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### CM Proposes Dedicated Traffic Management Bureau



### Hyderabad, July 24 | TPN Bureau

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has directed officials to establish a dedicated Traffic Management and Road Safety Bureau in Telangana to strengthen traffic regulation, improve road safety, and ensure scientific planning of transport infrastructure across the state. Chairing a high-level review meeting at the Bodhi Pavilion in MCR HRD, the Chief Minister instructed senior officials to undertake a comprehensive study of the state's transport system and prepare an organizational framework for the proposed bureau. He also directed departments to review traffic management measures every two to three months to ensure timely improvements. Revanth Reddy emphasized that the focus should be on efficient traffic regulation rather than merely enforcing traffic rules. He suggested preparing traffic management plans by considering factors such as weather conditions, office timings, peak-hour congestion, and local travel patterns. The Chief Minister said detailed traffic studies should be completed before taking up new infrastructure projects. He also instructed officials to strengthen road safety measures on the Outer Ring Road (ORR), calling for continuous monitoring to prevent vehicles from stopping indiscriminately and reduce the risk of accidents. He further ordered a comprehensive study of Hyderabad's smart traffic signaling system and asked officials to identify locations requiring underpasses and elevated corridors to develop a signal-free road network. The objective, he said, is to ensure uninterrupted traffic flow, reduce congestion, and minimize waiting time at traffic signals. Government Advisors P. Sudarshan Reddy and K. Ramakrishna Rao, Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju, Director General of Police C.V. Anand, and senior officials from various departments attended the review meeting.

## CM Directs Indiramma Housing Within Urban Residential Areas

### Hyderabad, July 24 | TPN Bureau

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has directed officials to ensure that all Indiramma Housing projects in the Hyderabad Core Urban Region (CUR) are constructed within existing residential localities to protect the livelihoods of economically weaker families. He also instructed officials to identify and utilize unused government land located within the Outer Ring Road (ORR) for the ambitious housing programme. The Chief Minister issued the directions during a high-level review meeting on Indiramma Housing in the Core Urban Region. The meeting was attended by Ministers Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy and Ponnamp Prabhakar, along with senior officials from the Revenue, Police, Transport, Housing, and other government departments. During the meeting, officials presented details of land parcels already identified across several Assembly constituencies for the construction of housing units. Revanth Reddy directed the authorities to acquire unused land belonging to the Police, Revenue, and Transport departments wherever feasible. He also instructed officials to identify



fy and allot alternative land to these departments so that their operations are not affected while making suitable sites available for the housing scheme. The Chief Minister stressed that housing projects should not be developed in isolated locations far from established residential areas. He observed that if beneficiaries are relocated to distant places, they could lose access to employment opportunities and essential services, resulting in many houses remaining vacant or underutilized. He emphasized that the primary objective of the Indiramma Housing Scheme is not only to provide shelter but also to improve the quality of life of poor families without disrupting their livelihoods. Constructing

houses close to workplaces, schools, hospitals, and transport facilities would ensure sustainable living conditions for beneficiaries, he said. The Telangana government has announced plans to build Indiramma houses for economically weaker sections across several constituencies in the Core Urban Region. Each flat will have a total built-up area of approximately 528 square feet, with a 400-square-foot carpet area, designed to provide comfortable living space for eligible families. According to officials, the estimated construction cost of each flat is around ₹11 lakh. The government will provide a subsidy of ₹5 lakh, while beneficiaries will contribute the remaining ₹6 lakh. The entire cost of the land will be

borne by the government, significantly reducing the financial burden on beneficiaries. In the first phase, the government plans to construct 7,680 flats across 17 Assembly constituencies, including Rajen dranager, Maheshwaram, Serilingampally, Ibrahim patnam, Malkajgiri, Nampally, Khairatabad, Jubilee Hills, Karwan, Bahadurpura, Amberpet, Kukatpally, Medchal, Quthbullapur, Sanathnagar, Secunderabad Cantonment, and Malakpet. The Chief Minister directed officials to expedite the identification of unused government land in these constituencies so that construction can begin without delay, reaffirming the government's commitment to providing quality housing for the urban poor.

## CSR Boost for Government School Breakfast Scheme

### Hyderabad, July 24 | TPN Bureau

Divis Laboratories and Aurobindo Pharma have contributed a total of ₹22.18 crore under their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives to support the government school breakfast programme run by the Hare Krishna Movement Charitable Foundation. The CSR cheques were presented in the presence of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy during a meeting held at the Bodhi Pavilion in MCR HRD, Hyderabad. Divis Laboratories handed over a cheque for ₹12.18 crore, while Aurobindo Pharma contributed ₹10 crore to strengthen the breakfast scheme for students studying in government schools. The Hare Krishna Movement Charitable Foundation currently provides nutritious breakfast and mid-day meals to thousands of students across government schools. Appreciating the contribution of both companies, the Chief Minister lauded their commitment



ment to supporting child nutrition and education through CSR initiatives. During the meeting, Revanth Reddy outlined the government's plans to strengthen the programme by connecting it with the farming community. He said the government intends to support farmers located near the Foundation's centralized kitchens by procuring vegetables, rice, and other essential food items directly from them. He also encouraged the promotion of organic farming to ensure healthier meals for students. The Chief Minister further stated that the government is taking steps to provide

quality seeds to farmers, which would help promote crop diversification, improve agricultural productivity, and increase farm incomes while ensuring a steady supply of fresh produce for the meal programme. Government Advisor K. Ramakrishna Rao, Chief Minister's Principal Secretary N. Sridhar, Hare Krishna Movement Charitable Foundation President Satya Gaura Chandra Dasa Prabhu Ji, Divis Laboratories Vice President Madhu Babu, Aurobindo Pharma Managing Director Nityananda Reddy, and other representatives attended the event.

## Governor Appreciates IPS Families' Role in Public Service

### Hyderabad, July 24 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla has lauded the invaluable contribution of the families of police officers, stating that behind every dedicated police officer stands a family that shares the responsibility of public service through sacrifice, understanding, and unwavering support. The Governor made these remarks while interacting with members of the IPS Officers' Wives Association (IPSOWA), Telangana, at Lok Bhavan. During the



meeting, he highlighted the vital role played by the spouses of IPS officers, noting that their encouragement and resilience indirectly contribute to nation-building by enabling officers to perform their demanding duties with commitment. Shiv Pratap Shukla emphasized

that the Association has the potential to make a meaningful difference beyond the police community. He encouraged IPSOWA to further strengthen its initiatives in social service, women's empowerment, education, healthcare, and the welfare of

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## CM Orders Tougher Measures Against Drug Menace

### Hyderabad, July 24 | TPN Bureau

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has directed officials to strengthen Telangana's anti-drug framework by introducing stricter regulations, enhancing accountability in educational institutions, and exploring new legal measures to curb the growing drug menace. During a high-level review meeting on drug control and safety committees, the Chief Minister said the government is treating the issue



with utmost seriousness and emphasized the need for a comprehensive strategy combining prevention, reha-

ilitation, and strict enforcement. Revanth Reddy instructed officials to hold educational

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## Centre Plans Stricter Law With 10-Year Jail For Paper Leaks



### New Delhi, July 24 | TPN Bureau

The Centre is set to introduce stricter penalties for question paper leaks, with the Union Cabinet approving a draft bill proposing up to 10 years' imprisonment and a fine of up to ₹10 crore for offenders. The decision was taken at a Cabinet meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, though an official announcement is awaited. The proposed amendments to the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024 aim to significantly enhance existing punishments. Currently, the law prescribes 3-5 years' imprisonment and a fine up to ₹10 lakh, while organised crimes attract 5-10 years' jail and fines up to ₹1 crore. The Centre is also planning fast-track courts to ensure swift justice. One such court has already been set up in Delhi, with four more expected soon. The proposed law mandates completion of trials within three months. The bill is likely to be introduced in the Lok Sabha next week. The move comes amid protests over the NEET paper leak, including those by the Cockroach Janata Party. Union Ministers JP Nadda and Jitendra Singh held talks with CJP representatives Sourav Das and Ashutosh Ranka, who demanded Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan's resignation, ₹1 crore compensation to victims' families and withdrawal of cases against students. Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi criticised the government over alleged police action during protests, citing injuries to a student. The Supreme Court, hearing petitions on the issue, directed the Centre and NTA to file affidavits on reforms by July 27. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta assured the court of strict action to safeguard students' interests.

