centre for Vector Borne Diseases Control (NCVBDC) with the theme "Unite. Act. Eliminate." The program was organized by the entomology team along with senior entomologists, UPHC Afzal Sagar-Masab Tank medical officers, GHMC health staff, and sanitation teams. A large-scale awareness rally was conducted, during which pamphlets and educational material

were distributed among the public to spread awareness about dengue prevention and control measures. Officials highlighted that dengue remains a major public health challenge, especially during the monsoon and post-monsoon seasons, due to factors such as rapid urbanization, water stagnation, poor waste management, climate change, and increased population movement. Health officials explained that mosquitoes such as Aedes aegypti and Aedes albopictus are responsible for spreading diseases including dengue, chikungunya, and Zika virus infections.

A monumental source of inspiration Girish Raghunath Karnad Born on May 19, 1938

Inspired by Japanese filmmaker Akira Kurosawa's *Seven Samurai* Girish Karnad directed *Ondanondu Kaladalli*, a film that reflected his deep engagement with world cinema while remaining rooted in Indian sensibilities. In 1981 with Shashi Kapoor as producer Karnad made *Utsav* based on the celebrated Sanskrit classic *Mrichchhakatika*. Recreating the social atmosphere language and architecture of the 4th century with remarkable aesthetic finesse the film beautifully blended romance, humour and classical artistry into an enduring cinematic work.

As the playwright of monumental works like *Yayati* (1961), *Tughlaq* (1964), *Hayavadana* (1972), and *Nagamandala*, and as the filmmaker behind *Ondanondu Kaladalli*, *Utsav*, and *Kaadu* Mr. Girish Karnad established himself as one of India's most original creative minds. His oeuvre seamlessly fused modernity with progressive humanism, expanding the possibilities of Indian theatre and cinema alike.

Beyond his artistic achievements Karnad remained an uncompromising public intellectual. He strongly opposed violence and intimidation directed at writers and artists, and openly condemned the murders of Gauri Lankesh and M. M. Kalburgi. On the first death anniversary of Gauri Lankesh, he appeared holding a placard bearing the words "#MeTooUrbanNaxal," reaffirming his steadfast commitment to democracy and freedom of expression.

Born on May 19, 1938, Karnad passed away on June 10, 2019, at the age of eighty-one after prolonged illness. His passion for Indian arts, folk



traditions, cinema, and creativity itself remained undiminished throughout his life. Not only did he redefine Kannada theatre he also distinguished himself as a filmmaker and actor of rare versatility. As an individual too his life was deeply inspiring. During his later years, when respiratory illness forced him to carry a portable oxygen cylinder, he responded to questions about the inconvenience with characteristic clarity "When eyesight weakens, we wear spectacles. This is no different." Accepting life's inevitabilities with grace. Girish Karnad became a symbol of dignity and resilience.

A multifaceted genius Girish Karnad made extraordinary contributions across literature, theatre, cinema, and public discourse. As playwright, filmmaker, and actor,

his accomplishments remain unparalleled. Honoured with the Jnanpith Award, the Padma Shri, the Padma Bhushan, and numerous other distinctions including the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award, Karnad earned equal distinction as both dramatist and filmmaker.

A passionate believer in multiculturalism and freedom of speech, Karnad attained international recognition through works written in his mother tongue over several decades. Rooted in Indian history and mythology yet resonating universally his writings transcended geographical and cultural boundaries. Remarkably his *Yayati* was published when he was only twenty-three years old. Drawing upon a story from the *Mahabharata*, the play achieved immense acclaim and marked the beginning of

new direction in Indian dramatic writing. From then onward, Karnad began reinterpreting ancient myths and legends through the lens of contemporary human crises.

His celebrated play *Tughlaq*, while based on the history of the Delhi Sultan Muhammad bin Tughlaq, also served as a subtle critique of the Nehruvian era. *Hayavadana*, adapted from a tale in the *Kathasaritsagara* employed the folk idiom of *Yakshagana*, while *Nagamandala* drew richly from oral folklore traditions.

These works were staged not only by eminent Indian theatre practitioners such as Ebrahim Alkazi and Vijaya Mehta but also by several international directors securing Karnad a unique place in world theatre. He went on to write several other significant plays including *Anju-*



mallige and *Hittina Hunja*. Among his later works, *Boiled Beans on Toast* emerged as a powerful contemporary play on Bengaluru, exploring the alienation and complexity of urban existence in the age of television and modern city life. He also wrote plays such as *Flowers and Broken Images*, which reflected his continuing experimentation with form and psychology.

Karnad's journey into cinema began in 1966 while he was associated with the Madras Players theatre group in Chennai. One of its members, filmmaker Pattabhirama Reddy invited him to act in *Samskara*. The film marked the beginning of the Kannada New Wave movement, and Karnad's acting career began with it. Later filmmaker G. V. Iyer selected Karnad and B. V. Karanth to direct the adaptation of S. L. Bhyrappa's '*Vamshavruksha*'. Karnad subsequently adapted young writer Srikrishna Alanahalli's *Kaadu*, portraying the feudal realities of rural India through the eyes of a young boy.

Thereafter his *Ondanondu Kaladalli*, inspired by Kuro-



sawa's *Seven Samurai*. In *Utsav*, Karnad transformed the classical text *Mrichchhakatika* into a visually rich cinematic experience. Later films such as *Cheluvi*, *Kanooru Heggadithi*, *Godhuli*, and *Ohh Ghar*, along with documentaries like *The Lamp in the Niche* and *Bendre*, further displayed the breadth of his cinematic vision.

As an actor, Karnad appeared in films such as *Nisnant*, *Manthan*, *Swami*, *Pukar*, *Iqbal*, *Ananda Bhairavi*, and *Shankar Dada M.B.B.S.*, besides acting in numerous mainstream productions. In later years he continued to perform memorably including in *Tiger Zinda Hai*.

Born into an affluent Rao Saheb family on May 19, 1938, Girish Raghunath Karnad was born in Bombay and later moved to Karnataka. After completing his graduation in Dharwad, he pursued higher studies at the University of Oxford. He later worked with the Oxford University Press in Chennai before devoting himself entirely in creative writing. Over the years, he also held prestigious positions at the Film and Televi-

sion Institute of India in Pune, the Nehru Centre in London, and the Sangeet Natak Akademi.

Creative until his final days, Karnad eventually stepped away from active film direction, yet remained intellectually and artistically vibrant as a writer. The life and art of Girish Karnad continue to stand as a monumental source of inspiration to Indian literature, theatre, and cinema.

With the passing of Girish Karnad, an era in Indian parallel cinema and modern theatre came to an end. Few creative figures left such a profound and lasting imprint on both these spheres.



Varala Anand
Poet, Film Critic and Recipient of Sahitya Akademi Award for Translation

English Dominance, Regional Resistance and the Three-Language Debate in India

While some argue that languages will naturally survive through usage and cultural continuity, others stress the urgent need for deliberate efforts to preserve linguistic diversity. In India, English continues to dominate education, administration, and aspirations, often regarded less as a tool and more as a symbol of social mobility. This dominance has gradually pushed several Indian languages to the margins of formal learning and public discourse, raising concerns about cultural imbalance and weakening linguistic unity across states.

Against this backdrop, the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has introduced a significant policy shift by making the Three-Language Formula mandatory for students of Classes 9 and 10. As per the board's directive, which comes into effect from July 1, students will study three languages, with at least two being Indian languages. While this move aligns with broader national education objectives, it also reflects the growing policy emphasis on multilingual competence among school students.

The board has, however, provided some flexibility for Class 10 students by removing the board examination requirement for the third language. Instead, evaluation will be based on internal school assessments, aiming to reduce examination pressure while ensuring that language



learning remains meaningful and skill-oriented. This approach attempts to balance academic rigour with reduced stress on students during a critical academic year.

The Three-Language Formula is an integral component of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. The policy recommends that students learn three languages, with at least two being Indian languages, across both government and private schools. However, the implementation is not centrally rigid, as the choice of specific languages

is left to state governments, allowing regional flexibility within a national framework.

At the secondary level, the NEP also opens space for foreign language learning. Languages such as Japanese, Korean, French, German, and

Spanish may be offered alongside Indian languages and English. In most Indian schools, English continues to function as the primary medium of instruction, effectively making it a compulsory language in practice. Students opting for English are

therefore expected to choose additional Indian languages to meet the formula's requirements.

Proponents of the policy argue that it promotes national integration by encouraging students to engage with multiple linguistic traditions.

They believe that exposure to different Indian languages fosters cultural understanding and strengthens the idea of unity in diversity. The NEP further justifies the approach by linking it to constitutional values and the broader objective of developing multilingual citizens capable of adapting to a diverse society.

However, the policy has not been without political and regional resistance. Tamil Nadu, under the leadership of Chief Minister M. K. Stalin, has historically opposed the imposition of a three-language system, viewing it as an attempt that could undermine regional linguistic identity. Similarly, in Maharashtra, a government decision to introduce Hindi as a compulsory subject for primary classes faced strong criticism, eventually leading to its withdrawal along with revisions to the language policy framework.

These developments highlight the continuing tension between national educational integration and regional linguistic autonomy. While the intent of the Three-Language Formula is to promote inclusivity and multilingual proficiency, its implementation remains sensitive and politically charged. The challenge lies in ensuring that language policy strengthens unity without diminishing the cultural and emotional significance of India's diverse linguistic heritage.

