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PM Modi pays tribute to NTR on birth anniversary

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid tribute to N.T. Rama Rao (NTR) on his birth anniversary, recalling his enduring legacy in public service and cinema. In a message, the Prime Minister said NTR's commitment to public welfare and good governance continues to inspire people across generations. He noted that NTR worked tirelessly to uphold the dignity of the poor and marginalized sections of society, and that his ideals remain deeply relevant even P3..

Vision Politics Focus as Chandrababu Calls for Cadre Unity and Local Poll Readiness

Amaravati, May 29 | TPN Bureau

Reinforcing the Telugu Desam Party's commitment to long-term governance, Chief Minister and TDP president N Chandrababu Naidu on Wednesday asserted that the party works not merely for elections but for future generations. Addressing the Hybrid Mahanadu held at the party's central office in Mangalagiri, he said the government had "rescued the state within two years" after what he termed five years of destruc-



tive rule, restoring systems and rebuilding Andhra Pradesh's brand image.

Vision Politics and Governance Push

Describing TDP as the pioneer of "visionary politics," Chandrababu said the administration is progressing with an aggressive yet progressive approach. He outlined goals including women's empowerment, youth employment, irrigation for every acre, Amaravati's development, accessible healthcare, quality education, and the realization of a

"Swarnandhra." He added that the government is repaying the people's mandate through welfare, development, and good governance.

Cadre Spirit Remains Intact Despite the hybrid format, Chandrababu said cadre enthusiasm remained strong. He noted the event was conducted across clusters due to the West Asia situation but retained its ideological core. Recalling TDP's 45-year journey, he said the party endured violence and false P3..

Revanth Reddy unveils 23 ft NTR statue in Hyderabad

Hyderabad, May 28 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Thursday unveiled a 23-foot-tall bronze statue of N.T. Rama Rao (NTR) at Maitrivanam Junction in Ameerpet, Hyderabad, fulfilling a promise made during the Jubilee Hills by-election campaign. The statue of the legendary actor and founder of the Telugu Desam Party has been installed at a prominent location in the city, drawing large crowds of admirers and party supporters. The unveiling ceremony was attended by public representatives, senior officials, and a large number of NTR fans. Local MLA Naveen Yadav played a key role in overseeing the installation process, coordinating with officials to ensure its completion. Addressing the gathering, Revanth Reddy described NTR as a great leader who championed the self-respect of the Telugu people and brought about a new wave of political and social awareness. He said NTR remains one of the nation's most respected leaders. The Chief Minister also referred to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, P3..



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Indrakeeladri Witnesses Heavy Devotee Rush, EO Inspects Arrangements



Vijayawada, 28 May 2026 | TPN Bureau

The sacred Indrakeeladri temple hill in Vijayawada witnessed a heavy influx of devotees on Wednesday, as summer vacation and seasonal rush brought thousands of pilgrims for the darshan of Sri Durga Mallaswara Swamy Varaha Devasthanam. In view of the increased crowd, temple authorities intensified crowd regulation and queue line management to ensure smooth and hassle-free darshan for devotees. Executive Officer V.K. Seenayya inspected various arrangements from early morning hours, including the Durga Snana Ghat, Ghat Road P3..

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Tirumala Records Over 12.43 Lakh Hair Offerings in 27 Days



Tirumala, 28 May 2026 | TPN Bureau

The Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams has reported a record surge in devotees offering hair at the sacred hill shrine of Lord Venkateswara, reflecting an unprecedented rise in pilgrim turnout this summer. According to official data, 12,43,063 devotees offered their hair at Tirumala up to May 27 this year. This marks a significant increase compared to previous years, where 10.6 lakh devotees in May 2024 and 10.1 lakh in May 2025 performed the ritual tonsure. The surge is largely attributed to summer P3..

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Bharat Ratna for NTR unanimous demand at Mahanadu

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TDP president and Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Wednesday called upon party leaders and cadre to dedicate themselves to the ideals of N.T. Rama Rao (NTR) and ensure that his vision is carried forward to future generations. Addressing the Mahanadu, he said the party remains committed to upholding NTR's principles in both governance and organization. Highlighting recent initiatives, Chandrababu Naidu noted that the decision announced by Nara Lokesh to allocate 33 percent of seats to women was in line with NTR's vision of empowering women and strengthening their role in public life. He asserted that conferring the Bharat Ratna on NTR is not just a party demand but a collective aspiration of the Telugu people, describing the former Chief Minister as a symbol of self-respect and pride. He said NTR would remain immortal in the hearts of people for generations. Recalling NTR's political journey, Chandrababu Naidu said forming a government within nine months of launching a party was an unmatched achievement in Indian political history. He also underlined the enduring relevance of NTR's guiding principle, "Society is the temple and people are God." The Mahanadu unanimously passed a resolution urging the Centre to confer the Bharat Ratna on NTR in recognition of his exceptional service to the nation and the state. P3..

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Bhuvanewari seeks Bharat Ratna for NTR

Meanwhile, Nara Bhuvanewari appealed to the Central Government to confer the Bharat Ratna on NTR, stating that it P3..

33% Quota Promise for Women Takes Centre Stage at Mahanadu

Amaravati, May 29 | TPN Bureau

In a major political announcement with long-term implications, Nara Lokesh on Thursday proposed that the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) would allocate 33% of seats to women in the 2029 elections, regardless of whether the Women's Reservation Bill is passed in Parliament. The declaration, made at the Mahanadu conclave, triggered loud applause and enthusiastic support, particularly from women leaders present at the venue. Calling it a "resolve, responsibility and commitment," Lokesh said the proposal was not just a slogan but a decisive step toward shaping the future of Indian politics. He stressed the need for more women legislators, policymakers, and leaders, asserting that women would lead the party alongside men. P3..



Empowerment Lokesh underlined that the TDP has consistently believed in both ideological and practical empowerment of women. Referring to the NDA's Women's Reservation Bill, he said while it marked a historic step, opposition parties attempted to obstruct it. He reiterated that even if Parliament delays implementation, TDP would move ahead independently. He also criticized derogatory remarks against women in society and called for cultural change. He highlighted reforms in school textbooks to ensure equal gender representation in illustrations depicting household roles. P3..

Reaffirming the party's ideology of "Nation First," he said TDP continues to align with Prime Minister Modi's vision while strengthening its grassroots base. P3..

Tribute to 'Anna' NTR Paying homage to Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao, Lokesh described him as a symbol of Telugu self-respect and a pioneer of welfare governance. He recalled NTR's landmark initiatives such as subsidized rice, pensions, Gurukula schools, and BC reservations. He emphasized P3..

