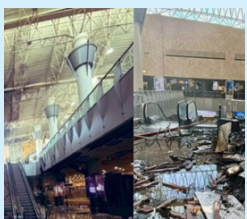


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Who Is Driving the Game?

Political Realignments and Strategic Calculations Shape Telangana Debate Around Pawan Kalyan

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Recent political developments in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh have triggered intense debate over whether a series of statements, protests and counter-statements surrounding Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan are part of a larger political strategy or a spontaneous reaction to unfolding events.

The controversy began after remarks attributed to Prof Nageshwararao sparked political reactions, followed by a strong response from Pawan Kalyan. Subsequently, groups identifying themselves as Telangana activists intervened, creating disturbances and escalating tensions on social media and in public discourse. The situation further intensified when a proposed public meeting titled "Navanirman Sankalpa Sabha" scheduled for June 2 was announced and later faced objections and denial of permission by authorities.

Following these developments, Pawan Kalyan announced that the Jana Sena Party would contest elections in Telangana and indicated plans to tour the state. This sequence of events led to speculation about whether the political developments were reactive



or part of a pre-planned strategy that gained momentum at the right moment.

Political observers note that reactions came from multiple directions, with Telangana activists criticising remarks made by Pawan Kalyan regarding alleged political dominance in the state. In response, Jana Sena Party members defended their statements, further intensifying the debate across digital platforms.

The political environment became more complex when leaders across different parties began responding. Former Minister Jagadish Reddy initially extended support to Pawan Kalyan, but Bharat Rashtra Samithi leader K. T.

Rama Rao later addressed the issue in a press conference, criticising him sharply. This positioned the Bharat Rashtra Samithi in direct opposition to Pawan Kalyan's remarks.

Meanwhile, BRS leader K. Kavitha maintained silence on the issue, even as Congress leaders in Telangana intensified their criticism through a series of press briefings. This multi-party response added further complexity to the evolving political narrative.

Amid these developments, Pawan Kalyan's social media post indicated that his political objective remained unchanged, without elaborating further. Analysts suggest that this statement reinforced percep-

tions that his entry into Telangana politics may have been part of a broader strategic framework.

Some political interpretations suggest that discussions regarding Jana Sena's activity in Telangana were already in circulation, with references made to earlier announcements by party-linked figures during public interactions. According to these views, recent events only accelerated an already developing political plan.

However, critics argue that various groups and leaders reacting to the situation may have unintentionally contributed to amplifying the political momentum, thereby giving greater visibility to Jana Sena's proposed expansion in Telangana.

The role of national-level political alignments has also come under discussion. While some Congress leaders allege coordinated political positioning, others believe the developments reflect evolving electoral strategies ahead of future state contests. Within this context, the role of the Bharatiya Janata Party has been widely debated, although no official confirmation supports claims of central coordination behind the events.

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Telangana, South Africa Explore Cooperation in Skill Development and Medical Tourism

Hyderabad, June 03 | TPN Bureau

In a major step towards strengthening international partnerships in investment, education, healthcare and skill development, Telangana Chief Minister Anumula Revanth Reddy held a high-level meeting with a delegation led by South African Deputy President Paul Shikokosa Mashatile in Hyderabad on Tuesday.

The meeting focused on expanding bilateral cooperation between Telangana and South Africa in sectors such as education, skill development, medical tourism, industries and investments. IT and Industries Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu and Health Minister Damodar Raja Narasimha also participated in the discussions.

During the interaction, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy highlighted Telangana's strengths, particularly Hyderabad's emergence as a global centre for technology, pharmaceuticals, aerospace and defence industries. He said Hyderabad has become a major hub for producing skilled manpower required by advanced sectors and noted that several Fortune 500 companies have established Global Capability Centres in the city.

The Chief Minister also underlined Telangana's progress in healthcare, stating that Hyderabad has become a preferred destination for affordable and high-quality medical treatment. Patients from several countries, especially the Middle East, are visiting the city for specialised healthcare services due to advanced hospitals, expert doctors and robust medical infrastructure.

Revanth Reddy said the Telangana government is taking special initiatives to develop Hyderabad into a world-class medical tourism hub and suggested exploring collaborative opportunities with South Africa in this sector.

He also invited Mashatile and South African industrialists to participate in the upcoming Telangana Rising Global Summit-2026 scheduled to be held in December. Responding positively, the South African Deputy President assured participation by a large delegation, expressing confidence that the summit would further strengthen business and industrial relations between the two regions.

The Chief Minister also briefed the delegation on the ambitious "Bharat Future City" project being developed across 30,000 acres near Hyderabad's international airport. He said the eco-friendly, net-zero city is envisioned as a future hub for industries, technology firms and research institutions.

Speaking at the meeting, Deputy President Mashatile described India and South Africa as nations with deep historical ties and strong cultural connections. He said South Africa could serve as a gateway for Indian companies to expand into African markets, particularly in pharmaceuticals and healthcare.

Senior ministers, government officials and members of the South African delegation, including diplomats and cabinet representatives, attended the meeting aimed at opening new avenues for cooperation between Telangana and South Africa.

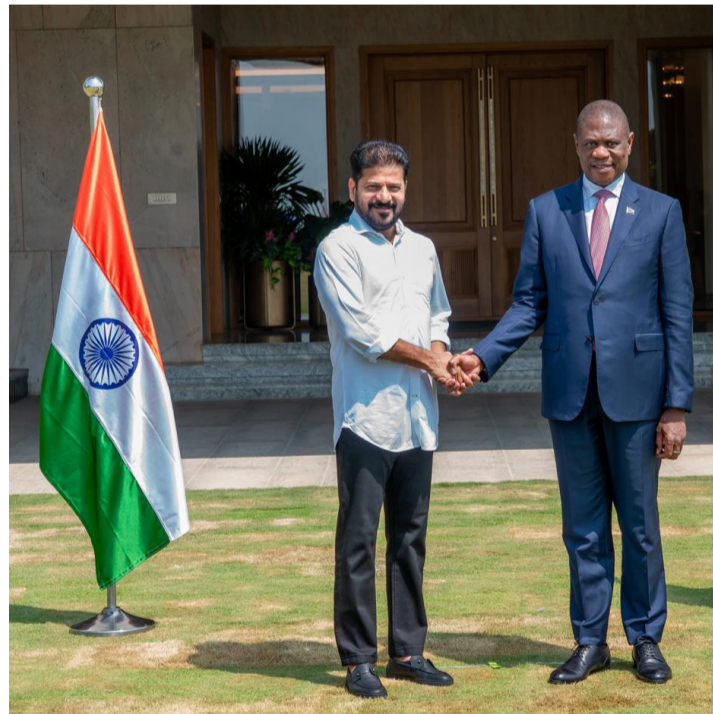
Telangana Ready to Support South African Investors: CM Revanth Reddy

Hyderabad, June 03 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Chief Minister Anumula Revanth Reddy on Tuesday said the state government is fully prepared to extend necessary support to South African industrialists interested in investing in Telangana, highlighting the state's investor-friendly policies and growth potential.

The Chief Minister made these remarks during a meeting with a delegation led by South African Deputy President Paul Shikokosa Mashatile at MCR HRD Institute in Hyderabad. The delegation visited Telangana as part of an official tour to India.

During the meeting, discussions focused on strengthening trade ties and bilateral relations between Telangana and South Africa. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy briefed the visiting delegation on investment opportunities available in the state and explained the incentives and support being offered



by the Telangana government to investors across sectors.

The Chief Minister said Telangana has emerged as one of

India's fastest-growing states and continues to attract investments due to its strong infrastructure, industrial policies

and skilled workforce. He assured the delegation that the government would provide all required cooperation for South African companies willing to explore opportunities in Telangana.

Ministers Duddilla Sridhar Babu and Damodar Raja Narasimha, Chief Secretary K. Ramakrishna Rao and other senior officials also attended the meeting.

Earlier, the Chief Minister formally welcomed the South African delegation and extended greetings on the occasion of Telangana State Formation Day.

Speaking during the interaction, Deputy President Mashatile thanked the Telangana government for the warm reception and congratulated the people of Telangana on the state's formation celebrations. He said it was an honour for the delegation to be present during the celebrations and expressed interest in expanding cooperation in scientific, technological and investment

sectors. Mashatile praised Telangana's rapid development, stating that despite being one of India's youngest states, it had emerged as a major contributor to the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP). He described the state's achievements as a reflection of the determination, innovation and commitment of its people.

Minister Sridhar Babu highlighted the historical relationship between India and South Africa and said Telangana has strong capabilities in sectors such as technology, pharmaceuticals, vaccines, defence, aerospace, education, healthcare, manufacturing, skill development, sports and infrastructure.

He also invited South African companies to explore investment opportunities in Telangana, especially in green energy and sustainable development sectors, where the state is witnessing rapid growth.

CM Revanth Reddy to Tour Combined Mahabubnagar District on June 4-5

Hyderabad, June 03 | TPN Bureau

Chief Minister Anumula Revanth Reddy will undertake an extensive two-day tour of the combined Mahabubnagar district on June 4 and 5, focusing on the progress of major irrigation projects and development works in the region.

In preparation for the visit, Tourism and Excise Minister Jupally Krishna Rao reviewed arrangements and inspected the helipad and public meeting venues along with local public representatives and officials.

The Chief Minister's visit is aimed at accelerating key irrigation initiatives, including lift irrigation schemes, reservoirs, and pump house works across the Palamuru region. Officials said he will conduct



field inspections, aerial surveys, and high-level review meetings during the tour.

As part of the schedule, Revanth Reddy will arrive in Makthal on June 4 afternoon

and review the progress of the Maktal-Narayampet-Kodungal Lift Irrigation Scheme along with proposed barrages on the Krishna and Bhima rivers. He will also conduct aerial

inspections of key projects including Koilsagar and Jurala dam areas. Later in the day, he will participate in meetings with local representatives at Gadwal and inspect reservoir and pump house works. A detailed review meeting on irrigation projects across the district will be held in the evening. On June 5, the Chief Minister will continue field visits across Kollapur, Narayanpet, Gadwal, and Jadcherla constituencies, inspecting major components of the Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme and related infrastructure projects. He will also review ongoing works at several reservoirs, head regulators, and pump houses. A public meeting is scheduled in the evening at Udandapur, where the Chief

Minister is expected to address the gathering on irrigation development and regional progress.

Senior ministers including Uttam Kumar Reddy, Damodar Rajanarasimha, Vakiti Srihari, and Planning Board Vice Chairman G. Chinna Reddy are expected to accompany the Chief Minister during the tour. Officials said the visit will focus on reviewing irrigation infrastructure, resolving bottlenecks, and accelerating project completion to ensure long-term water security for the combined Mahabubnagar region.

Authorities have also arranged extensive security and logistical preparations for the Chief Minister's movement across multiple project sites.



Revanth Reddy Attends DK Shivakumar Swearing-in Ceremony in Bengaluru

Bengaluru, June 03 | TPN Bureau

A warm and emotional moment marked the swearing-in ceremony of Karnataka's new Chief Minister D. K. Shivakumar, where Telangana Chief Minister Anumula Revanth Reddy was seen embracing the newly sworn-in leader during the celebrations held at Lok Bhavan in Bengaluru on Wednesday.

The grand oath-taking ceremony witnessed the presence of several senior political leaders from across the country, reflecting the significance of the leadership transition in Karnataka.

Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka also attended the event as part of an official delegation. He participated in the ceremony following a special invitation extended by the Karnataka leadership and conveyed his greetings to the newly formed state cabinet.

According to officials, the ceremony was held in a celebratory atmosphere, with senior Congress leaders including party president Mallikarjun Kharge, Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, and former Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah

also in attendance. During the event, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy was seen greeting and embracing DK Shivakumar, highlighting the cordial relations among Congress leadership across states. Shivakumar, in turn, expressed gratitude to Revanth Reddy and other visiting leaders for attending the ceremony and extending their support.

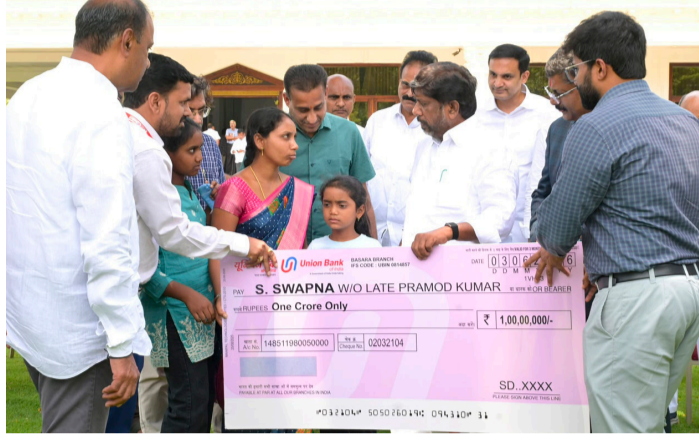
Bhatti Vikramarka also congratulated DK Shivakumar and the newly inducted Karnataka cabinet ministers after the oath-taking ceremony. He conveyed his best wishes to the new government and expressed confidence that Karnataka would continue its development trajectory under the new leadership. The swearing-in ceremony marked a significant political development in Karnataka, symbolising a new phase of governance under DK Shivakumar. The event drew a large gathering of political leaders, party workers and dignitaries, making it one of the most prominent political occasions in recent times. The presence of top Congress leaders from multiple states further underscored the unity and coordination within the party during the leadership transition in Karnataka.

Bhatti Vikramarka Hands Over Rs 1 Crore Insurance Cheque to Deceased Lineman's Family

Hyderabad, June 03 | TPN Bureau

In a significant gesture of support to the family of a government employee who lost his life in the line of duty, Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka on Wednesday handed over a personal accident insurance cheque worth Rs 1 crore to the family of a deceased Northern Power Distribution Company of Telangana (NPDC) lineman.

The cheque was presented to Mrs. Sonkambale Swapna, wife and nominee of late Sonkambale Pramod Kumar, during an official programme held at Praja Bhavan in Hyderabad. Pramod Kumar, who worked as a lineman under the Basara division of NPDC, lost his life in an accident while discharging his official duties



on March 24, 2025.

The financial assistance was made possible under a personal accident insurance coverage scheme linked to salary accounts maintained under the USSA-2 and USSA-3 packages. The insurance benefit is being

provided to NPDC employees through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed earlier between NPDC and Union Bank of India.

According to officials, Pramod Kumar had opened his USSA-2 salary package ac-

count at the Basara branch on September 23, 2024, making him eligible for the accident insurance cover of Rs 1 crore. Following his untimely death, his wife Swapna submitted the insurance claim application at the Basara branch. The claim process was completed swiftly, and the insurance amount was credited to her savings account on May 30, 2026.

Officials said the quick settlement of the claim reflects the commitment of both the government and the banking sector towards employee welfare and financial security. They also highlighted the importance of insurance protection offered under salary-linked schemes, particularly for employees working in high-risk sectors.

Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti

Vikramarka conveyed his condolences to the bereaved family and assured continued support for employees serving in challenging conditions.

Several senior officials attended the cheque distribution programme at Praja Bhavan, including NPDC Chairman and Managing Director Varun Reddy, Finance Director Therupati Reddy, Union Bank CEO Ashish Pandey, Executive Director Amaresh Prasad, Chief General Manager Ravindra Babu, Nizamabad Regional Head Aruna Savita, Chief Manager Y.V. Raghav and Branch Manager Vijay Kumar. The officials extended their sympathies to the family and reaffirmed their support during the difficult time.



CM Revanth Reddy's Makthal Visit to Boost Palamuru Development: Minister

Makthal, June 03 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Minister for Sports, Dairy Development and Animal Husbandry Vakiti Srihari on Tuesday said that Chief Minister Anumula Revanth Reddy's proposed visit to Makthal on Wednesday would bring major developmental changes to the undivided Palamuru district and help shape the future of the region.

The minister reviewed preparations for the Chief Minister's visit with officials at the Mahatma Jyotiba Phule BC Welfare School grounds in Makthal. Addressing the media later, Srihari said the Chief Minister is expected to arrive at around 3 pm by helicopter and will hold a review meeting with officials regarding the Makthal-Narayanpet-Kodangal project. Srihari said the state government was focusing on long-term irrigation and drinking water solutions for the region. He revealed that several rounds of discussions had already taken place with Karnataka Irrigation Minister Bosu Raju regarding the construction of bridge-cum-barrages across the Krishna and Bhima rivers. According to the minister, the Congress governments in both Telangana and Karnataka are working in coordination, which would help in the implementation of new irrigation projects. He said Karnataka has several bridge-cum-barrages and stressed the need for similar infrastructure in Telangana to meet irrigation and drinking water requirements.

Srihari explained that the proposed barrages would help conserve hundreds of TMCs of rainwater that currently go to waste during monsoon seasons. He alleged that previous governments had failed to prioritise such infrastructure and added that the present administration was focused on providing permanent solutions for farmers and residents.