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Congress Holds Protest Over Fuel Price Hike

The Congress party staged a protest in Delhi opposing the recent increase in petrol and diesel prices. Party leaders and workers gathered to raise concerns over the rising fuel costs, which they said are adding pressure on common households across the country. The protest highlighted the impact of fuel price fluctuations on transportation costs, inflation, and daily essential commodities. Congress leaders accused the government of failing to provide relief to citizens despite global changes in crude oil prices. The party also pointed out that austerity measures and cost-control efforts are being implemented differently across states, leading to what they described as an uneven policy approach nationwide. According to them, each state is adopting its own

strategy, resulting in a lack of uniformity in managing fuel-related challenges. Speakers at the protest demanded immediate intervention to stabilize fuel prices and provide relief to consumers. They also called for a more transparent pricing mechanism and stronger regulation to protect public interests. The demonstration in Delhi is part of a broader series of protests being organized in different parts of the country, reflecting growing political debate over fuel pricing and its economic impact. Meanwhile, discussions around inflation and cost of living continue to remain central in national political discourse, with both ruling and opposition parties presenting contrasting views on how to address the issue.



Indian Railways Updates Logo With 18 Stars After Formation of South Coast Zone

The Indian Railways has reportedly updated its official logo following the creation of the South Coast Railway Zone, headquartered in Visakhapatnam. According to officials, the railway emblem includes red stars that represent the number of railway zones across the country. With the South Coast Railway Zone set to become the 18th zone from June 1, the Railway Board has revised the logo to reflect the new structure. The updated logo now features 18 stars, symbolising the expanded network of railway zones under Indian Railways. This change marks the formal inclusion of the newly formed zone and aligns the emblem with the latest organisational

structure. The South Coast Railway Zone is expected to improve administrative efficiency and railway operations in the region, particularly in Andhra Pradesh and surrounding areas. Visakhapatnam will serve as its headquarters, making it a key operational hub for the zone. Officials say the restructuring is aimed at improving connectivity, reducing administrative burden on existing zones, and enhancing passenger and freight services across the region. The revised logo is also seen as a symbolic step, reflecting the growth and continued expansion of India's railway infrastructure.

Lunch Box to Secretariat: CM Vijay's Simple Lifestyle Wins Attention

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay, who achieved a historic political victory and assumed office recently, is drawing attention for his disciplined and simple lifestyle in office. Since taking charge, Vijay's approach to governance has been widely discussed within administrative circles. Officials note that he has been maintaining strict punctuality, reportedly arriving at the Secretariat at Fort St. George, Chennai, well ahead of his scheduled time every day. Adding to the discussion is his habit of carrying his own lunch box from home, instead of relying on official arrangements. During lunch breaks, he is said to remain in his chamber, completing his meal quickly before returning to work without delay. This routine has led many officials to describe his working style as similar to that of a regular government employee, emphasizing discipline, time manage-



ment, and simplicity in daily functioning. Administrative sources suggest that his early arrival and structured work habits have created a sense of efficiency within the Secretariat. Senior officials have reportedly welcomed the approach, saying it sets a tone of seriousness in governance. Vijay's style of functioning is being seen as a departure from traditional political routines, with a strong focus on punctuality and direct involvement in administrative work. His disciplined image is now becoming a talking point in Tamil Nadu politics, with many observing how this approach may shape his governance style in the coming months.

PM Modi's UAE Visit Concludes Successfully With Key Strategic Agreements

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has concluded successfully, marked by a series of important diplomatic and strategic developments aimed at strengthening bilateral ties between the two nations.

The visit began on a grand note, with the Prime Minister receiving a ceremonial welcome that included an aerial escort by fighter jets of the UAE Air Force. The gesture was seen as a symbol of the strong and growing strategic partnership between India and the UAE.

During the visit, both sides reportedly advanced discussions on several key areas, including energy security, strategic petroleum reserves, trade, investment, and digital cooperation. Agreements related to strengthening long-term coop-



eration in oil storage and energy supply were among the major highlights.

The two countries also explored expanding collaboration in infrastructure development, technology exchange, and renewable energy. These discussions reflect a shared vision of deepening economic and strategic engagement in the coming years. Analysts view the visit as an important

milestone in India-UAE relations, further strengthening cooperation in critical sectors such as energy, economy, and security. The outcomes are expected to enhance long-term stability and partnership between the two nations.

Overall, the visit reinforced the growing strategic alignment between India and the UAE, setting the stage for deeper collaboration in the future.



37,500 Crore Coal-to-Fuel Project: India's Big Energy Strategy Shift Amid Global Uncertainty

Amid ongoing uncertainty in global energy markets, India is reportedly preparing a major shift in its energy strategy aimed at reducing dependence on imported crude oil and natural gas. As part of this move, the central government has approved a large-scale project worth around 37,500 crore to develop "coal-to-fuel" technology. The plan focuses on converting coal into usable fuels such as petrol, diesel, and LPG using advanced industrial processes. The main objective of this initiative is to boost domestic fuel production and strengthen India's energy security by utilising its abundant coal reserves. This could help reduce reliance on imports and improve resilience against global supply chain disruptions and price volatility. The project comes at a time when global oil and gas markets are facing instability due to geo-

political tensions, supply disruptions, and fluctuating prices. Several countries are now exploring alternative energy sources to ensure long-term energy stability. However, experts note that while the idea supports energy self-reliance, its success will depend on factors such as technological efficiency, production cost, and environmental impact. Large-scale coal-to-fuel conversion requires advanced infrastructure and could involve significant investment and operational challenges. Despite these concerns, the initiative is being seen as a major step toward strengthening India's long-term energy strategy and reducing vulnerability to global oil shocks. If implemented successfully, it could play an important role in improving fuel availability and supporting national energy security goals.

"Rule of Law vs Ruler's Law": Suwendu Adhikari's Sharp Attack on West Bengal Governance

West Bengal Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari has launched a strong political attack on the previous administration, claiming that the state is now moving away from what he called "ruler's law" toward the "rule of law."

Speaking on issues related to police functioning and administration, Adhikari said that earlier governance in the state was marked by selective enforcement of law and order, whereas the current government is working to ensure transparency, accountability, and strict legal enforcement across departments.

He alleged that during the earlier regime, political influence often impacted police action and administrative decisions, weakening public trust in institutions. In contrast, he claimed the present administration is focusing on restoring credibility in the policing system and strengthening governance mechanisms.

Adhikari also highlighted reforms in police administration and welfare structures, stating that steps are being taken to



improve efficiency and ensure better coordination between departments. He emphasized that law enforcement agencies must function independently and strictly within the constitutional framework.

The remarks come amid ongoing political debate in West Bengal over law and order, governance practices, and administrative reforms. The ruling party has been projecting its approach as a shift toward stronger institutional discipline, while opposition parties

continue to challenge these claims.

Political observers say such statements are part of the broader narrative battle in the state, where governance, policing, and political accountability remain key electoral and administrative issues.

The debate around "rule of law" versus "ruler's law" continues to dominate political discourse in West Bengal, reflecting deep divisions over the state's governance model and institutional performance.

NEET Paper Leak Case: Alleged Mastermind Arrested by CBI in Pune

A major breakthrough has emerged in the NEET-UG question paper leak case that had triggered nationwide outrage. The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has reportedly arrested a key accused identified as PV Kulkarni in Pune, marking a significant development in the ongoing investigation.

According to officials, Kulkarni is believed to be one of the main conspirators behind the alleged leak. He is said to have worked as a chemistry lecturer and was also reportedly associated with a team involved in preparing question papers for the National Testing Agency (NTA), raising serious concerns about internal security lapses in the examination system.

Investigators claim that Kulkarni's role is being examined as part of a larger network suspected of manipulating or leaking examination papers for financial gain. The arrest is expected to help authorities trace other individuals involved in the alleged



racket.

The NEET-UG paper leak controversy had sparked massive protests and political debate across the country, with demands for a thorough investigation and stricter safeguards in national-level examinations. The issue also raised questions about the integrity of competitive exam systems and the need for stronger monitoring mechanisms.

With this arrest, agencies be-

lieve they may be closer to uncovering the full chain of events behind the leak. Further interrogation and forensic analysis are expected to reveal more details about how the paper was accessed and distributed.

The investigation is ongoing, and officials have indicated that more arrests could follow as the probe expands into other states and possible linked networks.



Supreme Court Moves to Virtual Hearings on Mondays and Fridays

The Supreme Court of India has introduced a series of cost-saving and efficiency measures, including conducting fully virtual hearings on Mondays and Fridays.

As part of the new administrative decision, the court will shift to online proceedings on these two days, aiming to reduce operational costs and improve workflow flexibility. The move is also expected to ease congestion in court premises during peak working days.

In addition, the Supreme Court has approved a hybrid work model for its registry staff, allowing 50 percent of employees to work from home. This step is intended to streamline administrative operations while maintaining productivity.

The court has also introduced measures focused on en-

ergy conservation and reducing traffic congestion. Judges will now follow a carpooling system, traveling together where feasible, as part of broader efforts to promote fuel efficiency and environmental responsibility.

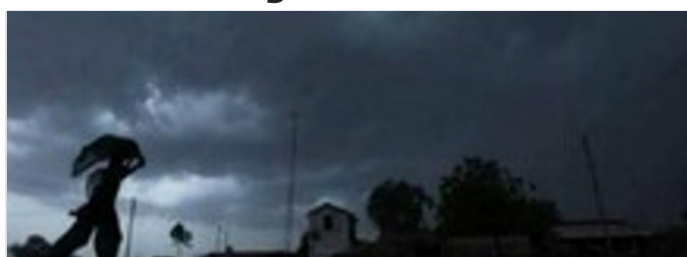
Officials say these reforms are designed to balance judicial efficiency with sustainability goals, while also modernizing the functioning of the country's highest court. The adoption of virtual hearings is expected to make proceedings more flexible and reduce the need for physical presence in routine matters.