## Rashtrapati Nilayam Announces 'Pedal for the Planet' Cyclothon



### Hyderabad, July 24 | TPN Bureau

Rashtrapati Nilayam has announced the third edition of its flagship "Pedal for the Planet" Cyclothon, which will be held in Hyderabad on August 23 to promote environmental awareness, sustainable living, and healthy lifestyles. Around 1,000 cyclists are expected to participate in this year's event, continuing the enthusiastic response witnessed during the previous two editions. The cyclothon is being organized in collaboration with the National Mineral Development Corporation (NMD C) and several cycling groups. The first two editions, conducted in 2024 and 2025, attracted nearly 1,000 participants, including members of the Hyderabad Cyclists Group, cycling enthusiasts, environmentalists, students, and local residents. The official event poster was unveiled at Rashtrapati Nilayam on Friday in the presence of members of the Hyderabad Cyclists Group, officials of Rashtrapati Nilayam, and representatives of the Central Public Works Department (CPWD). According to the organizers, the cyclothon will cover a 16.2-kilometre route beginning and ending

at Rashtrapati Nilayam. The event is scheduled to take place between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., providing participants with an opportunity to cycle through the scenic surroundings while spreading awareness about environmental conservation and the importance of adopting eco-friendly modes of transport. Cycling enthusiasts, fitness lovers, students, families, and members of the public have been invited to participate in the event. Organizers said the initiative aims to encourage people to embrace cycling as a sustainable mode of transportation while promoting physical fitness and environmental responsibility. Registrations for the cyclothon are now open through the official Rashtrapati Nilayam event portal. For registration and event details, participants can visit Rashtrapati Nilayam Events Portal or access the registration page through Rashtrapati Nilayam Registration Portal. Officials expressed confidence that the third edition would further strengthen public participation in environmental initiatives and reinforce the message of protecting the planet through sustainable practices.

## Singareni Urged to Diversify Beyond Coal

### Kothagudem, July 24 | TPN Bureau

Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka has assured the Telangana government's full support for the expansion and long-term growth of Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL), urging the public sector mining giant to diversify beyond coal and emerge as an internationally competitive enterprise. Addressing a high-level review meeting with senior officials of Singareni and Telangana Genco at the Singareni headquarters in Kothagudem, Bhatti described the company as the "soul of Telangana" and reaffirmed the government's commitment to protecting and strengthening its 130-year legacy. He said the government's doors would remain open round the clock for initiatives aimed at Singareni's development. Highlighting the rapid transformation of the global energy sector, the Deputy Chief Minister said the next 15 to 20 years would witness increased dependence on renewable energy, including solar, wind, pumped storage, hydrogen, and battery storage systems.



As thermal power generation and coal consumption gradually decline, he stressed that Singareni must explore new business opportunities instead of relying solely on coal mining. Bhatti suggested that the company venture into mining critical and rare earth minerals such as lithium and cobalt, which are essential for manufacturing semiconductors, electronic chips, and electric vehicle batteries. He also encouraged Singareni to participate in mineral block auc-

tions in countries such as Australia and South Africa, leveraging the expertise of its experienced engineers and workforce. The Deputy Chief Minister emphasized that Singareni must remain competitive with private companies by maintaining superior coal quality, reducing operational costs, and improving efficiency. He instructed officials to prevent contamination of coal during mining and ensure proper blending of different coal grades before supply. Criticising the previous BRS government for failing to secure new coal blocks and adequately plan fuel resources for thermal power projects, Bhatti said the present Congress government had resolved pending land acquisition and forest clearance issues for the Naini block in Odisha and the Tadicherla-2 project. He also called for greater worker participation in shaping the company's future and directed that future board meetings focus on long-term expansion strategies, clear timelines, and measurable targets similar to successful corporate organisations.



# Bandi Sanjay Targets Congress, BRS Over Paper Leaks

Hyderabad, July 24 | TPN Bureau

Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar on Friday launched a sharp attack on both the Congress and Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS), alleging that the two parties had failed to address examination paper leaks during their respective tenures and were now politicising the NEET controversy. Addressing a press conference at the BJP state office, Bandi Sanjay urged students and youth to hold both parties accountable, claiming that paper leak incidents had occurred during the BRS government's decade-long rule as well as during the present Congress administration. He



questioned why leaders had not resigned when examination irregularities allegedly took place under their own governments. The Union Minister alleged that protests over the NEET issue had been hijacked by political and ideological groups, claiming that some

organizations were using students as a platform to pursue political agendas. Referring to the recent demonstrations in New Delhi, he alleged that anti-social elements had infiltrated the protests, leading to violence and attacks on police personnel and journalists. Bandi Sanjay said the

Centre had established a fast-track mechanism to prosecute those involved in the alleged NEET paper leak. He stated that the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) had arrested several accused and that the Union Government had acted swiftly to conduct examinations and declare results to avoid academic delays for students. He also claimed that the Centre had blocked 480 Pakistan-linked social media accounts, alleging they were spreading misinformation related to the issue. He appealed to students and parents not to be influenced by what he described as misleading campaigns on social media. The Minister high-

lighted reforms introduced by the Centre to strengthen examination security, including the Anti-Paper Leak Act and plans to conduct NEET in an online format in the future. He also cited the expansion of medical education, stating that the number of MBBS seats and medical colleges had increased significantly over the past decade. The press conference was attended by BJP MLAs, MLCs, state office-bearers, and party spokespersons. During his address, Bandi Sanjay also extended birthday greetings to BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao while continuing his criticism of the party's political stance.

## Governor Appreciates IPS Families' Role in Public Service

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police families. Such activities, he said, can have a lasting and positive impact on society. Earlier, the members of IPSOWA met Janaki Shukla, wife of the Governor, and briefed her on the Association's welfare programmes and community outreach initiatives. They shared details of various activities undertaken to support police families and contribute to social causes. As part of their visit to Lok Bhavan, the delegation also toured the Main House, Darbar Hall, and the gardens, gaining an insight into the historic premises. The interaction reflected the Governor's appreciation for the often-unseen role played by police families and underscored the importance of community service and social welfare initiatives undertaken by organizations such as IPSOWA in strengthening public institutions and supporting those who serve society.