The minister also announced that the Chief Minister would conduct an aerial survey of irrigation projects across the undivided Palamuru district. He said both Telangana and Karnataka Chief Ministers had agreed in principle to the proposed bridge-cum-barrages over the Krishna and Bhima rivers in the Makthal region.

He further highlighted plans to improve connectivity between Telangana and Karnataka by constructing a bridge over the Bhima river connecting Gudeballur and Tangidi, linking highways between the two states. Details of the proposal would be presented to the Chief Minister during the aerial survey, he added.

Srihari also said directions had been issued to the district collector to take necessary steps for compensation to displaced families in Bhutpur-Neredugam submergence villages. He thanked the Chief Minister, Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka and Irrigation Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy for agreeing to compensation worth Rs 1,500 crore for affected villagers and urged people to make the Chief Minister's visit a success.



Congress MP Chamal Kiran Kumar Reddy Hits Out at BJP Over Telangana Formation Claims

New Delhi, June 03 | TPN Bureau

Chamal Kiran Kumar Reddy, Member of Parliament from Bhongir, on Tuesday criticised the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) over its Telangana Formation Day celebrations in Delhi and accused party leaders of spreading misinformation regarding the creation of Telangana state.

Addressing a press conference in New Delhi, the Congress MP took strong exception to statements made by BJP leaders during the celebrations organised by the party in the national capital. He alleged that BJP national president Nitin Nabin lacked proper understanding of Telangana's history and formation.

Kiran Kumar Reddy asserted that Telangana was formed solely due to the efforts of the Congress party and former Congress president Sonia Gandhi. He said anyone searching online could easily find evidence of Congress' role in granting statehood to Telangana.

Recalling the political developments during the Telangana movement, the MP said Congress leadership played a decisive role despite political challenges. He noted that at the time, Andhra Pradesh had 25 MPs from the united state and 12 MPs from Telangana, yet Congress succeeded in convincing national leadership to support Telangana's formation.

He also targeted former Chief Minister Kalvakuntla

Chandrashekar Rao, claiming that KCR had initially not expected Telangana to become a reality and had treated the issue as political strategy. He alleged that Telangana's resources were mismanaged during the BRS government's ten-year rule.

Criticising Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy, Kiran Kumar Reddy questioned what benefits or funds BJP leaders had secured for Telangana. He asked why the Centre was procuring only around 38 per cent of paddy produced in Telangana and questioned whether Telangana farmers were being treated unfairly compared to those in other states.

The Congress MP also raised concerns regarding irrigation and infrastructure projects, alleging that the Pranahita project at Thummidihatti was sidelined in favour of Kaleshwaram. He questioned why BJP leaders were not helping facilitate talks with Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis regarding pending interstate water issues.

He further accused the Centre of neglecting Telangana by not extending adequate financial support for Hyderabad Metro Phase-2 and Musi River rejuvenation projects, while alleging unequal treatment compared to other states.

The remarks are expected to intensify the ongoing political war of words between Congress and BJP leaders over Telangana's development and legacy.

Centre Ignoring Telangana Farmers, Must Increase Paddy Procurement Target: Ponnam Prabhakar

Hyderabad, June 03 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnam Prabhakar on Tuesday accused the BJP-led Central government of discriminating against Telangana farmers by reducing paddy procurement targets despite a steady rise in agricultural production in the state.

Addressing the media, the minister alleged that while Telangana farmers were producing record levels of paddy, the Centre was showing "step-motherly treatment" towards the state by limiting procurement targets. He demanded that the Union government immediately increase Telangana's paddy procurement quota and purchase at least 70 per cent of the total grain produced in the state.

Prabhakar said the Telangana government was committed to purchasing every grain cultivated by farmers and ensuring timely payments. He stated that during the 2025-26 Rabi (Yasangi) season, the state had procured 67.03 lakh metric tonnes of paddy so far and deposited Rs 12,375 crore directly into the bank accounts of over 10 lakh farmers.

The minister noted that the government had also pur-



chased 10,215 metric tonnes of rain-damaged paddy to prevent losses to farmers and paid the minimum support price. He added that the state had established a record 8,575 procurement centres to ensure farmers did not face inconvenience in selling their produce.

Criticising the Centre's allocation policy, Prabhakar said 'Telangana was expected to produce nearly 141 lakh metric tonnes of paddy during the Ya-

sangi season, but the Centre had fixed the procurement target at only 52 lakh metric tonnes, or 37 per cent of total production. In comparison, he claimed Punjab had received an 86 per cent target, Chhattisgarh 67 per cent, Haryana 65 per cent and Odisha 52 per cent.

He further said that while the previous government spent Rs 1.35 lakh crore on paddy procurement over ten years, the present Congress government had spent Rs 84,000 crore in just two years towards farmer welfare.

On the issue of the proposed Thummidihatti Barrage, Prabhakar accused both the Centre and BJP leaders in Telangana of neglecting the interests of northern Telangana farmers. He said the Telangana government had repeatedly written to the Maharashtra government seeking discussions on the 152-metre barrage project, but no response had been received.

The minister urged BJP leaders in Telangana to convince the Maharashtra government to approve the project, stating that the state government remained ready for immediate discussions to protect farmers' irrigation interests and water rights.

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Political analysts also point to the strategic implications of Jana Sena Party's alignment with the National Democratic Alliance, suggesting that future electoral equations in Telangana could be influenced by such alliances. The possibility of a direct contest involving major national and regional parties is now being discussed in political circles.

At the same time, questions remain over the role of regional parties and their future positioning. The Bharat Rashtira Samithi, which once expanded its influence beyond Telangana, is now seen as recalibrating

its strategy amid changing political dynamics.

The Telugu Desam Party's potential role in Telangana politics is also being closely watched. While the party retains pockets of support in Hyderabad and Khammam regions, analysts note that historical political perceptions and voter sentiment continue to influence its prospects in the state. Political observers further highlight that earlier electoral interventions by major leaders have had mixed outcomes in Telangana politics, influencing current strategic caution among parties. As a result, most political stakeholders are now assessing alliances

and public sentiment before making decisive moves.

As the situation continues to evolve, it remains unclear how far the current developments will reshape Telangana's political landscape. However, what is evident is that the controversy surrounding Pawan Kalyan has triggered a wider discussion on alliances, electoral strategies and future power equations in both Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

The coming months are expected to clarify whether these developments represent a short-term political flare-up or the beginning of a more structured realignment in regional politics.



Uttam Kumar Reddy Reviews Paddy Procurement Drive Progress

Hyderabad, June 03 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Tuesday reviewed the district-wise progress of the ongoing paddy procurement drive during a meeting held in Hyderabad with senior officials of the Civil Supplies Department.

The review meeting was attended by Civil Supplies Commissioner Stephen Ravindra and other senior officials, who presented updates on procurement operations being carried out across various districts in the state. During the meeting, the Minister assessed the overall progress of the paddy procurement drive, including district-level performance, procurement volumes, and operational efficiency at procurement centres. Officials briefed him on the steps being taken to ensure smooth procurement operations and timely support to farmers. Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy appreciated the efforts of field staff and depart-

mental officials for their coordinated work in ensuring the smooth conduct of procurement activities across Telangana. He noted that the efficient management of procurement centres has helped farmers sell their produce without difficulty.

He expressed confidence that Telangana would surpass last year's record procurement achievement, citing improved coordination among departments and strong field-level implementation.

Officials informed the Minister that procurement operations are being closely monitored across all districts and that necessary arrangements are in place to ensure uninterrupted procurement from farmers during the ongoing season.

The Minister reiterated the government's commitment to safeguarding farmers' interests and ensuring that procurement operations continue in a transparent and efficient manner across the state.

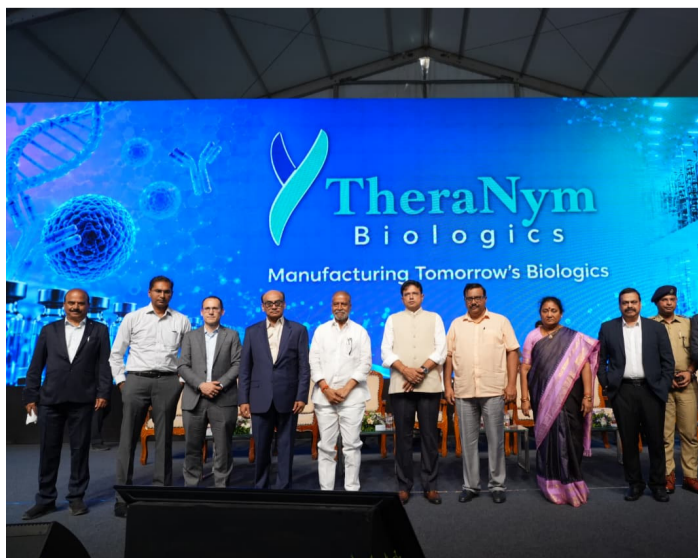
Sridhar Babu Inaugurates 1,200 Crore Theranym Biologics Facility

Sangareddy, June 03 | TPN Bureau

Telangana IT and Industries Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu on Wednesday formally inaugurated the Theranym Biologics manufacturing facility established with an investment of 1,200 crore at Borpatla village in Hathnoora Mandal of Sangareddy district.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by Health Minister Damodar Raja Narasimha, Nirmala Jaggareddy and several other dignitaries.

The newly established state-of-the-art manufacturing unit is expected to play a major role in strengthening Telangana's growing life sciences and pharmaceutical ecosystem. According to officials, the facility will manufacture advanced medi-



cines used in the treatment of cancer and several other life-threatening diseases.

The products manufactured at the plant are expected to be exported to multiple interna-

tional markets, including the United States, further strengthening Telangana's presence in the global pharmaceutical and biotechnology sectors.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Sridhar Babu highlighted the state government's continued efforts to attract major investments in industries and healthcare-related manufacturing. He said Telangana has emerged as a preferred destination for global companies due to its industry-friendly policies, infrastructure and skilled workforce. The minister noted that the establishment of the Theranym Biologics facility reflects growing investor confidence in Telangana and reinforces the state's reputation as a leading hub for biotechnology and pharmaceutical innovation. The new facility

is also expected to provide significant employment opportunities for local youth. Officials said more than 1,500 young people from the region are likely to benefit through direct and indirect employment generated by the project. Minister Damodar Raja Narasimha said the facility

would contribute not only to industrial development but also to healthcare advancements by manufacturing medicines for critical illnesses. With the launch of Theranym Biologics, the value and global recognition of the "Made in Telangana" brand in the life sciences sector are expected to receive a major boost, further strengthening the state's position as a centre for pharmaceutical excellence and advanced medical manufacturing.

TPCC Leader Gajjela Kantham Slams KTR, Harish Rao Over Telangana Claims

Hyderabad, June 03 | TPN Bureau

Senior Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) leader Gajjela Kantham launched a sharp attack on Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) leaders K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) and T. Harish Rao at Gandhi Bhavan on Tuesday, accusing them of misleading people over the Telangana statehood movement and attempting to create political unrest in the state.

Addressing the media, Kantham strongly objected to KTR's repeated claims that the BRS leadership alone was responsible for achieving Telangana statehood. He asserted that Telangana was not the contribution of a single family but the result of sacrifices made by millions of people across the region.

Kantham said Telangana was achieved after years of struggle by nearly four crore people and the sacrifices of over 1,200 youth and activists. He alleged that the BRS leadership was unfairly taking sole credit for the state's formation while ignoring the role played by political parties, social groups, employees, students



and activists.

The Congress leader also credited former Congress president Sonia Gandhi for granting Telangana statehood, claiming the demand materialised after sustained public pressure and political negotiations. He alleged that after

coming to power, the BRS government concentrated benefits within a single family and failed to fulfil the aspirations of many Telangana activists.

Kantham further accused the previous BRS regime of suppressing Dalits and Telangana movement activists dur-

ing its ten-year rule. He claimed that various political parties, including Congress, CPI, CPM and TDP, had played an important role in uniting forces for the Telangana movement.

Targeting KTR and Harish Rao, Kantham urged them to

stop what he termed "family glorification" and alleged that former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao had not made enough efforts in Parliament for Telangana before the movement intensified in 2009.

In his remarks on Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, Kantham alleged that there were political motives behind the actor-politician's recent Telangana visit. He claimed that certain opposition leaders were attempting to disrupt the Congress government in Telangana through political strategies and public meetings.

Kantham also accused opposition parties of trying to create law and order concerns and disturb peace in the state. He defended the Congress government, stating that Chief Minister Anumula Revanth Reddy was working tirelessly for the development and administration of Telangana.

The remarks were made during a press interaction held at Gandhi Bhavan and are expected to trigger a fresh political debate between Congress and BRS leaders in the state.

TPCC Leader Dayakar Criticises Pawan Kalyan Over Telangana Remarks

Hyderabad, June 03 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) General Secretary Chanagani Dayakar on Tuesday launched a sharp criticism against Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, accusing him of making unnecessary remarks on Telangana politics and interfering in the state's affairs.

Speaking to the media, Dayakar asserted that as long as Chief Minister Anumula Revanth Reddy remained in office, there would be no scope for disruptive political forces in Telangana. He claimed that the Congress government was committed to safeguarding the interests and stability of the state.

Raising questions over Pawan Kalyan's stand on national issues, Dayakar asked why the Janasena leader had remained silent on allegations surrounding the NEET examination paper leak issue. He questioned whether the concerns of nearly 22 lakh students and their uncertain future had not deserved public attention and response.

The TPCC leader further alleged that Telangana did not require advice from "outsider leaders" or "paid artists" on how to govern or develop the state. He suggested that leaders from neighbouring states should avoid interfering in Tel-

angana's political matters and instead focus on issues concerning their own regions.

At the same time, Dayakar said he had personal respect for Pawan Kalyan but advised him not to involve himself deeply in Telangana politics. He cautioned that unnecessary political interventions could damage his credibility and urged him not to become another controversial political figure in the state.

Referring to comments allegedly made by Pawan Kalyan regarding Telangana cultural icon Gaddar, Dayakar described the remarks as inappropriate and insensitive. He said statements involving respected Telangana personalities should be made responsibly.

In a strong political attack, Dayakar also accused Pawan Kalyan of functioning in alignment with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), alleging that he had become politically dependent on the party's leadership, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

The comments are likely to intensify the ongoing political exchanges between Congress leaders in Telangana and Pawan Kalyan, particularly amid growing debate over political meetings and public statements related to Telangana's formation celebrations and governance.

KTR Slams Congress Over Paddy Procurement, Future City and Farmers' Issues

Hyderabad, June 03 | TPN Bureau

Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) working president Kalvakuntla Taraka Rama Rao on Tuesday launched a sharp attack on the Congress government in Telangana, alleging that it had completely failed in paddy procurement, farmer welfare, and governance, while also accusing it of acting in coordination with the Centre.

Addressing party leaders and the media, KTR said the Congress had "failed completely" in purchasing paddy from farmers and was misleading the public with false claims. He alleged that despite procurement centres being opened, farmers were forced to wait for days together, with stocks getting damaged due to rains. He accused the government of pushing farmers into distress and indirectly encouraging private traders.

He further alleged that the Congress government was unable to even provide basic infrastructure such as gunny bags for procurement, calling it a "systemic failure" in the agricultural sector. KTR

claimed that farmers would give a strong reply to the ruling party in future elections.

Targeting Chief Minister Anumula Revanth Reddy, KTR alleged that Telangana was being run by a "Modi-Revanth partnership government," referring to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and claiming there was coordination between the Centre and the state government on several policy decisions. He questioned the introduction of a "Farmer DISCOM" system, alleging it was aimed at installing electricity meters on agricultural pump sets.

He argued that Telangana farmers never demanded such a system and accused the government of gradually moving towards installing meters on transformers and eventually individual motors. He warned farmers to remain alert about such policies, claiming they would affect free electricity benefits. On irrigation and development issues, KTR criticised the government over what he called lack of clarity on the "Future City" project. He alleged that the Congress government was misleading

people on land use and accused it of attempting real estate activity under the guise of development projects. He said the BRS would oppose such policies and promised to challenge them politically and legally.

KTR also accused the Congress of misleading journalists on housing allotments, claiming that promises of housing plots were not being fulfilled. He said the previous BRS government had supported journalists financially and through allocations and assured that similar welfare initiatives would continue in the future if the party returned to power.

Reiterating his party's stance, KTR said the BRS remained committed to Telangana's development and asserted that the party would return to power under the leadership of former Chief Minister Kalvakuntla Chandrashekar Rao, whom he described as a protective leader for the state. The remarks are expected to intensify the ongoing political confrontation between the BRS and Congress in Telangana over governance, welfare schemes, and development projects.



TPCC OBC Observer Meeting Held at Indira Bhavan

Hyderabad, June 03 | TPN Bureau

The Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) organised a state-level OBC Observer Meeting under its OBC Department at Indira Bhavan in Hyderabad on Wednesday afternoon, marking a key step towards strengthening the party's organisational network across the state.