The changes reflect a growing trend in India's judicial system toward digital integration and resource optimization, building on lessons learned during earlier phases of remote court functioning

Southwest Monsoon Likely to Enter Andaman Region Soon: IMD Forecast

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has said that conditions are becoming favourable for the onset of the southwest monsoon over the southern Bay of Bengal and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

According to the forecast, the monsoon is expected to reach Kerala by around May 26, marking the official beginning of the seasonal rainfall progression over mainland India. The movement of the mon-



soon is being closely monitored as it signals the start of the crucial agricultural season.

With the monsoon system ad-

vancing, several parts of coastal Andhra Pradesh and Rayalaseema are likely to experience thunderstorms accompanied by strong winds and lightning

until around the 19th of this month. Officials have advised caution, especially in areas prone to sudden weather changes.

At the same time, IMD has warned that Telangana may continue to experience intense heatwave conditions until the 18th, even as pre-monsoon activity builds in nearby regions. High temperatures and hot winds are expected to persist, adding to the discomfort in inland areas.

Meteorologists say that the transition period between peak summer and monsoon often brings highly contrasting weather conditions across neighbouring regions, with heatwaves in some areas and thunderstorms in others.

Authorities have urged people to stay updated with weather alerts and take necessary precautions during extreme heat and sudden storms, particularly in rural and open areas.



ISIS Second-In-Command Abu-Bilal al-Minuki Killed In US–Nigeria Joint Operation

Abu-Bilal al-Minuki, identified as the global second-in-command of ISIS, has been killed in a joint military operation carried out by US and Nigerian forces in northeastern Nigeria, according to official statements.

The operation was conducted in the Lake Chad Basin region, a long-standing hotspot for Islamist militant activity. US Africa Command, working alongside Nigerian armed forces, reportedly carried out a coordinated strike that targeted al-Minuki and several of his close associates.

US President Donald Trump announced the development, describing the mission as a “carefully planned and highly complex operation” aimed at eliminating one of ISIS’s most influential operational leaders. Nigerian authorities also confirmed the strike and praised the cooperation between both countries.

Al-Minuki was described by US officials as a senior ISIS figure responsible for coordinating activities across parts of Africa, particularly in the Sahel and Lake Chad region. He had previously been designat-

ed as a global terrorist due to his role in the organisation’s international network.

Military officials stated that the operation was executed with precision, and initial reports indicate that multiple senior ISIS operatives were also eliminated during the strike. The mission is being viewed as a significant blow to ISIS’s leadership structure in Africa.

The Lake Chad Basin has for years remained a focal point of insurgent violence involving ISIS-linked groups and Boko Haram factions, with repeated multinational efforts aimed at weakening their presence.

Authorities in both countries have described the operation as part of a broader counter-terrorism strategy to disrupt extremist networks and reduce the group’s operational capabilities across the region.

The killing of al-Minuki is being seen as one of the most significant recent actions against ISIS leadership outside the Middle East, highlighting continued international cooperation in counter-terrorism efforts in Africa.



Lazare, Believed To Be World’s Oldest Dog, Dies At 30

A French toy spaniel named Lazare, widely believed to be one of the world’s oldest dogs, has died at the age of 30 in France.

Lazare had gained global attention for his extraordinary lifespan, far exceeding the typical life expectancy of most dogs. Born in December 1995, he lived through three decades and became a rare example of extreme canine longevity.

The dog’s life had already drawn emotional attention because he outlived his original owner. After his owner’s death, Lazare was taken in by a shelter before being adopted by a new caregiver who gave him a loving home in his final days.

Despite his age-related health issues, Lazare reportedly remained gentle and affec-

tionate, spending much of his time resting and being cared for. His condition reflected the typical challenges of very old age in dogs, including reduced mobility and sensory decline.

Lazare’s remarkable story also sparked interest from animal welfare groups and record authorities, as his age placed him among the strongest contenders for the title of the world’s oldest living dog. While verification efforts were still underway, his case had already drawn widespread public fascination.

His death has been described as the end of a rare and touching journey, highlighting both the resilience of long-lived pets and the emotional bond they share with humans across generations.

Tight Cybersecurity Measures, Air Force One Protocol Highlight Digital Risks

During US President Donald Trump’s recent visit to China for high-level talks with Chinese President Xi Jinping, strict cybersecurity protocols were reportedly enforced around Air Force One and the presidential entourage, reflecting heightened concerns over digital surveillance and espionage risks.

The visit, which focused on sensitive issues including trade, geopolitics, artificial intelligence, and regional security, also saw an unusually strong emphasis on protecting communications and digital devices used by US officials and accompanying staff.

Security measures reportedly included restrictions on personal devices, reduced access to normal communication tools, and the use of secure, controlled equipment to prevent potential cyber intrusions while operating in Chinese territory. Officials are said to have treated all electronic communication during the trip as high-risk, given long-standing concerns over cyber-espionage capabilities.

Air Force One itself was treated as a secure operational zone, with staff relying on protected systems and controlled devices to ensure sensitive dis-



cussions and data could not be intercepted. Personal devices were reportedly either restricted or secured separately to avoid any possibility of unauthorized access.

The broader cybersecurity posture reflected long-standing tensions between Washington and Beijing, where both sides have frequently accused each other of cyber operations targeting government and industrial systems. The visit highlighted how modern diplomacy between major powers now involves not only political negotiation but also intensive digital security management.

Alongside official talks, the

trip underscored the increasing complexity of US–China relations, where economic cooperation, technological competition, and national security concerns intersect. Cybersecurity precautions have now become a standard feature of such high-level diplomatic engagements, especially when discussions involve critical technologies and strategic industries.

The strict measures during the visit underline a broader reality: in modern statecraft, cybersecurity is no longer a supporting concern but a central part of international diplomacy.



Trump Warns Taiwan Against Declaring Independence After Xi Jinping Summit

Following high-level talks in Beijing with Chinese President Xi Jinping, US President Donald Trump has cautioned Taiwan against declaring independence from China, reinforcing Washington’s long-standing position on the sensitive issue. In remarks after the summit, Trump said he does not support any move toward formal Taiwanese independence and emphasized the need to “cool down” tensions between China and Taiwan.

His comments came as the Taiwan issue remained one of the central and most sensitive topics in US–China relations during the visit. During discussions, Xi Jinping reportedly reiterated that Taiwan is the most critical issue in bilateral ties and warned that mishandling it could lead to dangerous consequences for regional stability.

Trump, while avoiding any firm new commitments, maintained that he does not want conflict in the region and signaled a preference for maintaining the current status quo

rather than pushing escalation.

The US continues to follow the “One China” policy, under which it acknowledges Beijing’s position that Taiwan is part of China, while still maintaining unofficial ties and supporting Taiwan’s defensive capabilities. However, Trump’s latest comments reflect a cautious approach, avoiding explicit backing for Taiwanese independence.

The issue of Taiwan remains a key flashpoint between Washington and Beijing, with China repeatedly opposing any foreign support for independence movements and the US balancing strategic relations with both sides.

The summit between Trump and Xi also touched on broader issues including trade, regional security, and global stability, but Taiwan emerged as one of the most sensitive sticking points, highlighting ongoing tensions despite diplomatic engagement between the two powers.

Nepal Supreme Court Stays Balen Shah Government’s Customs Decision On Indian Goods

Nepal’s Supreme Court has put a temporary halt on a key decision taken by the government led by Prime Minister Balendra “Balen” Shah regarding customs duty on goods imported from India.

The court issued an interim order restraining the government from implementing its rule that imposed customs duty on items brought from India worth more than a fixed low-value threshold. The decision means the policy will not be enforced until the final verdict is delivered.

The government’s move had recently tightened border rules, requiring travellers and traders crossing from India into Nepal to pay customs duty on goods exceeding the specified value limit. The policy was aimed at regulating small-scale cross-border imports and increasing revenue compliance, but it quickly triggered public criticism in border regions.

Petitioners challenging the



decision argued that the rule was inconsistent with Nepal’s existing customs law and its exemption provisions. They also claimed that enforcing such a low threshold would disrupt everyday trade and affect people living in border communities who rely heavily on cross-border shopping.

The Supreme Court’s intervention is seen as a significant setback for the administration, which has been pushing several reform-oriented and strict regulatory measures in its early phase in office. The ruling

effectively pauses one of its more controversial economic decisions.

Authorities from the Ministry of Finance and related departments have been directed not to enforce the customs rule until the court completes its final hearing and issues a definitive judgment.

The case has now become part of a broader debate in Nepal over trade regulation, border economics, and the balance between revenue collection and ease of daily commerce with India.



Five Italian Divers Die In Maldives Underwater Cave Diving Accident

Five Italian tourists have died after a tragic scuba diving incident inside an underwater cave system in the Vaavu Atoll of the Maldives, with authorities describing it as one of the most serious diving accidents in the country’s history.

The group, which included experienced divers and researchers, reportedly went on a deep dive excursion from a liveaboard yacht when they failed to resurface at the expected time. Rescue teams were alerted after the group did not return, triggering an urgent search operation in the area.

According to officials, the divers were exploring underwater caves at depths of around 50–60 metres, a zone considered highly risky and beyond standard recreational diving limits. Weather conditions in the region were also reported to be poor at the time, complicating rescue efforts.

Search and recovery operations have been challenging due to the complex cave struc-

ture and underwater conditions. One body has already been recovered, while the remaining victims are believed to be trapped deeper inside the cave system as teams continue efforts to locate them.

The victims include a university professor, her daughter, and other researchers and experienced divers who were part of a group expedition. Authorities in both the Maldives and Italy are coordinating closely, while investigations have been launched to determine what caused the fatal incident.