## CM Orders Tougher Measures Against Drug Menace

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institution managements accountable for preventing drug-related activities within their campuses. He said managements should establish dedicated monitoring units to identify changes in students' behaviour and take timely preventive measures. The Chief Minister also suggested creating mechanisms to detect and report drug-related activities taking place outside educational institutions. He directed officials to examine the introduction of toll-free helpline numbers and dedicated QR codes on campuses to enable students and the public to confidentially report information related to drugs. Emphasizing a three-pronged approach of identification, rehabilitation, and punishment, Revanth Reddy said individuals caught using drugs should be referred to de-addiction centres for treatment and counselling. At the same time, he called for stringent action against drug traffickers and suggested considering harsher penalties for repeat offenders. The Chief Minister also instructed officials to examine the possibility of enacting dedicated legislation to strengthen the state's fight against drug-related crimes, stating that coordinated efforts involving educational institutions, law enforcement agencies, and the public are essential to eliminate the drug menace from society.

# Ramchander Rao Slams Congress, BRS Over Student Protests

Hyderabad, July 24 | TPN Bureau

BJP Telangana State President N. Ramchander Rao on Friday accused the Congress, Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS), and Left parties of politicising student issues and attempting to mislead the public over the NEET controversy. Addressing the media, Ramchander Rao said the Central Government had responded positively to concerns raised by social activist Sonam Wangchuk. He stated that Union Ministers J.P. Nadda and Jitendra Singh personally met Wangchuk and persuaded him to end his hunger strike after assuring him



that the Centre would address the issues raised. Criticising the Opposition, the BJP leader alleged that the Congress, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), and Left parties were encouraging student protests for political gain. He also claimed that the demon-

strations at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi had the support of anti-national elements and alleged that Congress and BRS leaders were backing such protests. Ramchander Rao questioned the BRS's decision to hold protests at Dharna Chowk,

alleging that the previous BRS government had abolished the protest venue during its tenure. He said the party had no moral authority to stage demonstrations there while claiming to champion the cause of unemployed youth and students. The BJP leader further alleged that several examination paper leak incidents had occurred during the BRS government and accused the previous administration of failing to conduct transparent recruitment processes. He also referred to the Intermediate examination controversy during the BRS regime, alleging that students had suffered because of administrative failures.

Targeting both Congress and BRS, Ramchander Rao claimed the two parties were "two sides of the same coin" and accused them of adopting similar political positions on several issues. He also alleged that the Congress government's replacement of the Dharani land portal with Bhu Bharathi had failed to eliminate corruption or irregularities. The BJP leader further claimed that numerous examination paper leaks had taken place during previous Congress-led governments and alleged that the current criticism of the NEET issue was politically motivated.

# Harish Rao Alleges Power, Water Crisis Under Congress

Yadadri Bhuvanagiri, July 24 | TPN Bureau

Former Telangana Minister and BRS Deputy Floor Leader T. Harish Rao on Wednesday accused the Congress government of failing to ensure uninterrupted electricity, drinking water, and irrigation facilities for farmers. He made the remarks after conducting a surprise inspection of the Solepeta electrical substation in Bommalararam Mandal of Alair constituency, accompanied by former Alair MLA Gongidi Sunitha. During the visit, Harish Rao examined the substation's logbook and interacted with officials regarding the daily power supply to agricultural consumers. Citing the records, he alleged that farmers were currently receiving only around 12 hours of electricity, contrary to the government's claims of uninterrupted supply.



Addressing the media, Harish Rao claimed that the previous BRS government had provided 24-hour free power to agriculture, ensured drinking water through Mission Bhagiratha, and maintained irrigation facilities across the state. He alleged that the present government had failed to sustain

these services, forcing women in several districts to once again struggle for drinking water. He further alleged that farmers across Telangana were staging protests at substations due to inadequate electricity during the crucial nursery and transplantation season. Harish Rao claimed

that even the limited power supplied was frequently interrupted by unscheduled tripping, affecting irrigation activities. The BRS leader also questioned the shutdown of thermal power generation at the Yadadri and Bhadradi power plants. He alleged that power generation totaling 1,870 MW had been halted because of poor coal management and demanded that the Congress government immediately restore operations. According to him, Telangana has sufficient installed power capacity, making power cuts unnecessary. Harish Rao also demanded a comprehensive review of the Mission Bhagiratha drinking water scheme, alleging that water supply had become irregular in several districts. He claimed that the government had failed to maintain the network established during the previous administra-

tion. Raising the issue of Rythu Bima, Harish Rao alleged that nearly 4,000 farmer insurance claims worth ₹5 lakh each had remained pending for the past five months, including several cases in Bommala ramaram mandal. He urged the government to immediately release the insurance benefits to the families of deceased farmers and conduct a statewide review of the scheme. The former minister also criticized the Congress government over what he described as delays in implementing election promises related to agriculture and welfare. He called on the government to restore 24-hour power supply to farmers, resume full-scale power generation at thermal plants, ensure daily drinking water supply under Mission Bhagiratha, and clear all pending Rythu Bima claims without further delay.



Warangal, July 24 | TPN Bureau

Communist Party of India (CPI) Telangana State Secretary and Kothagudem MLA Kunamneni Sambasiva Rao on Friday reaffirmed the party's commitment to working alongside the Congress to safeguard democratic values and address issues affecting the people. He was speaking after inaugurating the newly constructed A.B. Bardhan Bhavan, the CPI office at Markandeya Nagar in Warangal city, in the presence of Wardhannapet MLA K.R. Nagaraju and CPI State Assistant Secretary Takkallapalli Srinivasa Rao. Addressing party workers and supporters, Sambasiva Rao said the CPI and Congress would continue their joint efforts to oppose what he described as communal forces and policies favouring corporate interests. He alleged that growing protests by students and youth over the alleged NEET paper leak reflected widespread dissatisfaction with the Union Government and said the two parties would continue to raise such public issues. Turning to Telangana, the CPI leader urged the state government to fulfil the promises made during the Assembly elections and give priority to the welfare of economically weaker sections. He demanded that ownership rights be granted to poor families residing on government land and called for the regularisation of eligible occupants through the issuance of house-site pattas. Sambasiva Rao also criticised the demolition of huts belonging to poor families while alleging that large-scale encroachments on government land were not being addressed with the same urgency. He appealed to the government to immediately halt such demolitions and provide legal ownership to eligible beneficiaries. Wardhannapet MLA K.R. Nagaraju assured the gathering that he would make every effort to prevent the demolition of houses belonging to poor families and facilitate the allotment of house-site pattas and Indirama houses to eligible residents. He said democracy is strengthened when people's movements remain active and affirmed that the Congress and CPI would continue to work together for the welfare of weaker sections and the resolution of public issues. Several CPI leaders, party workers, and local supporters attended the inauguration ceremony.

## Ponnam Backs NEET Protest at Jantar Mantar

Hyderabad, July 24 | TPN Bureau

State Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnam Prabhakar has extended his support to the ongoing student protest at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi, where demonstrators are demanding justice over the alleged NEET paper leak. In a press statement, the Minister condemned the advisory issued by the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) administration asking students and faculty members not to participate in the protest. He said the right to peaceful protest is a fundamental democratic and constitutional right that should not be curtailed. Ponnam Prabhakar alleged that the alleged NEET paper leak had jeopardized the future of thousands of students and criticized the Central Government for not responding adequately despite protests continuing for nearly 20 days. The Minister demanded the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, holding him morally accountable for the alleged examination irregularities. He also urged the Centre to announce ex gratia assistance for the families of students who allegedly lost their lives due to the mental distress caused by the controversy. Calling for the immediate withdrawal of cases registered against students and activists participating in peaceful demonstrations, Ponnam Prabhakar reaffirmed his support for the movement led by Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi, stating that the campaign seeks to protect students' rights and ensure justice for those affected. He appealed to the Central Government to act responsibly and take concrete steps to safeguard the future of students.



