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Telangana to Revise Land Market Values from May 28

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The Telangana government is set to implement revised market values for land across the state from May 28, as announced earlier. The issue was discussed extensively during the Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy at the Secretariat on Saturday.

According to official sources, the government has not yet formally announced the updated land rates. However, the Chief Minister reportedly assured Cabinet ministers that another meeting would be held within the next two to three days to finalize the revised values before the new rates come into effect.

Sources indicated that the proposed market values sub-



mitted by the Stamps and Registration Department triggered detailed discussions in the Cabinet, with ministers expressing differing views on the extent of the revisions. Due to the varying opinions, the government decided to conduct another round of consulta-

tions to arrive at a consensus before issuing the final notification. Despite the ongoing deliberations, the Chief Minister is said to have made it clear that the revised market values would be implemented from May 28 without any delay, in ac-

cordance with the government's earlier commitment.

The revision in land market values is expected to have a direct impact on property registrations throughout Telangana. Once the new rates are enforced, registration charges and related transaction costs are also likely to increase.

Officials believe the revision is aimed at aligning government land valuations with prevailing market prices, especially in rapidly developing urban and suburban areas. The move is expected to influence the real estate sector significantly, particularly in Hyderabad and surrounding districts where property demand has remained strong.

The government is expected to announce the finalized rates shortly after the next round of Cabinet-level discussions.



President Murmu to Confer Padma Awards; Telangana Achievers Honoured

New Delhi, May 24 | TPN Bureau

President Droupadi Murmu will present 66 Padma Awards during the first Civil Investiture Ceremony for 2026, scheduled to be held on Monday at the Ganatantra Mandap in Rashtrapati Bhavan. The prestigious event will be attended by several top dignitaries, including Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

At the ceremony, the President will confer two Padma Vibhushan awards, six Padma Bhushan awards, and 58 Padma Shri awards. Earlier this year, the President approved a total of 131 Padma honours for 2026, comprising five Padma Vibhushan, 13 Padma Bhushan, and 113 Padma Shri awards. Officials indicated that the remaining awardees will receive their honours during a second investiture ceremony to be conducted at a later date.

The Padma Awards, announced annually on the eve of Republic Day, are among India's highest civilian honours. These awards recognize outstanding contributions in diverse fields such as art, literature, medicine, science, engineering, social service, public affairs, education, sports, trade, and civil service. The Padma Vibhushan is awarded for exceptional and distinguished service, while the Padma Bhushan recognizes distinguished service of a high order. The Padma Shri is conferred for distinguished contributions in any field.

According to official sources, this year's award list continues the tradition of recognizing "unsung heroes" from across the country. Nearly 45 awardees are individuals who have made extraordinary contributions despite facing severe hardships and social challenges. Many among them belong to marginalized communities, tribal groups, and remote rural regions. These individuals have dedicated their lives to social causes such as education, healthcare, women's empowerment, environmental sustainability, sanitation, and welfare initiatives for disadvantaged communities.

Telangana has secured notable recognition this year, with seven personalities from the state selected for the Padma Shri award for their remarkable achievements in science, medicine, arts, engineering, and research. Among the recipients is noted scientist Chandramouli Gaddamanugu, who played a major role in the development of the Akash missile system during his long tenure at the Defence Research and Development Organisation. Senior scientist Krishnamurthy Balasubramanian has been recognized for his contributions to advanced materials and engineering technologies through the Nonferrous Materials Technology Development Centre in Hyderabad.

Leading oncologist Dr Palkonda Vijay Anand Reddy, Director at Apollo Cancer Centre, has also been chosen for the honour for his contributions to cancer treatment and healthcare. Another medical expert, Dr GV Rao of AIG Hospitals, has been recognized for his work in surgical gastroenterology and minimally invasive surgery. Scientist Dr Kumarasamy Thangaraj from the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology has also been selected for his significant research contributions. Agricultural researcher Rama Reddy Mamidi earned recognition for promoting modern animal husbandry methods in Telangana.

Celebrated Kuchipudi dancer Deepika Reddy was also named among the Padma Shri awardees for her contribution to Indian classical dance. In addition to Telangana's achievers, four individuals from Andhra Pradesh have also been selected for the Padma Shri honours in the fields of art, literature, and education.

Centre Unveils New Rural Employment Framework

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The Central Government has released the draft version of a new rural employment legislation titled "VBG RAMJI" — Vikasit Bharat Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission-Grameen — and announced that the proposed system is expected to be implemented from July 1. The Centre has also invited suggestions and feedback from the public, policy experts, and stakeholders until June 21 before finalizing the legislation.

The proposed framework introduces major changes to the funding and implementation pattern of rural employment guarantee programmes across the country. According to the draft provisions, greater emphasis will now be placed on supporting large states and economically weaker regions while distributing Central assistance. As part of the revised model, the allocation of funds will follow the recommendations of the 16th Finance Commission. Population size and per capita income will play a key role in determining how financial assistance is distributed among states. The draft proposes assigning the highest weightage — 42.5 percent — to states with lower per capita incomes, thereby giving priority to economically backward regions. One of the most significant changes proposed in the new legislation relates to cost



sharing between the Centre and the states. Until now, the Central Government has borne the full wage expenditure under the rural employment guarantee scheme. However, under the proposed VBG RAMJI framework, the Centre will contribute 60 percent of the costs, while state governments

will have to bear the remaining 40 percent. This change is expected to increase the financial responsibility of state governments. The draft also introduces a performance-based funding mechanism from the second year onward. Additional allocations to states will depend on their efficiency and

implementation standards. Key performance indicators will include timely payment of wages to workers, effective conduct of social audits, and the percentage of completed works under the scheme. The Central Government believes that the proposed reforms will improve transparency, ac-

countability, and overall efficiency in rural employment programmes. Officials stated that the new framework is intended to strengthen livelihood opportunities while ensuring better monitoring and utilization of public funds in rural development initiatives.

Maoist Arms Unit Unearthed and Destroyed in Forests

Gadchiroli, May 24 | TPN Bureau

In a major breakthrough in anti-Maoist operations, the Gadchiroli Police destroyed a hidden Maoist arms manufacturing and storage unit deep inside forest areas near Pomke-Binagunda. Acting on intelligence gathered from surrendered Maoists during "Operation Antim Prahar," police recovered a large cache of equipment allegedly used by Maoist groups for manufacturing weapons and supporting attacks on security forces.

Officials stated that Maoist cadres had been secretly burying weapons, explosives, and technical equipment in remote forest regions to use during anti-government activities, election periods, and special "Naxal Week" operations. With Maoist influence steadily declining in Gadchiroli district, police said the recovery marks an important success in dismantling underground support systems operated by extremists.

According to police sources, information about the con-



cealed unit emerged during the interrogation of surrendered Maoists on May 16. Based on the inputs, a special search operation was launched on May 21 under the direction of M. Ramesh. Six joint operational teams from Gadchiroli and

Pranhita, along with two Bomb Detection and Disposal Squad (BDDS) teams, were deployed to conduct combing operations in the forest region.

On May 22, security personnel cordoned off a forest area north of Pomke-Binagunda

and carried out an intensive search. During the operation, police recovered several items allegedly linked to Maoist arms manufacturing activities, including a lathe machine, BGL pipes, 12-bore pipes, generator, inverter, battery units, drilling and grinding equipment, jigsaw machines, pressure pumps, solar panels, and other technical materials.

Following instructions from senior officials, all recovered materials were destroyed at the site itself to prevent further misuse.

The operation was jointly executed by the Special Operations Team, Pranhita unit, and BDDS personnel under the supervision of senior officers, including Additional SP (Operations) Karthik Madhira, Additional SP (Administration) Gokul Raj G., and DSP (Operations) Vishal Nagargoje.

Superintendent of Police M. Ramesh praised the officers and personnel involved in the operation for their coordinated efforts and vigilance in carrying out the successful mission.

Heatwave Grips Telangana as IMD Predicts Rain Later This Week

Hyderabad, May 24 | TPN Bureau

Several districts across Telangana continued to reel under severe heatwave conditions on Sunday, even as the India Meteorological Department (IMD) forecast isolated rainfall and thunderstorms later this week. Authorities also issued weather alerts warning of lightning and gusty winds in multiple districts, including Hyderabad and Medchal-Malkajgiri.

According to weather officials, Komuram Bheem Asifabad district recorded the highest temperature in the state at 46.5 degrees Celsius, closely followed by Bhadradri Kothagudem district at 46.4 degrees Celsius. Intense heat conditions prevailed across many parts of the state, severely affecting normal life.

The IMD stated that there would be no major change in daytime temperatures over the next three days. However, temperatures are expected to gradually decline by around 2 to 3 degrees Celsius afterward due to changing weather conditions and the possibility of rainfall activity.

Data released by the Telangana Development Planning



Society (TGDPs) showed that heatwave conditions were reported in 94 mandals spread across 14 districts. Bhadradri Kothagudem district recorded the highest number of heatwave-affected mandals at 15, followed by Khammam with 12 and Mancherla with 10. Several mandals in Suryapet, Nalgonda, Peddapalli, Mulugu, and Jagtial districts also experienced extreme

temperatures. Within Hyderabad city limits, temperatures remained above 40 degrees Celsius across all GHMC circles. The highest temperature in the city was recorded at 42.7 degrees Celsius near the Golconda Tahsildar office in Karwan. Areas includ-

ing Uppal, Kapra, Gajularamaram, and Begumpet also crossed the 42-degree mark.

The IMD issued orange heatwave warnings for districts such as Komuram Bheem Asifabad, Mancherla, Karimnagar, Peddapalli, Mulugu, Khammam, Nalgonda, Suryapet, Mahabubabad, Warangal, and Hanamkonda for the next three days.

Despite the scorching conditions, isolated rainfall was reported in parts of south Telangana. Basheerabad in Vikarabad district recorded the highest rainfall at 34.8 mm, while moderate showers were reported in some areas of Mahabubnagar and Jogulamba Gadwal districts.



'Indiramma Bima' to Be Launched on June 2: Bhatti Vikramarka

Khammam, May 24 | TPN Bureau

Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka announced that the Telangana government will launch the "Indiramma Bima" insurance scheme across the state on June 2 as part of the State Formation Day celebrations. He stated that the welfare initiative is aimed at providing financial security to nearly 1.15 crore families in Telangana, irrespective of caste, religion, or economic background.

Addressing a gathering in Khammam, the Deputy Chief Minister said the Congress government was committed to fulfilling all promises made to the people during the elections and ensuring welfare benefits reached every household. Under the new insurance scheme, families that lose their breadwinner in accidents will receive insurance coverage of up to 5 lakh. He added that officials would soon begin collecting beneficiary details from households across the state.

Bhatti Vikramarka criticized the previous BRS government, alleging that families of farmers who died by suicide struggled to receive financial support. He said the present government introduced the insurance initiative to ensure vulnerable families are protected during times of crisis.

The Deputy CM also highlighted several welfare measures being implemented by the state government. He announced that a special programme for women's self-help groups would be launched on May 27 in Rajupalem village of Errupalem mandal. As part of the initiative, solar power plants would be allotted to women's groups to encourage entrepreneurship and economic independence.

He stated that the government was already providing interest-free loans of nearly 20,000 crore annually to women's self-help groups and assured that the amount could be increased to 1 lakh crore if required. He further revealed that 550 RTC buses would soon be allocated to support women entrepreneurs across the state.

Bhatti said the government was supplying fine-quality rice free of cost to over one crore families and providing up to 200 units of free electricity under the Gruha Jyothi scheme, benefiting nearly 53 lakh households. He added that the government had sanctioned 4.5 lakh Indiramma houses and recently approved another two lakh houses to help make Telangana a hut-free state.

The Deputy Chief Minister also assured farmers that the government would procure every grain of maize and paddy at the minimum support price and urged Congress workers to counter opposition criticism by spreading awareness.

Telangana Unveils Ambitious Life Sciences Policy

Hyderabad, May 24 | TPN Bureau

The Telangana Cabinet on Saturday approved the ambitious Next Generation Life Sciences Policy 2026-30, aimed at positioning the state among the world's top five life sciences hubs by the year 2030. The policy, which was earlier introduced by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy during the World Economic Forum meeting in Davos this January, is expected to significantly boost investments and employment opportunities in the state.

Under the new policy, the government has set a target of attracting investments worth nearly 25 billion US dollars over the next five years. The initiative is also expected to generate around five lakh jobs across multiple sectors related to life sciences, pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, healthcare, and medical innovation.

The Cabinet stated that Telangana aims to emerge as a leading global destination for companies and institutions involved in advanced medical research, biotechnology, pharmaceutical manufacturing, and digital health technologies. Officials noted that while the state has traditionally focused on manufacturing activities in the pharma sector, the new policy emphasizes innovation-led growth and research-driven development.



As part of the reforms introduced under the policy, the government has decided to officially recognize research and development (R&D) units as industries. This move will allow R&D organizations to access industrial incentives, infrastructure support, and other government benefits that were previously available mainly to manufacturing units.

The policy is also designed to attract Global Capability Centers (GCCs) and Global Innovation Centers to Telangana,

strengthening Hyderabad's reputation as a major hub for healthcare and technology innovation.

Officials said the initiative would open up substantial opportunities for youth in areas such as scientific research, biotechnology, digital healthcare solutions, manufacturing, and global innovation services. The government believes the policy will further accelerate Telangana's growth as a globally competitive knowledge and innovation-driven economy.

Telangana to Celebrate Women's Week with Focus on Entrepreneurship and Empowerment

Hyderabad, May 24 | TPN Bureau

The Telangana government will organize statewide "Women's Week" celebrations from May 25 to May 31 as part of its "Praja Palana - Pragathi Plan" initiative, aiming to promote women's empowerment, entrepreneurship, and economic self-reliance. The programme is being conducted under the supervision of the Panchayat Raj, Rural Development, and Women & Child Welfare departments with support from SERP and MEPMA.

Minister for Panchayat Raj and Women & Child Welfare, Seethakka, said the government's goal is to transform women from welfare beneficiaries into entrepreneurs and wealth creators. She stated that women's self-help groups (SHGs), once focused mainly on savings activities, are now emerging as strong contributors to the rural economy with the support of the state government.

During the week-long celebrations, various awareness programmes, exhibitions, industrial showcases, health camps, cultural activities, and youth-focused events will be conducted across Telangana. The government also plans to strengthen employment opportunities and provide financial support for women-led enterprises.

The minister said the government has set a target of extending 1 lakh crore in bank-linked financial assistance to women's self-help groups over the next five years. Since the

Congress government assumed office, loans worth more than 60,000 crore have already been provided to women's groups across the state. In addition, interest subsidies totaling 1,397 crore have been released, while another 650 crore will be distributed during the Women's Week celebrations.

Under the "Indira Mahila Shakti" programme, women are being encouraged to enter various sectors including food services, transport, agriculture, retail, and renewable energy. Across the state, 222 canteens operated by women's groups are functioning successfully, while women-managed petrol bunks and livelihood units are also being expanded.

Officials stated that women's federations have invested nearly 199 crore in purchasing 553 RTC buses, which are being leased to TGSRTC to generate monthly income. Solar power projects allocated to women's groups are also expected to boost financial independence.

As part of the celebrations, foundation stones for thousands of "Indira Mahila Shakti" buildings will be laid, RTC buses will be inaugurated, loan melas will be organized, and special programmes such as mock parliaments for girls and literacy recognition events for women will also be conducted.

The government described the initiative as a major step toward creating sustainable economic opportunities for women and strengthening their role in Telangana's development.

TSRTC Introduces CCTV Surveillance System for Safer Bus Travel

Hyderabad, May 24 | TPN Bureau

In a major step toward strengthening passenger safety, the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TSRTC) has launched an advanced CCTV surveillance initiative in its buses under a pilot project titled "Buslo Bharosa." The project was introduced under the leadership of TSRTC Managing Director V.C. Sajjanar Nagireddy with the objective of improving security, preventing thefts, and ensuring safer travel for passengers across the state.