Experts have pointed to possible factors such as extreme depth, technical diving risks, and environmental conditions, all of which can quickly become dangerous even for highly trained divers.

The tragedy has sent shockwaves through the international diving community and raised renewed concerns about safety standards in deep cave diving expeditions.

Deadly Ebola Outbreak Sweeps Eastern DR Congo, Death Toll Reaches 80

A new Ebola outbreak in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) has killed around 80 people and infected hundreds more, triggering a major public health emergency response in the region.

Health authorities confirmed that the outbreak is centered in the conflict-affected Ituri province, where rapid transmission has been reported across multiple communities. So far, hundreds of suspected cases have been identified, with dozens confirmed through laboratory testing.

Officials say the outbreak appears to involve a less common strain of the Ebola virus, complicating containment efforts as health systems already face pressure from ongoing insecurity and limited infrastructure in the region.

The outbreak is believed to have started from a suspected index case involving a health-



care worker in a local hospital, after which the virus spread quickly through affected districts. Poor access to healthcare, population movement, and regional instability have all contributed to the rapid rise in cases.

The Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention has declared the situation a public health emergency, while international health agencies including the World Health Or-

ganization are coordinating response measures such as contact tracing, treatment centers, and emergency medical deployment.

Neighbouring countries, including Uganda, have also reported related infections and deaths linked to cross-border transmission, raising concerns about regional spread.

The DRC has faced repeated Ebola outbreaks over the decades, making this the 17th recorded outbreak in the country since the virus was first identified in 1976. Health experts warn that controlling the current spread will depend heavily on rapid detection, safe burials, community awareness, and improved access to treatment facilities.

Authorities continue to urge the public to follow safety measures and avoid contact with suspected cases as emergency response teams work to contain the outbreak.

Jindo Miracle: Where the Sea Splits Apart!

In Jindo Island of South Korea, nature displays a rare and fascinating phenomenon that attracts visitors from around the world.

Due to tidal movements, the sea temporarily parts twice a year, revealing a natural gravel pathway

stretching about 2.8 kilometers. During this short window, people can walk from one island to another on foot.

However, this “sea path” is visible only for a very limited time—around 40 to 60 minutes—before the waters return and cover it

again. Because of this, tourists gather in large numbers to witness this magical moment.

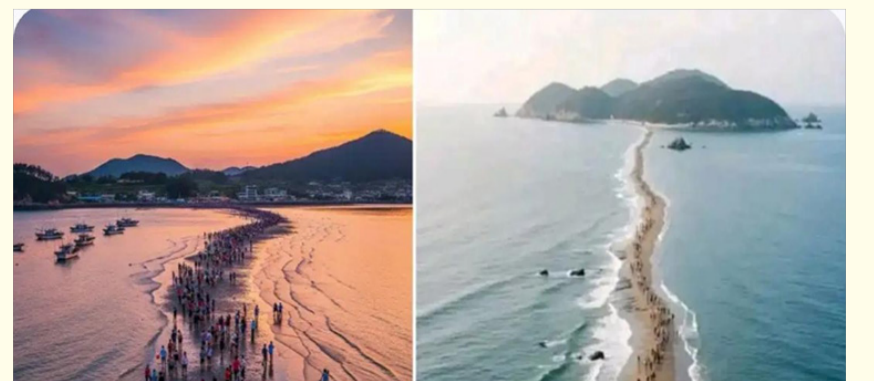
To celebrate this rare natural event, the “Jindo Miracle Festival” is also organized. During the festival, both locals and tourists enjoy cultural pro-

grams and walk across the temporary land bridge when the sea recedes.

Scientists explain that this happens due to tidal recession. When the water level drops significantly, the seabed becomes exposed, forming a temporary natural road made of

gravel and sand.

This incredible natural wonder has made Jindo Island a major global tourist attraction, offering visitors the unforgettable experience of walking between islands on a road that appears to be created by the sea itself.



Silver Prices Crash After Wild Week Of Massive Swings

Silver prices witnessed dramatic volatility this week, ending with a sharp decline after days of extraordinary gains and intense market fluctuations. The precious metal, which had surged significantly earlier in the week, suddenly reversed direction and slipped sharply in global commodity markets.

According to market reports, silver had rallied nearly 11 percent earlier in the week as investor enthusiasm around artificial intelligence, industrial metals, and global demand pushed prices higher. Growing interest in metals linked to data-center infrastructure, electrical systems, cooling technologies, and industrial applications contributed to the strong rally.

However, the momentum did not last long. By the end of the trading week, silver prices dropped steeply, with the metal falling well below the psychologically important level reached during the rally. Analysts described the movement as one of the most volatile trading periods for silver in recent years.

Market experts believe multiple global factors triggered the sudden correction. Investors reportedly began booking profits after the sharp rally, while broader concerns regarding economic uncertainty and fluctuations in commodity markets added further pressure. Speculation surrounding fuel supply issues in Peru — one of the world's major silver-producing nations

— had earlier boosted prices, but easing concerns later contributed to the reversal.

Silver's dramatic swings also reflected the broader instability seen across global metals markets in recent months. Earlier this year, both gold and silver experienced some of their biggest intraday price swings since the 2008 financial crisis. Analysts say increasing geopolitical tensions, changing interest-rate expectations, and shifting investor sentiment are making commodity markets more unpredictable.

Despite the sharp fall, many analysts remain optimistic about silver's long-term prospects due to growing industrial demand. Silver continues to play a critical role in

sectors such as renewable energy, electric vehicles, electronics, artificial intelligence infrastructure, and solar panel manufacturing. As technology-driven industries expand globally, demand for industrial metals like silver is expected to remain strong.

The recent volatility has also sparked caution among retail investors. Financial experts advise traders to remain careful during periods of extreme price swings, especially in commodities known for rapid fluctuations. Many investors are now closely watching upcoming global economic data, central bank decisions, and geopolitical developments that could further impact precious metal prices in the coming weeks.



Arohan Financial Services Files IPO Papers, Plans 600 Crore Fresh Issue

Microfinance-focused non-banking financial company Arohan Financial Services has officially filed draft papers for its Initial Public Offering (IPO), aiming to raise funds through a fresh issue of equity shares worth 600 crore.

The company submitted its Draft Red Herring Prospectus (DRHP) to the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), marking another major development in India's active IPO market. Along with the fresh issue, the public offering will also include an Offer for Sale (OFS) component by existing shareholders.

According to reports, proceeds from the fresh issue will primarily be used to strengthen the company's capital base and support future lending activities. As a microfinance institution, Arohan Financial Services focuses mainly on providing loans to underserved and low-income households, particularly women entrepreneurs in rural and semi-urban areas.

Founded in 2006, Arohan has emerged as one of India's prominent microfinance lenders. The company operates across multiple states and serves millions of borrowers through an extensive branch network. Over the years, it has expanded its portfolio beyond traditional microfinance products into sectors such as MSME lending and other retail financial services.

The IPO comes at a time



when investor interest in financial services and NBFC companies remains relatively strong despite market volatility. Analysts believe the listing could help Arohan improve visibility, raise growth capital, and strengthen its market position within the highly competitive microfinance sector.

Reports indicate that several existing investors and shareholders may partially dilute their stake through the Offer for Sale portion of the IPO. However, the exact size of the OFS component and valuation details are expected to become clearer closer to the public issue launch.

India's microfinance industry has witnessed rapid growth in recent years as financial inclusion initiatives, digital lending expansion, and increased credit penetration continue to drive demand in rural markets. At the same time, the sector

also faces challenges such as regulatory risks, repayment pressures, and fluctuations in rural economic conditions.

Market experts say investors will closely examine Arohan's asset quality, loan recovery performance, profitability, and growth trajectory before the IPO opens for subscription. Competition within the microfinance and small-ticket lending segment has intensified significantly, with several NBFCs and banks expanding aggressively into the space.

The IPO filing also reflects renewed momentum in India's primary markets, where several companies across sectors are preparing public offerings amid improving market sentiment. If approved by SEBI, Arohan Financial Services is expected to join the growing list of financial sector firms entering the stock market in the coming months.

Rising Bond Yields Trigger Sharp Selloff In US Markets, Chip Stocks Hit Hard

US stock markets witnessed a sharp selloff as rising Treasury bond yields and inflation concerns rattled investor sentiment, leading traders to dump technology and semiconductor stocks.

The S&P 500 index fell around 1.2 percent, while the Nasdaq 100 dropped nearly 1.5 percent, marking one of the worst trading sessions for Wall Street in recent weeks. Semiconductor companies were among the biggest losers during the market decline, with investors pulling money out of high-growth technology stocks.

Market analysts said the sell-off was largely driven by a sharp rise in US Treasury yields. The 10-year Treasury yield climbed above 4.5 percent, while the 30-year yield crossed the 5 percent mark, levels that increased fears of persistent inflation and tighter monetary policy. Higher bond yields typically reduce the appeal of growth-oriented stocks, especially technology firms whose valuations depend heavily on future earnings expectations.

Chipmakers such as Nvidia, AMD, Intel, and Micron reportedly came under significant pressure as traders booked profits after a massive rally in semiconductor stocks earlier this year. The semiconductor sector had previously surged due to booming demand linked to artificial intelligence infrastructure, data centers, and advanced computing technologies.

Investors were also worried about growing geopolitical tensions and rising oil prices. Concerns surrounding the Strait of Hormuz, tensions involving Iran, and fears of prolonged



global instability added further uncertainty to financial markets. Rising crude oil prices increased worries that inflation could remain elevated for longer than expected.