## BRS Backs NEET Protesting Students

Hyderabad, July 24 | TPN Bureau

Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) on Friday expressed the party's support for students protesting over the alleged NEET paper leak and demanded the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan. Addressing a protest organized by the BRS student wing (BRSV) at Dharna Chowk near Indira Park, KTR said the party would continue to stand with students seeking justice. He stated that if necessary, BRS leaders and workers would travel to New Delhi to participate in the ongoing protests in support of students. KTR alleged that the Union Government had failed to adequately respond to the concerns of students and urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to engage in dialogue with those participating in the protests. He claimed that multiple rounds of discussions should have been held to address the issue instead of allowing tensions to escalate. He further remarked that the younger generation was becoming increasingly vocal about issues affecting their future and asserted that students across Telangana stood in solidarity with their counterparts from other parts of the country. Targeting the Telangana government, KTR accused Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy of failing to take a firm stand against the BJP-led Central Government. He claimed that while Congress leader Rahul Gandhi participated in protests over the NEET issue in New Delhi, the Chief Minister did not join the demonstrations. KTR also referred to Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President Mahesh Kumar Goud's protest in Hyderabad and alleged that the Chief Minister had avoided directly confronting the Centre on the issue. Responding to allegations linking him to the paper leak controversy, KTR dismissed the claims and alleged that attempts were being made to divert attention from the students' agitation instead of addressing their concerns. The BRS reiterated its demand for accountability over the alleged NEET paper leak and called for measures to restore confidence in the examination system.



## AITUC Warns of Strike Over Singareni Issues

Peddapalli, July 24 | TPN Bureau

CPI State Secretary, Honorary President of the Singareni Collieries Workers' Union (AITUC), and Kothagudem MLA Koonamneni Sambasiva Rao launched a sharp attack on the Centre and corporate influence in Singareni, alleging that industrial giants had entered the coal sector at the expense of public interests. Addressing a massive workers' march held at the Godavari Khani GM Office grounds, he called upon employees to unite in defence of their rights and the future of Singareni. Sambasiva Rao said AITUC has an 80-year legacy of representing Singareni workers and urged employees to take pride in the organisation's long-standing role in protecting labour interests. He alleged that Singareni had been denied access to new coal mines due to the implementation of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, claiming the legislation was passed during the previous BRS government's tenure with the support of its Members of Parliament. He criticised the BRS leadership, saying the party lacked the moral authority to speak on workers' welfare after supporting legislation that, according to him, weakened Singareni's position. He further blamed the Central Government for the delay in allocating new mines to the state-owned coal company. The CPI leader announced that a strike notice containing 31 demands had already been submitted. Discussions with the management are scheduled for July 28, and if the talks fail, the union will seek a failure report from the Regional Labour Commissioner before proceeding with an indefinite strike after August 15. He urged workers across all branches to remain united and prepared for collective action. The march was organised by the RG-1 branch under the leadership of Branch Secretary Rangu Srinu. Before the rally, union leaders paid floral tributes to the statue of Madireddy Bhaskar Rao. Hundreds of office bearers, pit secretaries, activists, CPI leaders, contract workers' representatives, and members of various people's organisations participated in the programme. Labour-themed cultural performances and speeches by senior union leaders marked the event.

## Mahesh Kumar Goud Targets KTR on Birthday

Hyderabad, July 24 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President Mahesh Kumar Goud extended birthday greetings to BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) but used the occasion to launch a sharp political attack, urging him to "speak the truth at least on his birthday." Addressing the media on Friday, Mahesh Kumar Goud said symbolic gestures and public appearances would not restore the confidence of the people. He remarked that merely wearing black shirts and staging what he described as "dramas" would not convince the public. According to him, people were looking for accountability rather than political symbolism. He also questioned the criticism directed at Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy over his visits to New Delhi, stating that protests had indeed taken place in Kodangal and dismissing allegations that the government was trying to suppress public dissent.

# Zonal Commissioner Reviews SIR-2026 Survey

**Quthbullapur, July 24 | TPN Bureau** Zonal Commissioner Pinkesh Kumar (IAS) conducted a field inspection of the ongoing SIR-2026 (Special Summary Revision of Electoral Rolls) programme in Bowrampet ward under the Dundigal Circle on Friday and directed officials to expedite the door-to-door voter survey. During the inspection, the Commissioner observed the collection of enumeration forms from residents and reviewed the progress of the survey with field officials. He instructed supervisors and Booth Level



Officers (BLOs) to immediately identify households where enumeration forms had not yet been submitted and ensure that the forms were collected without delay. Pinkesh Kumar also directed officials to upload the collected voter information online on the same day to speed up the updating of electoral records and avoid any backlog in data entry. Emphasizing the importance of accuracy, transparency, and timely completion of the exercise, the Commissioner urged officials to work in close coordination to ensure

that the details of every eligible voter are correctly recorded. He stressed that the Special Summary Revision is crucial for maintaining an accurate and updated electoral roll. Dundigal Circle Deputy Commissioner Dr. S. Venkata Manikaran, nodal officers, supervisors, Booth Level Officers, and other officials participated in the field inspection. The review focused on ensuring smooth implementation of the survey and timely completion of the voter enumeration process.

## MMTS Expansion Plan Unveiled

**Hyderabad, July 24 | TPN Bureau**

South Central Railway is planning to expand Hyderabad's Multi-Modal Transport System (MMTS) network to the city's eastern suburbs, offering a major boost to daily commuters, particularly employees working in the IT and industrial sectors. The proposal follows the commissioning of the Sitaphalmandi-Lalaguda chord line, which has opened the possibility of operating MMTS services from Kacheguda to Cherlapally and Ghatkesar. If implemented, it will mark the first time that direct MMTS connectivity is extended from Kacheguda to the eastern parts of Hyderabad. Under the proposed route, trains from Kacheguda would travel via Sitaphalmandi and the newly commissioned chord line to Lalaguda before proceeding through Moula-Ali to Cherlapally and Ghatkesar. The new service is expected to significantly reduce travel time for thousands of commuters heading to the Pocharam IT hub, Cherlapally industrial area, and Ghatkesar. Before operations can begin, railway authorities must complete several infrastructure upgrades. These include raising platform heights to match MMTS train specifications, improving passenger safety facilities, and assessing track capacity to accommodate additional suburban services alongside existing express and freight trains. Officials are also planning to install a modern automatic signalling system to ensure smoother and faster train operations on the corridor. Once the required works are completed, the expanded MMTS network is expected to provide a reliable and affordable public transport option for thousands of daily commuters while improving connectivity to Hyderabad's rapidly growing eastern suburbs.