Digital Mahanaadu Spreads TDP Ideology Across Grassroots

East Godavari, 28 May 2026 | TPN Bureau

The Telugu Desam Party's Digital Mahanaadu continues to gain momentum, emerging as a powerful platform to take party ideology and future vision directly to the grassroots. On the second day of the programme, extensive arrangements across multiple clusters in Peddapuram constituency reflected the growing enthusiasm among party cadres and supporters. Senior leader and former Home Minister Nimmakayala Chinarajappa, along with Kakinada parliamentary vice-president Nimmakayala Ranganath and State Shettiballija Corporation Chairman Kudupudi Sattibabu, inspected the ongoing Mahanaadu arrangements in clusters 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 of the constituency. They reviewed programme management, digital infrastructure, and the level of participation by party workers. Leaders expressed satisfaction over the successful conduct of the first day, noting that the digital format has significantly enhanced outreach. They said large numbers of party workers, youth, and supporters from across the



state actively participated, making the event a grand success. One of the key highlights of Digital Mahanaadu, they noted, is its ability to deliver the party's message directly to grassroots workers, including those in remote villages. Describing Mahanaadu as more than just a political event, the leaders said it serves as a platform that reflects the party's ideology, future roadmap, and commitment to public welfare. They praised Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu for his visionary leadership and administrative experience, stating that his governance continues to guide the state's development trajectory. His emphasis on technology-driven, transparent governance has set a benchmark at the national level, they added. The leaders also lauded IT

and Education Minister Nara Lokesh for inspiring youth and bringing renewed energy into the party. They recalled his 'Yuva Galam' padayatra, which played a key role in mobilizing public opinion and exposing the alleged failures of the previous YSRCP government. Highlighting Chinarajappa's role, they said he remains a dedicated senior leader who treats party workers like family members and works tirelessly for organizational strength. His efforts in ensuring the success of Digital Mahanaadu across the constituency were widely appreciated. With strong participation and effective use of technology, Digital Mahanaadu is reinforcing TDP's connect with the people and strengthening its cadre base ahead of future political challenges.

MLA Srinivasa Rao Pays Tribute to NTR on 103rd Birth Anniversary

Tiruvuru, 28 May 2026 | TPN Bureau

Tributes were paid to Telugu Desam Party (TDP) founder and former Chief Minister Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao on his 103rd birth anniversary in Tiruvuru town of NTR district on Wednesday. Tiruvuru MLA Kolikapudi Srinivasa Rao garlanded the statue of NTR located on Madhira Road and offered floral tributes. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from party leaders, cadres, and admirers.

The area reverberated with slogans of "Johar NTR" as supporters gathered in large numbers to commemorate the occasion. Speaking on the occasion, the MLA described NTR as a personality who translated his ideals into action throughout his life. He said NTR exemplified the belief that "with determination, individuals can rise to greatness," and highlighted his enduring legacy as a champion of Telugu self-respect.

Srinivasa Rao stated that NTR would be remembered as a leader who showcased the pride and identity of Telugu people on a global stage. He lauded NTR's commitment to public



welfare, noting that his guiding principle—"society is the temple and people are the gods"—defined his political journey. He further said that NTR's life stands as a unique blend of cinematic excellence and political leadership. "He shone as a divine figure on the silver screen and as a transformative leader in public life," the MLA remarked, adding that his contributions reshaped the socio-political

landscape of Andhra Pradesh. Calling upon party workers, Srinivasa Rao urged them to carry forward NTR's vision and ideals with dedication. He said upholding the legacy of the iconic leader is the responsibility of every TDP worker. Several TDP leaders, public representatives, youth, and supporters participated in the programme and paid homage to the legendary leader.

SAAP, Tata Steel Join Hands to Nurture Andhra's Young Football Talent



Vijayawada, May 28 | TPN Bureau

In a major initiative aimed at strengthening grassroots football development in Andhra Pradesh, the Sports Authority of Andhra Pradesh (SAAP) has partnered with Tata Steel Limited to provide elite exposure and professional training opportunities for talented young footballers from the State at the prestigious Tata Football Academy in Jamshedpur. Under the collaboration, 80 promising football players from Andhra Pradesh will be selected and trained at the renowned academy. The players will be chosen across four categories — Under-21 Boys, Under-21 Girls, Under-15 Boys, and Under-15 Girls — with 20 players selected in each category. Selection trials for the programme were conducted at the IGMC Stadium in Vijayawada on Wednesday and witnessed enthusiastic participation from young footballers representing various districts across the State. As part of the initiative, SAAP also organised a special football exhibition match and interaction programme at the stadium. The event was attended by Mukul Choudhari, who participated as the chief guest. Mr. Choudhari interacted with several young footballers who had taken part in the recently concluded SAAP League Football competitions held in Ananthapuram from April 28 to 30. The SAAP League is considered one of the flagship grassroots sports

initiatives of the Andhra Pradesh government and currently conducts competitions in 31 sports disciplines, creating structured opportunities for budding athletes across the State. During the programme, S. Bharani felicitated Mr. Choudhari. Officials from SAAP and Tata Steel also held discussions on long-term collaboration in football promotion, grassroots development, athlete exposure, and high-performance training pathways for young players from Andhra Pradesh. Speaking on the occasion, Smt. Bharani said the partnership marked an important step toward building a stronger football ecosystem in Andhra Pradesh. She stated that young athletes require professional guidance, competitive opportunities, and exposure to elite sporting environments to excel at higher levels. Mr. Mukul Choudhari said talent exists in every corner of the country and added that young athletes mainly need opportunity, exposure, and encouragement. He appreciated the passion shown by footballers from Andhra Pradesh and expressed confidence that the initiative would help identify and nurture future stars of Indian football. The initiative is expected to open new avenues for football players from Andhra Pradesh and provide them with first-hand experience of professional training systems at one of India's most respected football academies.

State Cadet Judo Team Selection on May 31

Vijayawada, 28 May 2026 | TPN Bureau

The Andhra Pradesh Judo Association has announced that the selection trials for the State Cadet Boys and Girls Judo teams will be conducted on May 31 at 10:00 AM. The event will take place at the Indira Gandhi Municipal Corporation Stadium in Vijayawada. According to Association General Secretary N. Pawan Sandeep, the selections are being organized to identify talented players who will represent Andhra Pradesh at the national level. He stated that boys and girls born in the years 2009, 2010, and 2011 are eligible to participate in the trials. Participants must fall within the weight categories above 50 kg up to 90 kg. Interested candidates

are required to attend the selection process on time and must bring four passport-size photographs along with valid age proof documents for verification.

The selected players will form the Andhra Pradesh State Cadet Judo teams, which will compete in the National Cadet Judo Championship scheduled to be held from June 10 to June 13 in Chandigarh. The association has urged all eligible and interested young judokas to take advantage of this opportunity and showcase their talent at the state-level selection trials. Officials believe that this initiative will help in identifying promising athletes and strengthening the state's representation at the national stage.

Demand to Reduce VAT on Petrol and Diesel

Amaravati, 28 May 2026 | TPN Bureau

The Taxpayers Association has urged the state government to reduce the burden on the public by cutting additional VAT and other levies imposed on petrol and diesel. The association submitted representations to the Chief Minister, Finance Minister, and Chief Secretary, requesting immediate intervention.

The association pointed out that rising fuel prices are placing a heavy financial burden on common people. It explained that multiple factors have contributed to the increase in petrol and diesel prices, including global crude oil trends, the dismantling of the Administrative Price Mechanism (APM) in 2002, and heavy

taxation by both central and state governments. According to the association, even when international crude oil prices remain relatively stable, domestic fuel prices do not decrease proportionately. Oil marketing companies continue to make significant profits, but the benefit is not being fully passed on to consumers. The association highlighted that both central and state governments collect substantial revenue through taxes on fuel. It stated that a significant portion of government income comes from VAT, excise duties, and additional cess imposed on petrol and diesel. In Andhra Pradesh, VAT on petrol is around 31%, while diesel attracts about 22.5% VAT.

MLA Balaramakrishna Reviews Temple Development and Pushkar Works

Rajamahendravaram, 28 May 2026 | TPN Bureau

Battula Balaramakrishna conducted a high-level review meeting on Thursday to assess temple development works and preparations for the upcoming Pushkarams, outlining a clear roadmap to transform the Rajanagara constituency into a major spiritual destination.