The sudden rise in Treasury yields also sparked speculation that the US Federal Reserve may delay interest-rate cuts or even consider additional tightening measures if inflation remains stubbornly high. Mar-

ket expectations regarding future rate cuts reportedly shifted significantly over the past week as economic concerns intensified. Despite the sharp decline, analysts believe the long-term outlook for semiconductor companies remains strong because of continued global investment in AI, cloud computing, and next-generation technologies. However, experts also warned that the sec-

tor's rapid rally in recent months may have made valuations vulnerable to sudden corrections during periods of market uncertainty. The market volatility has now increased investor caution across Wall Street, with traders closely monitoring inflation data, Federal Reserve signals, geopolitical developments, and bond market movements in the coming weeks.

Global Stocks Slip As Inflation Fears Push Bond Yields Higher

Global stock markets came under pressure as rising inflation concerns triggered a sharp increase in government bond yields, unsettling investors across major financial markets.

Wall Street witnessed notable declines, with the S&P 500, Nasdaq, and Dow Jones indices all ending lower amid fears that inflation may remain elevated for longer than expected. Rising bond yields particularly hurt technology and growth-oriented stocks, which are highly sensitive to interest-rate expectations.

The selloff was driven largely by a surge in government bond yields worldwide. In the United States, the 10-year Treasury yield climbed above 4.5 percent, while the 30-year Treasury yield crossed the 5 percent mark, levels that alarmed investors and increased concerns about tighter financial conditions.

Market experts said investors are increasingly worried that rising oil prices and persistent inflationary pressures could force central banks to maintain higher interest rates for a longer period. Expectations of aggressive rate cuts by the US Federal Reserve have weakened significantly over the past week.

Technology and semiconductor stocks were among the biggest losers during the market decline. Companies linked to



artificial intelligence and high-growth sectors faced profit-taking as higher borrowing costs reduced investor appetite for expensive growth stocks.

The bond market turmoil was not limited to the United States. Government bond yields also rose sharply in Japan, the United Kingdom, and Europe, reflecting global concerns over inflation, energy prices, and economic uncertainty. Japan's long-term bond yields climbed to levels not seen in years, while UK borrowing costs continued rising amid investor nervousness.

Rising crude oil prices further added to market anxiety. Ongoing geopolitical tensions in the Middle East and concerns over energy supply disruptions fueled fears that inflation could remain stubbornly

high across global economies. Analysts believe investors are now reassessing whether the recent rally in global equities had moved too far ahead of economic fundamentals. The strong enthusiasm surrounding artificial intelligence and technology stocks had pushed markets to record highs earlier, but the sudden rise in yields triggered a sharp correction.

Despite the volatility, some experts argue that long-term growth prospects for sectors such as artificial intelligence, cloud computing, and advanced technology remain strong. However, markets are expected to remain highly sensitive to inflation data, central bank commentary, oil prices, and geopolitical developments in the coming weeks.

Global Bond Market Selloff Deepens As Rising Oil Prices Shake Investors

Global bond markets witnessed intense selling pressure as rising crude oil prices and inflation fears triggered fresh concerns among investors worldwide. The selloff pushed government bond yields sharply higher across major economies, increasing volatility in financial markets.

The sharp rise in oil prices came amid growing geopolitical tensions in the Middle East and concerns over potential disruptions in global energy supplies. Investors worried that sustained increases in crude prices could fuel inflation again at a time when central banks are already struggling to balance economic growth and price stability.

Government bond yields surged in several major economies, including the United States, Japan, Germany, and the United Kingdom. The US 10-year Treasury yield climbed significantly, while long-term bond yields in other countries also reached multi-month highs. Rising yields generally indicate falling bond prices, reflecting heavy selling by investors.

Market analysts said traders are increasingly concerned that higher energy costs may delay expected interest-rate cuts by central banks. Many investors had earlier anticipated that ma-



jeor central banks, including the US Federal Reserve, would begin easing monetary policy more aggressively this year. However, renewed inflation fears linked to oil prices have now complicated those expectations.

The selloff also spread across equity markets, particularly affecting technology and growth-oriented stocks. Higher bond yields tend to reduce the attractiveness of high-growth companies because future earnings become less valuable when borrowing costs rise. As a result, global stock markets experienced heightened volatility alongside the bond market decline. Japan's bond market attracted particular attention after

yields on long-term Japanese government bonds climbed to levels not seen in years. Investors have been closely watching the Bank of Japan's policy stance, especially after gradual shifts away from its ultra-loose monetary policy approach. Meanwhile, European bond markets also faced pressure as inflation concerns resurfaced. Analysts noted that rising energy costs could create additional challenges for economies already dealing with slow growth and weak consumer demand.

Financial experts believe the recent market turbulence highlights how sensitive global investors remain to inflation-related developments. Oil prices contin-

ue to play a critical role in shaping expectations around interest rates, economic growth, and monetary policy decisions worldwide.

Despite the volatility, some analysts argue that bond markets may eventually stabilize if geopolitical tensions ease and energy prices cool down. Others, however, warned that continued uncertainty in global commodity markets could keep financial markets under pressure in the coming weeks.

Investors are now closely monitoring central bank signals, inflation data, oil price movements, and geopolitical developments for clues about the future direction of global markets.

Navi Mumbai Turns Into a Pink Paradise as Thousands of Flamingos Arrive

A breathtaking natural spectacle has once again unfolded in Navi Mumbai as thousands of migratory flamingos transformed the city's wetlands into a stunning "sea of pink." Vast stretches of mudflats and shallow waters near the Nerul creek region recently came alive with the vibrant presence of these elegant birds, captivating residents, photographers, and nature enthusiasts alike.

The mesmerizing scene was witnessed around the wetlands located behind the NRI Complex in Nerul, where huge flocks of flamingos gathered in large numbers. Their bright pink feathers created a dramatic contrast against the green mangroves

and the modern skyline of the city, producing visuals that quickly spread across social media platforms. Videos and photographs shared online showcased the birds gracefully wading through the shallow waters, turning the landscape into what many described as a living painting.

Every year, Navi Mumbai's wetlands become a temporary home for migratory flamingos, particularly Greater and Lesser Flamingos. These birds travel from regions such as the Rann of Kutch in Gujarat and other wetland ecosystems in search of food and safe breeding grounds. The nutrient-rich mudflats and mangrove ecosystems

around Thane Creek provide an ideal habitat filled with algae, crustaceans, and other organisms that form a major part of the flamingos' diet.

The Thane Creek Flamingo Sanctuary has emerged as one of the most important ecological hotspots supporting these migratory birds. Conservationists and environmentalists often highlight the sanctuary's significance in preserving biodiversity amid rapid urban development. Experts say the arrival of flamingos is not just a visual delight but also an indicator of the ecological health of the wetlands.

Nature lovers visiting the region during flamingo season often flock to locations

such as Nerul, Seawoods, Airoli, and the wetlands surrounding Thane Creek to witness the extraordinary phenomenon. Early mornings and evenings are considered the best times to observe the birds as they feed and move in synchronized groups across the wetlands.

The annual arrival of flamingos has now become one of Navi Mumbai's most celebrated natural events, reminding people of the delicate balance between urban growth and environmental conservation. As the pink-hued flocks continue to soar over the wetlands, they offer a rare and unforgettable glimpse of nature thriving beside a bustling metropolis.



Recruiter Rejects Candidate Over 600-Metre Commute, Sparks Online Debate

A recruiter's unusual reason for rejecting a job candidate has triggered widespread discussion on social media after screenshots of the conversation went viral online. The recruiter reportedly declined the applicant because their previous office was located just 600 metres away from their home, raising doubts about the candidate's willingness to handle longer commutes in the future.

According to the viral exchange, the recruiter questioned whether the candidate would be comfortable traveling greater distances for work since their earlier workplace was extremely close to home. The recruiter allegedly felt that such a short commute suggested the applicant may not be adaptable to jobs requiring significant travel time. The unexpected reasoning quickly caught the attention of internet users, many of whom criticized the decision as unfair and illogical.

Social media users strongly reacted to the incident, with



several people pointing out that a shorter commute should ideally be seen as an advantage rather than a negative factor. Many argued that employees working closer to home often experience better work-life balance, reduced stress, and improved productivity. Others questioned why a candidate's professional skills and experience were overlooked in favor of assumptions based on commuting distance.

The debate also opened a broader conversation about modern workplace expectations and recruitment practices. Several users highlighted how companies increasingly emphasize employee well-being, flexible work arrangements, and reduced travel fatigue. In that context, rejecting someone because they previously worked near home appeared unreasonable to many online commentators.

Some professionals shared their own experiences, claiming that recruiters occasionally make hiring decisions based on arbitrary assumptions unrelated to job performance. Others defended the recruiter, suggesting employers may worry about candidates struggling with long-distance travel if they are accustomed to shorter commutes. However, the majority opinion online leaned toward supporting the candidate. The incident has once again highlighted the growing scrutiny surrounding hiring practices in the corporate sector. In today's competitive job market, candidates often expect recruitment decisions to focus on qualifications, skills, adaptability, and performance rather than personal lifestyle factors such as commuting history. As the screenshots continue circulating online, the story has become another example of how workplace culture and hiring decisions can quickly spark nationwide debate in the age of social media.

Viral Clip Of Trump And Xi Sparks Speculation

A viral video featuring former US President Donald Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping has triggered intense discussion online after social media users claimed Trump was secretly peeking at Xi Jinping's personal notes during a high-level diplomatic meeting.

The short clip, widely circulated across platforms, appeared to show Trump glancing toward a folder or notebook placed near Xi during their recent summit in Beijing. The footage quickly fueled speculation, with many users accusing Trump of trying to read confidential material during the meeting. The incident became a major talking point online, especially amid heightened global attention surrounding US-China relations.