## MeeSeva Centres to Offer Digital Advertising Services

**Hyderabad, July 24 | TPN Bureau**

The Telangana government is set to transform MeeSeva centres into digital advertising hubs, enabling Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs) to help small businesses promote their products and services through online campaigns. The initiative, launched by Electronic Service Delivery (MeeSeva) under the Information Technology, Electronics and Communications Department in collaboration with Meta, aims to expand the role of MeeSeva centres beyond citizen services and strengthen Telangana's digital economy. As part of the programme, more than 150 Village Level Entrepreneurs from Hyderabad's CURE area have been trained in designing digital creatives, writing promotional content, identifying target audiences, and managing advertising campaigns on social media platforms. Under the new initiative, small businesses such as kirana stores, salons, clinics, and other local enterprises can approach their nearest MeeSeva centre to launch affordable online advertising campaigns instead of relying solely on traditional word-of-mouth publicity. Officials said the programme is designed not only to improve the visibility of local businesses but also to create an additional source of income for MeeSeva operators. The initiative seeks to reposition Village Level Entrepreneurs from being service providers for government certificates and applications to becoming digital growth partners for local enterprises. Commissioner T. Ravi Kiran said the collaboration reflects the Telangana government's commitment to leveraging technology for public service, entrepreneurship, and rural empowerment. He noted that the extensive reach of MeeSeva centres, combined with Meta's digital advertising tools, would enable even small and rural entrepreneurs to access professional marketing solutions at an affordable cost. The government believes the initiative will accelerate digital inclusion, strengthen local businesses, and create new economic opportunities by making modern digital marketing accessible across urban and rural Telangana.

## Mahesh Kumar Goud Targets BRS Over Student Issues

**Hyderabad, July 24 | TPN Bureau**

Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud launched a sharp attack on the BRS leadership, accusing the party of attempting to politicize student issues despite its own record during its tenure in power. Addressing a press conference at Gandhi Bhavan, Mahesh Kumar Goud extended birthday wishes to BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) but questioned his decision to stage protests at Dharna Chowk. He alleged that it was the BRS government that abolished the historic protest venue and said KTR should publicly apologize before using it for political demonstrations. The TPCC chief also criticized former Chief Minister K. Chandrababbar Rao (KCR), questioning why he had remained away from public protests while Congress leaders, including Rahul Gandhi and Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, had actively participated in movements supporting students and youth. Mahesh Kumar Goud accused the previous BRS government of failing to act against the Globarena company despite the deaths of Intermediate students and questioned why the related inquiry report was never made public. He also alleged irregularities in recruitment examinations, claiming several paper leaks occurred during the BRS regime, including the Group-I examinations. Appealing to students not to become "pawns" in political campaigns, he alleged that the BRS was attempting to divert attention from its past failures and claimed the public had already rejected the party in the parliamentary elections. He reiterated that Congress would continue to raise issues concerning students and employment opportunities.

## NSUI Stages Donkey Protest Against Dharmendra Pradhan

**Hyderabad, July 24 | TPN Bureau**

The Telangana unit of the National Students' Union of India (NSUI) staged a symbolic protest in Hyderabad on Wednesday, using a donkey to demand the immediate resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan over the alleged NEET paper leak and examination irregularities. Led by Telangana NSUI State President Yadavalli Venkataswamy, the protesters alleged that repeated question paper leaks, irregularities in national-level examinations, and the failure of the National Testing Agency (NTA) had jeopardized the future of millions of students across the country. Addressing the gathering, Venkataswamy demanded that Dharmendra Pradhan resign, accepting moral responsibility for the alleged lapses in the examination system. He also condemned the police action against students protesting at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi, alleging that peaceful demonstrators were subjected to a lathi-charge. The NSUI leader further criticized the detention of Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi, who had visited the protest site to express solidarity with the students. He described the action as an attack on democratic



ocratic values and the right to peaceful protest. Demanding a public apology from the Central Government, Venkataswamy called for strict action against those responsible for the alleged police excesses and examination failures. He said the NSUI would continue its democratic agitation across the country until justice is delivered to students, transparency is restored in the examination system, and the Union Education Minister steps down from office.

## History-Sheeter Detained Under PD Act

**Hyderabad, July 24 | TPN Bureau**

The Kulsumpura police have executed a Preventive Detention (PD) Act order against a history-sheeter allegedly involved in multiple criminal cases across Hyderabad. The accused, identified as Bagidi Akash, is a rowdy-sheeter registered with the Chatrinaka Police Station. According to police, the detention order was issued to prevent him from engaging in activities that could disturb public order. Officials said the Preventive Detention order was approved and signed by the Police Commissioner. Following the completion of legal formalities, Kulsumpura police executed the order on Thursday and lodged the accused in jail under preventive detention for a period of one year.

Police stated that the action was taken after reviewing the accused's alleged involvement in several criminal offences and his history of repeated unlawful activities. The authorities said preventive detention is invoked in cases where habitual offenders are believed to pose a continuing threat to public peace and safety. The Hyderabad Police reiterated their commitment to taking stringent action against habitual offenders and organized criminal elements to maintain law and order in the city. They added that preventive measures such as the PD Act would continue to be used against repeat offenders in accordance with the law.

## HMDA Launches Free Sapling Drive Under Vanamahotsavam

**Hyderabad, July 24 | TPN Bureau**

As part of the Vanamahotsavam celebrations, the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) has announced a major green initiative to distribute free saplings to one lakh families across the city. The programme aims to encourage households to grow their own fruits, vegetables, medicinal plants and ornamental plants while promoting a healthier and greener urban environment. Under the initiative, every participating household will receive five saplings, including fruit-bearing and ornamental varieties, through 44 nurseries operated by HMDA's Urban Forest Wing. Officials said the campaign is designed to increase urban greenery while helping families adopt sustainable gardening practices. According to HMDA, Hyderabad is home to nearly 22 lakh families. Citing World Health Organization (WHO) recommendations, the authority noted that every individual should consume around 200 grams of fruits and 300 grams of vegetables each day. Based on the city's population, Hyderabad requires nearly 6.3 lakh tonnes of fruits and vegetables annually. HMDA observed that rising food prices and increasing household expenses have made it difficult for many middle-class families to purchase adequate quantities of fresh fruits and vegetables on a regular basis. By encouraging home cultivation, the authority hopes to improve



access to nutritious food while reducing dependence on market supplies. Officials urged residents to make use of home gardens, kitchen gardens and terrace gardens for growing fruits, vegetables, medicinal herbs and ornamental plants using organic methods. They said the initiative would not only contribute to better nutrition but also enhance environmental sustainability and urban biodiversity. The campaign is being carried out under the slogan, "A Fruit Plant in Every Home - Nutrition for Every Family, Greenery for Every City." HMDA has invited voluntary organisations, non-governmental organisations, clubs, colony welfare associations and citizens from all sections of society to actively participate and transform the initiative into a community-driven movement for a cleaner, healthier and greener Hyderabad.

## Three Held in Twin Ganja Seizures

**Malkajgiri, July 24 | TPN Bureau**

Enforcement and Special Task Force (STF) teams seized more than 2.48 kg of ganja in two separate operations in Malkajgiri district, leading to the arrest of three individuals. In the first operation, a team led by Malkajgiri Enforcement Circle Inspector Kotamma and Sub-Inspector Akhil intercepted two persons who were allegedly transporting 2.360 kg of ganja from Berhampur in Odisha to Turkapally. Acting on specific intelligence, the enforcement team stopped the suspects while they were travelling on a motorcycle along the Lothukunta-Hakimpet Road. During the search, officials recovered 2.360 kg of ganja from a bag in their possession. The accused were identified as T. Ramakrishna (25) and A. Ajay (26). Both

were taken into custody, and the seized contraband, along with the accused, was handed over to the Alwal Excise Station for further legal action. In a separate operation, an STF-B team led by Circle Inspector Biksha Reddy seized 121 grams of ganja from an individual identified as Surya in the Lalaguda area. Officials said the accused and the seized narcotic substance were handed over to the Secunderabad Excise Station for further investigation and prosecution under the relevant provisions of the law. Authorities stated that efforts to curb the illegal transportation and distribution of narcotic substances would continue through intensified surveillance and intelligence-based operations across the district.