The pilot phase of the project has been launched in the erstwhile Adilabad district, where surveillance cameras have been installed in nearly 175 buses. The initiative was developed in coordination with the Police Department and aims to create a secure and monitored environment for commuters, particularly women, senior citizens, and passengers traveling during night hours. According to TSRTC officials, the newly installed cameras are equipped with modern technology capable of covering almost every section inside the bus. The surveillance system monitors areas near the driver's cabin, women-reserved seating sections, footboards, entry and exit points, and the rear end of the vehicle. Officials stated that the cameras are designed to record passenger movement and activities throughout the jour-

ney, helping authorities respond quickly in case of emergencies or suspicious incidents.

The footage captured by the cameras can reportedly be monitored not only by bus staff such as drivers and conductors but also through the RTC control room. Officials believe this system will help identify criminal activities, suspicious individuals, harassment cases, thefts, and other security concerns more effectively. The recorded footage can also serve as valuable evidence during investigations or in the event of accidents.

The initiative has received a positive response from passengers, especially women and elderly commuters, who feel the surveillance system will provide an added sense of security during travel. TSRTC authorities said the presence of CCTV cameras itself could discourage anti-social behavior and improve discipline among both passengers and staff.

Based on the performance and public response to the pilot project in Adilabad, the TSRTC management is considering plans to expand the CCTV surveillance system to buses operating from depots across Telangana. Officials described the initiative as part of the corporation's broader effort to modernize public transportation and use technology to enhance passenger safety and confidence.



Uttam Kumar Reddy Warns Against Illegal Deductions in Grain Procurement

Hyderabad, May 24 | TPN Bureau

State Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister Captain N. Uttam Kumar Reddy has directed officials to ensure the immediate procurement and transportation of paddy lying at procurement centres across Telangana. He warned that strict action would be taken against anyone imposing illegal deductions on farmers under the pretext of impurities, moisture content, or weight loss.

Speaking during a video conference held from the Civil Supplies Department headquarters at Erramanzil Colony in Hyderabad, the minister stressed that the government would not tolerate any practices causing financial losses to farmers. He instructed officials to speed up the weighing and transportation process for nearly 8.5 lakh metric tonnes of grain currently awaiting

procurement at various centres.

The meeting was attended by several ministers, public representatives, district collectors, and senior officials, including Government Chief Whip Adi Srinivas and Civil Supplies Commissioner Stephen Raveendra. Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka and ministers Thummala Nageswara Rao, Jupally Krishna Rao, and others also participated virtually.

Uttam Kumar Reddy stated that the Telangana government had paid nearly 45,000 crore to farmers during the combined Kharif and Rabi procurement seasons this year. He said Telangana recorded a bumper Rabi harvest of 141 lakh metric tonnes and that the government had already procured 51 lakh metric tonnes of grain. According to estimates, the state is expected to procure nearly 75 lakh metric tonnes in total.

The minister said the state government had established 8,575 procurement centres across Telangana, describing it as one of the largest procurement operations in the country. He added that payments worth 8,749 crore had already been credited directly into farmers' bank accounts.

He clarified that even paddy affected by unseasonal rains was being procured and shifted to rice mills for processing. The minister also dismissed rumours about shortages of gunny bags, stating that 21 crore bags were readily available.

Criticizing the Centre, Uttam Kumar Reddy said the Union government had agreed to procure only 52 lakh metric tonnes despite announcing Minimum Support Prices. He asserted that the Telangana government was stepping in to procure the remaining stock to protect farmers' interests.

Telangana Govt Expands Crop Procurement to Protect Farmers: Thummala

Hyderabad, May 24 | TPN Bureau

Agriculture Minister Thummala Nageswara Rao announced that the Telangana government has taken major decisions regarding the procurement of maize, sorghum, and sunflower crops to safeguard farmers from financial losses. He stated that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy approved additional financial support after the Centre failed to provide the expected response on procurement issues.

According to the minister, the state government has already allocated over 4,000 crore for maize procurement and recently approved an additional 1,800 crore to handle the increased arrivals during the Yasangi 2025-26 season. He said maize cultivation expanded significantly this season, covering more than 16 lakh acres, resulting in bumper production across the state.

Thummala stated that the government has established 354 procurement centres and already purchased over 12 lakh metric tonnes of maize from more than 2.3 lakh farmers. He said the Congress government was committed to ensuring that farmers receive the Minimum Support Price (MSP) despite market fluctuations and inadequate support from the Centre. The minister claimed that while the previous govern-

ment spent around 5,000 crore on maize procurement over a decade, the present government was spending nearly 6,000 crore in a single agricultural season. He said this reflected the Congress government's commitment toward farmer welfare.

The minister also announced that the state government would undertake large-scale procurement of hybrid sorghum (jowar) to ensure remunerative prices for farmers. He stated that although the market price for sorghum was around 2,000 per quintal, the MSP fixed by the Centre stood at 3,699 per quintal. To bridge the gap and support farmers, the government plans to spend over 1,100 crore on procurement operations.

Thummala further revealed that the state government had decided to procure sunflower produce beyond the 25 percent limit permitted by the Centre. He noted that sunflower farmers were facing losses due to low market prices and assured that the government would step in to stabilize prices and protect farmer incomes.

The minister emphasized that the welfare of farmers remains a top priority for the Telangana government and said the administration would continue to intervene whenever necessary to ensure fair prices and market support for agricultural produce.



New Executive Committee Elected for Krishna District Football Association

Vijayawada, May 23, 2026 | TPN Bureau

The Krishna District Football Association (KDFFA) successfully conducted its General Body meeting and elections for the new executive committee with transparency at Sweet Mantra venue in Kanuru on Saturday. The election process was overseen by Election Officer Stalin, a High Court Advocate, along with Olympic Association Observer Mahesh and Andhra Pradesh Football Association (APFA) Observer G. Pavan, ensuring a fair and impartial procedure. The newly elected executive com-

mittee was formed unanimously. G. Anil Kumar was elected as President. The Vice Presidents include R. Suresh Babu, Makke Suresh, and G. Radhama. Narahari Venkata Ravikumar was chosen as Treasurer. The Executive Committee Members elected are Buela Rani, Kanyakumari, Tirupatamma, K. Manibabu, Mastan, K. Raja, Raju, D. Rajesh, Madhu, and Saifulla. Several prominent sports personalities attended the event as chief guests and extended their congratulations to the newly elected body. Among them were Vijay, Treasurer of APFA; Subrahmanyam, President of Palmadu District; Neel-

ladi, President of Konaseema District; and Seshagiri, President of NTR District.

Speaking on the occasion, members of the newly elected committee pledged to work with dedication towards the development of football in Krishna district. They emphasized promoting the sport at the grassroots level, encouraging rural talent, and improving sports infrastructure.

The successful conduct of the elections and the unanimous selection of the committee reflect a united effort to strengthen football activities and foster emerging talent across the district.



BJP Questions Government's Approach to Godavari Irrigation Projects

Hyderabad, May 24 | TPN Bureau

Telangana BJP president N. Ramchander Rao has raised serious concerns over the state government's handling of irrigation projects in the Godavari basin, alleging delays and lack of proper planning in utilizing Telangana's allocated share of river waters. In a letter addressed to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, Rao stated that Telangana is entitled to nearly 968 TMC of assured Godavari water, but a significant portion still remains unutilized.

The BJP leader pointed out that before the formation of Telangana, only around 400 TMC of Godavari waters were reportedly utilized in the region despite Congress governments ruling the undivided state for many years. He further claimed that after Telangana's formation in 2014, the Central Government under Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved several major irrigation projects on the Godavari River with a combined utilization capacity of nearly 360 TMC.

Referring to the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme, Ramchander Rao alleged that structural problems in the Medigadda, Annaram, and Sundilla barrages had affected the project's efficiency and reduced water utilization capacity.

He criticized the state government for not acting swiftly on recommendations made by the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) regarding rehabilitation works and technical investigations. According to him, delays in implementing corrective measures have prevented the utilization of nearly 200 TMC of water.

Rao also highlighted delays in the completion of the Seetharama project despite approvals from the Centre, stating that farmers were being deprived of irrigation benefits linked to 67 TMC of water allocation. He further alleged that the Sammakka Sagar project was progressing slowly due to inadequate planning and delays in identifying command areas.

The BJP chief additionally referred to the proposed Godavari-Cauvery river interlinking project and cautioned against any changes to its planned alignment from Inchampalli. He argued that altering the project route could adversely affect Telangana's long-term irrigation interests.

Ramchander Rao urged the state government to focus on the speedy completion of pending irrigation projects and ensure the effective utilization of Godavari waters for the benefit of Telangana farmers and future development.

KTR Alleges Congress Planning to End Free Power Supply

Hyderabad, May 24 | TPN Bureau

BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) launched a sharp attack on the Congress government over its reported decision to introduce prepaid electricity meters and install meters on agricultural pump sets across Telangana. Addressing a party constituency meeting in Amberpet, KTR alleged that the move was aimed at gradually abolishing the free electricity scheme for farmers and paving the way for privatization of the power sector.

KTR claimed that the Congress government was attempting to replace existing electricity meters in households with prepaid systems similar to prepaid mobile connections. He alleged that the Cabinet had recently approved a plan to implement prepaid meters statewide within the next three months, including in rural and urban areas. According to him, the move would ultimately burden ordinary consumers and farmers.

The BRS leader accused the government of trying to hand over the electricity sector to private corporate entities under the guise of reforms. He alleged that the installation of meters on agricultural motors was part of a larger plan to discontinue free electricity for farmers, a scheme introduced during the previous BRS government.



Recalling earlier political debates, KTR said that former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao had repeatedly warned that free electricity would be at risk if Congress came to power. He also claimed that despite pressure from the Central government in the past to introduce prepaid meters, the previous BRS administration had refused to implement them.

Calling upon the public to oppose the government's policies, KTR urged people to resist what he termed "power sector conspiracies." He said public dissatisfaction with the Congress government was increasing due to alleged failures in governance, corruption, and unfulfilled promises.

KTR also announced that the BRS would soon launch a large-scale digital membership drive

followed by training programmes for party workers. He said around 1,000 workers from each constituency would be trained to strengthen the organization and spread awareness about issues affecting the public.

During the meeting, discussions were also held regarding upcoming municipal elections in Hyderabad. KTR stated that party tickets for corporator posts would be given to leaders actively involved in public causes and selected based on surveys and winnability.

The BRS leader further criticized Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy over his "Future City" vision, alleging that the current administration was failing to address basic civic issues such as drainage maintenance, sanitation, and waste management in Hyderabad.

Congress Government Committed to Completing Palamuru Project: Vakiti Srihari

Shadnagar, May 24 | TPN Bureau

State Minister for Animal Husbandry, Sports, and Youth Services Vakiti Srihari accused the previous BRS government of neglecting the Palamuru region and failing to fulfill promises made to the people regarding irrigation development. Addressing a media conference organized under the leadership of Shadnagar MLA Veerlappalli Shankar, the minister said the present Congress government was determined to complete the long-pending Palamuru irrigation project and provide justice to the region.

Srihari alleged that former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao had won elections by repeatedly promising to complete the Palamuru project but later failed to deliver on those assurances. He claimed that the previous administration had used the project mainly for political advantage while neglecting the actual needs of the people. According to the minister, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, being closely connected to the Palamuru region, was committed to ensuring the completion of the project and transforming the dream of the Lakshmidivipally Reservoir into reality.

The minister stated that funds for the Lakshmidivipally Reservoir were secured due to the efforts of MLA Veerlappalli Shankar, who continuously pursued the issue with the state government. He announced that the process of land acquisition for the reservoir and related works would begin immediately and that pending works would be expedited without delay.

Criticizing the previous government's handling of irrigation projects, Srihari alleged that several works were initiated without proper environmental clearances or completion of land acquisition procedures. He also claimed that although large funds were sanctioned for the Palamuru project, only a portion of the allocated amount was actually utilized.

Highlighting the importance of irrigation facilities in the drought-prone Palamuru region, the minister said farmers were facing severe water shortages and borewells were drying up. He added that meetings would soon be held with officials in Rangareddy and Mahabubnagar districts to accelerate the implementation of the project. Srihari further stated that the government was working toward social justice through caste census and welfare initiatives for SC, ST, and BC communities. He announced that additional Indiramma houses would be sanctioned in the coming phase and urged party workers to actively spread awareness about government welfare schemes among the people. Several local leaders and public representatives participated in the programme.

Fake WhatsApp Account Created in Commissioner's Name Triggers Alert

Hyderabad, May 24 | TPN Bureau

Cyber fraudsters have once again targeted residents in Secunderabad by allegedly creating a fake WhatsApp account in the name of Sumathi and using it to seek money from various individuals.

According to reports, unidentified cybercriminals created a fraudulent WhatsApp profile using the Commissioner's name and reportedly sent messages to acquaintances and other contacts requesting financial assistance and money transfers. The incident created concern among recipients after the messages began circulating.

After the matter came to light, the Commissioner's office responded immediately and initiated steps to alert the public. Officials later issued a clarification through the police department's official account on X, stating that the WhatsApp account was fake and had no connection with the Police Commissioner.

Police officials warned that cybercriminals are increasingly misusing the names and identities of senior government officials and police officers to cheat people online. They urged the public to remain cautious and avoid transferring money based on messages or calls received from unknown or suspicious numbers.

Authorities advised citizens to verify the authenticity of such requests before responding and to immediately report suspicious communication to the police or cybercrime authorities.

Officials also cautioned people against sharing personal or banking information through messaging platforms without proper verification. An investigation is underway to trace those responsible for creating the fake account and attempting to deceive people in the Commissioner's name.

Mettu Sai Kumar Slams Harish Rao Over Remarks on Future City

Hyderabad, May 24 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Fisheries Corporation Chairman Mettu Sai Kumar launched a strong attack on former minister T. Harish Rao over his criticism of the state government's proposed "Future City" project. Addressing media representatives at Gandhi Bhavan, Sai Kumar accused the BRS leadership of attempting to obstruct developmental initiatives aimed at creating opportunities for the youth of Telangana.

Sai Kumar alleged that Harish Rao was making irresponsible and misleading statements regarding the Future City project. He asserted that neither Harish Rao nor the BRS leadership would be able to stop the ambitious initiative being planned by the Congress government under Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy.

Describing the Future City project as a major step toward Telangana's economic and technological growth, Sai Kumar said the initiative was designed to secure better employment prospects and long-term opportunities for young people. He accused the previous BRS government of neglecting youth issues during its decade-



long rule and claimed that the Congress government was now focusing on creating a modern vision for the state's future.

The Fisheries Chairman also criticized the BRS leadership for what he termed "negative politics" and accused them of trying to create confusion among the public. He claimed that the people of Telangana were no longer willing to trust the opposition party and predicted that the BRS would face further political setbacks in future elections.

Sai Kumar praised Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's leadership and stated that the government was committed to taking Telangana toward rapid development. Drawing a comparison with the establishment of Hyderabad's Cyber City during the undivided Andhra Pradesh era, he said the Future City project would similarly become a landmark initiative for the next generation.

He further stated that the Congress government was receiving support from unemployed youth, students, and families of Telangana martyrs who aspire for better opportunities and growth in the state.

Ponguleti Felicitates Tamil Nadu Minister P. Viswanathan

Hyderabad, May 24 | TPN Bureau

Tamil Nadu Minister for Higher Education P. Viswanathan paid a courtesy visit to Telangana Revenue, Housing, and Information & Public Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy at his residence on Sunday. The meeting took place shortly after Viswanathan assumed office in the Tamil Nadu Cabinet following his electoral victory from the Vellore Assembly constituency.

During the visit, P. Viswanathan greeted Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy and presented him with a floral bouquet as a mark of respect. In return, Minister Ponguleti extended a warm and grand felicitation to the Tamil Nadu leader by honouring him with a traditional shawl and presenting a sapling, symbolizing goodwill and growth.

Speaking on the occasion, Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy described the Congress party's inclusion in the Tamil Nadu Cabinet as a significant and historic achievement after several decades. He stated that the development marked an important milestone for the party and reflected the growing trust of the people in Congress leadership.