However, the controversy soon took a different turn after longer and unedited versions of the meeting footage surfaced online. According to reports and fact-checks shared by multiple media outlets, the

folder visible in the viral clip actually belonged to Trump himself, not Xi Jinping. The misleading angle and cropped nature of the viral video had created a false impression that Trump was looking into Xi's notes.

The full footage released from the event showed Trump merely checking documents placed in front of him during the bilateral discussions. As a result, claims suggesting inappropriate behavior or snooping were widely debunked. The clarification helped calm speculation that had rapidly spread across social media platforms.

The incident once again highlighted how selectively edited clips can quickly shape public opinion, particularly when involving globally influential political figures. Social media users often react instantly to short videos without waiting for complete context, allowing misinformation and misleading narratives to gain traction within minutes.

The summit itself attracted

major international attention as the United States and China discussed several sensitive geopolitical and economic issues, including trade relations, Taiwan, and ongoing global conflicts. The meeting was closely watched by world leaders and political analysts due to the growing strategic rivalry between the two nations.

Despite the viral controversy surrounding the clip, official footage from the summit presented a largely formal and diplomatic atmosphere between the two leaders. The episode has now become another example of how viral moments involving public figures can sometimes misrepresent reality when viewed without proper context.

As online debates continue to intensify in the era of viral content, the Trump-Xi video serves as a reminder of the importance of verifying information before drawing conclusions based on short social media clips.

Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma's Son Completes Gruelling Ironman Vietnam Challenge

Nandil Sarma, son of Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, has successfully completed the prestigious Ironman Vietnam triathlon, one of the toughest endurance sporting events in the world. His remarkable achievement has drawn widespread appreciation across social media and sporting circles.

The demanding event took place in Vietnam on May 10, where Nandil completed the full Ironman course in nearly 16 hours. The competition tested participants through a grueling sequence of challenges that included a 3.8-kilometre open-water swim, a 180-kilometre cycling race, and a full 42.2-kilometre marathon — all completed consecutively in a single day without breaks.

Currently a fifth-year law student at the National Law School of India University in Bengaluru, Nandil reportedly prepared for the challenge over a period of seven to eight months. Despite balancing in-



tense academic commitments, he managed to complete one of the world's most physically and mentally demanding endurance events.

Sharing the proud moment on social media, Himanta Biswa Sarma praised his son's discipline, determination, and perseverance. The Assam



Chief Minister described the accomplishment as a moment of immense pride for the family and wished Nandil continued success in the future. The post quickly attracted congratulatory messages from people across the country.

This is not Nandil's first major endurance achievement.

Earlier, he had also completed the Ironman 70.3 event in Bahrain, which includes a 1.9-kilometre swim, 90-kilometre cycling segment, and a 21.1-kilometre run. Completing the full Ironman event in Vietnam marked a significant milestone in his athletic journey.

The Ironman triathlon is widely regarded as one of the most difficult single-day sporting competitions globally. Athletes participating in the event are required to display extraordinary stamina, physical fitness, mental toughness, and endurance throughout the race.

Nandil's achievement has inspired many young people, particularly students balancing academics alongside personal ambitions. Many social media users praised his commitment and consistency, noting that completing such a challenging race while pursuing a demanding law degree reflects exceptional dedication and resilience.

Texas Teen Survives Lightning Strike That Exploded Tree, Family Calls It A Miracle

A 19-year-old teenager from Texas narrowly escaped death after being struck by lightning while fishing near a river during a sudden thunderstorm. The shocking incident, which has now gone viral online, left the young man injured after a massive lightning bolt hit a nearby tree and sent electricity through his body.

The teenager, identified as Hunter Wyche, was fishing with friends along the Angeli River in Jasper County, East Texas, when the weather suddenly changed. As heavy rain and thunderstorms moved into the area, Wyche reportedly leaned against a pine tree near the riverbank. Moments later, lightning struck the tree directly with tremendous force. According to reports, the impact was so powerful that the tree partially exploded, sending wood splinters and debris flying in every direction. The electrical current traveled through Wyche's body and threw him several feet away from the spot. Despite the terrifying incident,



he remarkably remained conscious after the strike.

Emergency crews rushed to the scene after receiving distress calls. Wyche suffered burns, cuts, and injuries caused by flying fragments from the shattered tree. He was later shifted to a nearby hospital, where doctors confirmed that his condition was stable. Describing the terrifying experience later, Wyche reportedly called himself "the unluckiest lucky man alive." He revealed that he temporarily lost sensation in parts of his legs after the lightning strike and realized how narrowly he had escaped a fatal

tragedy. The teenager's mother described his survival as nothing short of a miracle. She said the family was deeply emotional and grateful to see him return home safely after such a horrifying accident.

In an unexpected twist, Wyche returned to the same fishing location less than 24 hours after the incident. His decision surprised many people online and further increased attention around the story. Following the incident, local fire officials issued fresh warnings about lightning safety during storms. Authorities advised people to avoid standing under trees, staying near open water, or remaining outdoors during severe weather conditions, as lightning can strike suddenly and travel through nearby objects.

Lightning strikes are relatively rare but can cause severe injuries, long-term nerve damage, or death. Experts say survival in such incidents is often considered extraordinary, making Wyche's recovery all the more remarkable.

Ankur Warikoo To Shut Down 100-Crore Courses Business, Sparks Massive Online Debate

Entrepreneur, author, and content creator Ankur Warikoo has announced that he is shutting down his highly successful online courses business despite generating over 100 crore in sales and 25 crore in profits over the past few years.

The surprising announcement was made through a social media post in which Warikoo revealed that his upskilling and educational platform, launched in 2020, had reached nearly five lakh students. However, despite the impressive growth and profitability, he stated that continuing the business "makes no sense" anymore.

Warikoo's statement immediately triggered widespread discussion across social media

platforms, with followers expressing shock and curiosity over the sudden decision. Many users questioned why someone would voluntarily close a profitable venture that had become one of India's most recognized creator-led education businesses.

Several people online speculated that the rapid rise of artificial intelligence may have influenced the decision. When one user directly asked whether AI played a role, Warikoo reportedly replied with a single word: "Huge." That response further fueled debates about the future of the online education and creator-course industry.

Since 2020, Warikoo built a massive digital following

through motivational content, career advice, productivity lessons, and finance-related educational videos. He currently has millions of followers across platforms including YouTube, Instagram, and X, making him one of India's most prominent digital educators. The announcement also sparked mixed reactions online. While many praised Warikoo for choosing purpose and long-term vision over profits, critics argued that the online courses market has become increasingly saturated. Some social media users claimed that AI tools and free educational platforms are rapidly reducing demand for expensive recorded courses.

Others suspected the move

could be part of a larger business strategy or a transition toward a new venture. Warikoo has hinted that he will soon reveal more details regarding his decision and future plans in a follow-up video.

The development has reignited broader conversations about the sustainability of India's booming creator economy and online learning ecosystem. Experts believe the rise of AI-powered personalized learning tools could significantly reshape the edtech sector in the coming years.

For now, Warikoo's decision remains one of the most talked-about developments in India's creator and startup space, leaving followers eagerly waiting to see what he plans next.



KKR Crush Gujarat Titans by 29 Runs in High-Scoring IPL Thriller

Kolkata Knight Riders produced a dominant display to defeat Gujarat Titans by 29 runs in a high-octane Indian Premier League encounter on Saturday. The match witnessed a total of 465 runs, underlining the batting-friendly conditions at Eden Gardens and the explosive nature of T20 cricket.

Electing to bat first after winning the toss, KKR posted a massive 247 for 2 in 20 overs. Finn Allen set the tone with a sensational 93 off just 35 balls, smashing 4 fours and 10 sixes in a breathtaking knock. He fell just short of a century but left the opposition bowlers reeling. Angkrish Raghuvanshi played a

superb supporting role, remaining unbeaten on 82 off 44 deliveries with 4 fours and 7 sixes. All-rounder Cameron Green contributed an unbeaten 52 off 28 balls, studded with 3 fours and 4 sixes. Skipper Ajinkya Rahane added a quick 14 before departing.

The Gujarat bowling attack struggled to stem the flow of runs. Mohammed Siraj and Sai Kishore picked up one wicket each but were expensive as KKR unleashed 22 sixes in the innings, turning the game into a boundary-hitting spectacle early on.

Chasing a challenging target of 248, Gujarat Titans fought bravely but finished at 218 for 4. Captain Shubman

Gill top-scored with a fluent 85 off 49 balls, including 5 fours and 7 sixes. Jos Buttler provided a solid 57 off 35 deliveries, while Sai Sudharsan remained not out on 53 off 28 balls. Despite these contributions, the asking rate proved too steep in the later stages. Nishant Sindhu and Rahul Tewatia tried to accelerate but could not bridge the gap.

KKR's bowlers executed their plans well under pressure. Sunil Narine was the standout performer with two wickets, using his variations effectively. Cameron Green and Saurabh Dubey picked up one wicket apiece and bowled tight spells in the death overs, restricting Guja-

rat's big hitters with clever yorkers and slower deliveries.

This victory strengthens KKR's position in the playoff race, highlighting their batting depth and bowling discipline. For Gujarat Titans, the defeat comes as a setback despite strong individual performances from their top-order batters. The team will need to tighten their death bowling and find ways to restrict power-hitters on flat tracks. The contest was a perfect advertisement for IPL cricket, full of big hits, athletic fielding, and dramatic momentum shifts. Fans were treated to non-stop entertainment as both teams traded

blows throughout the evening. With this win, KKR momentum builds at a crucial stage of the season. Gujarat, on the other hand, will look to bounce back quickly and correct their mistakes as the league enters its business end. Every match now carries added significance with teams jostling for crucial points.