The meeting was chaired by TPCC OBC Department Chairman and MLA Veerlapalli Shankar, who attended as the chief guest and issued key directions for strengthening the OBC wing from the grassroots to the state level.

TPCC OBC Department conveners Dr. Kethuri Venkatesh and Dr. Juluru Dhanalakshmi presided over the meeting. They emphasised the importance of district-wise observer appointments and highlighted the crucial role of OBC communities in achieving social justice and strengthening the Congress party structure.

The meeting witnessed participation from state committee members, district presidents, senior leaders, and representatives from various districts across Telangana. Leaders discussed strategies to

accelerate party organisation at the village level and expand the reach of the OBC Congress network.

Speakers stressed the need for coordinated efforts to implement the vision of social justice advocated by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, aiming to mobilise OBC communities and strengthen their participation in political and social development initiatives.

According to party leaders, a special action plan will be formulated in the coming days in line with directives from the All India Congress Committee (AICC) and TPCC. The plan will focus on uniting OBC communities across Telangana and spreading the party's ideology at the grassroots level.

The meeting, which continued for nearly four hours, was described as highly energetic and politically significant. Leaders expressed confidence that the organisational restructuring would further strengthen the Congress party's presence across the state.

Officials said the discussions reflected the party's renewed focus on inclusive politics and social empowerment through structured community engagement initiatives.

"Gnanachaitanya Bus Yatra" Gains Momentum, Receives Strong Public Response: MP Mallu Ravi

Hyderabad, June 03 | TPN Bureau

The "Gnanachaitanya Bus Yatra" led by Nagarkurnool Member of Parliament Mallu Ravi continued successfully in the Kalwakurthy constituency of Nagarkurnool district, drawing significant public participation and positive response, particularly in Amangal Municipality.

Speaking on the occasion, MP Mallu Ravi said that the primary objective of the Congress Party is to ensure that constitutional rights and opportunities reach all sections of society, including SC, ST, BC, Minority, EWS, and other



marginalised communities.

He stated that the bus yatra has been launched to create awareness among people about

social justice, equal opportunities, education, employment, economic empowerment, and welfare schemes. He urged

backward and vulnerable communities to become aware of their rights and effectively utilise government welfare programmes.

The MP emphasised that the Congress Party remains committed to protecting constitutional values, promoting social equality, and ensuring the upliftment of marginalised sections of society. He said that the party will continue to stand firmly with the people in their struggle for rights and development. He further noted that the initiative is aimed at spreading awareness in both rural and urban areas regarding constitutional rights, educational op-

portunities, employment schemes, and various social welfare programmes.

Party leaders, workers, public representatives, youth leaders, women representatives, and a large number of local residents participated in the programme and extended their support to the yatra, which is being seen as a grassroots outreach initiative of the Congress Party.

Officials said the campaign is expected to continue across multiple constituencies in the coming days with the aim of strengthening awareness and engagement among diverse communities.



Peddapalli MP Gaddam Vamsi Krishna Criticises Pawan Kalyan Over Remarks on Telangana

Adilabad, June 03 | TPN Bureau

Peddapalli Member of Parliament Gaddam Vamsi Krishna on Wednesday strongly criticised Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan over his reported remarks on Telangana and raised questions about his political stance during the statehood movement.

Addressing the media in Adilabad, the MP alleged that Pawan Kalyan had remained silent on certain comments made by BJP MP Tejasvi Surya, who had reportedly compared Telangana with Pakistan in a public statement. He questioned why Pawan Kalyan had not responded to such remarks.

Vamsi Krishna further asked where Pawan Kalyan was during the Telangana statehood agitation, when students and unemployed youth sacrificed their lives for the formation of the separate state. He alleged that leaders who were not part of the struggle were now making political comments for elec-

toral advantage. He also criticised what he called inconsistent political positions and alliances of Pawan Kalyan, stating that Telangana people would not accept leaders who change their stand based on political convenience.

The MP asserted that the Congress Party played a key role in the formation of Telangana and would continue to protect the interests of the state's people. He said the aspirations of Telangana cannot be compromised and warned against making statements that hurt public sentiment.

Political observers noted that the remarks are likely to add to ongoing political tensions between leaders of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh over past statements and the legacy of the statehood movement.

The issue is expected to spark further political debate in the coming days, particularly between ruling and opposition parties in the region.



Telangana Seed Sector Experience Should Benefit Nigerian Youth: Minister

Hyderabad, June 03 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Agriculture Minister Thummala Nageswara Rao on Wednesday said the state's rich experience in the seed sector should benefit the youth of Nigeria's Taraba State and contribute to strengthening agricultural cooperation between the two regions.

The minister was speaking at the valedictory programme of the "International Seed Education and Industrial Development Training Programme" held at the Institute of Public Enterprise (IPE) in Shamirpet. Labour Minister Vivek Venkatswamy also participated in the event.

The international training programme, aimed at equipping youth from Taraba State in Nigeria with advanced agricultural and seed sector knowledge, concluded on a grand note on Wednesday. Certificates were distributed to the participants who successfully completed the training.

Addressing the gathering, Thummala Nageswara Rao said Telangana has earned recognition as a major hub for the seed industry in India and sharing its expertise with young people from Taraba State was a matter of pride. He said the trainees had gained practical knowledge in key areas such as seed production, hybrid seed technology, seed purification, processing, and agri-business management during the programme.

The minister appreciated the initiative taken by the Taraba State government in providing international-level training opportunities for its youth and

said such efforts would help build agricultural skills and entrepreneurship.

He further stated that the Telangana government is ready to expand cooperation with Taraba State in sectors such as agriculture, seed technology, farmer training, and agro-based industrial development. According to him, the partnership could open up new opportunities for knowledge sharing and sustainable agricultural growth.

Thummala also revealed that discussions are underway regarding a "Sister State" partnership between Telangana and Taraba State, which is expected to strengthen bilateral cooperation and contribute to the mutual development of both regions.

Highlighting Telangana's achievements over the past two years, the minister said the state had made significant progress in agriculture and allied sectors. He expressed hope that the youth from Taraba State would effectively utilise the skills and knowledge acquired during the training to create new opportunities in the agricultural sector back home.

Labour Minister Vivek Venkatswamy, Seed Corporation Chairman Anvesh Reddy, Taraba State Governor Dr. Agbu Kefas, representatives from Taraba Seeds Limited, Prasad Seeds Private Limited, Institute of Public Enterprise, trainers, and government officials attended the programme.

Certificates were presented to the participants in recognition of their successful completion of the training programme.



TPCC Chief Mahesh Kumar Goud Congratulates DK Shivakumar and BK Hariprasad

Bengaluru, June 03 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President Mahesh Kumar Goud extended heartfelt congratulations to Karnataka Chief Minister DK Shivakumar and newly appointed Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) President B. K. Hariprasad on the occasion of the swearing-in ceremony held in Bengaluru. He congratulated all the newly sworn-in Deputy Chief Ministers and ministers of the Karnataka cabinet during the grand oath-taking event, expressing confidence in the new leadership team. Speaking on the occasion, Mahesh Kumar Goud said that the Congress Party has always recognised and rewarded dedicated leaders who work hard for the organisation. He stated that committed leadership and collective ef-

forts within the party would strengthen its position further in the coming days. The TPCC President, who attended the ceremony, personally met the newly sworn-in Chief Minister DK Shivakumar and extended his greetings. He also conveyed his best wishes to BK Hariprasad on assuming charge as KPCC President. Mahesh Kumar Goud expressed confidence that under the leadership of DK Shivakumar and BK Hariprasad, the Congress Party in Karnataka would become stronger and is poised to secure another electoral victory in the upcoming elections. The swearing-in ceremony in Bengaluru was attended by senior Congress leaders from various states, marking an important moment of organisational transition and renewed political strategy for the party in Karnataka.

Rapido Driver's Alertness Leads to Ganja Seizure in Quthbullapur

Quthbullapur, June 03 | TPN Bureau

A Rapido driver's vigilance helped Dundigal police crack a drug transportation case, leading to the arrest of a drug peddler and a drug consumer in Quthbullapur.

According to police, the incident occurred on May 31, 2026, when a person booked a parcel delivery through Rapido from Medchal to Gandimaisamma. The parcel was assigned to Rapido driver Sattu Adarsh for delivery. However, Adarsh became suspicious about the package and immediately alerted the Dundigal police.

Based on the information provided by the driver, police launched an investigation and intercepted the parcel. During the operation, officials detained a drug consumer and arrested a suspected drug peddler. Police seized nearly one kilogram of ganja from the accused during the search.

A case has been registered at Dundigal Police Station, and further investigation is underway to trace the source of the narcotics and identify others connected to the case.

Police identified the arrested



drug peddler as Rupesh Kumar (23), a native of Bihar. Officials said the accused allegedly used a new tactic for transporting narcotics by sending them through parcel delivery services to avoid suspicion and routine police checks.

Recognising his responsible action and civic sense, Quthbullapur Zone Deputy Commissioner of Police N. Kotireddy, IPS, felicitated Rapido driver Sattu Adarsh with a shawl for promptly informing police and helping uncover the illegal activity.

The DCP urged citizens to stay alert and report suspicious persons, parcels, or activities to the police immediately to help curb drug-related crimes and maintain public safety.

Medchal ACP Shankar Reddy and Dundigal CI Satish were also present during the felicitation programme.

The incident underlines the importance of public cooperation and awareness in assisting law enforcement agencies in preventing illegal drug trafficking.

Villa Gutted in Fire Mishap at Dream Valley-2 in Quthbullapur

Quthbullapur, June 03 | TPN Bureau

A major fire accident occurred at a villa in Dream Valley-2 residential community in Mallampet under the Dundigal Police Station limits of Quthbullapur on Tuesday night. The fire, suspected to have been caused by a short circuit, completely destroyed household belongings, though a major tragedy was averted as no one was inside the house at the time of the incident.

According to local residents, the fire broke out around 10 pm at the villa owned by Ravi and Jyothsna, a couple who have been residing there for the past three years. Preliminary information suggests that an electrical short circuit triggered the blaze, which quickly spread through the house and engulfed furniture, electronic appliances, and household items.

At the time of the incident, the couple had reportedly stepped out to purchase household necessities. Since no one was present inside the villa when the fire erupted, loss of life was narrowly avoided. However, the flames caused extensive damage to the property, reducing most of the belongings inside the house to ashes.

Residents of the gated community noticed smoke and flames emerging from the villa and immediately alerted emergency services. Panic gripped the neighbourhood as locals gathered near the house while thick smoke billowed from the structure. Several residents



also attempted to assist before emergency teams arrived at the scene. Soon after receiving information, fire service personnel rushed to the spot along with Disaster Response Force (DRF) teams. The firefighters launched an operation to contain the flames and prevent the fire from spreading to nearby houses in the residential complex. After sustained efforts, the teams managed to bring the fire under control.

Officials said the quick response by emergency personnel helped prevent further damage to adjoining properties. However, the affected family suffered heavy losses as furniture, home appliances, electronic gadgets, and other

valuable household materials were completely destroyed in the blaze. The incident left the family devastated, forcing them to step out with only the clothes they were wearing as most of their possessions were destroyed in the accident. Dundigal police reached the spot soon after the incident and began an inquiry. A case has been registered, and an investigation is underway to ascertain the exact cause of the fire. Authorities are also examining whether any electrical faults in the villa contributed to the accident. Residents have been advised to ensure regular maintenance of electrical systems and take precautionary measures to avoid such mishaps.

Pseudo Police Gang Busted in Quthbullapur, Four Arrested

Quthbullapur, June 03 | TPN Bureau

In a major breakthrough, Kukatpally CCS and Jagadgirigutta police busted a pseudo police gang that allegedly posed as senior police officials, used fake identities, and extorted money from innocent people by threatening them with fabricated criminal cases. Four members of the gang have been arrested, while two others are absconding.

Police revealed that the gang operated with fake uniforms, weapons, official-looking identity cards, police-style vehicles, and rank insignias to intimidate people and extort money. The prime accused, identified as Nagaraju Raghuvarma, is a habitual offender who had previously impersonated an Army Colonel and was involved in similar fraud cases. Investigators found that he later reinvented himself as a fake IPS officer to continue criminal



activities. According to Quthbullapur DCP N. Kotireddy, the gang targeted a resident of Kukatpally, Poornachander Rao (42), by falsely linking him to a criminal case registered in Haryana. On May 18, Nagaraju and his

associates allegedly kidnapped the victim, pretending to be police officers. They transported him in a fake police vehicle to Suryapet and extorted Rs.1 lakh from him.

The accused later brought the victim back to Hyderabad



Manisha Vishnu Appointed TPCC SC Department State Secretary

Hyderabad, June 03 | TPN Bureau

Manisha Vishnu has been appointed as the State Secretary of the SC Department of the Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC), according to an announcement made by SC Department State President Dr. Kavvampalli Satyanarayana.

The appointment orders were officially issued on Monday. Manisha Vishnu received the appointment letter from Telangana Congress President Mahesh Goud and SC Department State President Dr. Kavvampalli Satyanarayana during a formal event held in Hyderabad.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Kavvampalli Satyanarayana expressed confidence that Manisha Vishnu would play an important role in strengthening the Congress party, particularly in making the SC Department more active, effective, and dynamic across the state.

He stated that her appointment would contribute significantly to expanding the party's outreach and enhancing en-

agement with Scheduled Caste communities in Telangana. Party leaders also highlighted the importance of empowering committed individuals to strengthen the organisational structure and grassroots presence of the Congress party.

Expressing gratitude to the party leadership for entrusting her with the responsibility, Manisha Vishnu said she would work sincerely to uphold the confidence placed in her. She assured that she would actively strive to take the party's ideology and programmes closer to the people while strengthening the SC Department at the grassroots level.

She further stated that she would dedicate her efforts to addressing issues concerning Scheduled Caste communities and contribute to the party's mission of inclusive development and social justice.

Congress leaders and supporters congratulated Manisha Vishnu on her appointment and extended their best wishes for her new responsibility within the party structure.

Yoga Andhra 2026 to Engage One Crore People Across State: CM Naidu

over 2.44 crore people registered in 2025, with 1.91 crore receiving certificates.

The Chief Minister said yoga would be integrated into educational institutions to build a healthier future generation. He also announced district-wise themes, special sessions for groups such as police personnel in NTR district and farmers in Konaseema, and events at 56 tourist destinations including Undavalli Caves and Srisaillam.

He said the government has

allocated Rs 10 crore for the initiative and aims to train 10 lakh certified yoga practitioners and expand the trainer network to 2.5 lakh instructors.

Chandrababu Naidu launched the Yoga Andhra portal for registrations and information. The initiative is supported by organisations such as Art of Living, Isha Foundation led by Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev, Brahma Kumaris, Baba Ramdev, Manthana Satyanarayana Raju and Prakriti Ashram.

Applications Invited for Prime Minister Rashtriya Bal Puraskar 2027

Machilipatnam, June 03 | TPN Bureau

Applications have been invited for the prestigious Prime Minister Rashtriya Bal Puraskar (PMRBP) - 2027, awarded to children demonstrating exceptional achievements in various fields, District Women and Child Welfare Officer M. N. Rani announced on Wednesday. Issued by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, the awards recognise outstanding contribu-

tions by children in fields such as bravery, social service, environmental protection, sports, arts and culture, and science and technology. Children aged 5 to 18 years, as of July 31, 2026, who have shown extraordinary talent and achievements in the eligible categories can apply for the awards. Officials stated that interested candidates or individuals wishing to nominate deserving children must submit their applications online on or before July 31, 2026.



Karnataka Mayor Kolagani Srinivas Meets Uttarakhand CM at National Mayors' Meet

Rishikesh, June 03 | TPN Bureau

The 117th All India Council of Mayors meeting commenced in a grand manner on Wednesday in Rishikesh, organised under the auspices of the Rishikesh Municipal Corporation in Uttarakhand. The national-level conference brought together mayors and civic leaders from across the country to discuss urban governance and development initiatives.

During the inaugural session, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami extended warm greetings and congratulated Karimnagar Mayor Kolagani Srinivas, appreciating his participation in the national forum.

The Chief Minister also acknowledged the growing role of young leadership in urban local bodies and conveyed his best wishes to Kolagani Srinivas for his responsibilities as one of the youngest mayors in the region.

In response, Mayor Kolagani Srinivas expressed his gratitude to the Uttarakhand Chief

Minister and felicitated him during the event. He also conveyed thanks for the hospitality extended to delegates attending the national conference.

On the sidelines of the meeting, the Mayor held courtesy interactions with several dignitaries, including Uttarakhand ministers Subodh Uniyal, Prem Chand Agarwal, Madan Kaushik, Haridwar Member of Parliament Trivenendra Singh Rawat, and Rajya Sabha member Mahendra Bhatt. He also met Rishikesh MLA Dr. Prem Chand Agarwal.