The Telangana minister also praised P. Viswanathan for his political journey and electoral success in Vellore, expressing confidence that he would work with dedication for the welfare of the public and contribute effectively to the advancement of the education sector in Tamil Nadu. Ponguleti further said he hoped the minister would continue to uphold the values and principles of the Congress party while strengthening the organization at the grassroots level.

The interaction between the two leaders also reflected the cordial relations between Congress leaders from Telangana and Tamil Nadu. Political observers viewed the meeting as an exchange of goodwill and a sign of increasing coordination between leaders from southern states on governance and developmental matters.

BJP Leaders Accuse State Government of Neglecting Farmers

Hyderabad, May 24 | TPN Bureau

BJP leaders Konda Vishweshwar Reddy and Yelei Maheshwar Reddy strongly criticized the Telangana government over issues related to crop procurement and farmer welfare during a meeting held at the party's state headquarters in Hyderabad.

Speaking on the occasion, Konda Vishweshwar Reddy alleged that farmers across the state were facing serious hardships due to the government's inadequate support systems. He stated that the Central Government has been extending significant assistance to the farming sector through various welfare and procurement initiatives. However, he accused the state government of failing to effectively implement measures that would benefit farmers at the ground level. Konda Vishweshwar Reddy also claimed that procurement operations were being hampered by poor planning and lack of basic infrastructure. He pointed out that even essential materials such as gunny

bags were reportedly unavailable at several procurement centres, causing inconvenience and delays for farmers waiting to sell their produce.

Meanwhile, Yelei Maheshwar Reddy expressed concern over what he described as the worsening situation faced by farmers during the ongoing procurement season. He alleged that the state government had failed to purchase crops in a timely manner, leaving many farmers anxious and frustrated. Maheshwar Reddy further claimed that the government had procured less than 30 percent of the total harvested produce in the state so far. He criticized the administration for not taking sufficient steps to ensure smooth procurement and fair support for the farming community.

The BJP leaders demanded that the state government strengthen procurement arrangements immediately and ensure that farmers receive timely support, payments, and essential facilities at procurement centres across Telangana.

FDC, AP Film Chamber Join Hands to Revive Andhra Pradesh Film Industry

Vijayawada, May 24 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Film, Television, and Theatre Development Corporation Chairman Bharat Bhushan emphasised the need for coordinated efforts to restore the film industry's former glory in the state. He stated that the government, film organisations, and industry representatives must work together to achieve sustainable growth.

On Sunday, soon after assuming charge as FDC Chairman, Bharat Bhushan received representatives of the Andhra Pradesh Film Chamber of Commerce, who paid a courtesy visit to extend their congratulations. The delegation was led by AP Film Chamber of Commerce President Mantha Srinivas and included General Secretary Chaitanya Janga, Vice President G. Madhukar, Treasurer Mithana Eswarra Rao, and members Janu Pawan Kumar, Ramiseti Apparao, P. Rajesh, and SV Rao.

During the meeting, discussions were held on key aspects such as strengthening the film industry in the state, creating a conducive environment for film production, developing infrastructure, and establishing film studios and shooting locations. Speaking on the occasion, Bharat Bhushan praised the AP Film Chamber for its contributions to the industry's development. He highlighted the critical role of the FDC in policy formulation,



infrastructure development, and attracting investments. He expressed confidence that coordinated efforts between the FDC and the AP Film Chamber would significantly boost the industry's growth.

Bharat Bhushan also expressed optimism that with the support of the coalition

government led by Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu, Andhra Pradesh could regain its prominence in the film sector. He stated that the focus would be on generating employment opportunities for youth and transforming the state into a major filming hub.

AP Film Chamber President Mantha Srinivas assured full cooperation from the chamber in creating a favourable ecosystem for filmmakers. He noted that their goal is to make Andhra Pradesh an attractive destination for producers, directors, technicians, and artists. He expressed confidence that joint efforts would bring fresh momentum to the industry, encouraging investments and expanding employment opportunities.



Bhatti Vikramarka Shares Cheerful Moments with Young Cricketers

Madhira, May 24 | TPN Bureau

Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka spent some light-hearted moments with children during his visit to the Madhira Market Yard on Saturday. While inspecting the premises, the Deputy CM noticed a group of youngsters playing cricket and paused to interact with them in a cheerful and friendly manner.

Bhatti Vikramarka spoke enthusiastically with the children, asking about their game, batting performances, bowlers, and the number of all-rounders in the team. The interaction created an energetic atmosphere, with the children expressing happiness and excitement at meeting the Deputy Chief Minister personally.

The Deputy CM encouraged the young players and spent a few minutes engaging with them, bringing smiles to everyone present at the ground. Locals appreciated the warm gesture and said the interaction reflected his approachable nature.

During the visit, Bhatti Vikramarka also greeted residents and others present at the Market Yard individually. He enquired about their well-being and interacted with people in a cordial manner before continuing his inspection programme.

The brief yet memorable interaction with the children drew positive reactions from the public and added a lively touch to the Deputy Chief Minister's visit to Madhira.

Ponnam Prabhakar Urges Vigilance to Prevent Fires in Palm Groves

Hyderabad, May 24 | TPN Bureau

State Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnam Prabhakar has appealed to members of the Goud community to remain alert and take preventive measures in view of increasing fire accidents affecting wild date palm and toddy palm groves across Telangana during the summer season.

The minister expressed concern over a series of recent fire incidents reportedly caused by extreme heat and accidental sparks, which led to heavy damage to palm groves in several districts. He noted that major losses were reported in Madipalli village of Jammikunta mandal, Metla Chittapur in Jagtial district's Metpalli mandal, and Kolanur village in Rajanna Sircilla district. According to him, the destruction of these groves has severely impacted the livelihoods of toddy tapper families dependent on them for income.

Ponnam Prabhakar stated that palm and wild date trees are the primary source of livelihood for many Goud families and emphasized the need for collective responsibility in protecting them. He advised toddy tappers and local residents to

regularly clear dried leaves, grass, and other flammable waste from around the trees to reduce the risk of fires.

The minister also suggested that villagers and toddy tappers work together to undertake tree protection activities, including watering the surrounding areas during extreme summer conditions. He said such precautions could significantly minimize accidental fires and help safeguard the groves.

Issuing a strong warning, the minister urged people not to smoke beedis or cigarettes near palm groves and cautioned against any careless handling of fire in such areas. He appealed to the public to immediately inform the Fire Department if any fire incident is noticed.

Ponnam Prabhakar further stated that he had directed Excise Department officials to conduct awareness programmes across the state to educate toddy tappers on fire prevention and safety measures. He emphasized that protecting palm groves is essential for securing the livelihoods of thousands of Goud families in Telangana.

VMC Chief Leads Swift Response Amid Rain Disruptions

Vijayawada, May 24 | TPN Bureau

Vijayawada Municipal Corporation Commissioner Dhyanachandra took proactive steps to manage the situation arising from heavy rains and gusty winds that swept across the city on Sunday evening, ensuring that public inconvenience was minimized.

The Commissioner continuously monitored developments and maintained coordination with all heads of departments through wireless communication. He directed officials to take immediate measures to address rain-related issues and ensure normalcy in public life.

Following reports of water stagnation in several parts of the city, officials from the Engineering and Sanitation departments were deployed to the field. They undertook immediate efforts to clear waterlogging, particularly focusing on main roads, low-lying areas, and busy intersections. Pumps and existing drainage systems were utilised to drain out stagnant water and restore smooth traffic movement.

In parallel, authorities responded swiftly to incidents caused by strong winds, including the collapse of hoardings, flex banners, and tree branches. Officials identified affected areas and carried out removal



operations to prevent disruptions and ensure public safety. The Commissioner instructed teams to remain alert and take precautionary measures to avoid hazardous situations.

Dhyanachandra also directed that, apart from the VMC's machinery, private JCBs be deployed to expedite the removal of fallen trees and debris across the city. This step aimed at ensuring that clearance operations were completed quickly without affecting traffic flow. Emphasising the need for constant vigilance, the Commissioner instructed officials to respond promptly to public complaints and resolve issues without delay. He noted that all departments were working in close coordination to ensure

Youth Held Over Suspected Anti-National Links

Medchal, May 24 | TPN Bureau

A youth from Uttar Pradesh was taken into custody by Medchal police on suspicion of maintaining links with individuals allegedly associated with anti-national activities. The accused, identified as Jayeed Khan, was employed at a restaurant in Medchal on the outskirts of Hyderabad.

According to police sources, acting on specific intelligence inputs, officials conducted a raid at Mubarak Restaurant under the limits of Medchal Police Station and detained the suspect for questioning. During the search, police reportedly seized two dummy pistols along with a mobile phone containing digital material considered important to the investigation.

Preliminary inquiry revealed that the accused is a native of Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, and had allegedly been communicating with individuals linked to a criminal network believed to have connections with Pakistan-based handlers. Investigators suspect that the youth was attempting to procure weapons and establish closer contact with the group.



Police officials stated that the accused had been regularly interacting with members of the suspected network through Instagram. The communication allegedly included chats, voice calls, video calls, and the exchange of social media content. Authorities said the accused continued to stay in touch with the group despite being aware of its unlawful activities.

A detailed examination of the mobile phone reportedly uncovered WhatsApp conversations, screenshots, call records, and Instagram-related content that investigators be-

lieve may help trace the wider network. Officials also recovered two fake pistols allegedly kept by the accused, which police suspect may have been intended to create fear or confusion.

A case has been registered, and police are continuing the investigation to determine whether additional individuals are involved and if there were plans to carry out disruptive activities. The accused was produced before a court on Sunday and remanded to judicial custody.

MLA Sri Ganesh Felicitates Tamil Nadu Minister Perumal Viswanathan

Cantonment, May 24 | TPN Bureau

Cantonment MLA Sri Ganesh met Tamil Nadu Higher Education Minister and AICC Secretary in-charge of Telangana, Perumal Viswanathan, in Hyderabad on Sunday and extended his congratulations on assuming ministerial office in Tamil Nadu.

During the courtesy meeting, Sri Ganesh presented a floral bouquet to the minister and honoured him with a traditional shawl as a mark of respect. The MLA conveyed his best wishes and expressed confidence that Perumal Viswanathan's vast political and administrative experience would contribute significantly to the development of the higher education sector in Tamil Nadu.

Sri Ganesh stated that the education system in Tamil Nadu has long been regarded as progressive and hoped that under the minister's leadership it would scale new heights and emerge as a model for the rest of the country. He also said that the Congress party has consistently upheld the values



of social justice and equal opportunity, and emphasized the importance of ensuring access to quality education for students from all sections of society, irrespective of caste, religion, or region.

The leaders also held discussions on the growth of the education sector in South India and exchanged views on educational and cultural cooperation between Telangana and Tamil Nadu. Minister Perumal Viswanathan reportedly

showed interest in the reforms and initiatives being undertaken by the Telangana government in the field of education.

State Tourism Corporation Chairman Patel Ramesh Reddy also attended the meeting and congratulated the Tamil Nadu minister on his new responsibility. The interaction reflected the growing cooperation and exchange of ideas between leaders from southern states on issues related to education and social development.



MLA Extends 1.5 Lakh Medical Aid to Osteoarthritis Patient

Quthbullapur, May 24 | TPN Bureau

Continuing efforts to support families facing medical hardships, Quthbullapur MLA KP Vivekanand facilitated financial assistance for a woman undergoing treatment for a serious health condition through the Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF).

The beneficiary, Chikha Swetha, a resident of Kompally Municipality, has reportedly been battling hip-related osteoarthritis for nearly a decade. She is currently receiving treatment at NIMS Hospital and requires continuous medical care. In response to the family's financial difficulties, MLA KP Vivekanand helped secure a Letter of Credit (LOC) worth 1.5 lakh under the CMRF scheme to assist with her treatment expenses.

The LOC cheque was formal-

ly handed over to the victim's family during a programme organized at the MLA camp office in Chintal on Saturday. Senior BRS leader Ravamkol Saikiran Goud distributed the cheque on behalf of the MLA and assured the family of continued support during the treatment process.

Family members of Chikha Swetha expressed heartfelt gratitude to MLA KP Vivekanand for responding promptly to their appeal and extending timely financial assistance. They said the support would greatly help in meeting the rising medical expenses and provide relief during a difficult period.

Local leaders and party workers who attended the programme appreciated the initiative and highlighted the importance of welfare schemes such as the Chief Minister's Relief



MLA Sri Ganesh Promises Civic Improvements

Cantonment, May 24 | TPN Bureau

Cantonment MLA Sri Ganesh conducted a detailed inspection of the Mutyalamma Temple area in Second Bazaar under Monda Division as part of his vision to develop a "New Cantonment." During the visit on Sunday, the MLA toured several residential lanes and interacted directly with local residents to understand the civic problems affecting the locality.

Accompanied by government officials and local leaders, Sri Ganesh walked through the bastis and examined issues related to damaged roads, overflowing drains, and inadequate sanitation facilities. Residents brought several long-pending concerns to his attention, particularly the poor drainage network and deteriorating internal roads, which have been causing inconvenience to the public. Addressing the residents during the tour, the MLA said that solving people's day-to-day problems is the first step toward building a better Cantonment. He stated that witnessing the issues personally at the ground level helped him understand the seriousness of

the situation. Sri Ganesh assured the public that permanent measures would soon be taken to improve drainage infrastructure and repair damaged roads in the Second Bazaar area.

Residents appreciated the MLA for visiting the locality personally and listening patiently to their grievances. Many locals said such visits give them confidence that their problems will finally receive attention from the authorities.

Officials accompanying the MLA noted down the complaints raised by residents and assured them that the required development works would be taken up on a priority basis. The inspection programme also saw the participation of Congress leaders Nagesh Yadav, Santosh Yadav, Vaishnavi Yadav, Kiran, and several local party workers who joined the MLA during the tour.

The visit highlighted the ongoing efforts of the local leadership to improve civic amenities and strengthen infrastructure across Cantonment areas.

Hyderabad, May 24 | TPN Bureau

A major fire accident created panic among residents at Movie Towers, a residential apartment complex located under the jurisdiction of the Narsingi Police Station, on Sunday. The fire reportedly erupted in the cellar area of Block C, leading to heavy smoke spreading through parts of the building.

Residents noticed dense smoke rising from the cellar and immediately alerted the fire department and police authorities. Panic briefly gripped the apartment complex as families rushed out of their homes while emergency teams ar-

rived at the scene.

Fire department personnel reached the location with two fire engines and began operations to control the flames and prevent the fire from spreading to other sections of the building. At the same time, Narsingi police officials also arrived and coordinated evacuation efforts along with rescue personnel.

Authorities safely shifted residents from the affected block to secure areas as a precautionary measure. Officials stated that emergency teams acted quickly to contain the situation and avoid further danger to the occupants of the residential complex.

The exact reason behind the

fire is yet to be determined.

Preliminary suspicions point toward a possible electrical short circuit, though officials said other causes are also being examined. Police have launched an investigation to identify the source of the blaze and assess the extent of the damage.

As of now, there are no confirmed reports regarding casualties or injuries. The extent of property damage is also being evaluated by the authorities. Residents expressed relief over the swift response of the fire and police departments, which helped prevent the incident from escalating further.

NTR District Clinches Overall Title at Inter-District Swimming Trials

Kurnool, May 24, 2026 | TPN Bureau

The 12th Senior Inter-District Swimming Selection Trials held in Kurnool on May 24 witnessed an impressive performance by NTR District, which secured the overall team championship with a total of 135 points. Among the standout performers, Yana

Jain emerged as the individual champion in the women's category, scoring 35 points and bringing laurels to the district. The event was presided over by K. Ravikanth, Chairman of APAAA, M. Obul Reddy, President of APAAA, A. Mohan Venkat Ram, Secretary of APAAA, and G. Rajendra, SAAP Observer, who oversaw

the smooth conduct of the competition. According to information provided by I. Ramesh, Secretary of NTR District, the team's consistent performance across events played a key role in securing the championship title. Following the achievement, Anil, in-charge of VMC Swimming Pool, along

Man Dies After Falling from Moving RTC Bus

Nalgonda, May 24 | TPN Bureau

A 47-year-old man lost his life after falling from a moving TGSRTC bus near Nemmikal village in Athmakur (S) mandal of Suryapet district on Sunday, according to police officials.