The 29-run margin perfectly reflected KKR's superiority on the day, particularly their explosive start and clinical finishing. As IPL 2026 continues to deliver thrills, this encounter will be remembered as one of the season's most entertaining high-scoring affairs.



Virat Kohli's ODI World Cup Condition Puts BCCI In A Difficult Position

Indian cricket superstar Virat Kohli has reportedly made his stance clear regarding the 2027 ODI World Cup, and his comments have now sparked intense debate within Indian cricket circles.

According to recent reports, Kohli has left the final decision about his ODI World Cup participation to the Board of Control for Cricket in India, but with a significant condition attached. The batting legend reportedly wants clarity, honesty, and a clearly defined role before committing to another World Cup campaign.

At 37, Kohli has already retired from T20 internationals after India's World Cup triumph and stepped away from Test cricket earlier, leaving ODIs as his only active international format. Despite speculation surrounding retirement, Kohli continues to deliver strong performances in white-ball cricket and remains one of India's most dependable ODI batters.

Reports suggest Kohli does not want to remain in an envi-



ronment where he constantly feels the need to "prove" himself. He reportedly emphasized that if the team management and selectors believe in him, they should communicate openly rather than creating uncertainty around his future.

The situation places the BCCI in a delicate position. On one hand, Kohli's experience,

fitness, and record in ICC tournaments make him extremely valuable for India's 2027 World Cup plans. On the other hand, selectors are also believed to be focusing on building a younger core for the future.

Kohli's recent form continues to strengthen his case. During IPL 2026, he recently smashed an unbeaten century for Royal Challengers Bengaluru

against Kolkata Knight Riders, reminding critics that he still remains among the world's elite batters.

Statistically, Kohli remains one of the greatest ODI players in cricket history. He has scored nearly 15,000 ODI runs with more than 50 centuries and continues to rank among the top ODI batters globally. His consistency in ICC tournaments has been a major factor behind India's success over the years. The 2027 ODI World Cup, scheduled to be held in South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Namibia, could potentially become Kohli's final ICC event if he chooses to continue until then.

However, reports indicate he will only participate if he genuinely believes he can still contribute meaningfully to the team's success.

For now, Kohli's future remains uncertain, but his comments have ensured that discussions around India's World Cup plans and the transition toward the next generation of players will continue dominating cricket conversations.

India Squad for Afghanistan Series: Bumrah's Workload Plan, IPL Stars in Selection Mix

The BCCI is expected to announce India's squad for the upcoming Test and ODI series against Afghanistan soon, and discussions around player workload and IPL performances are shaping the selection picture.

A key talking point is Jasprit Bumrah's workload management. Reports suggest that the star fast bowler is likely to be used in only one format during the Afghanistan assignment, as the selectors aim to carefully manage his fitness ahead of a packed international calendar. With India playing multiple series in quick succession, the team management is cautious about overloading its premier pacer (CREX).

The Afghanistan tour includes a one-off Test match followed by a three-match ODI series. Given the tight scheduling and the short gap after IPL 2026, the selectors are reportedly prioritizing long-term fitness planning over short-term availability, especially for senior fast bowlers.

Alongside workload management, IPL performances are also expected to play a big role



in selection decisions. A couple of standout domestic and IPL performers are likely to be rewarded with call-ups, especially in the ODI squad, as selectors look to balance experience with fresh talent.

There is also discussion around giving opportunities to emerging players who have impressed in the IPL season. The idea is to build depth in the squad while managing the workload of established stars like Bumrah, who remains central to India's pace attack but cannot be overused across formats.

The selectors are also be-

lieved to be considering rotation options in the bowling unit, especially given India's packed schedule leading into future international assignments. This includes managing fast bowlers who have had heavy IPL workloads or recent injury concerns.

Overall, the Afghanistan series is being treated as an important balancing act for India's selection committee—fielding a competitive squad while also protecting key players and testing bench strength ahead of bigger challenges later in the year.

"Zero Sense": Ruturaj Gaikwad Criticised For Tactical Blunder Before LSG Clash



Chennai Super Kings captain Ruturaj Gaikwad has come under sharp criticism following his team's defeat against Lucknow Super Giants in IPL 2026, with attention now turning to a key tactical decision made even before the match began.

Former CSK batter Subramaniam Badrinath strongly questioned Gaikwad's team selection, claiming that a major error in the playing XI setup set the tone for the game. The main point of contention was the omission of specialist left-arm spinner Akeal Hosein, which Badrinath argued made "zero sense" given the conditions.

According to critics, the pitch offered assistance to spin and required better balance in CSK's bowling attack. However,



CSK opted for a combination that left their spin department comparatively weak, which later proved costly during

LSG's successful chase. Badrinath further suggested that CSK's selection mistakes have been becoming a recur-

ring issue this season, indicating a pattern rather than an isolated decision. He argued that such tactical calls have di-

rectly impacted match outcomes and questioned the team management's approach in reading conditions.

The criticism comes at a crucial stage of the tournament, with CSK's playoff hopes under pressure after the defeat. The loss not only hurt their position on the points table but also raised questions about decision-making under pressure in important matches.

While Gaikwad himself has not directly responded to the criticism in detail, CSK's focus will now be on correcting mistakes quickly as they head into the final stretch of the league stage. With playoff qualification still possible but increasingly difficult, the team will need sharper tactical execution in upcoming matches to stay in contention.

"It's Wrong": R Ashwin Exposes Punjab Kings Owners' Call That Could Hurt Playoff Chances

Former India spinner Ravichandran Ashwin has openly criticised Punjab Kings' management decision-making, claiming that a key call linked to team planning and structure could seriously damage their IPL 2026 playoff hopes.

Ashwin, who has been vocal about tactical issues throughout the season, pointed to what he described as an "incorrect approach" in how the franchise has handled certain strategic decisions this year. His comments come at a time when Punjab Kings' campaign has already hit turbulence after a strong start.

According to Ashwin, inconsistencies in planning—especially around squad usage, conditions, and match-day execution—are now catching up with the team. He suggested that such decisions have contributed to Punjab Kings losing momentum at a crucial stage of the tournament.

The former spinner also indicated that repeated strategic missteps could cost the team a playoff spot if not addressed

quickly. His remarks have sparked debate among fans, with some agreeing that Punjab Kings have struggled with clarity in decision-making, while others argue that on-field execution has been the bigger issue.

Punjab Kings had begun IPL 2026 in dominant fashion, winning a majority of their early matches and looking like strong playoff contenders. However, a sudden dip in form in the second half of the season has put them under pressure, forcing them into a tight race for qualification.

Ashwin's criticism adds to growing scrutiny around the franchise's management this season, especially as questions continue to be raised about team balance, tactical flexibility, and leadership decisions during key matches.

With the league entering its decisive phase, Punjab Kings will now need a strong turnaround to stay in the playoff hunt, while discussions around their internal strategy continue to intensify off the field.

Virat Kohli Praises WPL Impact, Says Women Cricketers Now Emerge As "Ready Products"

Virat Kohli has strongly highlighted the transformation of Indian women's cricket, crediting the Women's Premier League (WPL) for accelerating both skill development and the overall ecosystem around the sport.

Speaking about the rapid rise of women's cricket in India, Kohli said the WPL has played a key role in producing players who are more prepared for international-level competition from the very beginning of their careers. He described this new generation as "ready products," pointing to how structured competition, exposure, and high-pressure matches have improved overall standards.

Kohli also praised the growing fan engagement around women's cricket, noting that



stadiums are now regularly filled during WPL matches in cities like Baroda, Navi Mumbai, and Bengaluru. He said

this reflects a shift where audiences are no longer attending out of curiosity alone but because of the quality and com-

petitiveness of the games. He emphasized that the skill level in women's cricket has risen significantly, especially among younger players who are entering the system with greater confidence, fitness, and power-hitting ability. According to him, the game has become faster and more competitive, with players executing skills at a much higher level than before.

Kohli also acknowledged standout performers such as Shafali Verma and Richa Ghosh, noting that their fearless approach and ability to dominate bowling attacks reflect the broader evolution of women's cricket in India.

Beyond individual talent, Kohli highlighted how the WPL has strengthened the overall structure of the wom-

en's game, giving players exposure to high-pressure situations similar to international tournaments. This, he said, has helped bridge the gap between domestic and international cricket more quickly than in earlier years.

He added that the increasing popularity of women's cricket is also a reflection of a broader cultural shift, where fans are actively supporting the women's game for its entertainment value and competitiveness rather than treating it as a secondary product.

Overall, Kohli's remarks underline the WPL's growing influence in shaping a stronger pipeline for Indian women cricketers and transforming the sport into a more professional and widely followed ecosystem.

Chiranjeevi Leaks Powerful Dialogue From Ram Charan's 'Peddi', Fans Go Wild

The hype surrounding Ram Charan's upcoming film Peddi has reached another level after Megastar Chiranjeevi shared his excitement about the film's trailer and unintentionally leaked one of the movie's powerful dialogues.

After reportedly watching the trailer of Peddi, Chiranjeevi took to social media to praise the film and its team. He described the trailer as packed with "madness, emotion, and elevations," saying the promotional cut had exceeded expectations. His comments immediately created massive buzz among Mega fans and movie lovers.

What grabbed even more attention, however, was the dialogue he revealed from the trailer. The line delivered by Ram Charan reportedly says: "Meerandharu nenu aadanani anukuntunnaaru, nenu poradaanu saaru."

The dialogue roughly translates to: "All of you think I only played, but I fought, sir." The emotionally charged line instantly went viral across social media platforms, with fans celebrating it as a classic "mass" moment.