Officials said the conference is focused on strengthening urban governance, improving municipal infrastructure, and sharing best practices among civic bodies from different states.

The event is expected to continue with technical sessions and discussions on sustainable urban development, smart city initiatives, and financial strengthening of municipal corporations across India.

SIT Summons Ex-MLA Teegala Krishna Reddy in Phone Tapping Case

Hyderabad, June 03 | TPN Bureau

The Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the alleged unauthorised phone tapping case has issued summons to former MLA Teegala Krishna Reddy, directing him to appear before the investigating officer at the Command Control Centre in Hyderabad on Wednesday at 11 am.

According to SIT officials, Krishna Reddy, who represented the Maheshwaram constituency between 2014 and 2018, will be questioned regarding key developments and alleged surveillance activities that are said to have taken place during

his tenure. The phone tapping case has already seen the questioning of several senior police officers and political leaders, with their names emerging during the course of the investigation. Officials said multiple individuals linked to the case have been summoned earlier as part of the ongoing inquiry.

Sources indicate that Krishna Reddy's questioning could lead to further summonses, depending on the information he provides. The latest development has created political buzz in Telangana, with attention now shifting to the next phase of the SIT probe.



DSC 2025 Conducted with Full Transparency, Says Home Minister

Amaravati, June 3 | TPN Bureau

Home Minister Vangalapati Anita asserted that the DSC 2025 examination was conducted with utmost transparency, dismissing recent allegations as baseless and politically motivated. Speaking at a media conference at the AP Secretariat, she said the Alliance government remains committed to accountability and sincerity.

Anita termed the controversy—raised months after the examination—as “ridiculous,” noting that the government successfully conducted the Mega DSC after an eight-year gap, filling 16,347 posts within 148 days despite facing over 240 court cases. She said more than 15,000 candidates were appointed with dignity. Recalling

her own experience as a teacher recruited through DSC in 2001, Anita said the process leaves no scope for corruption. She added that a three-tier grievance redressal system resolved over 34,000 complaints, ensuring error-free execution, with around 43,000 questions prepared through TCS. On sports quota appointments, she clarified that 382 eligible candidates were selected out of 421 posts under the 3 per cent quota, with certificates placed in the public domain for verification. She emphasised that all credentials were scrutinised by a 15-member committee. The minister challenged critics to cite a single malpractice instance under Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu's administration.



CC Road Works Launched in Varthamannur Village with MP Funds

Adilabad, June 03 | TPN Bureau

Development works for the construction of cement concrete (CC) roads were formally launched on Wednesday in Varthamannur village of Bazarhathnoor mandal in Adilabad district, aiming to strengthen internal road connectivity and improve transportation facilities for residents.

The project is being undertaken with special funds sanctioned by Adilabad Member of Parliament Godam Nagesh as part of efforts to improve basic infrastructure in rural areas.

The inauguration programme was attended by Bazarhathnoor Mandal PACS Chairman Venkanna, who performed the bhoomi puja and officially launched the con-

struction works. Speaking on the occasion, he appreciated MP Godam Nagesh for allocating funds to address transportation issues faced by villagers.

Venkanna said the road development works would provide better commuting facilities to residents and help improve connectivity within the village. He emphasised the importance of strengthening infrastructure in rural areas and stated that the CC roads would benefit the public, especially during the rainy season. Keeping the upcoming monsoon in mind, he urged officials and contractors to ensure that the construction work is completed quickly while maintaining proper quality standards. He stressed that durable roads are essential for smooth

transportation and overall village development. Local residents welcomed the beginning of the works, expressing hope that improved roads would reduce travel difficulties and enhance accessibility for vehicles and pedestrians alike.

Several local leaders and public representatives participated in the programme, including Sarpanch Sidam Prabhakar, Deputy Sarpanch Devarla Srikanth, former sarpanches Allam Raju and Kurme Laxman, along with ward members, village elders and residents. Officials stated that the development initiative reflects ongoing efforts to improve civic infrastructure in rural parts of the Adilabad parliamentary constituency through special development funds and local coordination.

Telangana Revises Land Market Values on Scientific Basis, New Rates from June 5

Hyderabad, June 03 | TPN Bureau

The Telangana government has announced a comprehensive revision of land and property market values across the state, which will come into effect from June 5. Revenue, Housing, Information and Public Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy said on Wednesday.

The minister stated that the revision has been carried out in a “scientific and rational manner” based on field-level studies, expert recommendations, and market assessments to ensure alignment with prevailing real estate prices.

He said the decision was taken as per the direction of Chief Minister Anumula Revanth Reddy, following inputs from economic experts, including noted economist Arvind Subramanian, along with consultations from senior officials. The revision process included a detailed review of land transaction patterns, registration volumes, and discrepancies between official and market prices.

According to the minister,

the earlier values had significant inconsistencies due to a lack of systematic field study. He alleged that during the previous administration, revisions were carried out without comprehensive analysis, leading to distorted pricing in several regions.

To correct these imbalances, the government conducted a statewide review across 144 Sub-Registrar Offices (SROs). District-level and regional committees examined local market conditions, development trends, infrastructure growth, and recent land transactions before finalizing revised values.

The revised structure takes into account key growth indicators such as the Outer Ring Road (ORR), proposed Regional Ring Road (RRR), industrial corridors, urban expansion, and infrastructure development. Separate benchmarks have also been established for agricultural land, plots, and flats under HMDA and other urban development jurisdictions.

The minister further explained that flat pricing has

been rationalized to address earlier inconsistencies in floor-wise valuation, ensuring uniform rates where required. He added that no upward revision has been proposed in areas where existing values already exceed market levels.

Construction cost benchmarks have also been revised after a long gap, considering the rise in material costs and labour wages over the past five years. Structural changes in urban governance, including the upgrading of municipalities and integration of gram panchayats into urban bodies, were also factored into the updated rates.

Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy emphasized that the reforms aim to improve transparency in land transactions, reduce valuation disparities, and strengthen state revenues while minimizing inconvenience to the public.

He expressed confidence that the revised market values would bring greater clarity to property registration processes and reflect the true economic value of land across Telangana.

“Telangana Belongs to Us Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow”: Gaddar’s Daughter Vennela Counters Pawan Kalyan’s Remarks

Hyderabad, June 03 | TPN Bureau

A fresh political controversy has erupted in Telangana after the daughter of revolutionary balladeer Gaddar, Vennela, strongly reacted to remarks made by Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister and Jana Sena Party chief Pawan Kalyan regarding Telangana's identity and ownership.

In a video message released on Wednesday, Vennela objected to Pawan Kalyan's recent statement questioning the notion of Telangana being anyone's “personal estate” or “jagir.” She said his comments, made during Telangana Formation Day celebrations, were deeply insulting to the identity of the state and to the legacy of her father, Gaddar.

“Pawan Kalyan, the people of Telangana respect you as an actor and as a follower of Gad-

dar. But as a daughter of Telangana, I strongly condemn your words,” Vennela said. She responded sharply to the phrase “Is Telangana your jagir?” stating, “Yes, Telangana is our land—yesterday it belonged to our ancestors, today it belongs to us, and tomorrow it will belong to our children. It is ours in every sense.” She emphasized that Telangana was not achieved through money, lobbying, or political negotiations, but through a long and painful struggle marked by sacrifices and selfless movements. “We did not achieve Telangana by convenience. It was earned through sacrifice,” she said, citing the example of martyr Srikantachari, who became a symbol of the statehood movement. Vennela further recalled the widespread grassroots struggle across villages, where many people laid down their lives for the cause of a

separate Telangana state. She said these sacrifices must never be forgotten or undermined in political discourse. The controversy stems from Pawan Kalyan's remarks made during his recent visit to Hyderabad on June 2, where he announced plans to expand the Jana Sena Party in Telangana and contest in GHMC and Assembly elections. He had also stated that regionalism is more dangerous than extremism and asserted that Telangana does not belong to any single group or individual. He further mentioned his association with Gaddar, recalling personal support extended to the folk singer, and promised to install a statue of Gaddar in Andhra Pradesh.

The exchange of statements has triggered fresh debate over Telangana identity politics, with leaders and activists closely watching the developing situation.

Hyderabad: 3,145-Crore Road Maintenance Plan Cleared

Hyderabad, June 03 | TPN Bureau

The Telangana government has cleared a 3,145-crore road maintenance plan and permitted the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) to invite common tenders for executing works across three civic bodies under the Telangana core urban region. As part of the project, road maintenance and upgradation works will be taken up across key urban areas, ensuring uniform execution through a centralized ten-

dering process. The works cover 67.36 km of roads in Cyberabad Municipal Corporation, 69.90 km in Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation, and 32.13 km within GHMC limits.

Officials said the common tendering system is expected to streamline execution, improve quality standards, and ensure faster completion of road infrastructure projects across the Hyderabad metropolitan region.



Telangana Revises Property Market Values; Stamp Duty and Registration Charges Set to Rise

Hyderabad, June 03 | TPN Bureau

The Telangana government has announced a major revision of land, plot, and apartment market values across the state, a move expected to make property transactions more expensive from June 5 onwards. The decision was formally announced by Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, who said the revision was carried out using a scientific and transparent methodology to align official valuations with prevailing real market conditions.

According to the minister, the updated market values have been finalised after extensive field-level studies conducted across 144 Sub-Registrar offices in the state. The exercise also included detailed analysis of registration data, recommendations from expert committees, and assessment of infrastructure development such as the Outer Ring Road (ORR) and Regional Ring Road (RRR) projects. Industrial growth trends and rising demand in both urban and rural regions were also key factors considered in the revision process.

The government stated that the primary objective of the revision is to bridge the widening gap between actual market prices and government-assessed values. Officials believe that outdated valuation figures had been leading to revenue leakage and inconsistencies in property registrations.

Under the new framework, uniform valuation will be applied to all floors in apartment buildings in certain areas, removing earlier disparities based on floor level. In regions where market values are already high, no additional increase has been proposed. However, significant revisions have been made in key urban and rapidly developing zones, including areas under the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) and Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC), where new minimum benchmark prices have been fixed for agricultural land, residential plots, and flats.

As a direct consequence of the revised market values, stamp duty and registration charges are expected to increase, placing an additional financial burden on property buyers and investors. Real estate stakeholders anticipate a short-term slowdown in transactions as buyers adjust to the higher costs.

However, the government has defended the move, stating that the revision has been designed in a balanced manner to avoid undue hardship to citizens. Officials argue that the updated valuations will not only enhance state revenue but also improve transparency in real estate transactions, reducing the scope for undervaluation and black money circulation in property deals.

Pawan Kalyan Slams YSRCP for Divisive Politics

continued

members of the newly formed committee.

Pawan Kalyan alleged that under YSRCP rule, even journalists were categorised along caste lines and tensions were deliberately inflamed. He warned that linking individual actions to communities could lead to social disintegration.

Calling for unity, he said an egalitarian society requires cooperation among all sections. He urged people to rise above caste identities and focus on collective progress. Referring to Telangana, he praised the unity among its people but cau-

tioned against statements that could trigger regional tensions, urging political parties to maintain a broader national perspective.

Reiterating his commitment to Amaravati as the sole capital, he criticised YSRCP's shifting stance, saying inconsistent policies create confusion among people and investors.

Highlighting the sacrifices of farmers who pooled over 33,000 acres, he said the government must honour its commitment to capital development. He said ‘Sena Galam’ would promote unity, accountability and social harmony across the state.

Beyond Hunger Towards a Dignified Society

Talking about hunger is not merely about discussing empty stomachs; it is about reflecting on human dignity, equal opportunities, the right to food, and collective social responsibility. Even though the world has climbed many steps in science, technology, and economic development, the reality remains that millions of people still wait every day for a proper meal.

Some countries mark the day through farmer-oriented programmes, nutrition awareness campaigns, community meal initiatives, and efforts to reduce food wastage, while others focus on the food rights of children, women, and rural communities. In our country too, discussions and awareness activities continue around food security, nutrition, farmers' welfare, educational institutions, and community service initiatives. However, the true purpose of this observance is not limited to a single day of activities; it is to remind humanity that every home should have a burning stove, every person should eat with dignity, and nobody should sleep hungry. Building a hunger-free society is not the responsibility of governments alone; it is a shared responsibility carried by every individual, family, and community.

World Hunger Day was first initiated in the United States under the leadership of The Hunger Project. The intention behind this initiative was to increase awareness about hunger and encourage long-term and sustainable approaches towards food security across the world. Over time, the observance spread to many countries and continues to be marked every year on May 28.

Human civilisation has progressed in many fields, yet the inability to guarantee even one proper meal to every person remains a matter of serious reflection. Hunger is not simply an empty stomach; it reflects inequality, lack of opportunities, neglect, and



systemic weaknesses. The first need of every human being from birth is food. Education, healthcare, and employment come later. When the stomach remains empty, even dreams begin to fade. That is why food security forms the foundation of every society. The strength of a nation should not be measured by the height of its buildings but by the reduction in the number of people going to sleep hungry.

Many people believe that hunger exists only because of a lack of food, but the reality is much broader. Crops may be grown, yet farmers may not receive fair returns. Wealth may remain concentrated in limited hands. Weak food distribution systems, environmental changes, unemployment, migration, and lack of education together make hunger a complex social challenge.

Across villages, many families work hard and cultivate

crops. Yet in several cases, these same farming families struggle to secure proper food for themselves due to insufficient income. Urban areas present a similar picture. Families dependent on daily wages often face uncertainty in meals whenever work becomes irregular. This reminds us that hunger is not merely an agricultural issue; it is a social concern.

Children are among the most affected by hunger. Nutritional deficiency during childhood influences health, education, and growth throughout life. If children begin their day worrying about food before entering classrooms, education loses its true purpose. A generation forced to struggle for energy instead of learning ultimately affects the progress of society.

The situation of women is equally serious. In many households, women are often the last to eat. Their silent

sacrifices in giving more to family members while consuming less themselves frequently go unnoticed. This affects women's health and well-being. A healthy woman contributes to a healthy family and a stronger society.

Food security does not simply mean storing grains. It means ensuring that every person has access to sufficient, nutritious, and dignified food. Agriculture must be strengthened. Small farmers should receive better support. Traditional food practices should be encouraged. Food wastage must be reduced. The goal should not be producing more than needed but learning to share in a balanced and responsible manner.

Change begins at home. How much food remains unused after celebrations? How much food enters waste bins every day? On one side, food is wasted; on the other, someone goes to sleep hungry. Be-

tween these two realities lies society's responsibility.

Reducing hunger requires schools, associations, voluntary organisations, and local institutions to work together. Small actions can lead to meaningful change. Schools should discuss the value of food. Respect for farmers' labour should increase. Children should grow up with the habit of sharing.

World Hunger Day asks each of us an important question: Are we aware of who around us is struggling with hunger? Are we thinking about whether even a small contribution from our side may support someone's life for a day? Searching for answers to these questions reflects the true spirit of this observance.

Eliminating hunger cannot happen overnight. But if every family takes one step, every village makes one effort, and every community accepts responsibility, change be-

comes possible. The world produces enough food; what often remains insufficient is fair access and the willingness to share. Only a person with a full stomach can dream. Only those who can dream can move society forward. Addressing hunger is not an act of charity alone—it is a responsibility to protect human dignity.

Talking about hunger for one day is not enough. The true meaning of this observance lies in thinking every day about how someone's hunger may be reduced. If society wishes to progress, no plate should remain empty. Every home should have warmth, every person should eat with dignity, and only then can development become meaningful. During World Hunger Day, programmes across different countries remind us of one shared principle: every human being deserves access to



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Innocent Children Victims in Ongoing Conflicts and Wars

In 2023 the use of explosive weapons and land mines killed or maimed 11,649 children around the globe. In Congo, Somalia, and Nigeria, 8,655 children were recruited or used in conflicts, and 4,356 were abducted. There were 1,470 child victims of sexual violence, 5,205 incidents of denial of humanitarian access in Afghanistan, Myanmar and Sudan. During 2021-23, 1,650 incidents in schools and hospitals so that the children were out of schools and away from healthcare services. The military escalation in Iran during present ongoing war has had a devastating effect on children, with over 200 children and thousands of children injured till now.

International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression:

Initially prompted by the struggles of Palestinian and Lebanese children victims of the 1982 Lebanon war, the UN has decided to observe "International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression" annually on June 04 to acknowledge the pain suffered by children throughout the world who are victims of physical, mental, and emotional abuse. It's also a day that the UN affirms its duty to protect children's rights. According to recent data, 536 million children live in countries affected by conflicts or disasters. About 50 million children have been displaced from their homes, spending their childhood in temporary shelters. An estimated 200 million children a year are victims of sexual violence every year. There are nine countries where children are the least safe, namely, Pakistan, Egypt, Mozambique, Vietnam, China, Argentina, Russia, Nigeria, and Indonesia.