The meeting, held at the MLA's office, was attended by officials from the Endowments Department. During the review, the MLA issued key directions to speed up ongoing projects, particularly focusing on the renovation of ancient temples and the creation of basic amenities for devotees. He stressed that both heritage preservation and modern infrastructure should be given equal importance.

A major highlight of the meeting was the reconstruction of the Sri Ranga



natha Swamy temple. The MLA directed officials to expedite all related proposals and ensure that there are no delays in implementation. He described the project as prestigious and instructed authorities to closely monitor its progress. Balaramakrishna also stated that proposals for the construction of 55 new temples have been submitted under the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) Srivani scheme. He asked officials to ensure that the approval and release of

funds are completed at the earliest so that the construction work can begin without delay.

The development of the Sri Mallikharjuna Swamy temple at Kanupuru was also discussed. Referring to the Detailed Project Report (DPR) already prepared, the MLA instructed officials to effectively utilise CGF funds to upgrade the temple with better facilities. At the Korukonda Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy temple, the MLA directed officials to take up essential

works such as electricity supply, construction of water tanks, borewells, and kitchen facilities on a priority basis to improve facilities for pilgrims.

He also reviewed the Deepa-Dhoopa-Naivedyam scheme and noted that 63 applications have been submitted from temples in the constituency. Officials were instructed to expedite field verification and extend benefits to eligible priests at the earliest.

In view of the upcoming Pushkarams, the MLA said proposals worth ₹1.25 crore have been prepared in the first phase for temple development works. He also directed officials to prepare additional proposals for the installation of Dwajasthambams and other urgent requirements. District Endowments Officer Subbarao, DEE Uday Kumar, Annavaram temple officials, and staff were present.

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cases yet stood firm. He paid tribute to activist Chandrayya, stating his sacrifice while chanting "Jai Chandrababu" would inspire generations. He also recalled his imprisonment and the obstruction of Nara Lokesh's Yuvagalam padayatra, praising cadres for not retreating. He said the alliance with BJP and Jana Sena in 2024 was formed to safeguard democracy. **Women-Centric Governance** Highlighting women's role in electoral victory, Chandrababu said the government is committed to their social, economic, and political empowerment. He cited initiatives such as Thalliki Vandanam, Stree Shakti free bus travel, Deepam 2.0 free gas cylinders, and Swayam AP branding for DWCRA products. He noted that one lakh women were made entrepreneurs last year, with plans to empower five lakh more. Declaring the event

as "Mahila Mahanadu," he reaffirmed support for 33% reservation in legislative bodies. **Youth Opportunities and Investments** Focusing on youth, Chandrababu said policies are tailored for Gen Z and Gen Alpha. He highlighted sectors like AI, Quantum Computing, aerospace, and electronics as future growth drivers. He stated that ₹23 lakh crore investments had been attracted in 23 months, creating 23 lakh jobs, with approvals for 282 projects. He credited the "Speed of Doing Business" for rapid clearances, including a fighter jet project in 36 days and the Royal Enfield unit in Tirupati. He also mentioned Mega DSC recruitment (15,941 jobs), 5,757 police appointments, and a 2026 job calendar with over 10,000 posts. **Welfare and Development Model** The Chief Minister said over ₹63,000 crore was spent on pensions, calling it a national record. He highlighted Annadata

Sukhibhava assistance of 14,000, aqua farmer subsidies, mechanized boats for fishermen, and free travel for the disabled under Divyang Shakti. He also mentioned reservations for Githa and Vaddera communities and emphasized support across sectors. **Health, Education and Irrigation** Chandrababu announced statewide rollout of the Sanjeevani digital health program from August 15. He said the government is strengthening education through reforms and PTMs. On irrigation, he said 36 priority projects are being executed, including Polavaram completion before Pushkarams, Veligonda Phase I, and Handri-Neeva expansion to Kuppam. He added that Jaladhara-Jalaharati is boosting groundwater levels. **Attack on Opposition** Criticizing YS Jagan Mohan Reddy and the YSRCP, Chandrababu alleged lack of vision, especially on Amaravati. He accused the opposition of shifting



stands and spreading misinformation. He said the previous regime failed to secure land for the Visakhapatnam Railway Zone and left infrastructure incomplete, while the current government revived Vizag Steel and improved roads. Chandrababu termed the opposition YSRCP as an "Axe Party" lacking direction, contrasting it with TDP's focus on jobs, technology, and growth. He accused the previous regime of burdening the power sector and mismanaging resources, while highlighting reforms such as record cleanup, repeal of land laws, and issuance of secure passbooks. **Cadre Strength and**

Internal Welfare He described TDP as a disciplined organization and a "university of leaders." He said ₹160 crore was spent on cadre welfare and highlighted initiatives like the My Health app. He reaffirmed commitment to empowering workers under the principles of ethics, economics, and empowerment. **Call for Local Poll Preparedness** Chandrababu urged leaders and cadres to prepare for local body elections with unity and humility. He stressed voter registration drives and coordination with alliance partners to repeat the 2024 victory. Calling for dedication to public service, he said the ultimate goal is a "Healthy, Wealthy and Happy Andhra Pradesh," urging everyone to reconnect with people and uphold opportunities gained. **Key Points Highlighted**
◆ Hybrid Mahanadu saw massive registrations at launch
◆ TDP flag symbolized Telugu self-respect and

- ◆ confidence
- ◆ Chandrayya's martyrdom highlighted as enduring inspiration
- ◆ Alliance with BJP and Jana Sena credited for 2024 success
- ◆ One Entrepreneur per Family vision for youth
- ◆ SIPB cleared ₹11.27 lakh crore investments
- ◆ 200 mechanized boats for fishermen with ₹240 crore subsidy
- ◆ Sanjeevani based on predictive, preventive, curative model
- ◆ ₹1,000 crore diaphragm wall reconstruction in Polavaram
- ◆ Clearing 85 lakh metric tonnes of waste legacy
- ◆ Revenue record purification took two years
- ◆ West Asia crisis impact on fuel and aquaculture acknowledged
- ◆ Party slogan emphasizes cadre-first approach
- ◆ Appeal to shed ego and strengthen grassroots connection

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holidays and continuous weekend rush, which have led to heavy inflow of pilgrims from across the country. Temple authorities noted that Tirumala has been witnessing an "unprecedented influx" of devotees during this period. The ritual of offering hair, considered a symbol of surrender to the deity, continues to be one of the most significant spiritual prac-

tices among devotees visiting Tirumala. The increasing numbers highlight the growing faith and participation in this centuries-old tradition. To manage the heavy rush, TTD has strengthened arrangements at tonsure centres (Kalyanakattas), ensuring smooth and hygienic services. Additional barber shifts have been introduced to reduce waiting time and improve efficiency in han-

dling the large number of devotees. Officials also emphasized that the hair offerings, often referred to as "black gold," form a major source of revenue for the temple through auctions, contributing significantly to its finances and welfare activities. Despite the massive crowds, TTD has been maintaining streamlined operations with continuous monitoring, improved facilities, and

enhanced workforce deployment to ensure that devotees do not face inconvenience while performing the sacred ritual. With the ongoing summer season and rising pilgrim turnout, authorities expect the numbers to increase further in the coming days, reinforcing Tirumala's position as one of the most visited and spiritually significant pilgrimage centers in the country.

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reflects the long-standing aspiration of Telugu people. On the occasion of his 103rd birth anniversary, a blood donation drive and a free health camp were organised at NTR Trust Bhavan. Speaking on the occasion, Bhuvanewari also said N.T. Rama Rao was a visionary leader who worked to place women at the forefront in all spheres.