The deceased was identified as Bikki Paramesh, a resident of Patharlapahad village in Athmakur (S) mandal. Police said Paramesh was travelling in a bus belonging to the Suryapet depot and was reportedly standing near the entrance door while the vehicle was in motion.

The incident occurred when the bus crossed a speed breaker near Nemmikal village. Due to the sudden jerk, Paramesh allegedly lost balance and fell from the open doorway onto

the road. He suffered a serious head injury in the accident.

After receiving information, Athmakur (S) police rushed to the spot and shifted the victim to the Government General Hospital in Suryapet. However, he was declared dead. The body was later moved to the hospital mortuary for postmortem examination.

Police have registered a case and initiated an investigation into the incident. Officials are examining the circumstances surrounding the accident, including safety measures followed during the journey.

The incident has raised concerns about passenger safety in public transport buses, particularly regarding passengers standing near open doors while vehicles are moving.

Two Youths Killed in Motorcycle Accident

Nalgonda, May 24 | TPN Bureau

Two young men lost their lives after the motorcycle they were travelling on crashed into a roadside culvert near Gopalapuram village in Nagaram mandal of Suryapet district early on Sunday morning, according to police officials.

The deceased were identified as K. Vishnuvardhan, aged 24, and P. Aravind, aged 26, both residents of Thorur in Mahabubad district. The accident reportedly occurred around 5 a.m. when the motorcycle went out of control and rammed into the culvert while the duo was returning from Gopalapuram. Police stated that Vishnuvardhan and Aravind were employed at a chicken

center in Tirumalgi town of Suryapet district. On Sunday morning, they had travelled to a poultry farm in Gopalapuram to purchase chickens and were heading back when the mishap took place. The impact of the collision caused both riders to suffer severe injuries. After receiving information about the accident, Nagaram police rushed to the spot and shifted the injured men to the Government General Hospital in an ambulance for emergency treatment. Despite efforts by doctors, both victims succumbed to their injuries while undergoing treatment at the hospital, police said. A case has been registered, and further investigation into the incident is underway.

Buffalo Herder Dies of Suspected Heatstroke in Mancherial District

Mancherial, May 24 | TPN Bureau

A tragic incident linked to the ongoing heatwave has cast a shadow of grief over Peddanapalli village in the Bellampalli region of Mancherial district, where a buffalo herder reportedly died after suffering from severe heatstroke.

The deceased was identified as Polagani Venkatesh, son of Posham and a resident of Peddanapalli village. According to villagers, Venkatesh earned his livelihood by grazing buffaloes and supporting his family through daily labor.

As usual, he reportedly took the buffaloes out for grazing on Thursday morning and spent several hours outdoors under intense summer temperatures. Family members said that after returning home around 4 p.m., Venkatesh appeared extremely weak and exhausted, showing symptoms associated with heatstroke.

As his condition worsened rapidly, relatives immediately shifted him to a nearby hospital for treatment. However, despite medical efforts, he reportedly succumbed to the severe effects of the heat.

The incident has left the victim's family devastated and created an atmosphere of sorrow throughout the village. Local residents expressed concern over the rising temperatures and the hardships faced by outdoor workers during the ongoing heatwave conditions.

Doctors and health officials have once again advised the public to avoid exposure to direct sunlight during peak afternoon hours unless absolutely necessary. They also recommended drinking sufficient water, taking regular breaks, and using protective measures while working outdoors to prevent heat-related illnesses.

Beaches Packed as Summer Rush Exposes Safety and Sanitation Gaps

Malla Chandra Sekhar

Intense summer heat and a long weekend brought massive crowds to the beaches of Bapatla district, turning the coastline into a hub of tourist activity. With schools closed for summer holidays and the weekend attracting more visitors, thousands of people from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana rushed to the coast seeking relief from the scorching weather.

Major beaches such as Suryalanka, Odarevu, Ramapuram, Vijayalakshimpuram, Katharipalem and Potti Subbaiah Palem witnessed heavy rush since Saturday morning. Families, groups of friends and children filled the shores, enjoying the sea waves and sandy stretches. Roads leading to Suryalanka and Odarevu remained congested with vehicles from early hours.

Despite previous accidents



during holiday seasons, safety arrangements appeared weak. Although authorities had installed red warning boards in dangerous zones and deployed police personnel with life jackets, monitoring was minimal.

Kunamneni Calls for United Fight for Journalists' Rights

Kothagudem, May 24 | TPN Bureau

Kunamneni Sambasiva Rao participated in the third conference of the Telangana State Union of Working Journalists (TSUWJ), Bhadradri Kothagudem district chapter, held at Kothagudem Club on Sunday. Addressing the gathering as the chief guest, he stressed the need for continuous efforts to safeguard the rights and welfare of journalists.

The CPI State Secretary praised journalists for their crucial role in protecting democracy and described the media as the "Fourth Estate" that serves society by bringing public issues to light. He appreciated journalists for performing

their duties courageously despite facing several hardships and pressures at the grassroots level.

Kunamneni observed that journalists often work day and night under difficult conditions and stated that media organizations should ensure fair salaries and benefits that match their hard work and dedication. He emphasized that the professional and financial security of journalists must be treated as a priority.

Speaking about long-pending demands related to housing plots and health cards for journalists, the MLA assured that he would personally extend support and continue raising these issues with the government until deserving journal-

ists receive the promised benefits. He urged authorities to speed up the allotment of housing plots and issuance of health cards for media personnel.

The MLA also underlined the importance of ethical and unbiased journalism, stating that public trust in the media depends on fair and responsible reporting. He encouraged journalists to remain united, saying collective strength is essential for achieving their rights and welfare objectives.

S.K. Sabir Pasha and Mood Ganesh also addressed the conference and highlighted the contributions of journalists to society. Several journalists and union representatives participated in the event.



Ramchander Rao Participates in BJP Training Programme and Ayudha Puja

Khammam, May 24 | TPN Bureau

Telangana BJP President N. Ramchander Rao participated in the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Prashikshan Abhiyan organized by the BJP's Khammam district unit. During the programme, he visited a special exhibition that traced the Bharatiya Janata Party's ideological journey and growth into one of the world's largest political organizations.

The exhibition showcased the life, philosophy, and contributions of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay, highlighting his principles of Antyodaya and Integral Humanism, which continue to influence the BJP's approach toward governance, social welfare, and nation-building.

Later, Ramchander Rao visited Saraswati Shishu Mandir, where he took part in the Ayudha Puja programme. Addressing the gathering, he said the festival symbolized India's

long-standing civilizational tradition of respecting tools, weapons, and instruments associated with strength, knowledge, and duty.

He stated that Indian culture has always promoted peace, harmony, wisdom, and righteousness. At the same time, he emphasized that the nation's traditions also encourage people to remain strong and prepared to protect Dharma whenever necessary.

Ramchander Rao remarked that Bharat has historically never pursued aggression against others, but its heritage teaches the importance of courage, self-defense, and moral responsibility. He said such cultural values continue to inspire future generations and strengthen the spirit of national unity.

Party leaders, BJP workers, and local residents participated in the programmes organized in Khammam district.

Massive Police Inspection Drive Conducted

Vikarabad, May 24 | TPN Bureau

Following the instructions of Sneha Mehra and under the supervision of DSP Anjaiah, police carried out a large-scale Community Contact Programme in the Garib Nagar area under the limits of Vikarabad Police Station on Sunday morning.

The operation, aimed at strengthening public safety and maintaining law and order, continued for nearly two hours between 5 a.m. and 7 a.m. Police officials implemented a special strategy to conduct the inspection drive efficiently across the locality.

As part of the operation, nine cut-off teams, five search parties, and five lifting teams

were deployed at various locations. Security arrangements were also made at designated holding points to monitor suspicious movements and carry out verification procedures smoothly.

Police said the drive involved the participation of three Circle Inspectors, 11 Sub-Inspectors, and more than 100 police personnel. During the inspections, officers seized 55 two-wheelers that were allegedly being used without valid documentation in suspicious circumstances.

Officials stated that the vehicles would be released only after owners submit original documents and complete the required legal formalities.

The police also seized a significant quantity of illegally

stored liquor bottles and banned gutkha packets during the raids conducted in the area. As part of preventive policing measures, five rowdy-sheeters residing in the locality were identified and brought to a holding point, where police counseled them regarding unlawful activities and public behavior.

In addition, police verified Aadhaar details of several suspicious individuals and collected fingerprints using a Papiilon biometric device as part of efforts to monitor potential threats to law and order. Officials said such community-based inspection drives would continue regularly across the district to maintain peace and public security.

Gambling Den Busted in Farmhouse Raid

Nizamabad, May 24 | TPN Bureau

Under the direction of P. Sai Chaitanya, police intensified efforts to curb anti-social activities such as gambling and illegal card games in villages under the Armoor division. As part of this drive, a major gambling racket operating at a farmhouse near Chepur village in Armoor mandal was busted during a surprise raid conducted by the police.

Officials said the operation was carried out by the special "Cheetah Force" team under the supervision of CCS ACP Mastan Ali after police received credible information

about large-scale gambling activities taking place at Sayanna Farmhouse on the outskirts of Chepur village.

Acting swiftly on the tip-off, the police team surrounded the farmhouse and conducted a sudden raid. Several individuals reportedly attempted to flee after noticing the police presence, but the officers managed to apprehend three persons at the spot.

During the operation, police seized cash amounting to ₹3,300, two Creta cars allegedly used by the accused to travel to the gambling venue, and three mobile phones believed to have been used for communication related to the activity.

Following the raid, the detained individuals along with the seized property were handed over to the Station House Officer of Armoor Police Station for further investigation and legal action. Police have registered a case and initiated further inquiry into the incident.

Senior officials issued a stern warning stating that strict action would be taken against anyone organizing gambling activities or operating illegal card clubs in farmhouses, orchards, or isolated locations. They cautioned that repeat offenders and organizers could also face preventive detention under the PD Act.



Sangem Charitable Trust Continues Food Service for 270 Consecutive Weeks

Adilabad, May 24 | TPN Bureau

Demonstrating an unwavering commitment to social service, the Sangem Charitable Trust in Adilabad has successfully continued its free food distribution programme for 270 consecutive weeks. The initiative, aimed at supporting poor and needy people, has become a symbol of compassion and community service in the district.

As part of its regular weekly programme, the Trust organized another large-scale food donation drive on Sunday at the Adilabad bus stand area, where meals were served to hundreds of underprivileged individuals. The programme has been conducted consistently every week with the support of donors and volunteers who contribute toward helping the needy.

Health Supervisor of Ankonni Primary Health Centre, Bommatha Subhash, attended the event as the chief guest. He personally joined the volunteers in serving food to beneficiaries and appreciated the Sangem Charitable Trust for its dedication and continuous

efforts in helping the poor. He described the initiative as an inspiring example of humanitarian service and community responsibility.

Speaking on the occasion, Trust President and advocate Sudheer Kumar Sangem said the organisation strongly believes that feeding the hungry is one of the noblest forms of charity. He stated that the programme has been running uninterrupted for more than five years with the cooperation of generous donors and well-wishers from society.

Several volunteers and supporters, including Mahender Reddy, Ambayya, Saleem, Rajayya, and others, participated in the programme and contributed to its smooth conduct. Local residents and community members praised the Trust for its sustained commitment toward helping the underprivileged and ensuring that no one goes hungry.

The Sangem Charitable Trust's long-running initiative has earned appreciation from people across Adilabad for its dedication to social welfare and humanitarian service.



Criticism, Introduction, Review, Biography – They Are Not the Same

When we utter the words art or artistic expression, a thousand emotions awaken within us. Laughter, tears, suspense, love, and struggle all find breath within art. Whether it is cinema, literature, dance, or painting, art is never mere entertainment. It is a mirror that reflects society, a weapon that provokes change, and a reservoir that preserves culture.

Once an artist releases their creation into the public domain, it begins a new life, one filled with responses, reactions, and interpretations. These responses take many forms: introduction, review, criticism, and biography. Yet, they are not interchangeable. Each has its own method, its own space, and its own purpose.

Unfortunately, in today's climate, governments and private institutions often lump all these distinct forms together, treating criticism,

review, history, and biography as though they belong to a single category. Even in the context of awards and recognitions, the subtle distinctions and inherent contradictions between them are overlooked. Everything is thrown into one indistinct heap, like a blind bull wandering through a field. That is neither reasonable nor just. The difference between them, to borrow a contemporary metaphor, is as vast as the difference between a data center and an analytical center.

Speaking of cinema, Roger Ebert once said, "Film criticism is not merely opinion; it is an art and a responsibility."

Criticism is not about fault-finding. A critic examines deeply. The very essence of criticism lies in careful observation. To understand a film from every angle and level, and to honestly articulate its strengths and weaknesses,

that is criticism. A true critic stands as a representative of the audience. They experience the film and translate that experience into words, helping others understand it and even decide whether it is worth watching.

Even within criticism, there are distinct approaches. Theoretical criticism analyses films through frameworks such as Marxist, feminist, and postcolonial perspectives. Auteur criticism views the director as the author, tracing recurring themes, styles, and visions across their body of work. Formal criticism studies films within their genres, action, romance, horror, and comedy, each with its own grammar. Cultural criticism examines how cinema reflects and influences society. Popular criticism caters to the general audience, offering a broad, accessible judgment on whether a film is worth watching.

A good critic must possess certain qualities: deep knowledge of cinema, honesty, an unbiased perspective, command over language, and the ability to understand diverse cultures. Above all, they must love cinema.

If criticism demands such depth, a review operates at another level. A reviewer offers a concise introduction, summarising the story and evaluating performances, direction, music, cinematography, and more. A good review serves three purposes: it provides adequate information, expresses an honest personal opinion, and provokes thought in the reader. A reviewer may assign a rating, but ultimately, they only suggest. The final decision always belongs to the audience.

Introductions play a different role altogether. Many readers and viewers discover new filmmakers, writers, and

films through such pieces. Interviews with actors and technicians, and behind-the-scenes glimpses, serve as bridges between cinema and its audience. Yet, their role remains limited; they are closer to promotion than analysis.

Film history, on the other hand, is not a mere listing of dates. Writing history is no easy task. It demands immense effort, collecting decades-old information, verifying names and events, consulting references, digging through archives, and arranging everything chronologically. It is a labour of documentation. Those who undertake it are historians of cinema.

Closely related are biographies, which come in two forms: one, where someone writes the life of a notable figure; the other, an autobiography, where individuals narrate their own journey. Both can be deeply inspiring.

Cinema is not just a story unfolding on screen. It is a reflection of time, society, and the human mind. The mirror that reveals where this reflection fades, where it loses light—that mirror is film criticism. True criticism does not destroy cinema; it guides it. By identifying flaws and analysing them, it sharpens the beauty of the work.

A true critic does not merely watch a film; they enter it. They hear the silence between frames, read the hidden pain behind characters, and sense how a society breathes through the screen. That is why criticism is not a verdict; it is a dialogue. For cinema to move forward, the movement of the camera alone is not enough; it needs thought to give it meaning. That thought is called film criticism.

A good critique is not a storm that tears a film apart; it is the wind that gives direc-

tion to its wings. Therefore, criticism, review, history, and biography must not be understood as the same. They must be approached with discernment. Only then will cinema evolve in substance, and criticism attain its true purpose.



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Poetry as a Search for the Vanishing Human Within Us



Lately, a great deal of poetry is being written and books are being published in abundance. Yet poetry that truly lingers in the heart after reading is exceedingly rare. Some poems evaporate the moment one finishes them, while others continue to walk alongside the reader. Sunkara Gopalayya's Neetikundalanti Manishi (A Man Like a Water Pot) belongs to this second category. Reading this collection gives the impression not of a poet merely composing verses, but of someone trying to preserve people, memories, village trees, and lives slowly fading under the pressure of modern times.