Children Victims of Ongoing Wars: The ongoing Russia-Ukraine war has recorded more than 2,520 children killed or injured, with 669 killed and 1,854 injured. In Ukraine, more than 1,600 schools and 786 healthcare centres have been damaged or destroyed, and hence around 40 per cent of chil-

dren are away from school education and are not always getting the minimum healthcare. There are more than 50,000 children in Gaza have reportedly been killed or injured since October 2023 during the Israel-Palestine war. Since the end of the ceasefire on 18 March, 1,309 children were killed, and 3,738 were injured. Among the total Gaza casualties, 44 per cent were children, a sizeable number. There are many schools and healthcare centres in Gaza are destroyed during the Israeli attack on the Gaza Strip.

Every day, children living in war areas globally are facing unspeakable horrors. They are not safe sleeping in their homes or playing outside, learning in school or seeking medical care at hospitals. From killing and maiming, abduction and sexual violence, to attacks on education and health facilities, and the denial of the humanitarian assistance that they desperately need, children are being caught in the crosshairs of warring parties at a staggering scale.



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Modi Announces Aid for Fire Victims

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday announced an ex-gratia payment of Rs. 2 lakh from the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund (PMNRF) for the families of those who lost their lives in a tragic fire accident in Delhi's Malviya Nagar area. The announcement came as authorities continued relief and rescue efforts for those affected by the incident.

Expressing deep sorrow over the loss of lives, the Prime Minister extended his condolences to the bereaved families and

wished a speedy recovery to those injured. In a message posted on social media platform X, Modi described the incident as heartbreaking and assured that all possible assistance was being provided to the victims and their families.

"The loss of lives due to a fire incident in Malviya Nagar, Delhi is tragic. My condolences to those who have lost their loved ones. Wishing a speedy recovery to the injured. Authorities are providing all possible assistance to those affected," he said.

As part of the relief

package, the Prime Minister announced that the next of kin of each deceased victim would receive Rs. 2 lakh from the PMNRF. Injured persons will also be provided financial assistance of Rs. 50,000 each. The compensation aims to support affected families as they recover from the tragedy.

Following the fire, emergency response teams, including firefighters, police personnel, and medical staff, rushed to the scene. Rescue operations were launched immediately to evacuate people from the

affected premises and provide urgent medical care to those injured. Several victims were shifted to nearby hospitals for treatment.

Authorities have initiated an investigation to determine the cause of the fire. Officials are assessing the damage and examining whether safety regulations were followed. Necessary measures are also being taken to provide support and rehabilitation to those impacted by the incident.

The tragedy has once again drawn attention to

the importance of fire safety and emergency preparedness in urban areas. Officials have urged residents and commercial establishments to strictly adhere to safety norms to prevent similar incidents.

As relief efforts continue, the government has assured full support to the affected families. The financial assistance announced by the Prime Minister is expected to provide immediate relief during a difficult period for those who have suffered losses in the devastating fire.



TMC Faces Deepening Political Crisis

The Trinamool Congress (TMC) found itself in the midst of a major political crisis on Wednesday as internal divisions widened following a series of dramatic developments in West Bengal. The situation intensified after West Bengal Assembly Speaker Rathindra Bose approved rebel leader Ritabrata Banerjee as the Leader of the Opposition, a move seen as a significant setback for the party leadership.

The development gained further importance when the official room allotted to the Opposition in the Assembly was handed over to Ritabrata Banerjee, signaling institutional recognition of the new political reality. The decision has sparked intense debate within political circles and raised fresh questions about the future of the Trinamool Congress.

Adding to the turmoil, Kolkata Mayor Firdah Hakim resigned from his post within hours of the announcement. His resignation triggered speculation about possible shifts in political loyalties and the direction of the party's senior leadership. According to party leaders, Hakim had sought permission from Mamata Banerjee to step down and was granted approval during a key meeting on Wednesday.

The crisis comes in the wake of the party's recent electoral



setbacks, which have reportedly exposed growing dissatisfaction among several leaders and legislators. Questions have been raised within the party regarding leadership decisions and the influence of senior figures in the organization. Reports suggesting that a large number of party MLAs skipped an important meeting convened by Mamata Banerjee have further fueled perceptions of internal unrest.

Amid the unfolding developments, a crucial meeting was held at Mamata Banerjee's residence in Kolkata. Several senior leaders and legislators attended the gathering, including Abhishek Banerjee, as the party leadership attempted to assess the situation and formulate a response to

the growing rebellion. Political reactions continued to pour in throughout the day. Opposition leaders claimed that the developments reflected a major shift in West Bengal's political landscape, while critics argued that the crisis exposed deep divisions within the ruling party. Supporters of the rebel faction described the changes as a challenge to the existing leadership structure.

The ongoing turmoil marks one of the most serious challenges faced by the Trinamool Congress in recent years. As the political drama continues to unfold, all eyes remain on the party leadership and its next steps to contain the crisis and restore unity within the organization.

Amit Shah to Attend NEC Plenary in Shillong

Union Home Minister Amit Shah is set to attend the 73rd plenary session of the North Eastern Council (NEC) in Shillong on June 4, marking an important gathering focused on the development and future growth of the northeastern region. The meeting is expected to bring together key policymakers, state leaders, and senior officials to discuss strategies aimed at accelerating progress across multiple sectors.

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma, who heads a high-level task force on Northeast tourism, said the session would provide an opportunity for various task forces to present their recommendations and vision for the region's development. According to Sangma, the tourism task force will highlight both the strengths and challenges facing the sector while proposing measures to enhance the Northeast's appeal as a major tourism destination.

The task force is expected to emphasize the region's vast potential, including its natural beauty, cultural diversity, adventure tourism opportunities, and unique heritage. Discussions will focus on creating a unified tourism strategy that

promotes the Northeast as a single destination while also showcasing the distinct attractions of each state.

Apart from tourism, the NEC has established task forces for several important sectors, including youth development, infrastructure, trade, and economic growth. These groups will present their findings and recommendations during the plenary session. The deliberations are expected to explore ways to improve connectivity, boost investment, strengthen regional cooperation, and generate employment opportunities for the people of the Northeast.

The meeting will also serve as a platform for reviewing ongoing development initiatives and identifying new avenues for collaboration between the Centre and the northeastern states. Policymakers are expected to discuss long-term plans aimed at ensuring sustainable growth and improving the quality of life across the region.

Union Minister for Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) Jyotiraditya Scindia will also participate in the session. In addition, chief ministers, governors, and senior government officials from all



eight northeastern states are scheduled to attend the event.

The plenary session is expected to play a significant role in shaping future development policies for the Northeast. With participation from top political and administrative leaders, the meeting is likely to focus on transforming the region into a stronger economic and tourism hub while addressing key challenges and unlocking its full potential.

Centre Clears 9,585-Crore Clean Vehicle Scheme

In a major step toward improving air quality in the National Capital Region (NCR), the Central Government on Wednesday approved a 9,585-crore incentive scheme aimed at replacing old trucks and buses with cleaner and more environmentally friendly vehicles. The initiative is expected to accelerate the transition to modern transport technologies and significantly reduce vehicular emissions across Delhi-NCR.

The two-year scheme targets commercial vehicles that comply with BS-IV or older emission standards. Owners of these vehicles will be encouraged to replace them with cleaner BS-VI models or electric vehicles through a range of financial incentives and concessions. The programme will be funded through the National Capital Region Planning Board under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs and implemented jointly by the Ministries of Road Transport and Highways and Petroleum and Natural Gas, in coordination with the governments of Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh.

Of the total 9,585-crore outlay, the Centre will contribute 5,041 crore, while participating states are expected to pro-



vide approximately 1,601 crore in tax concessions. The scheme is projected to benefit around 2.07 lakh vehicle owners, including nearly 1.91 lakh trucks and more than 16,000 buses operating in the region.

To encourage participation, the Centre will provide a five per cent interest subsidy on vehicle loans for a period of five years. Eligible vehicle owners will also receive monthly fuel vouchers worth up to 4,800, depending on the category of vehicle. Additional lump-sum incentives will be available for those purchasing electric vehi-

cles or participating in certificate-of-deposit trading mechanisms.

State governments will further support the initiative by waiving registration fees and offering up to 100 per cent motor vehicle tax concessions on new vehicles for ten years. Used replacement vehicles will also receive tax benefits, while pending liabilities on old vehicles covered under the scheme will be waived.

Automobile manufacturers have agreed to offer an eight per cent discount on the showroom price of eligible vehi-

cles. A dedicated digital platform will manage registrations, verify eligibility, distribute benefits, and monitor environmental outcomes.

An empowered committee chaired by the Cabinet Secretary will oversee implementation, while district administrations will supervise execution on the ground. The scheme's benefits will continue for five years after the registration of new vehicles, ensuring long-term support for cleaner transportation and improved air quality across the Delhi-NCR region.

K Shivakumar Sworn In as Karnataka CM

Senior Congress leader D.K. Shivakumar was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Karnataka on Wednesday, marking the end of a prolonged leadership transition within the ruling party. The swearing-in ceremony, held in Bengaluru, was attended by top Congress leaders, chief ministers from Congress-ruled states, and prominent political figures from across the country.

Along with Shivakumar, a 13-member cabinet took oath. Senior Congress leader G. Parameashwara was sworn in as the Deputy Chief Minister, a move widely viewed as an effort to maintain social and political balance within the party. Several experienced leaders, including U.T. Khader, M.B. Patil, K.J. George, K.H. Muniyappa, Satish Jarkiholi, Ramalinga Reddy, Krishna Byregowda, Priyank Kharage, Ishwar Khandre, Byrathi Suresh, Sharan Prakash Patil, and Yathindra Siddaramaiah, were also inducted into the cabinet.

The cabinet is expected to be expanded after the upcoming Rajya Sabha elections. During the oath-taking ceremony, Shivakumar was seen carrying a copy of the Constitution, symbolizing the party's emphasis on constitutional values and democratic governance.

The leadership change



comes after months of political discussions and negotiations within the Congress. Shivakumar's elevation to the top post fulfills a long-standing aspiration and follows years of organizational work and electoral contributions to the party in Karnataka. His supporters have consistently campaigned for his appointment as Chief Minister since the Congress returned to power in the state.

The transition also follows the resignation of veteran leader Siddaramaiah, who stepped down after serving as Chief Minister. Despite stepping aside from the top post, Siddaramaiah is expected to remain an influential figure in Karnataka politics. The appointment of Parameashwara, a respected Dalit leader and close associate of Siddaramaiah,

is seen as a strategic move to strengthen the party's social coalition.

Several senior Congress leaders, including party president Mallikarjun Kharage, Rahul Gandhi, and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, attended the ceremony, highlighting the significance of the leadership change. Earlier in the day, Shivakumar met senior political leaders and personally invited them to the event.

In his remarks, Shivakumar expressed gratitude to the Congress leadership and the Gandhi family for their continued support throughout his political career. As he assumes office, expectations are high that his government will focus on governance, development, and fulfilling the promises made to the people of Karnataka.

US Plans New Tariffs on India Indian Killed In Attack On Kuwait Airport

Amid Trade Talks in Delhi

The United States is considering the imposition of new tariffs on several major trading partners, including India, over concerns related to the enforcement of measures against goods allegedly produced through forced labour. The proposal comes as the administration of US President Donald Trump seeks alternative trade measures following recent legal challenges to its tariff policies.

According to a proposal released by the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR), additional tariffs ranging from 10 to 12.5 percent could be imposed on more than 60 countries. India, China, Japan, South Korea, Brazil and Switzerland are among the nations that may face a 12.5 percent tariff if the proposal is approved.

US officials argue that several trading partners have failed to effectively prevent the import of products linked to forced labour practices, creating what they describe as an unfair competitive environment for American businesses and workers. The proposed tariffs are currently under review and will not take effect immediately. A public consultation process has been opened, with written comments invited until July 6, after which hearings will be conducted before any final decision is made.

The proposal includes exemptions for certain products,



including beef, coffee, specific fruits and nuts, as well as goods covered under existing North American trade agreements. Certain textile and apparel products may also be exempt from the additional duties.

The tariff proposal comes at a crucial time as a high-level US trade delegation is currently in New Delhi for discussions aimed at finalising an interim trade agreement between India and the United States. The American delegation is led by chief negotiator Brendan Lynch, while India's negotiating team is headed by Commerce Ministry official Darpan Jain.

The ongoing discussions focus on improving market access, reducing non-tariff barriers, customs cooperation, trade facilitation, investment promotion and strengthening economic security partner-

ships. Both countries are also working toward a broader Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA), the framework for which was established earlier this year.

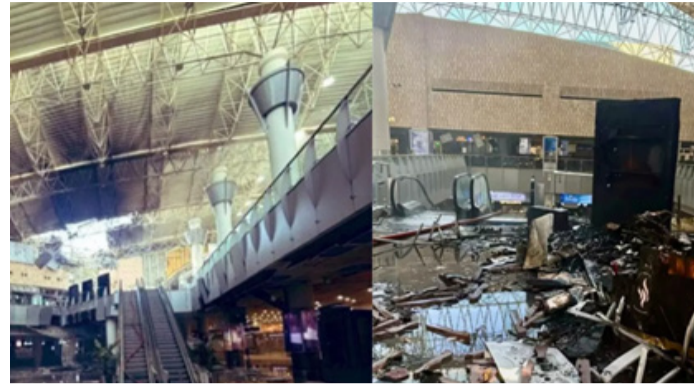
Trade relations between India and the United States have witnessed both cooperation and challenges in recent years. While the proposed tariffs could create fresh concerns for Indian exporters, both governments continue to engage in negotiations aimed at expanding bilateral trade and investment opportunities.

Observers believe the outcome of the ongoing trade talks in New Delhi could play a significant role in shaping future economic relations between the world's two largest democracies, particularly at a time when global supply chains and trade policies are undergoing significant changes.

A tragic incident unfolded at Kuwait International Airport on Wednesday after a missile strike hit Terminal One, resulting in the death of an Indian national and injuries to at least 63 others. The attack has raised serious concerns over the escalating tensions in the Gulf region and its impact on civilian infrastructure and public safety.

According to Kuwaiti health authorities, dozens of people sustained injuries of varying severity in the attack. Several victims suffered serious wounds, including head injuries, brain hemorrhages, amputations, and blast-related trauma. Emergency services responded swiftly, dispatching 25 ambulances to the airport and transferring the injured to nearby hospitals for treatment.

The Indian Embassy in Kuwait confirmed the death of an Indian citizen and expressed deep condolences to the bereaved family. The embassy stated that it is closely coordinating with Kuwaiti authorities to provide all possible assistance and support to



the victim's family as well as to any injured Indian nationals. Officials are monitoring the situation and ensuring that necessary consular services are made available.

The missile strike caused significant damage to airport facilities, particularly Terminal One, leading Kuwaiti authorities to temporarily suspend air traffic operations. Security agencies immediately launched emergency protocols, and additional measures were put in place to safeguard passengers, airport staff, and critical infrastructure.

Iran's Revolutionary Guards later claimed respon-

sibility for the attack, stating that it was carried out in retaliation for recent military actions against Iranian interests. In a statement, the group said it had targeted military installations in Kuwait and Bahrain using missiles and drones. The claim has intensified concerns about the growing instability in the region and the possibility of further escalation.

The attack drew strong condemnation from Kuwait and several Gulf nations. Kuwaiti officials described the strike as an assault on vital civilian infrastructure and emphasized that such actions endan-

ger innocent lives. Regional leaders called for a united response against attacks targeting civilian facilities and stressed the importance of maintaining stability and security in the Gulf.

India's Ministry of External Affairs also condemned the attack and extended condolences to the family of the deceased Indian national. The ministry reiterated its commitment to the safety and welfare of Indian citizens living and working abroad and said it would continue to remain in close contact with Kuwaiti authorities.

The incident highlights the growing risks posed by regional conflicts and their potential impact on civilians. As investigations continue and security remains on high alert, the international community is closely watching developments in the Gulf. The attack serves as a stark reminder of how geopolitical tensions can quickly affect ordinary people, leading to tragic consequences and heightened uncertainty across the region.

Elon Musk Nears Trillionaire Milestone with SpaceX IPO

Elon Musk is on the verge of achieving another historic milestone as he could become the world's first trillionaire when SpaceX makes its highly anticipated stock market debut later this month. The billionaire entrepreneur, already the richest person on the planet, is expected to see his wealth surge significantly following the public listing of the aerospace giant.

Recent estimates place Musk's net worth at nearly \$835 billion, a dramatic rise from previous years, driven largely by the soaring valuations of SpaceX, Tesla, and his other technology ventures. SpaceX, founded by Musk in 2002, is expected to debut on the Nasdaq with a valuation ranging between \$1.7 trillion and \$2 trillion, making it one of the most valuable companies in the world.

Musk currently holds a substantial stake in SpaceX, including significant voting control through Class B shares. Based on projected valuations, his ownership in the company alone could be worth between \$735 billion and \$840 billion after the listing. Combined with

his holdings in Tesla and other businesses, analysts believe his overall fortune could comfortably cross the \$1 trillion mark.