## BJP Holds Rally Over NEET Protest Politics



**Hyderabad, July 24 | TPN Bureau**

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders from the Uppal Assembly constituency organized a rally at Nacharam, condemning what they described as the Congress party's attempts to politicize the NEET examination issue and mislead students. The protest was led by Medchal Urban District BJP Vice President Mallela Narsinga Rao, with party workers marching along the main road in Nacharam. Addressing the gathering, former Uppal MLA N.V.S.S. Prabhakar said that after the alleged NEET question paper leak, the examination had been cancelled, reconducted, and the results declared. He claimed that the Centre had taken corrective measures to protect the interests of students and ensure the credibility of the examination process. Prabhakar alleged that the Congress party was provoking students for political gains instead of supporting their academic future. He said many students across the country had welcomed the completion of the examination process and urged political parties not to create unnecessary confusion among aspirants. The former MLA also stated that the BJP-led Central Government had assured strict action against those responsible for examination paper leaks. He said the Centre was committed to introducing stronger legal provisions to prevent such incidents in the future and ensure transparency in competitive examinations. Several BJP leaders and party workers from the Uppal constituency participated in the rally, reiterating the party's stand that students' interests should remain above political considerations.

## MLA Assures Support for Development



**Quthbullapur, July 24 | TPN Bureau** Quthbullapur MLA K.P. Vivekananda has assured residents of Maitri Nagar that all efforts will be made to address the colony's development needs and improve civic infrastructure in a phased manner. The assurance came during a meeting with the newly elected Maitri Nagar committee, led by senior BRS leader Varala Vinod Kumar, who paid a courtesy visit to the MLA and submitted representations highlighting several issues affecting the locality. Committee members sought the MLA's intervention in improving basic infrastructure, expediting pending development works, and providing essential civic amenities for residents. After hearing their concerns, Vivekananda said the issues would be taken up on priority and resolved in a systematic manner, keeping the welfare of residents at the forefront. The MLA reiterated his commitment to extending full support for the overall development of Maitri Nagar and emphasized the importance of coordinated efforts between public representatives and residents to achieve lasting improvements. Congratulating the newly formed committee, Vivekananda urged its members to maintain close interaction with residents, identify local issues promptly, and work collectively for the progress of the colony. Maitri Nagar Committee President Gattu Ashok, General Secretary Krishna, Treasurer Anjaneyulu, Vice President Ramakrishna, Hari Naidu, Advisors Lakshman and Venkat Reddy, along with other committee members and local BRS leaders, attended the meeting.

## Questions Raised Over Alleged Unauthorized Shed in



**Quthbullapur, July 24 | TPN Bureau**

A large shed under construction in Dulapally's China Bazaar area has sparked questions among local residents, who are seeking clarity on whether the project has received the necessary approvals from the Town Planning Department. The structure, reportedly being built adjacent to the Rewak Systems premises (Door No. 16-939), has become a subject of discussion in the Kompally Circle, with residents alleging that the construction is progressing despite uncertainty over the required permissions. Locals questioned how such a large-scale structure, spread across a substantial area, could be constructed without drawing the attention of the authorities, while ordinary homeowners often face lengthy procedures to obtain approvals for small residential buildings. Residents also expressed concern over what they described as a lack of timely intervention by the Town Planning Department. They alleged that some builders may be taking advantage of officials being occupied with other government programmes to carry out construction activities without adequate scrutiny. Urban development observers noted that unauthorized constructions could result in a loss of development charges and other government revenues while also encouraging similar violations if left unchecked. Residents have urged the concerned authorities to conduct an immediate field inspection and publicly clarify whether the construction has valid permissions. They have sought details of the approvals, if any, and called for appropriate action if violations of building regulations are found. The issue has become a major talking point in the Kompally Circle, with locals awaiting an official response on the legality of the ongoing construction and the steps that will be taken by the authorities.

## Fine-Grain Rice Gift Sent to KTR

**Hyderabad, July 24 | TPN Bureau**

Telangana Fisheries Corporation Chairman Mettu Sai Kumar announced that the state government would send 25 kilograms of fine-grain rice as a birthday gift to BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR), saying the supply could continue every month if required. Sai Kumar said Telangana is the only state in the country providing fine-grain rice to beneficiaries and credited Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's government for ensuring that even the poorest families enjoy quality rice every day. He thanked KTR for visiting the home of a poor family and sharing a meal prepared with fine-grain rice. Claiming the government had introduced unparalleled welfare initiatives, he said its primary objective is to bring happiness to the poorest sections of society and ensure quality food for all citizens, regardless of political affiliation.

# Green India Challenge Launches Plantation Drive

**Nanded (Maharashtra), July 24 | TPN Bureau**

The Green India Challenge has launched the ninth phase of its flagship environmental campaign with an ambitious plan to plant and nurture 99 lakh saplings along the banks of the Godavari River. The initiative, aimed at strengthening riverbank ecosystems and preventing soil erosion, was inaugurated at Babli village in Dharmabad Taluk of Maharashtra's Nanded district. The campaign began with the plantation of 1,000 bamboo saplings in the presence of Green India Challenge founder and former MP Joginapally Santosh Kumar, Igniting Minds founder Karunakar Reddy, co-



founder Raghavendra Yadav, members of the Youth for Godavari team, village representatives, Forest Department officials and women from self-help groups.

Under the programme, bamboo saplings will be planted along both banks of the Godavari from Basara to Trimbakeshwar. The drive will also cover the catchment areas of the Manjira

and Pranahita rivers. Around 50 lakh volunteers, including students, NSS and NCC members, and youth organisations from Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra, are expected to participate. The initiative will primarily use native bamboo species such as Dendrocalamus strictus and Bambusa bambos, which are well-suited to the Deccan climate. Officials said bamboo's extensive root system helps stabilise riverbanks, reduces soil erosion during monsoon seasons and contributes significantly to carbon sequestration. All saplings will be geo-tagged to facilitate monitoring and maintenance. The plantation drive coincides with the 50th birthday

of BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR), with the target of planting 99 lakh saplings calculated at two lakh saplings for each year of his life. The campaign is expected to continue across the Godavari basin until next year. Addressing the gathering, Joginapally Santosh Kumar described rivers as the life-line of civilisation and said protecting the Godavari was an investment in future generations. Launched in 2018, the Green India Challenge has so far planted over 19.6 crore saplings while involving more than 4.4 crore people. The organisation has now set a long-term goal of planting and nurturing 100 crore saplings by October 31, 2031.

## Student Groups Protest Over NEET Issue

**Warangal, July 24 | TPN Bureau**

Several student organizations staged a road blockade in front of the second gate of Kakatiya University on Friday, protesting the alleged police lathi-charge on students demonstrating at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi over the alleged NEET paper leak. The protest was jointly organized by the SSEU, ABSF, MSF, BSF, and PDSU. Demonstrators raised slogans against the Union Government and demanded the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, holding him morally responsible for the alleged examination irregularities. Addressing the gathering, SSEU Hanamkonda district president Elthuri Sai Kumar alleged that the NEET controversy had created uncertainty among students and urged the Union Education Minister to step down, accepting moral responsibility. The protesters also condemned the police action against students participating in demonstrations at Jantar Mantar and called for accountability in handling the issue. Meanwhile, the statewide bandh of educational institutions called by Left-affiliated student organizations witnessed a positive response across the erstwhile Warangal district. As part of the bandh, PDSU activists staged another road blockade at Ashoka Junction in Hanamkonda. PDSU district leaders Marri Mahesh and Boyinapalli Ajay described the alleged police action against protesting students as undemocratic and urged the Union Government to address the concerns of students across the country. They demanded transparency in the examination system and appropriate action over the alleged NEET paper leak, stating that students' interests should be protected.