Addressing the gathering, she recalled that NTR entered politics to uphold the self-respect of the Telugu people and to serve society with dedication. She highlighted his efforts toward women's empowerment and social welfare. She said honouring him with the country's highest civilian award would be a fitting tribute to his legacy and immense contribution to public life.

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granting them property rights and reservations in local governance. **'CBN' as a Global Brand** Highlighting the leadership of N Chandrababu Naidu, Lokesh said the name "CBN" commands global respect. He credited Naidu with visionary initiatives ranging from IT expansion to AI, and from Hyderabad's Cyberabad to Amaravati's development. He praised Naidu's role in empowering women through schemes like DWCRA and Deepam, and noted his contributions in appointing women to key leadership roles. **Cadre as the Core Strength** Lokesh reiterated that in TDP, the cadre is the supreme leader. He cited examples of party workers like Thota Chandrayya, Anji Reddy, Manjula, and Chennupati Gandhi, who displayed extraordinary courage and loyalty during challenging times. He also recalled the widespread protests during Naidu's arrest, calling it a testament to the party's credibility and grassroots strength. **Record Victory and Governance Claims**



Referring to the 2024 elections, Lokesh claimed TDP achieved a 94% strike rate with 164 seats, calling it a historic mandate. He listed welfare initiatives such as ₹4,000 pensions, Anna Canteens, Mega DSC recruitment, job calendars, and free electricity schemes. He asserted that despite financial constraints, the government is delivering unprecedented welfare and development. **Debate Challenge and Attack on Opposition** Lokesh challenged YS Jagan Mohan Reddy to a debate on development and welfare, stating TDP was ready anytime. He accused the previous regime of atrocities against BCs, Dalits, and minorities,

citing cases like Amarnath Goud, Dr. Sudhakar, Subrahmanyam, Abdul Salam, and Misba. He also criticized alleged misinformation campaigns and called for strong countermeasures. **Ideological Contrast and Political Messaging** Drawing a sharp contrast, Lokesh remarked, "Ours is Google, yours is the axe," symbolizing development versus factional politics. He emphasized the need for policy evolution while staying rooted in TDP's six core principles, including youth empowerment, social justice, and farmer support. **Call to Action and Future Strategy** Urging party workers to adopt a "mission mode," Lokesh said winning every election must be the sole goal. He stressed humility, public outreach, and continuity in governance as key factors for sustained development. He credited the alliance with national leadership for securing major projects like Polavaram and Visakhapatnam Railway Zone, and described the coalition as a "Double-Engine Bullet Train" government. **Key Points Highlighted**
◆ 33% reservation for

- women in 2029 elections regardless of Parliamentary approval
- ◆ Strong criticism of YSRCP for blocking women's empowerment
- ◆ Hybrid Mahanadu described as a massive success
- ◆ Tribute to NTR's welfare legacy and reforms
- ◆ Chandrababu Naidu projected as a visionary global leader
- ◆ Cadre loyalty showcased through real-life incidents
- ◆ Record-breaking 2024 election performance highlighted
- ◆ Welfare schemes and job initiatives emphasized
- ◆ Direct debate challenge to YS Jagan Mohan Reddy
- ◆ Allegations of past atrocities against marginalized communities
- ◆ Strong call to counter fake propaganda
- ◆ Emphasis on ideological strength and future reforms
- ◆ Appeal for unity, humility, and electoral focus

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today. Modi also highlighted NTR's immense contribution to the film industry, stating that his work as an actor and cultural icon would be remembered for years to come. Describing NTR as a leader whose life continues to motivate countless individuals, the Prime Minister said his vision and dedication to society serve as a guiding force for many.

Modi further remarked that the NDA government in Andhra Pradesh, under the leadership of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, is committed to realizing NTR's dreams and aspirations for the people of the State. Leaders from various sections also paid homage to NTR, remembering his role in shaping the political and cultural landscape of Andhra Pradesh.

Revanth Reddy unveils 23 ft NTR statue in Hyderabad



Indira Gandhi, and NTR as transformative figures in India's democratic journey, crediting them with shaping the country's progress. He highlighted the importance of remembering their contributions, particularly in

empowering citizens and strengthening democratic values. The installation of the statue has been widely welcomed by NTR admirers, who see it as a fitting tribute to his enduring legacy.

Krishnaveni River Navahaarathis to Resume at Ibrahimpatnam Sangamam EO Orders Extensive Arrangements

Vijayawada, 28 May 2026 / TPN Bureau

As part of efforts to promote Sanatana Hindu Dharma and strengthen temple tourism in the state, the Sri Durga Malleswara Swamy Varla Devasthanam is preparing to resume the prestigious "Krishnaveni River Navahaarathis" programme at the sacred Sangamam (Ferry Ghat) in Ibrahimpatnam.

The initiative, being revived on the directions of the state government, will formally recommence from 05 June 2026 and will be conducted on a continuous and structured basis, temple authorities confirmed. Executive Officer V.K. Seena Nayak has issued instructions to ensure that the programme is conducted in a grand, scripturally aligned, and systematic manner. He directed the temple's Sthanacharyas and the Vedic Committee to submit detailed written



guidelines required for the proper execution of the rituals. The EO further ordered a joint field inspection at the Sangamam site involving Executive Engineers of the Devasthanam, the Assistant Commissioner, Public Relations Officer, and members of the Vedic Committee. The inspection is intended to assess infrastructure requirements and ensure all arrangements are in place for the smooth conduct of the ceremonial

river aarti. Officials have been instructed to submit a comprehensive report on all arrangements by 02 June 2026, with the EO setting a strict deadline to avoid any delays in preparations. The report is expected to cover facilities for devotees, safety arrangements, lighting, seating, ritual platforms, and crowd management systems at the riverfront. Seena Nayak emphasized that the Navahaarathi programme dedicated to Goddess Krishna River (Krishnamma Thalli) should be organised in a way that deeply appeals to devotees and tourists alike. He stressed that the event must be executed as a prestigious spiritual attraction without any shortcomings in planning or implementation. The EO also highlighted that the revival of the programme is expected to boost cultural tourism in the region, drawing both pilgrims and visitors to the sacred confluence site. Officials were asked to ensure seamless coordination between all departments involved so that the event reflects the spiritual and cultural significance of the Krishna river. Temple authorities reiterated that the initiative is aimed at enhancing devotional experience while also promoting Vijayawada and its surrounding sacred sites as a major spiritual tourism hub in Andhra Pradesh.

Fire Risk Near HP Petrol Pumps at Mustabad Sparks Concern

Gannavaram Mandal, 28 May 2026 / TPN Bureau

Serious safety concerns have been raised in Mustabad village under Gannavaram mandal after fires were reportedly set in paddy fields located dangerously close to two HP petrol bunks and a CNG station along the national highway. Locals have warned that the situation could lead to a major disaster if immediate action is not taken.

According to residents, dry waste, crop residue, and grass are being burnt in vacant agricultural fields situated just 50 to 100 metres from fuel stations. The presence of highly inflammable fuel storage facilities in such close proximity has triggered widespread fear among villagers and highway commuters.