The most striking aspect of this collection is its deep yearning for humanity. In today's world, the market has grown larger than human relationships; phone calls have replaced genuine conversation. Even close relationships are drifting into emotional distance. This sense of separation appears to have deeply shaped the poet's inner world. As a result, he emerges as someone who writes to rediscover and preserve the human spirit. The poem "Aa Mitru-leru?" (Where Are Those Friends?) immediately brings back childhood companions, exposing the painful truth of lives that once walked together but now pass without recognition. This is not just personal memory; it is a shared social condition.

Nature plays a central role in Gopalayya's poetry. Trees, rain, birds, ponds, and fields appear repeatedly, but not as decorative imagery. They function as a mirror to human life. Through them, the poet reflects how humanity has changed. The line, "Pakshulu aakaashanni mukkalu chesi pan-chukoledu" (birds do not divide the sky into pieces to share it)

gently exposes the contrast between nature's unity and human divisions. The strength of the poet lies in this simplicity; he avoids grand rhetoric and uses ordinary language to express deep truths that quietly pierce the reader.

Poems such as "Amma-Adavi" (Mother-Forest) and "Anaganaga oka Avva" (Once Upon a Time, an Old Woman) stand out for their emotional depth. When the poet writes about mothers and grandmothers, it feels less like crafted poetry and more like natural conversation. The line "Andaru amalu adavulu" (all mothers are forests) carries immense emotional weight, presenting the mother as a life-giving force that silently endures hardship. Similarly, "Anaganaga oka Avva" captures the rhythms of rural life with warmth, showing how love and care survive even in poverty and simplicity. However, the collection is not limited to gentleness. A sharper tone appears in poems such as "Delete", "Antaram", "Mugimpu", and "Malli Yuddham Meeda". Here, the poet expresses frustration with society, politics, and religion. Yet even in anger, his voice remains controlled. The line "Jagathu mana chethullo undi... kani mana hru-dayam shunyam avuthondi" (the world is in our hands, but our inner world is becoming empty) captures the modern human paradox, technological power alongside emotional emptiness.

The language throughout the collection is natural and unforced. It resembles everyday village speech rather than constructed poetic form. Because of this, reading the poems feels less like reading literature and more like listening to someone speak

directly beside us. This intimacy is one of the collection's strongest qualities. At the same time, certain limitations are visible. Repeated imagery, trees, birds, rain, soil, appears frequently, and some poems revolve around a single idea without expansion. In politically themed poems, while the emotion is strong, the poetic density occasionally weakens. Yet these are minor concerns when compared to the honesty that defines the entire collection. The title Neeti Kundalanti Manishi (A person like a water pot) captures the essence of the book. In a world overheated by emotion, conflict, and speed, the poet searches for a human being who remains cool and composed. That search runs through every poem. Ultimately, the reader is left not only with poetry, but with a quiet reflection on manavatha (humanity) that still survives within us, however fragile it may be.



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“Every Country Has Stupid People”, Marco Rubio’s Remarks on Racism Against Indians Go Viral

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio has responded to questions about rising incidents of racist comments targeting Indians and Indian Americans in the United States, dismissing such remarks as coming from “stupid people” and stressing that they do not represent the country as a whole.

Speaking during his visit to India and addressing a press interaction alongside External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, Rubio said he takes such incidents seriously but warned against generalizing them to entire societies. He noted that “every country has stupid people” who make offensive or “dumb” comments online or in public spaces.

Rubio emphasized that the United States remains a highly diverse and immigrant-friendly nation, highlighting that people from around the world, including India, have contributed significantly to American society. He said that isolated



racist remarks should not overshadow the broader reality of long-standing people-to-people ties between the two countries.

His comments came in response to a question about re-

cent social media posts and public remarks that were viewed as offensive toward Indians. Rubio acknowledged the concern but reiterated that such behavior is not unique to any one country and exists

globally.

He further underlined that the US government’s stance is to welcome immigrants and promote inclusion, pointing out that millions of people of Indian origin live and work in

the United States and are an integral part of its economic and social fabric.

The remarks quickly gained traction online, with reactions divided. Some users welcomed his blunt dismissal of racist attitudes and his reassurance about immigration, while others debated whether stronger political messaging is needed to address discrimination more directly.

The issue was also discussed in the broader context of strengthening US-India relations, as Rubio’s visit has focused heavily on expanding cooperation in trade, defense, technology, and Indo-Pacific security.

His statement adds to ongoing diplomatic messaging from both sides emphasizing that isolated incidents of prejudice do not define the overall relationship between the two democracies, which continues to deepen across multiple strategic areas.



US-India Ties “Go Beyond Alliances,” Says Marco Rubio After Talks With S. Jaishankar

U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio has described India and the United States as more than just allies, calling them “strategic allies” during high-level talks with External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar in New Delhi. The remarks underline Washington’s continued push to deepen its partnership with India across defence, trade, and global security issues.

During the meeting, Rubio reportedly emphasized that the India-US relationship is not limited to traditional diplomatic cooperation but spans broader strategic interests. He highlighted shared priorities in areas such as the Indo-Pacific region, maritime security, energy cooperation, and counter-terrorism efforts.

Jaishankar and Rubio also discussed key global developments, including ongoing conflicts in the Middle East, trade negotiations, and supply chain resilience. Both sides reiterated their commitment to expanding cooperation in critical sectors like defence manufacturing, advanced technology, and energy security.

According to officials, the discussions reflected a growing alignment between the two democracies, especially as global geopolitical tensions continue to reshape international partnerships. The US has increasingly viewed India

as a central partner in maintaining stability in the Indo-Pacific and balancing regional challenges.

Rubio’s comments come at a time when both countries are working to strengthen defence ties, boost technology collaboration, and expand economic engagement. The dialogue also signals renewed momentum in bilateral relations, with both sides aiming to resolve outstanding trade and policy issues through continued engagement.

Jaishankar, in turn, is understood to have stressed India’s priorities around secure supply chains, investment flows, and a stable regional order. He also reiterated India’s focus on strategic autonomy while deepening practical cooperation with global partners. The talks are part of a broader diplomatic push to reinforce India-US relations, which have grown significantly over the past decade through initiatives in defence interoperability, intelligence sharing, and joint exercises under frameworks like the Quad.

As both countries navigate a complex global environment, leaders on both sides appear keen to position the partnership as a defining relationship of the 21st century—one built not just on alliance politics, but on long-term strategic convergence.

“Backstabbers, Leeches”, DMK Attacks Congress Over Support to Vijay’s TVK Government

The Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) has launched a sharp political attack on the Congress party, accusing it of betrayal and opportunism after it extended support to actor-turned-politician Vijay’s Tamilaga VetriKazhagam (TVK) government in Tamil Nadu. According to DMK leaders, the Congress’s decision to back TVK after the recent elections amounts to “backstabbing” and undermines long-standing political trust between the two allies. The ruling DMK has also used strong language, calling Congress leaders “leeches” and accusing them of surviving politically on the strength of alliance partners. DMK Youth Wing secretary Udhayanidhi Stalin was among those who strongly criticised the Congress, saying the party should not be trusted again. He alleged that Congress MLAs won seats largely due to DMK’s support and cadre strength, but later shifted allegiance without consulting the DMK leadership. He further claimed that such actions

reflect “lack of gratitude and decency” and warned that the people of Tamil Nadu would respond politically in the future. The controversy comes at a time when Tamil Nadu’s political landscape is undergoing a major realignment following a closely contested election. The emergence of TVK as a powerful force led by Vijay has triggered shifting alliances, with several parties reassessing their partnerships in the state.

The Congress party’s alignment with TVK is seen as a significant political departure from its earlier association with the DMK-led alliance, further deepening tensions within opposition ranks. While Congress has justified its move as part of a broader political strategy, the DMK has interpreted it as a breach of trust.

The exchange highlights growing instability in Tamil Nadu’s post-election coalition politics, where shifting loyalties and rapid alliance changes have intensified rivalry among major Dravidian and national parties.

West Bengal Plans Holding Centres for Illegal Immigrants Awaiting Deportation

The West Bengal government has directed district administrations to establish “Holding Centres” to temporarily house individuals identified as illegal foreign nationals until their deportation or legal repatriation is completed. The move is aimed at strengthening the state’s immigration monitoring and streamlining coordination with central agencies responsible for border control and deportation procedures.



identity confirmation and legal procedures are completed, arrangements for deportation or repatriation will be initiated.

According to official instructions, District Magistrates have been asked to identify suitable facilities where such individuals can be kept under supervision. These centres are not intended to function as long-term detention camps or prisons, but rather as short-term holding spaces where verification of identity and nationality can be carried out.

The individuals likely to be housed in these centres include those apprehended during routine checks or border enforcement operations, as well as foreign nationals who have completed prison sentences and are awaiting deportation. Reports indicate that undocumented migrants, particularly those suspected to be from neighbouring countries, may fall under this category.

Authorities have clarified that the primary objective of these centres is administrative in nature—to facilitate documentation, verification, and coordination with relevant national agencies, including border security forces and immigration departments. Once

The decision comes amid increasing focus on identifying and managing undocumented immigration in several parts of the country. While similar detention or holding systems already exist in some states, the West Bengal initiative marks a structured effort to formalize temporary accommodation for such individuals within the state’s administrative framework.

However, the issue remains sensitive, as it intersects with broader debates around migration, citizenship verification, and border security. West Bengal, sharing a long international border with Bangladesh, has often been central to discussions on cross-border movement and undocumented migration.

Officials maintain that the centres are intended to ensure orderly processing rather than punitive confinement, emphasizing compliance with legal procedures and coordination with central authorities for final action.

BJP Calls Rahul Gandhi’s Remark a “Grave Conspiracy to Spread Anarchy”

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has strongly attacked Congress leader and Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi over his recent remarks, alleging that his statements are part of a “grave conspiracy” aimed at destabilising the country and creating an atmosphere of anarchy.

According to BJP leaders, including Union Minister Piyush Goyal, Rahul Gandhi’s comments suggesting that the Modi government could fall within a year reflect a coordinated attempt to undermine democratic institutions and incite unrest. The party accused him of working with “like-minded groups” to spread misinformation and weaken public trust in the government.

Piyush Goyal, in his response, said that such remarks were not isolated political statements but pointed to a larger design intended to create instability. He alleged that the opposition, unable to defeat the ruling BJP electorally, was resorting to narratives that could provoke confusion and division among citizens.

The BJP further claimed that Rahul Gandhi’s repeated criticisms of the central government show a pattern of what it calls “anti-develop-



ment” and “anti-national” rhetoric. Party leaders argued that these statements are being used to mislead the public and damage India’s global image at a time when the country is experiencing economic growth and strengthening international partnerships.

The controversy has added another layer to the ongoing political confrontation between the BJP and the Congress party. Both sides have increasingly exchanged sharp accusations in Parliament and public rallies, with issues ranging from governance and economic policy to national security and institutional integrity.

AI Platforms Used for “Terror Engineering” in Red Fort Blast Case, NIA Probe Reveals Digital Trail

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has reportedly uncovered evidence suggesting that artificial intelligence tools and online platforms were misused in the planning and execution of the 2025 Red Fort blast case in Delhi. According to the investigation cited in recent reports, the accused allegedly used AI-based platforms along with video-sharing and messaging services to assist in what officials describe as a “tech-enabled terror module.”

The probe indicates that the terror network behind the explosion did not rely solely on traditional methods of planning but also explored digital tools for coordination, communication, and information gathering. Investigators believe that AI platforms may have been used to process information,

understand explosive techniques, and support logistical planning in a more systematic manner.

Sources linked to the investigation suggest that this represents a shift toward what agencies are calling “hybrid terrorism,” where conventional radicalisation and field operations are combined with advanced digital technologies. The case is being closely studied as an example of how easily accessible online tools can potentially be misused for unlawful and violent purposes.

Officials also noted that several digital devices, chat records, and online activity logs were recovered during raids conducted across multiple locations. These materials are now being analysed to determine the extent of technological in-

volvement and whether external digital guidance played a role in the conspiracy. The Red Fort blast, which occurred on November 10, 2025, resulted in multiple fatalities and injuries and triggered a large-scale national security investigation. Since then, the NIA has widened its probe, arresting multiple suspects and filing an extensive chargesheet outlining the alleged terror conspiracy. Authorities have emphasised that the investigation is still ongoing and that all digital evidence is being carefully verified. However, the emerging findings highlight growing concerns among security agencies about the potential misuse of AI and online platforms by extremist networks, marking a new challenge in counter-terrorism efforts in India.



Kerala Politics, Lone CPI(M) Winner Gets Cabinet Berth in New Development

An interesting political development has taken place in Kerala, where John, the only elected MLA from the Communist Marxist Party (CMP), has been inducted into the state cabinet. The 68-year-old leader, who has entered the Assembly for the first time, has been assigned the Transport portfolio in the newly formed cabinet led by Chief Minister V.D. Satheesan. The inclusion of a representative from a party with just one seat has drawn significant attention in political circles. Normally, cabinet positions are reserved for parties with substantial representation in the legislature. However, John’s appointment has been seen as a notable exception, highlighting shifting political calculations within the ruling alliance.

John has long been associated with communist political movements and grassroots activism. His electoral victory this time marked his first di-

rect entry into the legislative Assembly, and his immediate elevation to a ministerial position is being viewed as a remarkable political rise.

The decision to allocate him an important portfolio such as Transport suggests that the government is placing trust in his leadership and administrative capabilities. It also reflects an effort to maintain balance and inclusivity within the coalition by giving representation even to smaller political partners.

Political analysts say the move underscores the importance of coalition dynamics in Kerala politics, where even a single-seat party can play a significant role in government formation and stability.

Overall, the cabinet induction has become a talking point in the state, symbolising how smaller political forces can still gain meaningful influence in governance under the right political circumstances.

Judge Dismisses Michael Wolff's Preemptive Lawsuit Against Melania Trump, Says Courts Don't Rule on Hypotheticals



A U.S. federal judge has dismissed journalist Michael Wolff's preemptive lawsuit against First Lady Melania Trump, ruling that the case was improperly filed and asking the court to decide a dispute that had not yet formally happened.

Wolff had approached the court after Melania Trump's legal team threatened a defamation suit over his public comments allegedly linking her to disgraced financier Jeffrey Epstein. In response, Wolff attempted to secure a legal declaration that his statements were not defamatory and that any future lawsuit against him would fail.

However, the judge rejected

this approach outright, stating that federal courts do not issue rulings on hypothetical cases or potential lawsuits. The court emphasized that legal disputes must follow the normal process, meaning a case can only be heard once a valid claim has actually been filed.

The judge also criticized the way the lawsuit was brought, describing it as an attempt at "preemptive litigation" and suggesting it amounted to improper legal strategy. While acknowledging that there is an underlying dispute between the two parties, the court said it must be handled through standard defamation procedures if and when a case is properly filed.

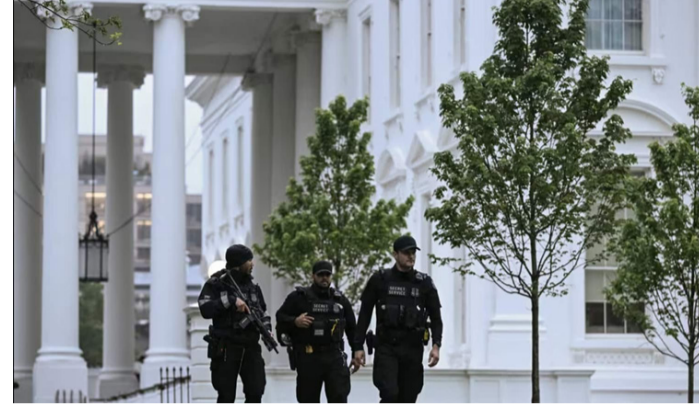
Melania Trump's legal team had previously warned Wolff of possible legal action and demanded retractions related to his statements. Wolff, a well-known author of several books on Donald Trump, argued that his comments were protected under free speech and represented opinion rather than factual allegations.

The dismissal does not address the truth of the underlying claims or defamation arguments. Instead, it focuses solely on procedural grounds, leaving open the possibility that a formal lawsuit could still be filed in the future.

Following the ruling, Melania Trump's side welcomed the decision, reiterating their position that the allegations made against her were false and damaging. Wolff, meanwhile, is expected to consider his next legal steps, including the possibility of appealing or waiting for any actual defamation suit to be filed before responding in court.