# BJYM Protest in Ends in Arrests

**Vikarabad, July 24 | TPN Bureau**

The Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) Vikarabad district unit organized a protest at BJR Crossroads in Vikarabad on Friday, condemning the actions of Congress MP Rahul Gandhi and the arrest of Telangana BJP President N. Ramachandra Rao during a separate protest. The demonstration was attended by BJP Pargi Assembly constituency in-charge Maruti Kiran



Buneti, who criticized Rahul Gandhi's actions and expressed support for the

Telangana BJP chief. As part of the protest, BJYM activists burned an effigy of

Rahul Gandhi. Police intervened during the demonstration and detained Maruti Kiran Buneti along with several BJP and BJYM leaders and workers before shifting them to a local police station. Among those who participated in the protest were Vikarabad District BJYM President Chityala Saicharan Reddy, senior BJP leaders Pandu Goud and Sridhar Reddy, Vikarabad Town President Yashki Shirisha, councillors Anil Yadav, Shyam Reddy, and

Surender Babu, District Co-convenor Anjaneyulu, Pendlimadugu Sarpanch Buchayya, Shivaraj Goud, Ward Member Purushotham, and several mandal presidents, booth presidents, Shakti Kendra in-charges, and party workers. The protest concluded with the detention of the demonstrators, while BJP leaders reiterated their criticism of the Congress and expressed solidarity with the arrested state party president.

## Chief Secretary Reviews Uniform Stitching, Monsoon Preparedness

**Hanamkonda, July 24 | TPN Bureau**

Telangana Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju on Friday held a video conference with District Collectors from Hyderabad to review the progress of key government programmes, with a special focus on the stitching and distribution of school uniforms for government school students. During the meeting, the Chief Secretary reviewed the work being carried out by women's self-help groups entrusted with stitching the



uniforms. He emphasized the need to ensure timely completion of the work while maintaining high quality standards so that uniforms are distributed to

students without delay. The review also covered the prevailing seasonal conditions across the state, including rainfall patterns, agricultural activities, and

measures being taken to address weather-related challenges. Officials discussed the availability of essential public services, including drinking water supply, electricity, and other basic civic amenities, and reviewed the preparedness of district administrations to respond to public needs during the monsoon season. Hanamkonda District Collector Chahat Bajpai and Greater Warangal Municipal Corporation (GWMC) Commissioner

Venkanna participated in the video conference from the Collectorate's conference hall. They briefed the Chief Secretary on the district's progress in implementing the reviewed programmes and the steps being taken to ensure uninterrupted public services. The meeting focused on improving coordination among departments to ensure the timely implementation of welfare programmes and efficient delivery of essential services across the state.

## BJP, Congress Workers Clash During Protest

**Narsampet, July 24 | TPN Bureau**

Tension prevailed in Narsampet town after BJP and Congress workers confronted each other during a protest over the alleged examination paper leak issue, prompting police intervention to restore order. The incident began when BJP leaders gathered at a major junction and burned an effigy of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi while raising slogans against the Congress party. BJP leaders alleged that the Congress was misleading the public and attempting to create unrest over the alleged examination paper leak issue. As the protest continued, Congress leaders reached the spot and attempted to extinguish the burning effigy. They raised slogans against the BJP and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, alleging that the ruling party was responsible for the alleged paper leak and questioning the BJP's decision to target Rahul Gandhi. The exchange of slogans soon escalated into a heated confrontation between workers of both parties. Minor scuffles were reported as supporters from both sides engaged in arguments, leading to a tense atmosphere in the area. Police personnel rushed to the scene and intervened to separate the two groups. After nearly an hour of confrontation, officers brought the situation under control and dispersed the protesters, preventing any further escalation. No major injuries were reported during the incident. The confrontation highlighted the growing political tensions surrounding the alleged examination paper leak, with both the BJP and Congress blaming each other over the issue.

## Truck Driver Killed in Road Accident

**Khammam, July 24 | TPN Bureau**

A 38-year-old truck driver lost his life in a road accident at Tekulapalli in Penuballi mandal of Khammam district shortly after midnight on Wednesday. The deceased was identified as Mohammad Arif, a native of Karnataka. According to police, Arif was driving a container truck when he reportedly lost control of the vehicle, causing it to veer off the road and crash into a roadside tree. The impact of the collision severely damaged the truck's cabin, trapping the driver inside. Arif sustained critical injuries and died on the spot before rescue teams could reach him. After receiving information about the accident, personnel from the Penuballi Police Station rushed to the scene and, with the help of local residents, extricated the body from the mangled cabin. The body was later shifted to the Government Hospital in Sathupalle for post-mortem examination. Preliminary investigations suggest that driver fatigue or drowsiness may have been a contributing factor in the accident. However, police said the exact cause would be determined after a detailed investigation. A case has been registered, and further inquiries are underway. Police have once again advised heavy vehicle drivers to avoid driving continuously for long hours without adequate rest, particularly during late-night journeys, to reduce the risk of fatigue-related accidents.

## Temple Development Works Reviewed

**Rajanna Sirisilla, July 24 | TPN Bureau**

District Collector Garima Agrawal has directed officials to complete all development works under the Vemulawada Temple Area Development Authority (VTADA) according to schedule, with clear deadlines fixed for every project related to the expansion and modernization of the Sri Raja Rajeshwara Swamy Temple. Chairing a review meeting at the Rajanna Sirisilla District Collectorate on Friday, the Collector assessed the progress of various works being undertaken by departments including Revenue, Municipal Administration, Roads and Buildings (R&B), NPDCL, Animal Husbandry, Tourism, and Water Drainage. She stressed the need for close coordination among all departments to ensure the timely completion of the projects. During the meeting, Garima Agrawal reviewed the status of land allotment for the new cow shed of the Rajarajeshwara Temple and sought updates from Revenue and Animal Husbandry officials. She instructed the concerned departments to expedite the remaining works and remove any obstacles delaying progress. The Collector also directed officials to complete the final phase of Gudicheruvu development and beautification works at the earliest. Municipal and Tourism Department officials were instructed to ensure the construction, maintenance, and cleanliness of public toilets to improve facilities for pilgrims and tourists visiting the temple town. She further emphasized the need to speed up the expansion of the Baddipochamma Temple in accordance with the approved plan. Reviewing road infrastructure, the Collector instructed the Municipal Commissioner to regularly monitor the widening of the 80-foot road connecting the main temple to Tippapur Bridge. Officials were also directed to ensure that the contractor completes the road work, sewerage lines on both sides, and other associated infrastructure within the stipulated timeframe. The review meeting was attended by RDO KSB Kumari, R&B Executive Engineer Narasimhachari, Tourism SE Sarita, Animal Husbandry Officer Ravinder Reddy, TPO Ansari, Temple Executive Engineer Rajesh, Water Drainage EE Dayakar, Municipal Commissioner Lokesh, NPDCL officials, and other department representatives. The Collector reiterated that the integrated development of the temple town remains a priority and instructed officials to maintain quality while adhering to project deadlines.