With rising summer temperatures and strong winds prevailing in the region, experts and locals alike have cautioned that even a small spark could quickly escalate into a large-scale fire incident. They stressed that the combination of fuel stations, highway traffic, and open burning creates a highly vulnerable and dangerous environment. Residents alleged that despite repeated complaints, authorities have not taken effective preventive measures so far. They pointed out that the area



witnesses continuous vehicular movement on the national highway, making any potential fire incident even more catastrophic. Locals have demanded that the administration immediately impose a strict ban on burning waste near petrol bunks and CNG stations. They have also called for stringent action against those engaging in burning crop residues in open fields, citing negligence and public safety risks. Among their key demands are regular fire safety inspections in and

around fuel stations, installation of clear warning boards in sensitive zones, and strict enforcement of safety regulations. Villagers further urged officials to issue strong warnings to landowners and farmers involved in such practices and ensure legal action against repeat violations. Experts warn that even a minor lapse in such high-risk zones could lead to explosions, loss of life, and extensive property damage. They emphasized that preventive action is the only way to avoid a potential disaster. The situation has raised urgent calls for coordinated action from revenue, fire safety, and transport authorities to ensure that such hazardous practices are immediately brought under control in the interest of public safety.

Operation Clean Sweep Gains Momentum in Veterinary Colony, Says Health Official

Vijayawada, 28 May 2026 / TPN Bureau

The "Operation Clean Sweep" programme, launched across Vijayawada city under the directions of Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, is being implemented successfully and is gaining strong public participation, said Deputy Director of Health Dr. Chandrasekhar. Speaking during the cleanliness drive held on Thursday morning at Veterinary Colony Park, Dr. Chandrasekhar actively participated in sanitation activities along with municipal staff and local volunteers. He said that maintaining urban cleanliness is a collective responsibility and emphasized that a truly clean Vijayawada can only be achieved with active public involvement. The programme, being carried out under the supervision of Vijayawada Municipal Corporation Commissioner Dhyanaachandra, focuses on improving sanitation standards, eliminating garbage accumulation, and



promoting hygienic practices at the community level. Officials stated that the initiative is part of a broader citywide drive to strengthen public health and environmental cleanliness. A large number of local residents, youth groups, women's associations, and voluntary organizations took part in the cleanliness drive at Veterinary Colony Park. Participants joined hands with sanitation workers to clean public spaces, remove waste, and improve the overall appearance of the locality. The active involvement of citizens was widely appreciated by health officials.

Dr. Chandrasekhar praised the spontaneous participation of residents and said that such cooperation reflects growing awareness among citizens about environmental hygiene. He noted that public participation is essential for the success of any civic sanitation programme and encouraged residents to continue supporting such initiatives in the future. He further advised the public to take necessary precautions to prevent garbage accumulation in residential areas and stressed the importance of segregating wet and dry waste at the source. Proper waste segregation, he said,

plays a crucial role in effective waste management and helps municipal authorities maintain cleanliness more efficiently. Officials from the Public Health Department, sanitation workers, and local leaders were also present during the programme. They jointly supervised the cleaning activities and ensured smooth execution of the drive. The Vijayawada Municipal Corporation reiterated its commitment to maintaining hygiene standards across the city and appealed to citizens to cooperate actively in making Vijayawada a cleaner and healthier urban space.

Indrakeeladri Witnesses Heavy Devotee Rush, EO Inspects Arrangements

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works, and facilities being provided in the Kanaka Durga Nagar area. During his visit, he interacted with devotees at cloakroom and footwear stand locations to understand their feedback regarding services and amenities. He personally noted down several suggestions given by pilgrims. The EO instructed officials to take strict action against unauthorized vendors and hawkers who were allegedly charging excess prices from devotees near the Ghat area. He emphasized that such practices should not be allowed to continue as they affect the sanctity of the temple environment and inconvenience pilgrims. He also reviewed the maintenance and cleanliness of the newly constructed toilet facilities at the Durga Ghat and directed sanitation staff to ensure continuous upkeep, especially during peak rush hours. Officials were told to maintain hygiene standards without any compromise, given the large number of devotees visiting daily. Due to the temporary closure of Ghat Road for certain maintenance activi-

ties, heavy congestion was observed towards Kanaka Durga Nagar, leading to increased pedestrian and vehicular movement in the surrounding areas. The Executive Officer directed the security personnel and traffic management teams to take immediate measures to regulate flow and prevent inconvenience to devotees.

He further inspected the RTC bus services being operated to the temple by the Andhra Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation under the supervision of the Devasthanam. He assessed the frequency of buses, passenger handling, and overall coordination between temple staff and transport authorities.

Officials were asked to remain on high alert throughout the day to manage the continuous influx of pilgrims and ensure that darshan queues move in an orderly manner without delays. The EO reiterated that devotee comfort, safety, and discipline in crowd management remain top priorities for the temple administration during the ongoing rush period.

CPM Holds Protest in Vijayawada Against ED Raids on Pinarayi Vijayan



Vijayawada, 28 May 2026 / TPN Bureau

The Communist Party of India (Marxist) staged a large protest and dharna in Vijayawada on Thursday, condemning the Enforcement Directorate (ED) raids on the residence of Kerala former Chief Minister and CPI(M) Polit Bureau member Pinarayi Vijayan. The protest was held near the central government office complex on M.G. Road, Bandar Road (opposite the old RTC Bus Stand).

Party leaders and cadres participated in the demonstration wearing black ribbons as a mark of protest. Raising slogans against the central government and the ED, the activists alleged that the raids were politically motivated and aimed at diverting public attention from rising fuel prices and inflation. Slogans such as "Modi Down Down" echoed during the protest.

CPI(M) State Secretary V. Srinivasa Rao, addressing the gathering chaired by State Committee member Donepudi Kasinadh, strongly condemned the ED action. He alleged that the raids on Pinarayi Vijayan's residence and other locations in Kerala, including Thiruvananthapuram and Kannur, were part of a planned political vendetta. He called upon democratic forces, civil rights organisations, and all supporters of democracy to oppose such actions. Srinivasa Rao stated that the protest in Vijayawada was only the beginning and warned that if such actions continued, the movement would expand into a nationwide agitation. He alleged that central investigative agencies were being used as instruments

of political pressure under the direction of the BJP-led government at the Centre. He further claimed that opposition unity movements such as the INDIA bloc were being undermined through such actions, while accusing the BJP and Congress of acting in coordination in Kerala politics. He said attempts to weaken the Left in states like West Bengal would not succeed, asserting that Left forces were regaining strength.

CPI(M) Central Committee member P. Lokanadham said the ED raids were an attempt to divert attention from sharp increases in petrol, diesel, and essential commodity prices. He alleged that the central government was using such actions to shift focus away from public discontent. He also claimed that no evidence was found during the searches, proving that the action was politically driven.

Other leaders, including State Secretariat member Chigurupati Babu Rao, criticized the use of central agencies and alleged selective targeting of opposition leaders while ignoring corruption cases in other states. Former Rajya Sabha member P. Madhu and other leaders also addressed the protest, calling for broader opposition unity against what they described as authoritarian practices.

Leaders from CPI(ML) New Democracy and other affiliated groups also participated, expressing solidarity with the protest. Party leaders reiterated that the agitation would continue in coordination with other democratic and Left forces across the country.

EC Officials Arrive in Andhra Pradesh for Review of Special Voter List Revision

Machilipatnam, May 28, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Senior officials of the Election Commission of India (ECI), including Secretaries Santosh Kumar Dubey and Naveen Kumar, along with Under Secretary Sheesh Ram, have arrived in Andhra Pradesh to review the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral rolls. The officials reached Vijayawada International Airport at Gannavaram on Thursday night, where they were accorded a warm reception by Krishna District Joint Collector M. Naveen, Additional Chief Electoral Officer of Andhra Pradesh government Venkateshwar Rao, and Gudivada Revenue Divisional Officer G. Balasubramanyam. They were welcomed with bouquets as a courtesy gesture.