The growing value of SpaceX reflects its dominance in the global space industry. The company has revolutionized satellite launches through reusable rocket technology and continues to expand its Starlink satellite internet network. Investors remain optimistic about the company's long-term prospects, including future space exploration missions and commercial ventures beyond Earth.

In addition to SpaceX, Musk owns significant stakes in Tesla, artificial intelligence company xAI, social media platform X, Neuralink, and The Boring Company. Together, these businesses have positioned him at the center of several rapidly growing industries, including electric vehicles, artificial intelligence, space technology, robotics, and brain-computer interfaces.

Industry analysts have also speculated about a possible future merger between SpaceX



and Tesla, citing increasing collaboration between the two companies in areas such as advanced manufacturing, robotics, and semiconductor development. While no official plans have been announced, such a move could further consolidate Musk's business empire.

The prospect of a trillionaire has reignited global discussions about wealth concentration and economic inequality. While supporters view Musk as a visionary en-

trepreneur driving technological progress, critics argue that the accumulation of such vast wealth highlights growing disparities in the global economy. Despite the debate, Musk's rise remains one of the most remarkable business stories of the modern era. If SpaceX's market debut proceeds as expected, the entrepreneur could soon enter uncharted financial territory as the first individual in history to amass a fortune exceeding one trillion dollars.

UK Outrage After Dying Teen Handcuffed Following Fatal Stabbing

A shocking body-camera video released in the United Kingdom has sparked widespread public outrage after it showed police officers handcuffing an 18-year-old teenager who had been fatally stabbed, while initially failing to recognize the severity of his injuries.

The victim, Henry Nowak, was attacked in Southampton in December last year. Footage from the scene shows the teenager lying on the ground, repeatedly telling officers that he had been stabbed and struggling to breathe. Despite his pleas, officers initially treated him as a suspect in an assault case and placed him in handcuffs.

Police had been called to the scene after Vickrum Digwa, a 23-year-old man, claimed he had been the victim of a racist attack. Officers arriving at the location appeared to accept his account and focused their attention on Nowak. Digwa alleged that his turban had been knocked off and that he had been assaulted.

As the situation unfolded, Nowak continued to insist that he had been stabbed and needed medical help. It was only after officers discovered his injuries that they removed the



handcuffs and began emergency first aid, including CPR. However, the teenager later died from his wounds.

A court subsequently found that Digwa had lied about being the victim of racism. Following a trial, he was convicted of murder and sentenced to life imprisonment with a minimum term of 21 years. The judge rejected claims that the attack was motivated by racism and described the evidence against Digwa as overwhelming.

The release of the footage has triggered intense debate across Britain about policing standards, officer judgment and the handling of violent crime incidents. Public demonstrations were held in Southampton, with many ex-

pressing anger over the treatment of the victim and questioning why his repeated warnings were not taken seriously.

Political leaders and public officials have also called for answers regarding the police response. Authorities have launched an independent investigation into the actions of the officers involved to determine whether proper procedures were followed. Police have apologized to the victim's family, acknowledging that officers were misled by false information provided at the scene. The case has reignited discussions about knife crime, police accountability and the importance of thoroughly assessing emergency situations before making arrests.

Jangmi Storm Batters Japan

Severe tropical storm Jangmi swept across Japan on Wednesday, bringing strong winds, heavy rainfall, and widespread disruption to transportation, businesses, and daily life. Authorities urged residents to remain alert as the storm moved northeast along the Pacific coast, passing close to eastern Japan.

The storm's center was located about 150 kilometers south of Tokyo during the afternoon, packing sustained winds of up to 25 meters per second. Heavy rain triggered flooding, landslides, and fallen trees across several regions, causing significant damage to infrastructure and public services. At least 15 people suffered minor injuries as emergency teams responded to weather-related incidents.

Power outages affected nearly 60,000 households, leaving thousands without electricity. Local authorities reported numerous cases of debris blocking roads

and waterlogging in residential and commercial areas. Evacuation advisories were issued for hundreds of thousands of residents across eight prefectures in southwestern, central, and eastern Japan as a precaution against worsening conditions.

The severe weather also caused major disruptions to travel. Airlines cancelled nearly 900 domestic and international flights, affecting around 90,000 passengers. Rail services experienced delays and suspensions, including several bullet train routes and commuter lines in the Tokyo metropolitan area. Transport operators warned that additional disruptions could occur as the storm continued its path.

Industrial activity was also impacted. Major automakers temporarily halted operations at several manufacturing facilities due to safety concerns and transportation challenges. However, companies later announced



plans to gradually resume production as weather conditions improved.

Government officials urged residents to prioritize safety and follow evacuation instructions when necessary. Emergency services remained on high alert, monitoring vulnerable areas for flooding and landslides. As Jangmi continues moving away from the region, authorities are assessing damage and restoring essential services. The storm serves as another reminder of Japan's vulnerability to extreme weather events and the importance of disaster preparedness.

Trump Open To Meeting Iran's New Supreme Leader

Donald Trump has said he would like to meet Iran's new Supreme Leader, Mojtaba Khamenei, as tensions continue between Washington and Tehran despite a recently announced ceasefire. The remarks come at a critical time when both countries are accusing each other of violating the fragile agreement aimed at preventing further escalation in the Middle East.

Speaking during a podcast interview, Trump expressed optimism about the possibility of direct engagement with Iran's leadership. He stated that a meeting with Mojtaba Khamenei could take place in the future, depending on how the political and security situation develops. The comments have drawn international attention, as relations between the United States and Iran remain deeply strained following weeks of military confrontation.

Mojtaba Khamenei, 56, became Iran's Supreme Leader after the death of his father, Ali Khamenei, who was reportedly killed during a series of coordinated strikes linked to the conflict involving Iran, Israel and the United



States. Reports suggest that Mojtaba himself was injured during the attacks and has not appeared publicly since assuming leadership.

The transition of power in Iran has occurred during one of the most volatile periods in the country's recent history. Military exchanges, missile attacks and growing regional tensions have raised concerns among world leaders about the possibility of a wider conflict spreading across the Middle East.

Despite the ceasefire agreement, both Washington and Tehran have continued to

trade accusations over alleged violations. Officials from both sides claim that the other has failed to fully comply with the terms designed to reduce hostilities. These disputes have created uncertainty about the long-term stability of the truce.

Analysts believe Trump's willingness to meet Mojtaba Khamenei could represent an attempt to reopen diplomatic channels and reduce tensions through direct dialogue. Such a meeting would be highly significant, given the decades of hostility and limited high-level contact between the two nations.

International observers are closely monitoring developments, as any engagement between the American president and Iran's new supreme leader could influence regional security, energy markets and global diplomatic efforts. At the same time, skepticism remains over whether meaningful progress can be achieved while both sides continue to accuse each other of undermining the ceasefire.

For now, the prospect of a meeting remains uncertain, but Trump's comments have added a new diplomatic dimension to an already complex and evolving geopolitical situation.

Markets End Volatile Session Lower as IT Stocks Drag Indices

Indian benchmark equity indices ended lower on Wednesday after a volatile trading session, with heavy selling pressure in information technology (IT) stocks weighing on investor sentiment. However, a late recovery helped the Nifty reclaim the crucial 23,400 mark by the closing bell.

The BSE Sensex settled 304 points lower at 74,346, while the NSE Nifty50 closed down nearly 78 points at 23,405. Despite the weak finish, markets managed to recover significantly from the day's lows, indicating buying interest at lower levels.

The trading session began on a weak note as global uncertainties and concerns surrounding rising crude oil prices impacted investor confidence. Selling pressure intensified during the early hours, dragging benchmark indices sharply lower. However, bargain buying in select banking, healthcare, and telecom stocks helped markets recover a portion of the losses during the latter half of the session.

The IT sector emerged as the biggest loser of the day, witnessing sharp declines across



major companies. Weak global cues and concerns over future earnings growth weighed heavily on technology stocks, leading to a broad-based sell-off in the segment. Several

frontline IT firms recorded notable losses, making the sector the primary drag on benchmark indices. Apart from IT, sectors such as FMCG, real estate, and consumer durables

also ended in negative territory, reflecting cautious investor sentiment. On the other hand, telecom, PSU banking, and healthcare stocks offered some support to the market and end-

ed the day with gains.

Market breadth remained weak, with declining shares outnumbering advancing stocks on the exchanges. Broader markets also witnessed pressure, as midcap and smallcap indices ended marginally lower, indicating cautious participation among retail investors. Analysts said investors remained watchful amid concerns over global developments, inflationary trends, and fluctuations in crude oil prices. Foreign investor activity and upcoming economic cues are also expected to influence market direction in the coming sessions. Despite ending in the red, the recovery from intraday lows offered some relief to investors. Market experts believe the Nifty sustaining above the 23,400 level may provide temporary support, though volatility is likely to continue amid mixed global signals and sector-specific weakness. Investors are now expected to closely track domestic economic indicators, global market movements, and corporate developments for further cues on market direction.

CMR Green, Hexagon Nutrition Among IPOs to Watch This Week

India's primary market is set to witness renewed activity this week with the launch of two major initial public offerings (IPOs) — CMR Green Technologies and Hexagon Nutrition. The public issues are expected to attract investor attention amid a relatively cautious market environment and ongoing volatility in equities.

CMR Green Technologies opened its IPO for subscription on June 3 and will remain available for investors until June 5. The company has fixed a price band of Rs 182 to Rs 192 per share for the issue, which aims to raise around Rs 630.88 crore. The IPO is entirely structured as an Offer for Sale (OFS), meaning the company itself will not receive any proceeds from the public offering, with the funds going directly to existing shareholders selling their stake.

Founded in 2006, CMR Green Technologies operates in the non-ferrous metal recycling sector and manufactures recycled aluminium alloys, zinc alloys, billets, and metal scrap products. The company primarily serves automotive manufacturers and component suppliers across India, positioning itself as a key player in the recycling and industrial materials segment.

Market observers believe CMR Green's strong industry presence and focus on sustainable metal recycling could attract long-term investor interest, especially at a time when environmental and resource-efficient businesses are gaining prominence.

Meanwhile, Hexagon Nutrition is scheduled to open its IPO for subscription on June 5 and close on June 9. The Mumbai-based nutrition company has fixed a price band of Rs 42 to Rs 45 per share and plans to raise nearly Rs 138.87 crore through a pure Offer for Sale.

Established in 1993, Hexagon Nutrition specialises in developing and manufacturing nutritional products across segments such as micronutrient premixes, wellness products, clinical nutrition, and therapeutic formulations. The company has built a presence in both domestic and international markets through a diversified nutrition portfolio.

Like CMR Green, Hexagon Nutrition's IPO is also a pure OFS issue, meaning no fresh capital will flow into the company from the offering. However, market analysts say the listing could improve the company's visibility, strengthen its brand image, and enhance shareholder liquidity.

The return of IPO activity comes after a period of subdued momentum in the primary market, driven by uncertain global conditions and fluctuating investor sentiment. Analysts believe investor response to the new offerings will depend on company fundamentals, valuations, and broader market conditions.

With both IPOs set to hit the market this week, investors are expected to closely assess business prospects and sector growth potential before making subscription decisions.

TCS Shares Hit Six-Year Low After Sharp Fall, Investors Watch Outlook

Shares of Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) came under heavy selling pressure, falling sharply to a six-year low after a steep 9 percent decline triggered concerns over future growth prospects and weakening sentiment in the information technology sector. The sharp correction marked one of the company's biggest single-day falls in recent years, raising concerns among investors about the stock's near-term direction.

The decline in TCS shares came amid broader weakness in IT stocks, as worries over slowing global demand and cautious technology spending by overseas clients weighed on investor confidence. Market sentiment remained weak due to concerns that major global economies may continue to reduce discretionary spending, directly impacting revenue growth for IT service providers.

Analysts said uncertainty surrounding artificial intelligence and automation is also contributing to pressure on traditional IT outsourcing

companies. Investors are increasingly evaluating how emerging technologies could reshape business models and affect long-term earnings growth for major software services firms such as TCS.

The sharp fall in the stock also reflected profit booking by investors after a brief recovery in IT shares in recent sessions. Market participants who had expected a short-term rebound appeared to exit positions as negative sentiment returned to the sector.

Experts believe TCS may continue to experience volatility in the coming weeks as investors closely track management commentary, future deal wins, and demand trends from major overseas markets such as the United States and Europe. These regions remain key revenue contributors for India's leading IT companies, and any slowdown in spending could further affect business growth.

Despite the sharp correction, some analysts view the fall as a possible long-term opportunity for investors if valu-



ITC May Need 35% Cigarette Price Hike Amid Tax Shock: Motilal Oswal

Cigarette maker ITC may need to increase cigarette prices by nearly 35 percent to offset the impact of a sharp rise in taxes under the revised regulatory framework, according to brokerage firm Motilal Oswal Financial Services.

The brokerage stated that the cigarette industry has witnessed one of its biggest regulatory changes in recent years following the implementation of GST 2.0 from February 1, 2026. Under the new tax structure, cigarette taxes for ITC are estimated to have increased by nearly 60-65 percent, significantly impacting the company's profitability.

Motilal Oswal noted that to maintain tax neutrality and protect margins, ITC may have to implement an overall increase of around 35 percent in cigarette prices, based on the company's historical product mix. The brokerage described the latest tax revision as one of the steepest seen by the cigarette industry in recent times.

Unlike earlier instances where tax hikes were implemented immediately, the latest revision provided nearly a month's gap between announcement and execution. This transition period allowed cigarette manufacturers some time to adjust pricing strategies and supply chains.

However, instead of passing on the full burden to consumers at once, ITC is expected to follow a phased price increase approach. Analysts believe the compa-

ny is likely to gradually raise cigarette prices in order to minimise the risk of consumers shifting to illegal cigarette markets or lower-cost alternatives. A sudden and steep increase in prices could affect sales volumes and weaken market share.

Motilal Oswal also expressed caution regarding ITC's near-term outlook, particularly in its core cigarette business, which remains the company's largest profit contributor. The brokerage expects cigarette sales volumes to face pressure in the coming quarters as consumers adjust to higher prices.

The report suggested that the cigarette industry is entering a transition phase, during which pricing strategies and consumer behaviour will be closely monitored. Analysts believe volume growth could remain under pressure in the short term before stabilising over time.

The concerns surrounding the tax impact have also affected investor sentiment, with ITC shares witnessing weakness in recent trading sessions. Market experts said investors are likely to closely watch how effectively the company manages pricing, demand, and market share during this challenging period.

Despite near-term uncertainty, analysts believe ITC's ability to gradually pass on higher taxes and maintain its dominant market position will play a crucial role in determining its long-term performance.



Hero MotoCorp Launches India's First Flex-Fuel Motorcycles

Hero MotoCorp on Wednesday launched two flex-fuel motorcycles in India — the Splendor+ Flex Fuel and HF Deluxe Flex Fuel — becoming the first two-wheeler manufacturer in the country to introduce motorcycles capable of running on high ethanol-blended fuel.

The newly launched commuter motorcycles can operate on petrol blended with up to 85 percent ethanol (E85), marking a significant step toward cleaner and alternative fuel mobility in India. Deliveries of both motorcycles are set to begin in July 2026. Initially, the motorcycles will be available in the Delhi-NCR region and selected areas of Maharashtra before a wider rollout.

The launch comes ahead of World Environment Day and reflects the government's push to encourage ethanol-blended fuel as part of efforts to reduce dependence on fossil fuels and lower vehicle emissions. The motorcycles were unveiled in the presence of Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari and Union Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri.

Hero MotoCorp has priced the Splendor+ Flex Fuel at Rs 82,710 and the HF Deluxe Flex Fuel at Rs 72,792 (ex-showroom, Delhi). The company expects the motorcycles to appeal to commuters looking for economical and environmentally friendly transportation options.

Both motorcycles are powered by a 97.2cc engine capable of producing 8 horsepower at 8,000 rpm and 8.3 Nm of torque at 6,000 rpm while running on E85 fuel. The engine has been specially developed to support higher ethanol blends without compromising performance and fuel efficiency.

The motorcycles also come equipped with Hero MotoCorp's patented i3S (Idle Stop-Start System) technology, which helps improve fuel savings during traffic halts. Other features include a new digital-analogue instrument cluster, side-stand engine cut-off for enhanced safety, tubeless tyres, and a fresh black colour scheme highlighted with lime yellow graphics.

Industry experts believe the introduction of flex-fuel motorcycles in the commuter segment could play an important role in accelerating the adoption of ethanol-powered vehicles in India. Since Splendor and HF Deluxe are among the country's most widely used commuter motorcycles, the launch is expected to support broader awareness and acceptance of cleaner fuel alternatives.

The launch also underlines the automobile sector's growing focus on sustainable mobility as manufacturers continue introducing technologies aimed at reducing environmental impact while maintaining affordability for consumers.