The case has drawn attention for highlighting how courts handle "preemptive" legal actions and the limits of seeking rulings on disputes that have not yet formally entered the judicial system.

Shots Fired Near White House Trigger Lockdown, Gunman Killed in Security Response



A major security incident unfolded near the White House in Washington, D.C., after shots were fired close to a security checkpoint, prompting an immediate lockdown of the presidential complex. The U.S. Secret Service confirmed that a gunman opened fire on officers before being shot dead during the exchange.

According to officials, the incident took place near the perimeter of the White House, close to a busy intersection outside the secured zone. The suspect allegedly approached a security checkpoint, pulled out a firearm from a bag, and began firing at officers stationed there. Secret Service personnel responded instantly and returned fire, fatally striking the attacker.

The rapid exchange of gunfire triggered a large-scale emergency response, with mul-

multiple law enforcement units rushing to secure the area. The situation led to a temporary lockdown of the White House, with staff and journalists moved into secure locations as a precaution. Witnesses in the area reported hearing multiple gunshots, causing panic and confusion nearby. Authorities also confirmed that a bystand-

er was injured during the incident. However, it is still unclear whether the injury resulted directly from the suspect's gunfire or from the exchange between officers and the attacker. Officials stated that the suspect was later transported to a hospital, where he was pronounced dead. No Secret Service personnel were injured in the inci-

dent. The White House remained under security lockdown until the area was fully secured and declared safe.

The FBI has joined the investigation alongside the Secret Service to determine the motive behind the attack. Early findings suggest the suspect may have had prior interactions with law enforcement, though details have not yet been officially confirmed.

The incident highlights ongoing security challenges around high-profile government buildings in Washington, D.C., where authorities maintain strict protective measures due to potential threats. As investigations continue, officials have urged the public to avoid the area while forensic teams examine the scene and gather evidence to understand the sequence of events leading up to the shooting.

Ishaq Dar Says US-Iran Talks See "Meaningful Progress" as Pakistan's Mediation Role Grows

Pakistan's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar has said that "meaningful progress" has been achieved in ongoing negotiations between the United States and Iran, signaling cautious optimism about a potential diplomatic breakthrough in the long-running conflict.

Speaking on Sunday, Dar noted that the latest round of discussions between Washington and Tehran has moved forward in a "positive direction," with both sides reportedly showing willingness to continue engagement through mediated channels. He added that Pakistan has played an active facilitation role in bringing the two sides closer to dialogue and narrowing key differences.

The statement comes amid intensified diplomatic efforts involving Pakistan, which has emerged as a key intermediary in indirect US-Iran communication. Islamabad has hosted or supported multiple rounds of discussions involving regional stakeholders, aiming to reduce tensions and prevent further escalation in the Middle East conflict.

According to Dar, both the US and Iran have expressed confidence in Pakistan's role as a facilitator, with Islamabad helping relay messages and organize diplomatic contacts. He reiterated that Pakistan's position remains focused on encouraging dialogue, stability, and de-escalation in the region.



The negotiations are believed to be centered around broader regional security concerns, including ceasefire arrangements, maritime security in critical waterways, and frameworks for long-term political understanding. While details remain limited, recent developments suggest that both sides are gradually moving toward a structured agreement framework, though major issues remain unresolved. Dar also emphasized that war is not in anyone's interest and called for continued diplomatic engagement to achieve a durable peace. Pakistan has repeatedly stated that it is willing to host future rounds of talks if required, as part of its broader

diplomatic outreach in the region.

The latest remarks add to growing international attention on the US-Iran dialogue, which has seen intermittent progress in recent weeks but continues to face obstacles over core political and security disagreements. Despite these challenges, mediators like Pakistan say there is now a more constructive atmosphere compared to earlier phases of negotiations. As discussions continue, Islamabad is positioning itself as a central diplomatic bridge, hoping that sustained engagement between Washington and Tehran can eventually lead to a comprehensive settlement.

Gaza Flotilla Activists Allege Abuse and Sexual Violence in Israeli Custody, Sparking Global Outcry

Deported activists from a Gaza-bound aid flotilla have alleged that they were subjected to abuse, humiliation, and sexual violence while being held in Israeli detention after their vessels were intercepted at sea. The claims have triggered widespread international reactions and renewed diplomatic pressure on Israel, while authorities strongly deny any wrongdoing.

The activists were part of a larger flotilla attempting to deliver humanitarian aid to Gaza when they were intercepted by Israeli naval forces in international waters. Following the operation, hundreds of participants were detained and later deported to various countries, including several European nations.

After their release, multiple activists described what they say were harsh detention conditions, including physical violence, degrading treatment, and intimidation. Some also alleged incidents of sexual abuse while in custody, claims that have not been indepen-



dently verified but have been widely reported and are now under scrutiny by international observers and human rights groups.

According to testimonies shared by returned participants, detainees were allegedly subjected to prolonged restraint, poor living conditions, lack of basic hygiene supplies, and in some cases physical assault. The allegations have prompted calls from activists and some political leaders for independent investigations

into the treatment of those detained.

Israeli authorities, including the prison service, have rejected all accusations, describing them as completely false and without factual basis. Officials maintain that detainees were treated according to legal standards and that their rights were respected during custody.

The controversy has added further tension to an already highly sensitive geopolitical situation surrounding Gaza

and the naval blockade. International responses have been mixed, with some governments expressing concern over the allegations while also criticizing the flotilla missions as politically provocative.

Human rights organizations and legal bodies in several countries have begun reviewing the claims, and some prosecutors in Europe have reportedly opened preliminary inquiries based on complaints filed by returning activists.

The incident has also sparked broader political fallout, with diplomatic reactions and public protests in several countries, reflecting deep divisions over the ongoing conflict and the treatment of detainees.

As investigations and legal assessments continue, the allegations remain a focal point of international debate, with calls growing for transparency, accountability, and independent fact-finding mechanisms to determine what occurred during the detention period.

Quetta Railway Track Explosion: Train Damaged, Several Injured in Balochistan Blast



A powerful explosion near a railway track in Quetta, Pakistan, has damaged a passing train and caused multiple injuries, according to officials and local media reports. The incident triggered panic in the area as emergency teams rushed to the site and security forces cordoned off the surroundings.

The blast occurred in Balochistan province, a region that has frequently witnessed militant attacks and insurgency-related violence. The explosion is believed to have struck as a train carrying passengers was

passing through the area, leading to partial derailment and damage to several coaches.

Rescue operations were immediately launched, with injured passengers shifted to nearby hospitals. Authorities said that a number of people sustained injuries, though the exact toll is still being assessed as emergency services continue clearing debris and examining the site.

Preliminary reports suggest the explosion was caused by an improvised explosive device planted near the tracks. Security agencies have launched an

investigation to determine the perpetrators and whether the attack was targeted.

No group has officially been confirmed responsible at this stage, although Balochistan has seen repeated attacks on railway infrastructure in recent years, often attributed to separatist militant organizations operating in the region.

The explosion also disrupted rail traffic on the route, with services temporarily suspended as engineers inspected the damaged tracks for safety. Authorities warned that restoration work may take time depending on the extent of structural damage.

Officials condemned the attack and reiterated efforts to strengthen railway and regional security, particularly in sensitive zones where civilian transport is frequently targeted.

As investigations continue, authorities are expected to release more details about the casualties, the scale of damage, and possible links to earlier incidents in the region.

Trump to Award Nation's Highest Civilian Honour to 9/11 Hero Welles Crowther



US President Donald Trump has announced that Welles Remy Crowther, widely known as the "Man in the Red Bandana," will be posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honour in the United States.

The announcement was made during a public event in New York, where Trump paid tribute to Crowther's extraordinary bravery during the September 11, 2001 terror attacks. The honour is being conferred in recognition of Crowther's selfless actions inside the World Trade Center, where he is credited with saving multi-

ple lives before losing his own. Welles Crowther was a 24-year-old equities trader and volunteer firefighter working on the 104th floor of the South Tower when the attacks took place. After the first plane struck the North Tower, he is believed to have repeatedly gone back into the burning building to guide trapped victims to safety.

Survivors later recalled seeing a young man wearing a red bandana over his face helping people navigate smoke-filled stairwells and debris. He reportedly made multiple rescue trips, saving as many as 18 people before the South Tower

collapsed.

His story became widely known years later, earning him the nickname "Man in the Red Bandana," inspired by the distinctive cloth he used during the rescue efforts. The red bandana has since become a powerful symbol of courage and sacrifice and is preserved at the 9/11 Memorial & Museum in New York.

During the announcement, Trump also acknowledged Crowther's mother, praising her for raising a son whose actions continue to inspire people decades later. She expressed gratitude for the recognition, saying that her

son's legacy still motivates people around the world to live with compassion and courage.

The Presidential Medal of Freedom is awarded to individuals who have made exceptional contributions to national interests, world peace, or cultural and other significant public or private endeavors.

Crowther's recognition comes nearly 25 years after the 9/11 attacks, as tributes continue to honor the victims and heroes of that day. His story remains one of the most widely remembered examples of selflessness and bravery during one of America's darkest moments.

How Delta Helps Traders Choose the Right Strike Price in Options Trading

Delta is one of the most important concepts in options trading, especially when it comes to selecting the right strike price from an options chain. Traders often focus only on market direction, but experts say choosing the correct strike can be equally crucial for profitability.

In simple terms, delta measures how much an option premium is expected to move when the underlying stock or index moves by one point. For example, if a call option has a delta of 0.50, the premium is expected to rise by roughly 0.50 for every 1 increase in the underlying asset's price.

Delta values range between 0 and 1 for call options and between 0 and -1 for put options.

Options with higher delta values tend to move more closely with the underlying asset, while lower delta options react less to price movements.

Traders use delta to judge both risk and probability. A delta of 0.50 generally indicates that the option has roughly a 50% chance of expiring in-the-money. Similarly, an option with a delta of 0.20 suggests a lower probability but comes with a cheaper premium.

Experts explain that at-the-money (ATM) options usually have deltas near 0.50, making them more responsive to price changes. Deep out-of-the-money (OTM) options may look at-

tractive because they are cheaper, but their low delta means they often require a large market move to become profitable.

For option buyers, traders often prefer strikes with moderate to high delta because they provide stronger participation in price movement. Meanwhile, option sellers frequently target lower-delta strikes to reduce the probability of the option expiring in-the-money.

Market participants also warn that delta is not fixed. It changes continuously as the market moves, a phenomenon influenced by another Greek called gamma. This means a low-delta option can quickly

become high-delta if the underlying asset moves sharply toward the strike price.

Many experienced traders combine delta analysis with technical indicators such as support and resistance levels, implied volatility, and time to expiry before selecting strikes. According to market experts, relying solely on cheap premiums without understanding delta often leads to poor trade selection.

As options trading continues to gain popularity among retail investors, understanding delta is increasingly viewed as an essential skill for making smarter strike-price decisions and managing risk more effectively.



Global Stocks Rise, Bond Yields Slip As Investors Watch US-Iran Talks



Global stock markets moved higher while bond yields eased as investors focused on signs of progress in ongoing talks involving the United States and Iran. Hopes that diplomatic efforts could reduce tensions in the Middle East boosted investor confidence across major financial markets.

Wall Street recorded gains, with the Dow Jones Industrial Average rising strongly, while the S&P 500 and Nasdaq also advanced. European shares climbed to near one-month highs as traders reacted positively to reports suggesting some movement toward easing geopolitical tensions.

At the same time, US Treasury yields dipped after recent

ly touching multi-month highs. Investors moved back toward bonds as markets assessed the possibility that reduced conflict risks could help stabilise oil prices and inflation concerns. Analysts noted that bond prices generally rise when yields fall, reflecting increased demand for safer assets.

Market sentiment improved after comments from US officials hinted at diplomatic progress with Iran, although major disagreements reportedly still remain unresolved. Investors are closely monitoring developments because tensions in the Middle East, particularly around the Strait of Hormuz, have significant implications for global energy

supplies and inflation.

Oil prices remained volatile amid uncertainty surrounding the negotiations. While hopes of a breakthrough initially pushed crude prices lower, lingering doubts about the success of the talks kept energy markets on edge. Traders remain concerned that any disruption in the region could sharply affect global oil supply chains.

Technology and AI-related stocks continued to support market gains, with investors maintaining optimism around the sector despite broader geopolitical worries. Strong interest in major tech companies helped sustain momentum in US equities.

Meanwhile, investors are also keeping an eye on economic data and central bank policy signals. Rising oil prices in recent weeks have increased fears that inflation could remain elevated for longer, potentially delaying interest rate cuts by the US Federal Reserve.

Financial analysts say markets are likely to remain sensitive to every update from the US-Iran negotiations, as any major breakthrough or setback could quickly influence stocks, oil prices, currencies, and global bond markets.

Bain Capital-Backed Dhoot Transmission Files Updated IPO Papers With SEBI

Auto component manufacturer Dhoot Transmission has filed updated draft papers with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) for its upcoming initial public offering (IPO). Backed by global investment firm Bain Capital, the company plans to raise significant funds through a mix of fresh share issuance and an offer for sale.

According to the updated draft red herring prospectus (UDRHP), the IPO will include a fresh issue of equity shares worth 1,400 crore along with an offer for sale (OFS) of up to 1.63 crore shares by existing shareholders.

As part of the OFS, Bain Capital, through its affiliate BC Asia Investments XV Ltd, is expected to offload nearly 1.32 crore equity shares. Another shareholder, Mangalam Capital Pvt Ltd, will also sell a portion of its stake through the public issue.

The company plans to utilise a large part of the fresh issue proceeds for debt repayment and expansion activities. Around 493 crore is expected to be used to reduce the company's existing borrowings, while additional

funds will be invested in subsidiaries for repayment of their debts.

Dhoot Transmission also intends to establish new wiring harness manufacturing facilities in Jhajjar, Haryana, and Shoalagiri in Hosur, Tamil Nadu. A portion of the IPO proceeds may additionally be used for acquisitions, expansion opportunities, and general corporate purposes.

Founded in 1999, Dhoot Transmission manufactures critical automotive components including wiring harnesses, connectors, switches, electronic sensors, controllers, and high-voltage inter-connection systems. The company serves major automobile manufacturers across India and overseas markets.

The firm is considered one of the leading players in India's two-wheeler and three-wheeler wiring harness segment. It also has a growing presence in the electric vehicle component market, which has become an increasingly important growth area for automotive suppliers.

Its client portfolio includes major automotive brands such as Bajaj Auto, TVS Motor Company, Honda Motorcy-



cle and Scooter India, and Royal Enfield.

Financially, the company has shown strong growth in recent years. Reports indicate that Dhoot Transmission's revenue and profit have risen significantly due to increasing demand from the automotive and EV sectors.

The company had earlier filed confidential IPO papers with SEBI before receiving regulatory approval to move

ahead with the public issue process. The shares are proposed to be listed on both the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) and the National Stock Exchange (NSE).

With the Indian IPO market remaining active and investor interest in auto and EV-related businesses continuing to rise, Dhoot Transmission's public issue is expected to attract significant market attention.

NSE Removes Exide Industries And Nuvama Wealth From F&O Segment

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) has announced the removal of Exide Industries and Nuvama Wealth Management from the futures and options (F&O) segment. The decision comes as part of the exchange's periodic review of stocks eligible for derivative trading.

According to NSE guidelines, stocks must meet specific criteria related to market-wide position limits, trading volumes, liquidity, and average daily turnover to remain in the derivatives segment. If companies fail to meet these requirements consistently, they can be excluded from F&O trading.

Following the latest review, NSE confirmed that no new derivative contracts will be intro-

duced for Exide Industries and Nuvama Wealth after the specified cutoff date. However, existing unexpired contracts will continue to remain available until their respective expiry dates.

The removal from the F&O segment often impacts market sentiment because derivative trading generally attracts higher participation from traders and institutional investors. Stocks in the F&O category usually witness better liquidity and greater trading activity compared to cash-only stocks.