As part of their visit, the ECI team will assess the



implementation of the Special Intensive Revision programme of voter lists across the state. The review aims to ensure accuracy, transparency, and efficiency in the preparation and updating of electoral rolls.

Officials said the visiting team will closely examine

field-level execution of the voter list revision process, including verification procedures and data management practices being followed by election staff in the districts.

A key review meeting with election officials is scheduled to be held in Vijayawada on Friday, May 29. During the meeting, the Election Commission representatives will discuss the progress of the revision exercise and evaluate the effectiveness of existing mechanisms to strengthen electoral transparency.

The discussions are expected to focus on improving procedural accuracy and ensuring that eligible voters are properly included in the electoral rolls while eliminating errors and duplications. Authorities emphasized that the initiative is crucial for maintaining the integrity of the democratic process.

NTR Life an Inspiration to Present Generation, Says Krishna District Collector DK Balaji

Machilipatnam, May 28, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Krishna District Collector DK Balaji on Thursday said that the life of former Chief Minister of united Andhra Pradesh and Padma Shri Dr. Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao (NTR) remains a great source of inspiration for the present generation.

As part of NTR's birth anniversary commemorations, the Collector arrived at the Collectorate on a bicycle and paid floral tributes to the portrait of the legendary leader at the PGRS meeting hall inside the Collectorate premises. Speaking on the occasion, Collector Balaji lauded NTR for providing transparent and welfare-oriented

governance during his tenure as Chief Minister. He said that NTR stood firmly for the welfare of the poor and implemented several revolutionary initiatives aimed at improving the lives of common people.

He noted that NTR's leadership was driven by the vision of public welfare, and his policies significantly contributed to the upliftment of marginalized sections of society. The Collector further stated that NTR would forever be remembered as a towering personality who brought global recognition to the self-respect and identity of Telugu people.

Balaji added that NTR's services and ideals continue to inspire future genera-

tions and serve as a guiding force for public administrators and leaders. He emphasized that remembering such leaders helps strengthen values of public service and commitment to society.

The programme was attended by Vigilance Deputy Collector Pothuraju, Collectorate Administrative Officer Radhika, other staff members, and employees of the Collectorate. They also paid homage to the former Chief Minister along with the Collector.

Officials described the event as a respectful tribute to one of the most influential leaders in the political history of Andhra Pradesh.

Butchaiah Chowdary's light remarks on Lokesh draw laughs

Amaravati, May 28 | TPN Bureau

Senior TDP leader Gorantla Butchaiah Chowdary sparked laughter with his lighthearted remarks at the party's 'Mahanadu' platform. Referring to Minister Nara Lokesh, he said, "Lokesh is making us run around. We are unable to keep up with his pace. He is asking us to learn technology at this age," in a playful tone.

Addressing Chief Minister



N. Chandrababu Naidu, Chowdary jokingly raised the issue, drawing smiles from the gathering. His comments highlighted the generational shift within the party and Lokesh's emphasis on technology-driven governance.

Chandrababu Naidu, Lokesh, and other leaders present on the dais responded with laughter, adding a lighter moment to the otherwise serious proceedings of the Mahanadu.

No industries came during YSRCP rule alleges Atchannaidu

Amaravati, May 28 | TPN Bureau

Minister Kinjarapu Atchannaidu on Wednesday launched a sharp attack on the previous YSRCP government, alleging that not a single industry was brought into the state during its tenure and that existing industries were driven away due to mismanagement. He was speaking at the TDP Mahanadu.

He criticised the scrapping of 'Anna Canteens', stating that the scheme had enabled the poor to access a full meal for ?5. "Despite our appeals in the Assembly, the YSRCP government ignored the need to continue the programme," he said.

Atchannaidu emphasised



that industrial growth is key to generating revenue, which in turn supports welfare programmes. He credited Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu as the "brand ambassador" of the State, claiming that within 24 months, the coalition government had secured investments worth ?24 lakh crore.

Highlighting development initiatives, he said the construction of Amaravati is progressing rapidly and that the Polavaram project has been brought back on track. He accused Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy of creating divisions through the three-capital proposal, adding that people across regions had rejected the YSRCP.

Reflecting on the 2019 defeat, Atchannaidu said the TDP failed to effectively communicate its achievements between 2014 and 2019. He asserted that the party would now take its governance record to the people and ensure that the YSRCP does not regain political ground in the State.

TDP Mahanadu Signals Major Push for Women Representation

Amaravati, May 28 | TPN Bureau

The Telugu Desam Party's Mahanadu 2026 has generated significant political momentum, positioning itself as a platform for transformative decisions and renewed party direction. Held under the theme of women empowerment, the event has drawn widespread attention across political circles.

A key highlight of the conference was the announcement by TDP Working President Nara Lokesh, proposing 33 per cent reservation for women in Assembly and Lok Sabha seats in the 2029 elections. The move was described



as a landmark step aimed at strengthening women's role in politics and governance. Rajya Sabha member Sana Satish Babu termed the decision historic, stating that the commitment would be implemented irrespective of the passage of the women's reservation bill in Parliament. He emphasised that increasing women's representation is essential for

shaping the party's future. Calling Mahanadu a festival of the people, Satish Babu said the initiative would set an example for political parties nationwide. The event, conducted in a hybrid format as part of cost-cutting measures, witnessed an enthusiastic response from party cadres. Meanwhile, Satish Babu also launched a sharp attack on Opposition leader Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, alleging growing dissatisfaction with his party due to unclear leadership decisions. He claimed that such approaches are weakening the party's connection with the public and creating internal unrest.

Hybrid Mahanadu Draws Massive Response, Energises Cadre

Nellore, May 28 | TPN Bureau

The Telugu Desam Party's two-day hybrid Mahanadu witnessed an overwhelming response in Nellore city, with party cadres turning the event into a grand success marked by enthusiasm and vibrant participation. Organised across 14 clusters in the constituency, the event transformed the city into a sea of yellow,



with party flags, banners and decorations creating a festive atmosphere. Party workers and supporters, dressed in yellow attire, gathered in large numbers, proudly displaying their membership and raising

slogans in praise of the party and its founder, N.T. Rama Rao. Participants paid floral tributes to NTR's portraits and statues before taking part in the proceedings. The event was carefully organised under the guidance of Minister for Municipal Administration and Urban Development Ponguru Narayana, ensuring smooth arrangements for attendees.

Pawan Kalyan Pays Tribute to NTR on Birth Anniversary



Amaravati, May 28 | TPN Bureau

Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan paid rich tributes to former Chief Minister N.T. Rama Rao on the occasion of his birth anniversary, recalling his remarkable contribution to both cinema and politics.

In a statement, Pawan Kalyan described NTR as a visionary leader who transitioned from being a celebrated actor to a mass leader dedicated to public welfare. He noted that NTR's tenure as Chief Minister of the united Andhra Pradesh remains unforgettable for its pro-poor initiatives and administrative reforms. Highlighting one of NTR's landmark welfare measures, Pawan Kalyan said the "Rs. 2 per kilo rice" scheme reflected his commitment to eradicating hunger and supporting economically weaker sections. He added that the present coalition government continues to uphold the same spirit through initiatives such as Anna Canteens, aimed at providing affordable food to the needy.

Calling NTR an enduring inspiration, Pawan Kalyan said his legacy continues to guide leaders in serving people with dedication and compassion.