Chinese Influencer Goes Viral as 'Jensen Huang'

A rural Chinese content creator has become an internet sensation after spending just 110 yuan, or about Rs 1,500, to transform himself into a lookalike of Jensen Huang, the globally recognized chief executive of Nvidia. The creative and low-cost makeover has attracted widespread attention online, earning the influencer tens of thousands of followers within a matter of weeks.

The influencer, Yang Yang, lives in a village in Liaoning province and shares videos on a popular Chinese social media platform. His resemblance to the tech billionaire is achieved using simple props, including a black leather jacket similar to Huang's trademark style, inexpensive glasses, and wheat flour sprinkled into his hair to recreate the executive's distinctive grey hairstyle.

Yang's videos feature humorous recreations of some of Huang's most recognizable public appearances. He often carries oversized cardboard versions of Nvidia graphics cards and mimics the CEO's mannerisms and presentation style. In some clips, he is seen enjoying simple local meals, drawing comparisons to



Huang's own humble public image.

The content quickly resonated with viewers, helping Yang gain more than 54,000 followers in just over two weeks. Several of his videos have received mil-

lions of views, while his livestream sessions have attracted thousands of viewers at the same time. The sudden popularity has transformed him into one of the most talked-about social media personali-

ties in recent weeks.

Before launching the parody account, Yang was already known for creating rural lifestyle content and had built a substantial online audience. However, he said that income

from content creation was often unpredictable, making his recent success even more remarkable.

Yang has explained that his admiration for Jensen Huang goes beyond his achievements in the technology industry. He feels a personal connection because both men worked in restaurants during their younger years. Yang worked as a migrant laborer, washing dishes and cooking noodles, while Huang has often spoken publicly about his early experiences working in the restaurant business.

Despite the popularity of his videos, Yang admitted that the attention has also brought anxiety. He claimed that several individuals identifying themselves as representatives of Nvidia contacted him and demanded that he remove the content. Although he suspects many of those messages may not be genuine, he has stated that he would willingly take down the videos if the company believed they were damaging its image.

His unusual tribute has turned a simple village creator into an international online sensation.



Viral Post on Life Without a Salary

A Delhi-based professional has sparked a wide online conversation after sharing his experience of living for 60 days without a salary following his resignation from a corporate job. His reflections on financial security, personal happiness, and career choices have resonated with thousands of people navigating similar challenges in their professional lives.

Karan, who left his job after nearly two years with the same company, revealed that the most difficult part of the process was not submitting his resignation but delaying the decision for months. Like many professionals, he found himself hoping that things would improve after the next appraisal cycle, promotion, or business quarter. However, he eventually decided to step away and reassess his priorities.

In his social media post, Karan described how a regular paycheck quietly becomes the foundation of everyday life. According to him, a salary influences much more than monthly expenses. It shapes spending habits, weekend plans, confidence levels, routines, and even a person's sense of security. Losing that predictable income forced him to confront the extent to which financial stability affected his decisions and self-worth.

He explained that living without a salary made him more cautious about spending and more aware of his dependence on financial certainty.

The experience also encouraged him to question whether he had remained in an unfulfilling job simply because it provided comfort and stability.

Karan compared a salary to a powerful habit that is difficult to leave behind. He noted that many people become so accustomed to the routine of earning a monthly paycheck that they rarely stop to evaluate whether they are genuinely satisfied with their work or personal lives. Stepping away from that cycle, he said, offered a clearer perspective on what truly matters.

His post quickly gained attention online, with many users praising his courage for leaving a stable position in pursuit of greater personal fulfillment and mental well-being. Others shared their own stories of resigning from stressful jobs and navigating uncertain career transitions.

At the same time, some users pointed out that quitting without another job offer is a privilege not available to everyone. Many highlighted the realities of a competitive job market, rising living costs, shrinking savings, and lengthy job searches.

The discussion has evolved into a broader conversation about work-life balance, financial security, and the growing desire among professionals to find meaningful careers rather than simply relying on the comfort of a monthly paycheck.

Earning More, Feeling Less

A viral social media post has sparked a widespread conversation about whether financial success alone can guarantee happiness. The post, written by a corporate employee earning 2.5 lakh per month, reveals a surprising sense of emptiness despite achieving what many would consider a dream salary.

The employee shared that reaching the milestone brought little excitement or satisfaction. While society often associates higher income with a better quality of life, the individual admitted to feeling emotionally disconnected and unfulfilled. According to the post, life seemed more exciting and meaningful when the monthly salary was just 25,000.

The worker reflected on earlier days when small purchases carried emotional value. A dinner at a restaurant, a new



shirt, or a weekend outing felt like achievements earned through hard work. Every rupee spent had a purpose and brought a sense of joy. In contrast, the current financial situation feels routine, with large

sums of money entering the bank account each month but generating little excitement.

A major concern expressed in the post was the pressure to save and invest. The employee said that nearly half of the sal-

ary is automatically allocated to investments, mutual funds, and emergency funds. While these financial decisions are meant to secure the future, they have created a feeling that present-day happiness is being sacrificed for long-term goals.

The individual described feeling like a spectator in their own life, spending long hours at work while rarely enjoying the rewards of their earnings. The post questioned whether the pursuit of financial stability had come at the cost of personal fulfillment, leisure, and emotional well-being.

The story quickly gained attention online, with many people relating to the experience. Several users pointed out that increasing income often leads to changing expectations and lifestyles, making it harder to find satisfaction in achievements that once felt signifi-

cant. Others suggested that happiness depends not only on earnings but also on maintaining a healthy balance between saving for the future and enjoying the present.

Some social media users advised the employee to travel, pursue hobbies, or spend more on meaningful experiences. Others emphasized the importance of setting new personal goals beyond financial targets.

The discussion highlights a growing realization among professionals that money can provide comfort and security, but it does not automatically create happiness. The viral post serves as a reminder that financial success and emotional fulfillment are not always the same, and maintaining a balance between the two may be the key to a more satisfying life.

Norway's Trust-Based Flower Shop Goes Viral

An Indian content creator living in Norway has sparked widespread discussion online after sharing a remarkable example of public trust in Scandinavian society. The viral video showcases a flower shop that continues to sell plants even after closing hours, without any staff or shopkeeper present.

The video was recorded by Aditya, an Indian resident in Norway, who came across the unusual scene at around 10 p.m. Outside the closed florist shop, dozens of flower pots and plants were neatly displayed on the pavement, freely accessible to customers despite the absence of employees.

What surprised Aditya most was the honesty-based system used by the shop owners. Customers interested in purchasing a plant simply select the item they want, check the displayed price, and transfer the payment digitally using the phone number provided on the shop's door. No cashier, security guard, or surveillance-driven sales process is involved.

Sharing the experience on social media under the caption "Human Trust in Norway," Aditya highlighted how such systems are built on mutual respect and social responsibility. The video quickly gained attention, attracting thousands of views and generating conversations about trust, civic discipline, and community values.

Many viewers were im-



pressed by the level of confidence shop owners place in customers. Several users noted that such practices are relatively common in Scandinavian countries, where strong social trust and adherence to rules allow businesses to operate with minimal supervision. Others linked the phenomenon to the region's consistently high rankings in global happiness, quality of life, and social development indexes.

The video also sparked debate among international viewers about whether such a

system could work elsewhere. While some expressed admiration, others questioned whether a shop relying entirely on customer honesty could survive in countries with larger populations and different social challenges. One user commented that similar trust-based systems exist in Sweden, while another wondered whether such a model could ever be implemented in India. Responding to the discussion, Aditya emphasized that the concept is not impossible. According to him, any society can

cultivate such trust if people follow the law, respect one another, and act responsibly.

The viral clip has become more than just a glimpse into life in Norway. It has opened a broader conversation about the importance of trust in communities and how shared values can influence everyday life. For many viewers, the simple flower shop serves as a powerful example of how honesty and civic responsibility can create a society where trust becomes a way of life.

British Architect Hails Chandigarh's Planning, Cleanliness During India Visit

Chandigarh has once again drawn international attention after a British architect shared his admiration for the city's unique urban design, cleanliness, and organized infrastructure. His observations, posted on social media during a recent visit, quickly gained traction and sparked discussions about Chandigarh's reputation as one of India's most well-planned cities.

The architect, who has lived and worked in several countries, expressed surprise at the city's orderly layout and well-maintained public spaces. Walking through Chandigarh's wide roads, pedestrian-friendly pathways, and neatly landscaped surroundings, he remarked that the city felt distinctly different from the image many foreigners typically associate with India's urban centers.

He praised the city's spacious road network, dedicated cycling tracks, and systematic traffic management, noting that these features contribute significantly to reducing congestion and improving the quality of life for residents. The abundance of green spaces, public parks, and tree-lined avenues also left a strong impression on the visitor.

One aspect that particularly stood out was the cleanliness of the city. The architect highlighted the absence of litter on roads and footpaths, describing Chandigarh as one of the cleanest urban areas he had encountered during his travels. He also noted the sense of safety and comfort he experienced while exploring differ-



ent parts of the city throughout the day.

The social media post received widespread attention, with many residents expressing pride in their city. Several users pointed out that Chandigarh's success stems from a combination of thoughtful urban planning, strict zoning regulations, civic awareness, and effective municipal management. Others emphasized the role played by residents in maintaining public spaces and promoting a culture of cleanliness.

Known as the "City Beautiful," Chandigarh was designed in the 1950s by renowned Swiss-French architect Le Corbusier. The city is internationally recognized for its grid-based layout, self-contained sectors, and modern architec-

tural vision. Unlike many rapidly expanding cities, Chandigarh was planned with future growth in mind, allowing it to maintain a balance between development and livability.

The city is also home to several popular attractions, including Sukhna Lake, Rock Garden, and Zakir Hussain Rose Garden, which attract visitors from across India and abroad.

The architect's remarks have reignited conversations about sustainable urban development and the importance of long-term city planning. For many residents, the praise serves as recognition of Chandigarh's enduring legacy as a model city that continues to set benchmarks for cleanliness, infrastructure, and quality of life in India.

Praggnanandhaa Stuns Carlsen Again



Indian chess sensation R Praggnanandhaa scripted another historic chapter in his young career by defeating world No. 1 Magnus Carlsen for the second time in classical chess at the Norway Chess 2026 tournament. The remarkable victory has strengthened Praggnanandhaa's chances of becoming the first Indian player to win the prestigious event while dealing a major setback to Carlsen's bid for an eighth Norway Chess title.

The 20-year-old Indian Grandmaster delivered a composed and clinical performance against the hometown favorite, becoming the first player to defeat Carlsen twice in classical games this year. He is also the first Indian to achieve the feat twice in the same edition of the tournament.

Following the match, Carlsen appeared visibly disappointed as he shook hands with Praggnanandhaa before

leaving the playing arena. Videos of the Norwegian star reacting to the defeat quickly circulated online, highlighting the significance of the Indian prodigy's achievement.

The victory lifted Praggnanandhaa to 12 points and third place in the standings with two rounds remaining. More importantly, it kept his hopes of winning the Norway Chess title very much alive. Having already defeated several top players during the event, the Chennai-born Grandmaster has emerged as one of the strongest contenders for the championship.

For Carlsen, the defeat further complicated an unusually difficult campaign. The Norwegian has now suffered four classical losses in the tournament, including two against Praggnanandhaa. Such setbacks are rare for the chess legend, who has dominated the global chess scene for more than a decade.

At the top of the standings, Wesley So continued his impressive run by extending his lead to 14 points after defeating Vincent Keymer in an Armageddon tie-break. Meanwhile, Alireza Firouzja climbed to second place with 13 points after defeating reigning world champion D Gukesh in their classical encounter.

The loss effectively ended Gukesh's hopes of winning the title. With only two rounds left, the Indian world champion can no longer realistically challenge for the top position despite possible victories in his remaining games. As the tournament heads into its final stages, all eyes will be on Praggnanandhaa, whose fearless performances have transformed the title race. By defeating Carlsen twice on Norwegian soil, the young Indian has announced himself as a genuine force in world chess and one of the brightest stars of the next generation.

Kohli's Advice to Vaibhav Goes Viral

A heartfelt interaction between Indian cricket superstar Virat Kohli and teenage batting sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi has taken social media by storm following the IPL 2026 final. The conversation, which took place after the title clash at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad, has been widely praised by cricket fans across the country.

Virat Kohli, who played a key role in guiding Royal Challengers Bengaluru to their IPL 2026 title triumph, was seen sharing words of encouragement with the 15-year-old Rajasthan Royals opener, who emerged as the breakout star of the tournament. A video of the interaction was later shared by RCB on social media and quickly went viral.

During the conversation, Kohli congratulated the youngster on his remarkable season and urged him to remain grounded despite the growing attention and praise. The veteran batter advised Vaibhav to continue working hard, trust his abilities, and avoid getting distracted by outside opinions. His memorable line, "Ek Bihari sab pe bhari," instantly caught the attention of fans and became a trending topic online.

Kohli's message empha-

sized the importance of discipline, self-belief, and consistency. He reminded the young cricketer that his success was the result of hard work and dedication and encouraged him to focus on improving further rather than getting carried away by public praise.

Vaibhav Sooryavanshi enjoyed a dream IPL season, finishing as the tournament's highest run-scorer and winning the prestigious Orange Cap. The teenage opener amassed an incredible 776 runs at an average of 48.50 and an astonishing strike rate of 237.30. His fearless batting style and ability to dominate bowlers made him one of the biggest attractions of the season.

The youngster also rewrote several records during the campaign. He smashed 72 sixes, the highest by any player in a single IPL season, and became the first batter in the history of T20 cricket to score more than 500 runs in the powerplay overs during a single tournament. His performances have led to widespread calls from former cricketers and experts for his inclusion in India's T20 setup.

While Kohli celebrated lifting the IPL trophy with RCB, Vaibhav walked away with many of the tournament's in-



dividual honors. Their post-match interaction symbolized the passing of knowledge from one generation to the next.

As fans continue to celebrate both Kohli's champion-

ship success and Vaibhav's sensational breakthrough season, the veteran's words of wisdom are being seen as valuable guidance for one of Indian cricket's brightest young talents.

Siraj's Availability in Doubt for Afghanistan Test

India could be forced to make a late change to their squad for the upcoming one-off Test against Afghanistan, with fast bowler Mohammed Siraj's availability remaining uncertain due to workload concerns. The match is scheduled to begin on June 6, and team management is expected to take a final decision on Siraj's participation within the next 48 hours.

Siraj recently completed a demanding IPL 2026 campaign, playing a key role for Gujarat Titans throughout the tournament. Having featured in several high-intensity matches over the past few weeks, the pacer's workload is reportedly being closely monitored by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) and the team's medical staff.

The Indian management is understood to be weighing the risks of fielding Siraj immediately after a busy IPL season. If he is rested as a precautionary measure, Jammu and Kashmir pacer Auqib Nabi is expected to be drafted into the squad as his replacement.

Auqib Nabi has emerged as one of the most impressive performers in domestic cricket this season. The young fast bowler played a crucial role in Jammu and Kashmir's historic Ranji Trophy triumph, claiming an impressive 60 wickets during the campaign. His consistent performances

have earned praise from several cricket experts and former players.

Ahead of the Afghanistan Test, Auqib has already been called to join the Indian team's training sessions and is currently serving as a standby player. His inclusion in the squad would be viewed as a reward for his outstanding domestic performances and could provide him with an opportunity to make his international debut.

The debate surrounding Auqib's selection has also sparked discussions about the importance of domestic cricket performances in national team selection. Several cricket observers have argued that players who excel in the Ranji Trophy deserve greater opportunities at the highest level.

India have begun preparations for the Afghanistan Test, with the coaching staff focusing on managing player workloads after a long IPL season. Several members of the squad were involved in the latter stages of the tournament and are being eased into training to ensure they remain fresh for international duties.

The one-off Test is expected to provide India with an opportunity to test emerging talent while maintaining a balance between experienced campaigners and promising youngsters. Any absence of a senior bowler like Siraj



would naturally create a vacancy in the pace attack and open the door for a new face.

With only a few days remaining before the match, the focus remains on Siraj's fitness and recovery. A final decision from the team management is expected soon, while Auqib Nabi waits in the wings for what could be a career-defining opportunity.

Fitness Clearance Awaits Rohit, Hardik Ahead of Afghanistan ODIs



The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) is closely monitoring the fitness of senior cricketers Rohit Sharma and Hardik Pandya ahead of India's upcoming ODI series against Afghanistan. While both players have been included in the ODI squad, their participation will depend on receiving fitness clearance from the BCCI medical team.

India are set to host Afghanistan for a one-off Test match beginning on June 6, followed by a three-match ODI series starting on June 13. With preparations entering a crucial phase, the BCCI reportedly directed both Rohit and Hardik to report to the Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Bengaluru for fitness assessment and rehabilitation.