Market experts note that exclusion from the derivatives segment does not directly affect a company's core business fundamentals. Instead, it mainly reflects the stock's recent trading patterns and liquidity metrics. However, such

announcements can still lead to short-term volatility in share prices as traders adjust their positions.

Exide Industries, one of India's leading battery manufacturers, has a strong presence in both automotive and industrial battery segments. The company has also been focusing heavily on electric vehicle battery technology and energy storage solutions in recent years.

Nuvama Wealth Management, formerly known as Edelweiss Wealth Management, is a prominent player in India's financial services sector offering wealth management, asset management, and capital market services.

Analysts say that stocks removed from the F&O segment may witness reduced specula-

tive activity, which could lower short-term price fluctuations. At the same time, long-term investors generally focus more on business performance, earnings growth, and sector outlook rather than derivative eligibility.

The NSE periodically revises the list of stocks in the F&O segment based on criteria laid down by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). These reviews are intended to ensure that only sufficiently liquid and actively traded stocks remain available for derivatives trading.

Investors and traders are now expected to closely monitor the impact of the exclusion on trading volumes and market activity in both Exide Industries and Nuvama Wealth shares over the coming weeks.

Vegorama Punjabi Angithi IPO Closes With Strong 33 Times Subscription



The initial public offering (IPO) of Vegorama Punjabi Angithi closed with an overwhelming response from investors, receiving nearly 33 times subscription by the final day of bidding. The strong demand reflects growing investor interest in small and medium enterprise (SME) IPOs, particularly in the food and restaurant sector.

According to market data, the IPO attracted heavy participation across all investor categories, with retail investors showing especially strong enthusiasm. The issue reportedly received bids for several crore shares against the limited number of shares offered by the company.

Vegorama Punjabi Angithi operates a chain of vegetarian restaurants known for North Indian cuisine and quick-service dining formats. The brand has expanded steadily in recent years and has gained popularity in mul-

tiple cities through its affordable food offerings and growing customer base.

The IPO was launched to raise funds for business expansion, working capital requirements, and general corporate purposes. The company is expected to use part of the proceeds to open new outlets, strengthen operations, and improve brand presence in additional markets.

Following the strong subscription figures, investor attention has now shifted toward the grey market premium (GMP), which often provides an indication of expected listing sentiment. Reports suggest that the IPO has been commanding a healthy premium in the unofficial market, signalling optimism about potential listing gains.

The share allotment process is expected to be finalised soon, after which successful applicants will receive shares

in their demat accounts. Investors who do not receive allotment are likely to get refunds within the scheduled timeline.

The company's shares are expected to be listed on the NSE SME platform. Market analysts say the strong response to the issue reflects continued appetite for SME listings despite broader market volatility.

Experts, however, also caution investors to look beyond listing gains and carefully evaluate long-term business fundamentals before investing in SME stocks, as these companies can experience higher volatility compared to larger listed firms.

The successful subscription of the Vegorama Punjabi Angithi IPO adds to the growing momentum in India's primary market, where several SME and mainboard IPOs have witnessed strong investor participation over the past year.



11 Everyday Indian Habits That Feel Premium in the UK

A viral social media post by an Indian woman living in the United Kingdom has sparked a lively online discussion after she shared how several everyday Indian conveniences are treated as luxuries abroad.

In her post, the woman listed 11 simple things that are common in India but surprisingly expensive, rare, or difficult to maintain in the UK. At the top of the list was domestic help. In India, many middle-class households can afford cooks, cleaners, and drivers, making daily life more manageable.

She also pointed out the convenience of quick food delivery services in India. Whether it is groceries, medicines, or restaurant meals, Indians are used to getting almost anything delivered within minutes.

Another major difference she highlighted was access to fresh food and affordable eat-



ing out. In India, street food, fresh vegetables, and restaurant meals are widely available at reasonable prices. In contrast, dining out frequently in the UK can put pressure on one's budget.

The woman further mentioned spacious homes as another luxury. Indian families often live in larger homes compared to compact apartments commonly found in British cities.

Transportation was another

point of comparison. App-based rides and domestic flights in India are often cheaper and more accessible. In the UK, public transport and taxis can be significantly more expensive.

Internet users quickly related to her experiences, with many agreeing that Indians often underestimate the comfort and convenience available in their own country.

Others added that India's strong social support system, availability of skilled workers, and low service costs contribute greatly to quality of life. Many people living abroad admitted they missed these "small luxuries" the most.

The post has now become part of a broader conversation about how lifestyle perceptions change when people move overseas. What seems ordinary in India can suddenly feel exclusive and premium in another country.

CISF Wins Praise After Recovering Woman's Lost Phone in 15 Minutes at Bengaluru Airport



A woman has publicly praised the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) after officers at Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport helped recover her lost mobile phone within just 15 minutes.

The incident, which quickly gained attention online, has drawn appreciation for the professionalism and efficiency of airport security personnel.

According to reports, the woman misplaced her phone while travelling through the airport and soon realized it was missing. Worried about losing important personal data and contacts, she immediately approached CISF personnel for assistance.

To the woman's surprise, the phone was traced and returned to her in less than 15 minutes. Impressed by the swift re-

sponse, she later shared her experience on social media, thanking the CISF team for their prompt action and helpful attitude. Her post soon went viral, with many social media users applauding the force for its dedication and efficiency.

Several people online noted that losing a phone while travelling can be extremely stressful, especially at busy airports. Many users said the incident reflected positively on airport security systems and highlighted how trained personnel can make a major difference during emergencies.

The CISF is responsible for providing security at airports and other important installations across India. Over the years, the force has earned recognition not only for maintaining safety but also for helping passengers recover lost belongings and assisting travellers in difficult situations.

Internet users reacted warmly to the woman's post,

with some sharing their own experiences of receiving help from CISF officers at airports. Others praised the professionalism of security personnel who often work long hours under pressure while ensuring smooth airport operations.

The incident also sparked conversations about the importance of public appreciation for frontline workers. Many users commented that security staff are frequently criticized when issues arise but rarely acknowledged for their efficient service and quick problem-solving abilities.

As the story continues to circulate online, it has become another example of how small acts of efficiency and kindness can leave a lasting impression on travellers. For the woman involved, what began as a stressful moment at Bengaluru airport ended with relief and gratitude, thanks to the quick response of the CISF team.

Lithuanian Woman Says Europeans Can Learn These 5 Important Lessons From Indians



A fresh report has sparked major discussion in Indian cricket circles, claiming that the BCCI selectors are not entirely fair in their selection process. The report, which was widely spread on social media, claims that the selectors are biased towards players from certain states, particularly Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. It also mentions that players from other states, like Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, are often overlooked.

posure in middle-order roles and ability to anchor or accelerate innings depending on match situations have made him an at-risk batsman. In the past, he has been criticized for being too defensive and not taking enough risks. However, his recent performance has shown a significant improvement in his batting technique and mental strength.



ue to make him central to India's plans, even as debates around captaincy evolve.

Tilak Varma's rise adds another layer of complexity to the captaincy debate. His consistent performance in the T20 format has made him a key player for the national team. However, his role in the Test and ODI formats remains uncertain. The selectors are expected to weigh his strengths and weaknesses carefully before making a decision.

pects of their culture that are often taken for granted. Others added that while India has its own challenges, its cultural values around family, hospitality, and celebration remain unique strengths.

Some users also pointed out that modern urban lifestyles around the world are gradually reducing community interaction, making India's social culture even more special.

The viral post has now become part of a larger conversation about cultural exchange and how societies can learn from one another. For many readers, the Lithuanian woman's observations served as a reminder that everyday traditions and values can leave a lasting impact on people from completely different parts of the world.

Bengaluru Landlord Calls Tenant "Stupid" Over AC Use Sparks Online Debate

A Bengaluru tenant has gone viral after alleging that his landlord verbally abused him over the excessive use of an air conditioner in a rented studio apartment, highlighting ongoing tensions in the city's rental housing market.

The tenant, who pays around 35,000 per month for a small studio in Koramangala, claimed that the apartment had very limited ventilation and no balcony, making it uncomfortable to live in without using an AC. According to his account shared on social media, electricity and water were included in the rent, so he regularly used the air conditioner to cope with the heat.

However, the situation escalated when the landlord reportedly accused him of "misusing free electricity" and objected to the AC usage. The tenant further alleged that the landlord insulted him by calling him "stupid" and an "idiot," leaving him shocked and frustrated.

The tenant also expressed that the rent itself felt disproportionately high for the condition of the flat, pointing out that he was paying a premium amount for a compact, poorly ventilated space. He said the living conditions left him with no real alternative but to rely on cooling appliances, especially during Bengaluru's hot weather.

The incident quickly gained



traction online after the post went viral, with many users reacting strongly. A large section of social media users sympathised with the tenant, arguing that when utilities are included in rent, reasonable AC usage should not be a point of conflict. Others used the opportunity to highlight broader issues in Bengaluru's rental market, where high rents, strict landlords, and limited tenant flexibility are frequently reported concerns.

Several users also shared similar experiences, saying disputes over electricity usage, maintenance charges, and informal restrictions by landlords are not uncommon in the city. The discussion soon broadened into a larger debate about tenant rights and the need for clearer rental agreements.

At the same time, some commenters suggested that landlords face rising electricity costs and may attempt to control usage in shared or bundled-rent arrangements, although they agreed that abusive language was unacceptable under any circumstances.

The incident adds to a growing list of viral tenant-landlord disputes from Bengaluru, a city often in the spotlight for its competitive rental market and increasing housing pressure driven by rapid urban migration.

For the tenant, what began as an ordinary living situation turned into a stressful confrontation, eventually prompting him to consider moving out in search of a more transparent and respectful rental arrangement.

"After 14 Years in Noida": Emotional Story of a Man Returning Home Goes Viral



A heartfelt video shared by a man who left Noida after 14 years of living and working in the city, symbolizing his return home. The video shows him standing in front of his childhood home, looking emotional and nostalgic. He shares his journey from a small town to a big city and back home.

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moving from a stage where he used to walk on foot to eventually owning a SUV, symbolizing his success. The video captures his emotional journey and the support of his family and friends.

thinking came from a simple conversation with a street vendor. He recalled asking a vendor for a specific item, and the vendor's response resonated with him. The video highlights the importance of human connection and the support of loved ones.

attention online, with many users resonating with his reflections on modern city life. The video has become a source of inspiration for many people who have moved away from their hometowns and are looking for a sense of belonging.

Rahul, Kuldeep Power Delhi Capitals to Dominant Win Over KKR

Delhi Capitals ended their IPL 2026 campaign on a high note with an emphatic 40-run victory over Kolkata Knight Riders at Eden Gardens on Sunday. A brilliant all-round performance led by KL Rahul and Kuldeep Yadav helped Delhi outplay Kolkata in all departments and finish the season with confidence.

After being asked to bat first, Delhi Capitals made a steady start before KL Rahul took charge of the innings. The experienced batter played a composed and classy knock, anchoring the innings while keeping the scoreboard moving at a healthy rate. Rahul mixed caution with aggression perfectly, finding boundaries regularly and building crucial partnerships in the middle overs.

Delhi's batting unit provided useful support around him, especially during the death overs where quick runs pushed the total to a challenging score. The visitors capitalised on loose deliveries and ensured they had enough runs on the board to put pressure on the Kolkata batting line-up.

Chasing the target, Kolkata Knight Riders never really found momentum. Delhi's bowlers struck at regular intervals, preventing KKR from building any meaningful partnerships. The



pressure mounted as wickets continued to fall, leaving the home side struggling to keep up with the required run rate.

Kuldeep Yadav emerged as the star with the ball for Delhi Capitals. The left-arm wrist spinner delivered a sensational spell, using his variations cleverly to trouble the Kolkata batters. He picked up crucial wickets in the middle overs and completely shifted the match in Delhi's favour. His disciplined

bowling ensured Kolkata's chase lost direction at a critical stage.

KKR skipper Ajinkya Rahane tried to keep his side in the contest with a fighting half-century. He showed determination and experience while handling the Delhi attack, but lacked support from the other end. Once Rahane departed, Kolkata's hopes of a comeback faded quickly.

Delhi's pace attack also contributed effectively by maintaining tight lines and executing plans well in the final overs. The bowlers combined brilliantly to restrict Kolkata well short of the target and seal a comfortable victory.

Although the result did not affect the playoff race, Delhi Capitals would be pleased with the way they concluded their season. KL Rahul's consistency with the bat and Kuldeep Yadav's match-winning performances were among the major positives for the franchise during the campaign.

For Kolkata Knight Riders, the defeat marked a disappointing end to an inconsistent season. Despite showing flashes of brilliance at times, they failed to deliver consistently in crucial matches and ultimately missed out on a strong finish in the tournament.

Rajasthan Royals Storm Into Playoffs With 30-Run Win Over Mumbai Indians

Rajasthan Royals sealed the final playoff berth in IPL 2026 with a commanding 30-run victory over Mumbai Indians at the Wankhede Stadium on Sunday. The crucial win not only confirmed Rajasthan's place in the knockout stage but also set up an Eliminator clash against Sunrisers Hyderabad.

In a high-pressure encounter, Rajasthan Royals delivered a complete all-round performance to outclass Mumbai Indians and keep their title hopes alive. Asked to bat first, the Royals posted an imposing total of 205 for 8 in 20 overs, thanks largely to a late assault led by Jofra Archer.

Archer played a sensational cameo, smashing 32 runs off just 15 deliveries to provide the finishing touch to Rajasthan's innings. The Royals accelerated brilliantly in the final overs, collecting 73 runs in the last five overs to put Mumbai under massive pressure.

Mumbai Indians began the chase poorly as Rajasthan's pace attack struck early. Jofra Archer once again turned match-winner with the ball, producing a fiery spell that rattled the Mumbai top order. The England pacer removed Rohit Sharma for a duck with a superb outswinger before dis-



missing Naman Dhir shortly after. The early breakthroughs left Mumbai struggling at 38 for four, putting them on the back foot from the beginning of the chase. Despite the collapse, Suryakumar Yadav attempted to revive the innings with a fighting knock of 60 off 42 balls, which included four sixes and three boundaries. Cap-

tain Hardik Pandya also chipped in with a quickfire 34 off 15 deliveries, while Will Jacks contributed 33 from 18 balls.

However, Mumbai never fully recovered from the early damage caused by Rajasthan's disciplined bowling attack. Archer finished with impressive figures of 3 for 17 in four overs, emerging as the standout performer of the match.

Rajasthan's bowlers maintained tight lines throughout the innings and restricted Mumbai Indians to 175 for 9 in their allotted 20 overs. The victory lifted Rajasthan Royals to fourth place in the points table with 16 points, completing the playoff lineup alongside Royal Challengers Bengaluru, Gujarat Titans, and Sunrisers Hyderabad.

The result also ended the playoff hopes of Punjab Kings, Kolkata Knight Riders, and Delhi Capitals. For Mumbai Indians, the defeat marked a disappointing end to an inconsistent campaign that failed to gather momentum in crucial matches.

With confidence soaring after the important win, Rajasthan Royals will now prepare for a high-stakes Eliminator against Sunrisers Hyderabad as they continue their quest for a second IPL title.

Sachin Tendulkar's Emotional Message for Arjun After IPL Debut Goes Viral

Sachin Tendulkar's heartfelt message for his son Arjun Tendulkar has gone viral after the young cricketer finally made his IPL 2026 debut for Lucknow Super Giants. The legendary batter's post quickly gained attention across social media, with fans praising the emotional tone and the deeper message behind it.

Arjun, who had waited through the entire season for an opportunity, was finally handed his debut in the final league match. Making the most of his chance, the left-arm pacer delivered a composed performance, earning appreciation from teammates and fans alike. The moment

marked a significant milestone in his professional journey, especially given the expectations that come with being Sachin Tendulkar's son.

Following the match, Sachin shared a touching note congratulating Arjun on his perseverance and attitude throughout the season. In his message, he expressed pride in how Arjun handled both pressure and patience, emphasizing that cricket is as much a mental challenge as it is a physical one. He highlighted that waiting for opportunities and staying ready is often the hardest part of a professional sporting career.