Mannava Mohan Krishna donates Rs 27 lakh for TDP Mahanadu

Amaravati, May 28 | TPN Bureau

Mannava Mohan Krishna, Chairman of AP Technology Services (APTS), has donated Rs 27 lakh towards the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) Mahanadu. He said the contribution was made out of a personal sense of responsibility to support the party's development and ensure the success of the annual event.

Mohan Krishna has consistently extended financial support to the party, emerging as a key contributor to the Mahanadu every year. In previous instances, he donated Rs 31 lakh for the distribution of water bottles during the event and Rs 25



lakh on another occasion. His continued contributions underline his commitment to strengthening the party's organisational activities and supporting large-scale arrangements for the Mahanadu.

NTR's legacy of welfare and reform hailed at Mahanadu

Amaravati, May 28 | TPN Bureau

Minister Dr. Dola Sree Bala Veeranjaneeya Swamy paid rich tributes to N.T. Rama Rao (NTR) at the TDP Mahanadu, highlighting his transformative role in politics and welfare. He described NTR as a visionary leader who rose from a humble farming background through determination and hard work to become a towering figure in cinema and public life. He recalled that NTR founded the Telugu Desam Party to repay the affection of the Telugu people and to uphold their self-respect.

The Minister lauded NTR's pioneering welfare initiatives, including the ?2-per-kg rice scheme, subsidised clothing distribution, and housing programmes for the poor. He said NTR also introduced administrative reforms such as the

Mandal system, empowering youth and common people to enter public life. He noted that NTR personally led relief efforts during crises like droughts and natural disasters, reflecting his commitment to public service. Praising Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, he called him the architect of modern Andhra Pradesh and credited him with continuing NTR's vision. He also appreciated Nara Lokesh's 'Yuvagalam' padayatra for reconnecting with grassroots workers. The Minister said the enthusiasm among party cadre remains strong even after four decades, and stressed that sustained governance is essential for development and welfare. He urged party workers to strive for the TDP's continued success to realise NTR's vision for the State.

15-Year Study Flags Major Gaps in India's Anti-Trafficking Units

Just days after the Supreme Court of India called for Anti-Human Trafficking Units (AHTUs) to be refurbished with adequate resources, a new fifteen-year study has cast fresh light on the state of these specialised anti-trafficking mechanisms across the country. On 22 May 2026, while hearing a petition filed by a father from Tamil Nadu whose missing daughter remains untraced despite sustained efforts, the Supreme Court reportedly stressed the need to strengthen AHTUs and improve institutional response to trafficking and missing persons cases. With the matter now under judicial scrutiny and a committee chaired by retired Justice Mukta Gupta engaging with States, Union Territories and the Ministry of Women and Child Development, a report by Sanjog India assumes renewed significance. The study documents and analyses the status and functioning of AHTUs across India from 2010 to 2025. The study report, AHTU Watch (2010-2025), conducted by SANJOG-Kolkata, presents a troubling picture of the gap between policy intent and ground reality. Drawing on Right to Information (RTI) responses, field visits,



interviews with officials and survivor testimonies, the study examines how effectively AHTUs are functioning as specialised anti-trafficking institutions. AHTUs were envisioned by the Ministry of Home Affairs as dedicated police units responsible for preventing trafficking, rescuing victims, investigating crimes and coordinating rehabilitation

and prosecution. However, the study finds that many of these units continue to operate with weak institutional support and fragmented implementation. According to the report, despite years of policy attention and multiple advisories aimed at strengthening anti-trafficking systems, many AHTUs still lack formal notification, dedicated

staffing, operational independence and reliable financial support. One of the most persistent problems identified is the practice of assigning AHTU officers "additional charge," requiring them to handle trafficking cases alongside routine policing duties. Researchers say this dual responsibility disrupts investigations and weakens survivor-centred engagement. Survivor testimonies and interviews with police personnel suggest that officers often struggle to manage both general law-and-order work and specialised trafficking investigations simultaneously. The study assesses AHTUs through six key indicators: notification status, staffing and stability, budget and infrastructure, training, FIR registration autonomy and coordination mechanisms. Across these areas, findings reveal uneven and frequently fragile institutional performance. Formal notification emerged as a critical challenge. Without being notified as designated police units, many AHTUs cannot independently register First Information Reports (FIRs), forcing trafficking cases to remain dependent on local police stations. Researchers argue that this weakens investigative autonomy, particularly in cases involving organised

trafficking networks and interstate operations. Financial limitations further undermine operations. The report points to inconsistent funding, incomplete utilisation records and spending patterns focused largely on infrastructure rather than intelligence gathering, investigations or survivor support services. The study also identifies weak coordination among legal aid institutions, child welfare bodies, rehabilitation services and prosecution agencies. Such gaps, researchers argue, delay compensation, prolong trials and add to the distress experienced by survivors navigating the justice system. Human trafficking data itself presents a complex picture. National Crime Records Bureau figures show reported trafficking cases falling from 8,132 in 2016 to 2,183 in 2023. Yet the report cautions against reading this decline as proof of reduced trafficking. High-incidence states such as Assam, Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh showed limited or inconsistent responses to RTI requests, raising concerns about reporting standards and institutional transparency. The findings are not entirely bleak. States such as Telangana and Delhi demonstrated stronger FIR

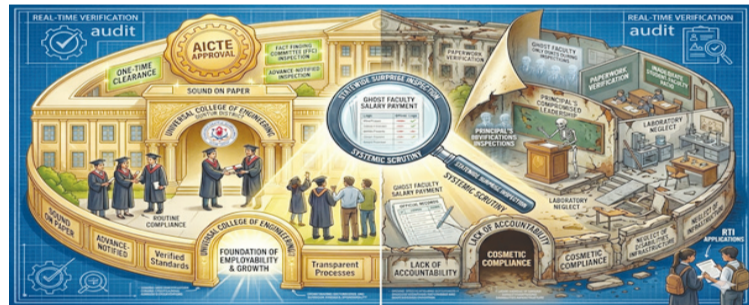
autonomy and greater investigative activity, while training initiatives, including virtual programmes, have expanded in recent years. Survivors interviewed during the study also reported that functioning AHTUs were often more accessible and responsive than conventional police structures. The report recommends mandatory notification of AHTUs with FIR powers, removal of additional-charge responsibilities, dedicated budgets, standardised multi-stakeholder training, stronger coordination systems and a national trafficking reporting mechanism. Its central message is clear: anti-trafficking institutions should be judged not merely by their existence or rescue statistics, but by their ability to deliver justice, rehabilitation and dignity to survivors.