Directed by Buchi Babu Sana, Peddi is being promoted as a rural sports action drama featuring Ram

Charan in a rugged and intense avatar. The film reportedly blends cricket, wrestling, action, and emotional storytelling against a rural backdrop.

The makers are set to unveil the official trailer at a grand launch event in Mumbai on May 18. Even before its release, industry insiders and fans have been praising the scale, visuals, and emotional intensity shown in promotional material. Cinematographer Rathnavelu recently hinted that the film contains multiple large-scale action sequences along with powerful emotional moments.

The movie also stars

Janhvi Kapoor as the female lead, while Kannada star Shiva Rajkumar, Jagapathi Babu, and Boman Irani play key roles. Music for the film is composed by A. R. Rahman.

Social media reactions have been explosive ever since Chiranjeevi's post surfaced online. While fans loved the unexpected "dialogue leak," some jokingly called the veteran actor "ChiruLeaks" for revealing details before the official trailer launch.

With expectations skyrocketing ahead of the trailer release, Peddi is shaping up to be one of the most anticipated Telugu films of the year.



Fans Demand Bigger Promotional Push For Janhvi Kapoor In Ram Charan's 'Peddi'

As the release of Ram Charan's much-awaited pan-India film Peddi draws closer, fans have now started demanding more promotional content featuring Bollywood actress Janhvi Kapoor, who plays the female lead in the movie.

The discussion gained momentum on social media after fans noticed that most promotional material released so far has been heavily centered around Ram Charan's character and the film's large-scale action elements. While posters, teaser visuals, and updates showcasing Charan have generated massive excitement, many fans feel Janhvi Kapoor's role is yet to receive enough spotlight.

Several fan pages and online movie communities have been urging the makers to release more content featuring Janhvi, including posters, songs, interviews, and scenes involving her character Achyyamma. Many viewers believe her presence could further increase the film's appeal, especially among Hindi-speaking audiences and younger moviegoers.

Janhvi Kapoor's look in Peddi had earlier received a positive response after the makers introduced her character in a rustic rural avatar. Unlike her glamorous Bollywood appearances, Janhvi appears in a more traditional and earthy role in the film, which generated curiosity among fans. Her pairing with Ram Charan has also become one of the talking points surrounding the movie. Directed by Buchi Babu Sana, Peddi is being promoted as an intense rural sports action drama packed with emotion, action, and large-

scale visuals. The film reportedly combines cricket, wrestling, politics, and village-based storytelling, with Ram Charan undergoing a major transformation for his role.

The makers recently announced a massive promotional campaign titled the "Peddi Powerplay Tour," which includes events across several cities including Mumbai, Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Delhi, Chennai, and Vizianagaram. Fans are now hoping Janhvi Kapoor will actively participate in these events and promotions alongside Ram Charan.



Meanwhile, speculation regarding Janhvi's screen presence in the film has also become a topic of debate online. Some social media discussions suggested that her role may be relatively limited compared to Ram Charan's character, though the makers have not officially commented on such reports. Apart from Ram Charan and Janhvi Kapoor, the film also stars Shiva Rajkumar, Jagapathi Babu, Divyendu Sharma, Rao Ramesh, and Boman Irani in key roles. Music for the movie is composed by Academy Award winner A. R. Rahman. With expectations rising rapidly ahead of the trailer launch and theatrical release, fans are eager to see more glimpses of Janhvi Kapoor's character and chemistry with Ram Charan in what is shaping up to be one of the biggest Telugu releases of the year.

Vijay Deverakonda Extends Support To Suriya's 'Veera Bhadrudu'

Tollywood actor Vijay Deverakonda has openly expressed his support for Suriya's latest film Veera Bhadrudu, the Telugu dubbed version of the Tamil movie Karuppu. His appreciation for the film has now become a major talking point among movie fans on social media.

After the film's release, Vijay reportedly shared an emotional message praising the response the movie has been receiving in theatres. He mentioned that he had been hearing positive feedback from audiences and celebrated the return of energetic theatrical experiences, saying theatres were becoming "loud and noisy again."

Vijay's supportive gesture toward Suriya was widely appreciated by fans of both actors. Many social media users praised the camaraderie between stars from different film industries and called it a positive sign for South Indian cinema. Fans also highlighted how Telugu audiences have



consistently supported Suriya's films over the years.

Directed by RJ Balaji, Veera Bhadrudu is a rural action entertainer featuring Suriya in a powerful mass avatar. The film stars Trisha as the female lead and combines action, fantasy, emotion, and courtroom drama elements. The movie released simultaneously in Tamil as Karuppu and in Telugu as Veera Bhadrudu.

The film has generated

strong buzz in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, with Annapurna Studios handling its distribution in the Telugu states. Industry observers believe the movie's mass appeal and Suriya's popularity among Telugu audiences contributed significantly to the excitement surrounding the release.

Movie lovers online also reacted positively to Vijay Deverakonda's comments, with many calling it a classy ges-

ture. Fans noted that support among actors helps create a healthier atmosphere within the film industry rather than unnecessary rivalry.

Suriya, meanwhile, has been receiving praise for his energetic performance in the film. Several viewers described Veera Bhadrudu as a strong theatrical entertainer packed with elevations, action moments, and commercial appeal designed for big-screen audiences.

The positive word-of-mouth surrounding the movie has also sparked discussions about Suriya's strong fan base in Telugu cinema. Over the years, the actor has built a loyal audience through dubbed hits and successful releases across South India.

With celebrities like Vijay Deverakonda publicly cheering for the film, Veera Bhadrudu continues to gain momentum among audiences, strengthening the growing trend of cross-industry support within Indian cinema.

Ravi Mohan Breaks Down, Says He Cannot Return To Acting Until Divorce Is Finalised

Tamil actor Ravi Mohan, popularly known as Jayam Ravi, turned emotional during a recent press interaction and announced that he would step away from acting until his divorce proceedings are officially completed.

The actor broke his silence amid ongoing controversy surrounding his personal life, separation from wife Aarti Ravi, and online discussions linked to singer and spiritual therapist Keneesha Francis. Ravi appeared visibly emotional while addressing the media and spoke about the mental strain caused by public scrutiny and cyberbullying.

During the press meet, Ravi Mohan stated that he is currently not in the mental state required to continue acting or release films. He reportedly said that the continuous humiliation and criticism had



deeply affected him emotionally. The actor added that he would only return to cinema once his personal life stabilizes and the divorce process concludes.

Ravi also spoke about the emotional pain surrounding his family situation and ex-

pressed distress over not being able to spend enough time with his children. His emotional statements quickly went viral online, triggering massive reactions from fans and social media users. The controversy intensified after Keneesha Francis recently announced her exit from social media and reportedly distanced herself from Chennai following severe online trolling. Ravi strongly criticized cyberbullying during his interaction and blamed toxic online attacks for worsening the situation around those connected to him.

At one point, Ravi Mohan became visibly emotional while speaking about the pressure he had endured for years. He quoted a Tamil proverb meaning that even a patient person has limits when pushed continuously. The actor's remarks generated sympathy from several

fans, while others continued debating the controversy online. Social media platforms were flooded with mixed reactions following the press conference. While many fans expressed support and concern for Ravi Mohan's mental well-being, others questioned various aspects of the ongoing controversy involving his marriage and relationship rumours. Discussions across online forums and fan communities continued throughout the day.

Ravi Mohan has been a prominent figure in Tamil cinema for over two decades, delivering several commercial hits and family entertainers. His sudden announcement about stepping away from films has now become one of the most talked-about developments in the South Indian film industry.

Nargis Fakhri Set For Her First Telugu Appearance In 'Nenu Ready'

Bollywood actress Nargis Fakhri is finally stepping into Telugu cinema with the upcoming entertainer Nenu Ready. The glamorous star will appear in a special dance number in the film, marking her first-ever appearance on the Telugu screen.

The makers officially unveiled Nargis Fakhri's first-look poster from the song, instantly grabbing attention across social media. Dressed in a glittering outfit and surrounded by a lavish backdrop, Nargis appeared in a stylish and glamorous avatar that has already created strong buzz among movie lovers.

Nenu Ready stars Havish in the lead role, with Kavya Thapar playing the female lead. The film is directed by commercial entertainer specialist Trinadha Rao Nakkina, known for his energetic storytelling and mass comedy enter-

tainers. The project is being produced under the Harniks India LLP banner by Nikhila Koneru and Koneru Satyanarayana.

According to reports, Nargis Fakhri's special song is designed as a high-energy glamorous number aimed at adding extra commercial appeal to the movie. The makers described her entry into the film as an "ultimate glam blast," further increasing curiosity surrounding the song announcement.

Over the years, several Telugu filmmakers reportedly tried bringing Nargis into Tollywood, but the collaborations never materialized. With Nenu Ready, the actress has finally made her long-awaited Telugu debut, something fans have been discussing widely online.

The film also features a supporting cast including Srilakshmi, Goparaju Ramana,

Hariteja, Mahathi, Roopa Lakshmi, Jayavani, Manik Reddy, and others. Story and screenplay for the film are provided by Vikranth Srinivas, while music is composed by Mickey J Meyer.

Industry circles believe the addition of Nargis Fakhri could help the movie gain wider attention, especially among younger audiences and Bollywood followers. Social media reactions to the poster have largely been positive, with fans praising the actress's glamorous look and expressing excitement about seeing her in a Telugu film for the first time.

Meanwhile, Nenu Ready has already generated decent buzz through its teaser and promotional content. The movie is expected to hit theatres soon, with the audio launch and further promotional events likely to be announced in the coming days.