Sachin's words—particular-



ly his reminder that "cricket tests patience as much as skill"—struck a chord with fans and young athletes. Many interpreted the message as not just fatherly pride, but also a broader life lesson about resilience, discipline, and emotional strength in competitive sports.

Social media users widely shared the post, calling it one of Sachin's most grounded and meaningful messages in recent times. Several fans also appreciated the humility in his tone, noting that despite being one of the greatest cricketers of all time, he continues to support his son like any other proud parent.

Arjun's debut itself added emotional weight to the occasion, as he finally got a chance to represent his new franchise after spending most of the season on the bench. His disciplined bowling spell showed promise, and the performance is expected to boost his confidence moving forward in the tournament and beyond.

The story has now become one of the most talked-about moments of IPL 2026, blending sporting achievement with emotional family support. For fans, it was not just about a debut—it was a reminder of the patience, persistence, and belief required to succeed at the highest level of cricket.

BCCI Selectors Reportedly Not Fully Convinced on Suryakumar Yadav, MI Star Tilak Varma Emerges as Captaincy Contender

A fresh report has sparked major discussion in Indian cricket circles, claiming that the BCCI selectors are not entirely convinced about Suryakumar Yadav's long-term future as India's T20I captain, with Mumbai Indians teammate Tilak Varma emerging as a surprise contender for the role.

According to the report, concerns within the selection committee are not solely based on leadership ability but also on consistency of performance and future planning for the 2028 cycle. While Suryakumar remains India's current T20I captain and has led the side in major tournaments, selectors are reportedly evaluating younger leadership options as part of a long-term roadmap.

Tilak Varma, who has impressed in the IPL with his calm temperament and ability to handle pressure situations, is said to have caught the at-

tention of selectors. His composure in middle-order roles and ability to anchor or accelerate innings depending on match situations have made him a standout candidate in discussions about India's next generation of leaders.

The report suggests that internal conversations within the BCCI are increasingly focusing on building a stable leadership structure that could extend beyond the current T20 cycle. With India's cricket calendar packed and multiple young players emerging through IPL performances, selectors are believed to be assessing not just current form but long-term leadership potential.

Suryakumar Yadav, however, remains a key figure in India's white-ball setup. Having already led the team through important series and tournaments, he is still viewed as one of the most experienced T20 batters in the squad. His ag-

gressive batting style and match-winning ability continue to make him central to India's plans, even as debates around captaincy evolve.

Tilak Varma's rise adds another layer of intrigue, especially given his association with Mumbai Indians, where he has developed under high-pressure IPL environments. His maturity at a young age has often been highlighted by experts, and this report further strengthens his growing reputation as a future leader.

While no official decision has been made, the discussion reflects the ongoing transition phase in Indian cricket, where selectors are gradually exploring multiple leadership options for the future.

As things stand, Suryakumar Yadav continues to lead India in T20Is, but the emergence of names like Tilak Varma indicates that the captaincy conversation is far from settled.



Prabhsimran Singh Makes IPL History With Unique Feat in PBKS Win Over LSG



Punjab Kings opener Prabhsimran Singh has etched his name in the IPL record books after achieving a rare milestone during his team's dominant seven-wicket victory over Lucknow Super Giants at the Ekana Stadium.

The 4 crore retained star continued his strong form in IPL 2026 by playing a crucial knock at the top of the order, helping Punjab Kings comfortably chase down a target of 197. His innings provided the early momentum needed for the successful run chase, setting the tone for another commanding batting display by the franchise.

With this performance,

Prabhsimran became the first uncapped Indian cricketer in IPL history to score over 500 runs in two separate IPL seasons. The achievement highlights his consistency over the last couple of seasons, where he has evolved into one of Punjab Kings' most reliable top-order batters.

In the ongoing campaign, Prabhsimran has once again been among the key run-scorers for PBKS, continuing to build on his breakthrough season from 2025. His ability to provide aggressive starts, particularly in powerplay overs, has made him a vital part of the team's batting strategy. The match itself saw Punjab

Kings dominate Lucknow Super Giants in a high-scoring contest. Despite LSG posting a competitive total of 197, PBKS chased it down with ease thanks to strong contributions from their top order. The victory also helped Punjab strengthen their position in the league stage as the tournament moves toward its final phase.

Prabhsimran's milestone is particularly significant because uncapped players rarely achieve such sustained success in the IPL, where competition is intense and opportunities are limited. His consistency across seasons has now placed him among the standout

emerging Indian talents in the league.

Fans and analysts have praised his composure and attacking intent, noting that he has matured into a dependable opener capable of handling pressure situations. His performance in this match once again reinforced his growing reputation as one of Punjab Kings' most valuable assets.

As IPL 2026 progresses, Prabhsimran's form will be crucial for Punjab Kings' playoff hopes. His latest record not only adds to his personal achievements but also strengthens his case as one of the most promising young performers in the tournament.

Will the Makers of 'Peddi' Drop "Massa Massa" Next? Buzz Around AR Rahman's Surprise Track Builds Hype

The promotional momentum around Ram Charan's upcoming film *Peddi* is showing no signs of slowing down, with fans now eagerly speculating about the release of another powerful song titled "Massa MassaMassaaa." The buzz began after recent updates from the film's promotional events, where the track reportedly grabbed attention despite not yet receiving a full official digital release.

At a grand musical event held in Bhopal, composer AR Rahman surprised audiences by presenting "Massa MassaMassaaa" in a live performance, instantly creating curiosity among fans. The track was described as energetic, emotionally rich, and deeply

connected to a key moment in the film's narrative. The unexpected performance added a new layer of excitement to the already growing hype around the movie's music album. While the makers have already been actively releasing songs from *Peddi* one by one, including earlier charting numbers that gained massive traction online, the arrival of "Massa Massa" now appears to be the next big talking point. Social media users have been widely discussing whether the team will officially drop the song soon to maintain the promotional momentum and elevate audience anticipation further. The film's music has al-

ready played a crucial role in building excitement, with AR Rahman's soundtrack receiving strong attention for its mix of folk-inspired beats and modern sound design. Fans believe that "Massa Massa" could be one of the standout emotional or thematic tracks of the album, especially given its live reception and the secrecy around its full release. Meanwhile, *Peddi* continues to dominate conversations due to its star power, featuring Ram Charan in the lead alongside Janhvi Kapoor, with direction by Buchi Babu Sana. The film is being positioned as a large-scale rural sports drama, and each promotional update has

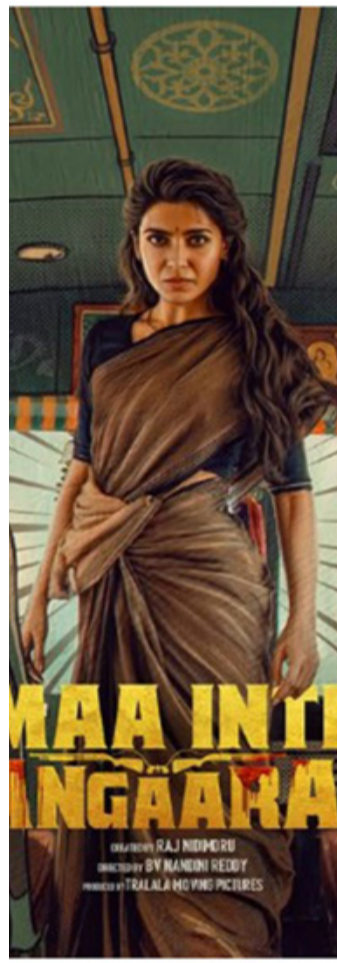
steadily increased expectations among audiences. Online reactions suggest that fans are divided between excitement and impatience—some feel the makers are strategically spacing out songs to maximize hype, while others are simply waiting for the full album to drop without delay. Either way, the growing discussion around "Massa Massa" shows how strongly the film's music is resonating even before its official release. As anticipation builds, all eyes are now on the makers of *Peddi* to see whether "Massa MassaMassaaa" will be the next big musical reveal in the film's promotional journey.



"Maa Inti Bangaaram" Trailer Launch Locked: Samantha's Film Gears Up for Grand Reveal at Prasads

The makers of Samantha Ruth Prabhu's upcoming film *Maa Inti Bangaaram* have officially locked the details for the film's trailer launch, adding to the growing buzz around the much-awaited project. The film, directed by Nandini Reddy, is scheduled for a theatrical release on June 19, 2026, and is already generating strong anticipation among audiences. As part of the promotional campaign, the team has planned a grand trailer launch event at the iconic PCX screen in Prasads Multiplex, Hyderabad. The trailer will be unveiled tomorrow at 4:30 PM, with the entire cast and crew expected to attend the event, making it a major celebration for fans and media alike. The event is expected to be a high-profile affair, reflecting the scale and importance the makers are giving to the film's promotional rollout. With Samantha herself playing a central role in both the film and its production, the project has attracted significant attention even before its release. *Maa Inti Bangaaram* is described as an action-driven family drama set against a traditional household backdrop. The story reportedly revolves around a woman with a hidden past who struggles to gain ac-

ceptance within her new family while facing threats from her former life. This blend of emotional storytelling and action elements has heightened curiosity around Samantha's role, which is said to be both intense and performance-oriented. The film features a strong supporting cast including GulshanDevaiah, DiganthManchale, GautamiTadimala, Sreemukhi, Anjali, and Sathyaraj in key roles. The music is composed by Santosh Narayanan, further adding to expectations given his reputation for delivering impactful soundtracks. Industry observers note that the strategic timing of the trailer launch is aimed at building momentum ahead of the release, especially as competition in the summer 2026 release window continues to intensify. Early promotional material, including teasers and posters, has already received positive feedback, with fans praising Samantha's intense and refreshing avatar. With just weeks to go before the film hits theatres, all eyes are now on the trailer launch event, which is expected to set the tone for the next phase of promotions for *Maa Inti Bangaaram*.



Dulquer Salmaan and Pooja Hegde's 'DQ41' Wraps Major Schedule, Next Phase of Shoot Underway

The upcoming film tentatively titled *DQ41*, starring Dulquer Salmaan and Pooja Hegde, has completed an important shooting schedule, marking steady progress in its production. The film, directed by debutant Ravi Nelakuditi, is shaping up as a romantic drama and continues to generate strong interest among fans due to its fresh pairing and strong cast. According to the latest updates from the makers, the team has successfully wrapped a key schedule where several crucial and emotionally significant sequences were filmed. The shoot reportedly took place in scenic hill locations, with the cast and crew working in cold and picturesque surroundings. Behind-the-scenes pictures shared by the team show Dulquer Salmaan and Pooja Hegde actively participating in the shoot along with other cast members, reflecting a smooth and collaborative production phase. The schedule is said to in-



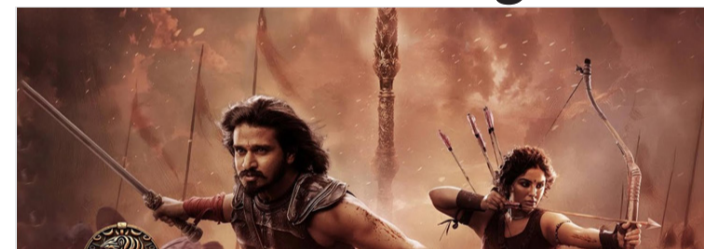
clude important story-driven scenes that contribute heavily to the emotional core of the film. With each completed phase, the project is gradually moving closer to completion, increasing anticipation among audiences who are eager to see the on-screen chemistry between Dulquer Salmaan and Pooja Hegde for the first time. Apart from the lead pair,

DQ41 also features a strong supporting cast including veteran actress Ramya Krishnan, actor Jagapathi Babu, and Dheekshith Shetty in pivotal roles. Their inclusion is expected to add depth and intensity to the storyline, which is reportedly centered around a contemporary love story with layered emotional elements. The film's technical team

also adds to its appeal, with music composed by GV Prakash Kumar and cinematography handled by Anay Om Goswamy. The production is being mounted on a grand scale by SLV Cinemas, further raising expectations about its visual presentation and storytelling quality. Industry buzz suggests that the makers are planning the next schedule soon, which will focus on remaining key portions of the film. While an official release date has not yet been announced, the steady progress of shooting indicates that the project is moving in a structured and timely manner. With two popular stars coming together for a fresh romantic drama, *DQ41* is already being seen as one of the more anticipated films in the pipeline. As production continues, fans are closely watching for further updates, teaser releases, and the eventual title reveal of the film.

Nikhil's 'Swayambhu' Post-Production Buzz: 2700 VFX Shots and 750 Artists Working on Massive Scale

The post-production work of Nikhil Siddhartha's upcoming pan-India film *Swayambhu* is progressing at a massive scale, with the makers revealing impressive technical details that highlight the film's ambitious visual design. The film has reportedly entered a crucial phase of VFX and CG work, with around 2,700 visual effects shots being created for the final cut. A large team of nearly 750 CG artists is currently working across multiple studios to bring the film's historical action world to life. Directed by Bharat Krishnamachari, *Swayambhu* is being mounted as a large-scale period drama that aims to showcase India's ancient heritage through high-end cinematic storytelling. The film's visuals are being crafted with exten-



sive digital enhancement, including large battle sequences, detailed environments, and historically inspired sets. According to production updates, the makers are closely supervising the post-production process to ensure high-quality output. The team has been actively visiting VFX studios and reviewing ongoing work to maintain consistency in scale and detail. The involvement of top technicians and international-standard CGI

pipelines has made the film one of the most technically demanding projects in Nikhil's career. The film features Nikhil Siddhartha in a powerful lead role, supported by Samyuktha and NabhaNatesh. Music is composed by Ravi Basrur, while cinematography is handled by K.K. Senthil Kumar, known for his work on several major Indian blockbusters. Their collaboration is expected to elevate the film's visual and emotional impact. Industry

sources suggest that *Swayambhu* is designed as a grand cinematic experience, combining historical storytelling with large-scale action sequences. The extensive use of VFX is aimed at recreating ancient landscapes and war episodes with a high level of realism. With post-production work now in full swing, the film continues to generate strong anticipation among fans. The scale of 2,700 VFX shots and hundreds of artists involved places *Swayambhu* among the most ambitious visual effects-driven projects currently under development in Indian cinema. As the team moves toward completion, expectations are rising for a visually rich and technically polished final product that aims to deliver a large-scale theatrical experience.

Jyothika's Bold Role in 'System' Becomes the Talk of the Town

Actor Jyothika is once again in the spotlight after her latest OTT release, the Hindi film *System*, began streaming and quickly drew attention for her powerful and intense performance. The film, which features her in a key role alongside Sonakshi Sinha, has sparked widespread discussion online, with many viewers particularly highlighting Jyothika's impactful portrayal as one of the strongest elements of the project. *System*, directed as a social drama-thriller, explores themes of justice, power structures, and corruption within a layered narrative. While the film itself has received mixed responses, audiences and critics alike seem to agree on one point—Jyothika's performance stands out as the emotional and dramatic backbone of the story. In the film, Jyothika plays a character that carries both emotional depth and moral



complexity, and her restrained yet forceful acting style has been widely appreciated. Viewers have noted that she brings a strong sense of realism to her role, especially in scenes involving confrontation and emotional breakdowns, which are being widely shared and discussed on social media platforms. Many fans feel that her role once again proves her ver-

satility as an actor who can seamlessly shift between commercial cinema and content-driven projects. Over the years, Jyothika has built a reputation for choosing performance-oriented roles in films such as *36 Vayadhinile*, *Raatchasi*, and *PonmagalVandhal*, and *System* is being seen as a continuation of that trend. Online reactions suggest that while the overall

film may not have fully satisfied all viewers, Jyothika's presence has significantly elevated its impact. Several users have described her performance as "gripping," "authentic," and "the most memorable part of the film," making it the main talking point in discussions around the release. The buzz around *System* also reflects Jyothika's strong second innings in cinema, where she continues to balance mainstream visibility with meaningful, character-driven stories. Her willingness to take up challenging and unconventional roles has helped her maintain relevance across languages and platforms. As *System* continues to stream and reach a wider audience, it is Jyothika's performance that is emerging as the standout take-away, reinforcing her position as one of the most dependable and expressive performers in Indian cinema today.



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