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Engineering Education in Andhra Pradesh Demands Urgent Structural Audit

The condition of technical education in Andhra Pradesh is raising uncomfortable questions that can no longer be ignored. Engineering colleges, which are expected to serve as centres of innovation, skill development and employability, are increasingly being described as institutions that appear sound on paper but fail in practice. The gap between regulatory compliance and ground reality has triggered serious concern among students, parents and education activists. At the heart of the issue lies the functioning of Fact Finding Committee (FFC) inspections conducted during the affiliation process. While these committees are meant to verify infrastructure, faculty strength, laboratory facilities and compliance with norms, allegations suggest that in several cases, inspections are reduced to paperwork verification rather than field-level assessment. This raises doubts about the credibility of the affiliation mechanism itself. Similarly, questions are being raised about the effectiveness of AICTE approvals and subsequent monitoring. Approval is often treated as a one-time clearance rather than an ongoing compliance responsibility. In the absence of continuous oversight, institutions that initially meet standards may gradually drift away from them, especially in areas such as faculty strength, student-faculty ratio and laboratory maintenance. Another serious concern relates to the appointment and qualifica-



tion of principals. The principal is central to academic governance, yet reports of inadequate verification of qualifications and experience continue to surface. If academic leadership is compromised, it directly impacts teaching quality, institutional discipline and student outcomes. Universities must ensure that every appointment is backed by transparent verification of credentials and formal ratification. Faculty integrity is another weak link. Allegations that some institutions display faculty names only during inspections and later alter staffing arrangements point to a deeper systemic problem. The absence of mandatory verification of salary payments through bank statements allows the possibility of "ghost faculty" being shown for compliance purposes. Making salary records, PF, ESI contributions and appointment orders part of affiliation audits is no longer optional but necessary. Equally alarming is the neglect of infrastructure for students with disabilities. Many institutions still lack ramps, accessible toilets, lifts and inclusive classroom access. This is not merely an infrastructural gap but a violation of the

principle of equal educational opportunity. Regulatory bodies must treat accessibility compliance as a non-negotiable requirement, not an advisory suggestion. Transparency is emerging as a recurring demand across all these concerns. Whether it is FFC committee reports, AICTE inspection findings, or compliance documents submitted by colleges, stakeholders are calling for public disclosure. Without transparency, accountability becomes weak and regulatory enforcement loses credibility. In this context, the demand for statewide surprise inspections assumes significance. A one-time audit across all engineering colleges, jointly conducted by AICTE, JNTUK, APSCE and the state government, could help assess the real status of infrastructure, faculty strength, academic standards and student welfare mechanisms. More importantly, such an exercise must include real-time verification rather than advance-notified inspections. The concerns raised regarding institutions such as Universal College of Engineering, Guntur district, where RTI applications have reportedly sought detailed compliance records, further

highlight the need for systemic scrutiny rather than isolated responses. Technical education forms the backbone of industrial and technological development. If its foundations are weakened by procedural lapses, inadequate monitoring and lack of accountability, the long-term consequences will directly affect employability and economic growth. The situation calls for a shift from routine inspections to rigorous regulatory enforcement. Surprise audits, mandatory digital transparency of inspection reports, strict verification of faculty and principals, and inclusion of disability-friendly infrastructure as a core criterion are essential reforms. Engineering education cannot function on assumptions or appearances. It must be built on verified standards, transparent processes and continuous accountability. The time for cosmetic compliance is over; what is needed now is a full-scale structural audit of engineering education in the state.



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A Legal Examination of India's Media Law Framework



Freedom of the Press or Freedom Under Control?
(From Legal Forum)
Judicial interpretation has emphasised that such powers must be exercised sparingly and only where there exists a clear and present danger to protected interests. VII. Constitutional Cases Laying the Foundation of Press Freedom 1. Romesh Thappar v. State of Madras In Romesh Thappar v. State of Madras, the Supreme Court was called upon to examine a State decision to completely prohibit the distribution of a political journal. The Court declined to accept the State's invocation of public safety as a justification and used the occasion to affirm that freedom of speech and expression is a foundational guarantee, not an ancillary liberty. The judgment established that media freedom is indispensable to the functioning of a democracy, not merely incidental to it. The significance of the decision lies not only in the quashing of the ban but in its declaration that executive concerns about public order cannot, without more, justify the suppression of ideas. The judgment made clear that any government-

attempt to restrict press expression would be subjected to close judicial scrutiny. **Brij Bhushan v. State of Delhi** In Brij Bhushan v. State of Delhi, the government had required prior approval before a newspaper could publish. The Court rejected this arrangement, recognising that newspapers must retain the freedom to make independent editorial decisions in real time. Pre-publication approval fundamentally impairs a newspaper's capacity to report on current events. The Court confined the permissible scope of governmental control to post-publication accountability rather than pre-emptive censorship. This judgment firmly established the principle that regulatory power over the press must operate after expression occurs, not before.



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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

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 counterterrorism 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 VettriKazhagam (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 interjected 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.

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



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

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.

Meanwhile, the Congress party has not issued a detailed response to the latest allegations reported by the BJP. The exchange highlights the continuing escalation in political tensions ahead of upcoming electoral and legislative battles.

The issue remains politically sensitive, with both parties standing firm on their positions, further intensifying the already charged political atmosphere in the country.

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.

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.

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.

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 be-

tween 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 Shoolagiri 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 interconnection 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-

multiple 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. Her observations struck a chord with thousands of Indians who have lived overseas and experienced the same cultural and lifestyle differences.

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. In the UK, however, hiring household help is extremely expensive, forcing most people to handle all chores themselves.

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. In the UK, delivery services are slower and often costlier, making such convenience feel premium.

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. She also noted that services like affordable tailoring, beauty treatments, and home repairs are easily accessible in India but expensive overseas.

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. Several users commented that while Western countries may offer better infrastructure and public systems, India provides unmatched affordability and service accessibility.

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, reminding many people to appreciate the conveniences they often take for granted.

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. The officers responded quickly, coordinating with airport staff and reviewing the possible locations where the phone could have been left behind.

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 shared on social media, highlighted several instances of perceived bias and unfairness in the team's composition. It pointed out that certain players are favored over others based on regional or personal connections rather than merit. The report also mentioned the lack of transparency in the selection process and the need for a more open and accountable system. It suggested that the selectors should focus on the team's overall performance and the players' skills rather than their background. The report concluded by stating that a more transparent and merit-based selection process is essential for the growth of Indian cricket.

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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 sympathized 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 Punjab, India, has gone viral on social media. The man, who is now in Noida, is seen in a doorway, looking emotional. He is holding a small refrigerator, which is a symbol of his return home. The video captures his feelings of nostalgia and the challenges of returning to his hometown after a long period of living abroad. He shares his experiences of working in Punjab and the difficulties of finding a job in Noida. He also talks about the changes in his hometown and how it has become a different place. The video has resonated with many people who have also returned home after living abroad, as it highlights the emotional journey of re-adjusting to one's roots. The man's story has become a source of inspiration for many who are considering returning home. He encourages them to embrace their roots and find their own path in life. The video has also sparked a conversation about the challenges of returning home and the need for support and guidance. It has become a viral sensation and has touched the hearts of many people. The man's story is a powerful reminder of the importance of home and the emotional journey of returning home. It has become a source of inspiration for many who are considering returning home. He encourages them to embrace their roots and find their own path in life. The video has also sparked a conversation about the challenges of returning home and the need for support and guidance. It has become a viral sensation and has touched the hearts of many people. The man's story is a powerful reminder of the importance of home and the emotional journey of returning home.

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attention online, with many users resonating with his reflections on modern city life. Several people shared their own experiences of burnout, emotional exhaustion, and the challenges of living in a fast-paced, competitive environment. They noted that the pressure of modern life can be overwhelming and that it is important to take time for oneself and to find a balance between work and life. The man's story has become a source of inspiration for many who are considering returning home. He encourages them to embrace their roots and find their own path in life. The video has also sparked a conversation about the challenges of returning home and the need for support and guidance. It has become a viral sensation and has touched the hearts of many people. The man's story is a powerful reminder of the importance of home and the emotional journey of returning home.

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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 disci-

plined 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 stronger 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 earned 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, DigantManchale, 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 JagapathiBabu, 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 PonnagalVandhal, 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 takeaway, reinforcing her position as one of the most dependable and expressive performers in Indian cinema today.