According to reports, Hardik

Pandya has already reached the Centre of Excellence and is expected to spend about a week undergoing fitness tests, conditioning sessions, and training before joining the national squad. The all-rounder remains a key member of India's white-ball setup, and the team management is keen to ensure he is fully fit before returning to competitive action.

However, there is currently no official update regarding Rohit Sharma's arrival at the Bengaluru facility. The veteran opener's fitness status continues to be a subject of interest as selectors and team officials await further developments. Rohit's experience and leadership qualities make him a vital figure in India's ODI plans despite Shubman Gill being named captain for the Afghani-

stan series.

The ODI squad announced by the BCCI features a blend of experienced stars and emerging talent. Shubman Gill will lead the side, while Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma, Shreyas Iyer, KL Rahul, Ishan Kishan, Hardik Pandya, Nitish Kumar Reddy, Washington Sundar, Kuldeep Yadav, Arshdeep Singh, Prasidh Krishna, Prince Yadav, Gurnoor Brar, and Harsh Dubey are also part of the squad.

Meanwhile, the Indian team has intensified preparations for the one-off Test against Afghanistan. Several domestic bowlers have been invited to assist during net sessions and provide quality match-like practice to the batters. Jammu and Kashmir pacer Auqib Nabi Dar and leg-spinner Zeeshan

Ansari are among the players called in to bowl in the nets.

The move is aimed at reducing the workload on frontline bowlers, many of whom recently completed a demanding IPL season. Team management believes additional net bowlers will help maintain training intensity while ensuring key players remain fresh for the international assignments ahead.

As the Afghanistan series draws closer, all eyes remain on the fitness updates of Rohit Sharma and Hardik Pandya. Their availability could significantly strengthen India's ODI lineup and provide valuable experience as the team continues its preparations for major international challenges in the coming months.

Cummins May Skip IPL 2027

Sunrisers Hyderabad could face a major setback ahead of the IPL 2027 season, with captain Pat Cummins hinting that he may skip the tournament due to an increasingly demanding international schedule.

The Australian skipper, who led Sunrisers Hyderabad during the IPL 2026 season, indicated that he may have to prioritize international commitments over franchise cricket as Australia prepares for a packed calendar featuring crucial Test series and the ODI World Cup.

Cummins guided Sunrisers Hyderabad to the playoffs in IPL 2026,

where the team finished fourth after being eliminated by the Rajasthan Royals in the Eliminator. Despite the disappointing end to their campaign, the Australian pace spearhead remained one of the franchise's most influential players, both as a captain and a bowler.

Speaking about his future plans, Cummins suggested that something may have to give next year as Australia faces a challenging schedule. He made it clear that Test cricket and the ODI World Cup remain his top priorities and hinted that participation in the IPL could be sacrificed if

necessary.

The Australian captain explained that he would make a final decision closer to the tournament and would consult with Sunrisers Hyderabad management before arriving at a conclusion. However, he acknowledged that managing workload and fitness would be critical, especially after dealing with a few injury concerns in recent times.

Australia are set to play several important international assignments over the next 18 months, including Test series against Bangladesh, India, New Zealand, and the highly anticipated Ashes se-

ries. With such a demanding schedule, Cricket Australia is expected to carefully monitor the workload of its leading fast bowlers.

The fitness and workload management of Australia's premier pace trio — Cummins, Mitchell Starc, and Josh Hazlewood — has become a major topic of discussion. There is even a possibility that the fast bowlers could be rotated during future Test series to ensure they remain fresh for key tournaments.

Cummins emphasized that Australia would require a larger pool of pace bowlers to cope with the

demanding international calendar. He also suggested that players could be rested strategically during certain series to remain fully fit for major assignments such as the Ashes and World Cup.

For Sunrisers Hyderabad, the prospect of losing their captain for an entire IPL season would be a significant challenge. Cummins has played a vital role in shaping the team's recent success and leadership structure. While no final decision has been made, his comments have certainly raised concerns among SRH fans, who will now wait anxiously for clarity on the Australian star's IPL future.



'Sarkar Bai' First Look Unveiled Vanda Devullu Set for June 19 Release

The first-look poster of Sarkar Bai, a socially driven film inspired by real incidents from Telangana's past, was unveiled at a grand event held at the Film Chamber in Hyderabad. The poster was officially launched by noted filmmaker Tammareddy Bharadwaja and V. N. Aditya, President of the Telugu Directors' Association, who extended their best wishes to the cast and crew.

Directed by Lara and produced by Tummala Praful Ram Reddy, Sarkar Bai stars Sriram Nimmala and Varshika in the lead roles. The film is based on true events that occurred in Telangana during the 1980s and sheds light on pressing social issues such as water scarcity, caste discrimination, and the struggles faced by marginalized communities.

Speaking at the event, Tammareddy Bharadwaja praised the filmmaker for choosing a socially relevant subject. He noted that access to drinking water remains a challenge in many

parts of the country even today and said films addressing such issues are important for society. He also expressed confidence in the future of lead actress Varshika and wished the entire team success.

V.N. Aditya described the film's theme as both relevant and compelling. He said audiences are increasingly supporting content-driven cinema and appreciated the producers for backing a meaningful story. Drawing a comparison with legendary cricketer Brian Lara, he wished director Lara similar success in the film industry.

Lead actor Sriram Nimmala said he has always been passionate about stories rooted in Telangana's social history and struggles. He expressed gratitude to director Lara for entrusting him with a significant role and praised producer Praful Ram Reddy for his support throughout the project.

Actress Varshika called Sarkar Bai a powerful and emotionally moving film. She stated



that the script impressed her instantly and said she believes the project has the potential to earn national recognition. She urged audiences to encourage meaningful cinema with strong social messages.

Director Lara revealed that the film narrates the untold story of marginalized communities who were denied access to water at a place known as "Sarkar Bai." Inspired by incidents from 1985, the film explores caste discrimination, social inequality,

The much-awaited reunion of actor-composer Vijay Antony and director Sasi is finally set to reach audiences with the emotional drama Vanda Devullu, scheduled for a grand worldwide theatrical release on June 19. The duo, who previously delivered the blockbuster Bichagadu, have once again joined hands for a film that promises a powerful blend of emotions, family values, suspense, and drama.

Produced by Ramajanjaneyulu Javvaji under the Servanth Ram Creations banner and presented by Fatima Vijay Antony in association with Vijay Antony Film Corporation, the film has been generating strong buzz ever since its announcement. The posters, teaser glimpses, and songs released so far have received an encouraging response from audiences.

The recently unveiled release-date poster features Vijay Antony and Swasika riding a bicycle through a picturesque rural backdrop, hinting at a period-based story

rooted in human relationships and emotional depth. The visuals have further heightened curiosity about the film.

According to the makers, Vanda Devullu goes beyond a conventional family drama. Director Sasi has crafted a touching narrative that explores the complexities of relationships while incorporating elements of mystery, suspense, and action. The film is expected to offer wholesome entertainment for audiences of all age groups.

The movie features an impressive ensemble cast including Vijay Antony, Swasika, Ajay, Lijomol Jose, Kavaya, Shakti, Padini, Karnas, Balaji Sakthivel, Divakar, Arul Dass, Bucks, Vinodhini, Munishkanth, and Kodangi Vadivelu in pivotal roles.

Technically, the film is backed by a skilled crew. SB Darshan Kirlosh handles cinematography, Balaji Sri Ram composes the music, Harish Yuvraj oversees editing, and Bhashyasree has penned the dialogues.



With a talented cast, experienced technicians, and an emotionally engaging storyline, Vanda Devullu is shaping up to be one of the notable releases of the season. The makers are expected to intensify promotions in the coming days as they gear up for the film's worldwide release on June 19.

Ram Charan Thanks Telugu State Governments Ahead of 'Peddhi' Release

With just a day left for the worldwide release of Peddhi, global star Ram Charan has expressed his gratitude to the governments of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana for their continued support to the Telugu film industry. The actor shared heartfelt messages thanking the leaders of both states after authorities permitted an increase in ticket prices for the big-budget entertainer.

Directed by Buchi Babu Sana, Peddhi is one of the most anticipated Telugu films of the year and is set for a grand worldwide release tomorrow. The film has generated massive buzz among audiences due to its large-scale production values, star-studded cast, and

the high expectations surrounding its release.

In his message to the Andhra Pradesh government, Ram Charan thanked Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, Cinematography Minister Kandula Durgesh, and the state government for their continuous encouragement and support to the Telugu film industry. He stated that such support plays a vital role in helping the industry grow and reach wider audiences.

The actor also extended his gratitude to the Telangana government. He thanked Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, Cinematography Min-

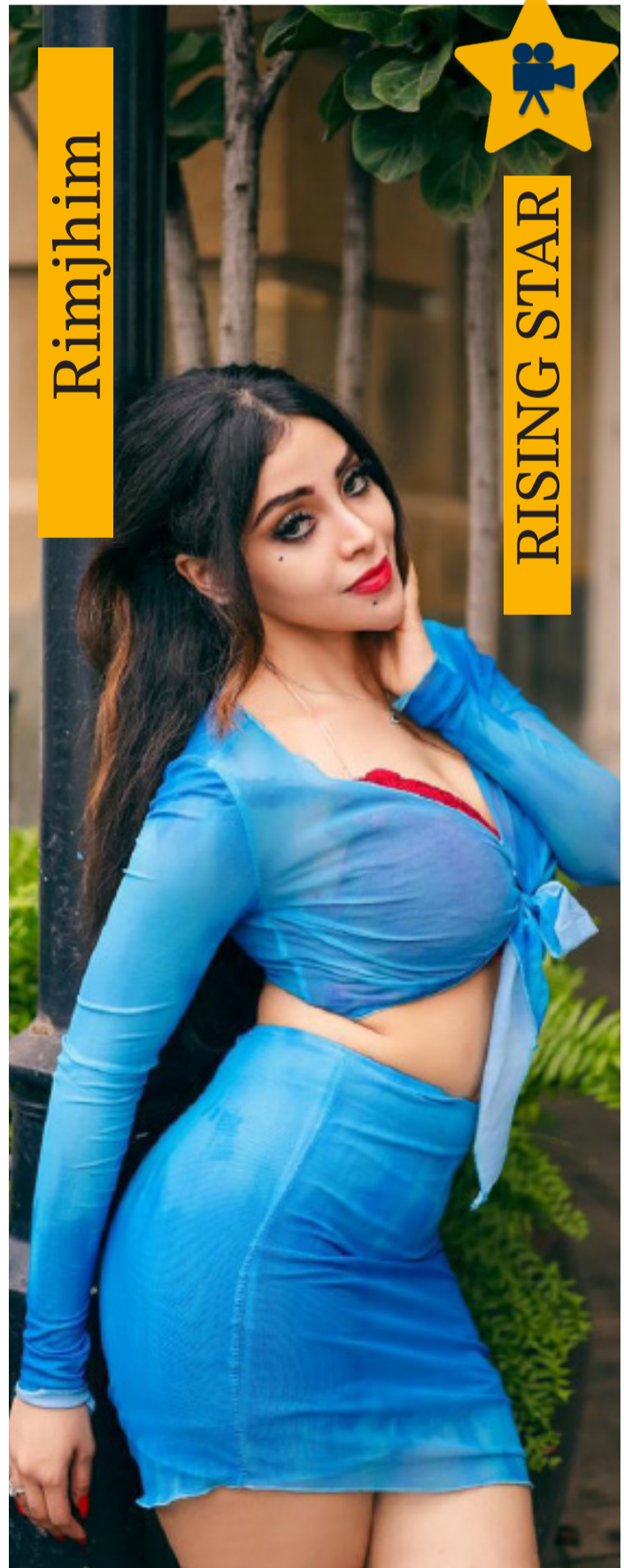
ister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy, and the state administration for their efforts in supporting the progress of Telugu cinema. Ram Charan noted that the cooperation extended by both governments has been beneficial to the industry and its stakeholders.

The decision by the two Telugu state governments to allow enhanced ticket prices is expected to boost the film's box office prospects significantly. Industry experts believe the move reflects the importance of the film sector as a major contributor to employment, entertainment, and economic activity in the region.

Peddhi stars Janhvi Kapoor as the female lead opposite

Ram Charan. The film also features Kannada superstar Shivarajkumar, Jagapathi Babu, and several other prominent actors in important roles. Directed by Buchi Babu Sana, the film has been mounted on a grand scale and is expected to offer a unique cinematic experience.

With advance bookings witnessing strong momentum and excitement reaching fever pitch among fans, all eyes are now on the film's opening day performance. Backed by strong promotions, a powerful cast, and immense audience anticipation, Peddhi is poised to make a grand impact at the box office and emerge as one of the biggest releases of the year.



Prabhas Viral Look from Spirit Sets Creates Buzz Among Fans

A photograph of pan-India star Prabhas from the sets of his upcoming film Spirit has taken social media by storm, creating excitement among fans and movie enthusiasts. The film, directed by Sandeep Reddy Vanga, is one of the most awaited projects in Indian cinema, and the latest leaked image has further heightened expectations.

The viral photograph was reportedly shared on Instagram by a hairstylist associated with the film. In the image, Prabhas is seen sporting a stylish black outfit and a striking new look that immediately caught the attention of fans. Although the hairstylist deleted the post shortly after sharing it, screenshots of the image quickly spread across various social media platforms, making it a trending topic online.

Sources indicate that the photograph was originally taken on May 26, but it has only recently gained widespread at-

tention. Fans have been praising Prabhas' stylish appearance and are expressing their excitement about the character he portrays in the film. Many have taken to social media demanding that the makers release an official first-look poster as soon as possible.

The buzz surrounding the leaked image reflects the massive anticipation for Spirit, which marks the first collaboration between Prabhas and director Sandeep Reddy Vanga. Known for delivering intense and emotionally charged films, Vanga is expected to present Prabhas in a completely new avatar, making the project one of the most talked-about films currently in production.

The shooting of Spirit is progressing at a brisk pace in several locations across Hyderabad, including Vimal Theatre, Balanagar, and Hitech City. The production team has been maintaining tight security around the sets to prevent

leaks, but the recent photograph has nevertheless generated significant attention.

The film is being mounted as a high-octane action drama and features Bollywood actress Tripti Dimri as the female lead opposite Prabhas. Actor Vivek Oberoi has reportedly been cast as the principal antagonist, adding further intrigue to the project.

Produced by T-Series in association with Bhadrakali Pictures, Spirit is being developed on a grand scale with substantial production values. The makers are planning a worldwide theatrical release on March 5, 2027.

With the leaked image already creating a sensation online, fans are eagerly waiting for official promotional material from the film. The overwhelming response to Prabhas' new look clearly indicates the immense excitement surrounding Spirit and its eventual release.



Ravi Teja's 'Irumudi' Glimpse Impresses



The makers of Ravi Teja's upcoming film Irumudi have released an emotional glimpse video, offering audiences a first look into the film's heartwarming yet intense storyline. Directed by Shiva Nirvana, the film presents Ravi Teja in a completely different role and has already generated significant excitement among fans.

Sharing the glimpse on social media, Ravi Teja wrote, "Swamiye Saranam Ayyappa. Presenting you all The Heart of Irumudi." He also confirmed that the film is scheduled for a theatrical release in August 2026.

The newly released glimpse focuses on the emotional bond between a father and his daughter. Ravi Teja is seen as a caring and affectionate father who shares a close relationship with his young daughter. The video portrays several touching moments between the two, highlighting their deep connection. However, the narrative soon hints at a tragic turn of events that changes the protagonist's life.

As grief and emotional turmoil take over, Ravi Teja's character is shown descending into anger and alcoholism. The glimpse then reveals a powerful transformation as he embarks on a spiritual journey and becomes a devotee of Lord Ayyappa. Wearing the sacred mala, he seeks redemption, self-control, and a renewed purpose in life. The emotional progression showcased in the glimpse has been widely appreciated by fans

and film enthusiasts.

Irumudi marks Ravi Teja's 77th film and was initially referred to as RT77 before its official title was announced. Produced by Mythri Movie Makers, the title carries deep spiritual significance, referring to the sacred offering carried by Ayyappa devotees during their pilgrimage to Sabarimala.

According to industry sources, director Shiva Nirvana has crafted a story that blends devotion, emotion, and commercial entertainment. The film is said to revolve around a powerful father-daughter relationship while exploring themes of faith, sacrifice, and personal transformation. Ravi Teja is reportedly undergoing a significant character transformation for the role, making it one of the most unique performances of his career.

The film stars Priya Bhavani Shankar as the female lead, while Baby Nakshathra plays Ravi Teja's daughter. The supporting cast includes Sai Kumar, Ajay Ghosh, Ramesh Indira, and Swasika in important roles.

Backed by producers Naveen Yerneni and Y. Ravi Shankar, the film boasts a strong technical team. GV Prakash Kumar handles cinematography, Sahi Suresh is in charge of production design, and Prawin Pudi oversees editing. With its emotional story and spiritual backdrop, Irumudi is shaping up to be one of Ravi Teja's most anticipated releases.