## Officials Inspect Girls' Hostel Facilities

**Jagtial, July 24 | TPN Bureau**

Additional Collector Raju Goud conducted an inspection of the Telangana Social Welfare Residential Girls' School and Junior College hostel at Aarapeta to review the quality of facilities and services provided to students. He was accompanied by Metpally Municipal Chairman Mailarapu Limbadri, municipal councillors and senior officials. During the visit, the officials examined the food prepared for the students and assessed its quality. They also interacted directly with hostel residents to gather feedback on the standard of meals, hostel amenities, classroom instruction and other facilities available on the campus. The inspection aimed to ensure that students residing in the hostel receive nutritious food, quality education and a safe, comfortable living environment. Officials listened to the students' concerns and reviewed the overall functioning of the institution. Municipal Vice-Chairman Omkari Naveen, councillors Noonugonda Naresh, Gudikandula Ajay and Azeem, Municipal Commissioner Srinivas Goud, leader Gajam Ravi, along with other officials and staff members, participated in the inspection programme. The visiting team stressed the importance of maintaining high standards in residential educational institutions and ensuring the welfare of students through regular monitoring and timely improvements.

## Medical Officer Urges Vigilance Against Monsoon Diseases



**Adilabad District, July 24 | TPN Bureau**

With the onset of the monsoon season, Medical Officer Dr. Naveen Reddy has urged the public to remain alert against seasonal diseases and adopt preventive measures to safeguard their health. Speaking during a health awareness programme at the Jatharla hostel in Adilabad district, Dr. Naveen Reddy said unhygienic surroundings, stagnant water, contaminated drinking water, and mosquito breeding could lead to the spread of diseases such as dengue, malaria, chikungunya, typhoid, cholera, jaundice, gastroenteritis, and viral fevers. As part of the programme, health check-ups were conducted for hostel students and essential medicines were distributed. The medical team also participated in the 'Dry Day' campaign, creating awareness about maintaining clean surroundings and eliminating mosquito breeding sites. Dr. Naveen Reddy advised residents to prevent water stagnation around their homes and regularly remove water collected in old tyres, coconut shells, flower pots, and air coolers. He also stressed the importance of drinking boiled and cooled water and consuming freshly prepared hot food while avoiding stale or fly-contaminated food. He urged people to seek immediate medical attention if they experience symptoms such as fever, body aches, vomiting, or extreme fatigue and warned against self-medication. He said young children, elderly people, and pregnant women should take extra precautions during the rainy season. The medical officer emphasized that early diagnosis and timely treatment are crucial for a quick recovery. Health Education Officer Suryaprakash, MLHP Ravali, ANM Archana, and ASHA workers participated in the awareness programme.

## DCP Reviews Annual Inspection at Police Station

**Jangaon, July 24 | TPN Bureau**

Jangaon District Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Raja Mahendra Naik conducted the annual inspection of Jangaon Police Station on Friday, accompanied by In-charge ACP Bhim Sharma, to assess the station's functioning and policing standards. The DCP began the inspection by reviewing the reception area and examining the status of newly received petitions, pending complaints, and the progress of their disposal. He also inspected the General Diary, First Information Reports (FIRs), various registers, pending case files, and other official records maintained at the police station. Raja Mahendra Naik further reviewed police personnel kits, parade and lathi drill performance, discipline, beat policing, night patrolling, patrol vehicle maintenance, station cleanliness, arms and equipment, attendance registers, and overall policing services. Addressing the officers and staff, the DCP stressed the importance of providing prompt and efficient police services to the public. He directed officials to register every complaint received at the reception without delay and ensure its disposal within the prescribed timeframe. He also instructed the staff to keep records updated, expedite investigations into pending cases, strengthen beat policing, maintain discipline while on duty, and interact with citizens in a courteous and professional manner. Circle Inspector Satyanarayana Reddy, Sub-Inspectors Bharat, Ratheesh, Chinnakeshavulu, Narsaiah, and other police personnel participated in the annual inspection.

## Engineering Student Reported Missing

**Hyderabad, July 24 | TPN Bureau**

A 19-year-old engineering student of GITAM University in Rudram, Sangareddy district, has been reported missing after allegedly leaving her hostel and failing to return, police said. According to officials, the student, a second-year B.Tech student and a resident of Hydernagar in Hyderabad, was staying in the university hostel. Police said that on July 22, the student's family members attempted to contact her by phone but were unable to reach her. Concerned by the lack of communication, they visited the university campus to inquire about her whereabouts. University authorities reportedly informed the family that the student had left the hostel on an outing that evening but had not returned. After making efforts to locate her on their own without success, the family approached the Patancheru Police Station and lodged a missing person complaint. Based on the complaint, the police registered a missing person case and launched an investigation. Officers have begun collecting information from hostel authorities, friends, and classmates while also examining available CCTV footage and other evidence to trace the student's movements after she left the hostel. Police said efforts are underway to locate the student at the earliest and appealed to anyone with information about her whereabouts to contact the nearest police station or the investigating officers. Further investigation into the case is in progress.

# From Corporate Job to RS.10 Crore Creator

What started as casually sharing everyday moments online has turned into a multi-crore success story for a content creator who earned over 710 crore (around \$1.2 million) in just a few years. Her journey has become an inspiring example of how authenticity, consistency, and creativity can transform social media into a thriving business.

After moving to the United States, she worked in a corporate job but soon realized that the traditional career path wasn't fulfilling. Looking for a creative outlet, she began posting videos about her daily life on social media. Initially, her content attracted only a small audience, but her genuine storytelling and relatable personality gradually helped her build a loyal

following.

Her first brand collaboration earned her just \$600, a modest beginning that marked the start of something much bigger. As her audience grew, more brands approached her for partnerships, and her income steadily increased. Eventually, she made the bold decision to leave her corporate job and focus entirely on content creation. Today, social media has become a full-fledged business for her. With increasing opportunities and a growing workload, she even brought her husband on board to work alongside her. Together, they manage content planning, brand collaborations, business operations, and long-term growth, turning their online presence into a successful family-run enterprise.

Reflecting on her journey, she says her success didn't happen overnight. She credits it to staying authentic, consistently creating content, and being willing to adapt whenever something didn't work. Instead of chasing viral trends, she focused on documenting her real life, which helped her build trust with her audience.

The creator also revealed that she and her husband have started investing the money they earn from social media into long-term financial assets. One of their recent investments was worth nearly \$500,000, highlighting how they are using their online earnings to secure their financial future.

Her story has inspired aspiring creators around the world, proving

that success on social media is not just about viral moments but about building meaningful connections with audiences over time. She encourages people who hesitate to start creating content to simply take the first step.

"If you're thinking about posting something but keep holding yourself back, just do it," she says. "You'll never know what opportunities are waiting unless you begin." Her remarkable journey demonstrates that with dedication, consistency, and authenticity, even ordinary daily experiences can be transformed into an extraordinary career and a multi-million-dollar business.



## One Video, Big Lesson on Food Waste



A simple yet powerful social media video is reminding people to think twice before wasting food. The clip, shared by a man determined to spread awareness about food wastage, has struck a chord with thousands of viewers, sparking conversations about gratitude, responsibility, and the value of every meal.

In the viral video, the man delivers a heartfelt message, urging people to respect food and avoid throwing away what they cannot finish. He points out that while many people casually waste meals every day, millions across the world struggle to find even a single meal to survive.

The creator emphasizes that food is much more than something served on a plate. It represents the hard work of farmers, transport workers, vendors, cooks, and everyone involved in bringing it from the fields to the dining table. Wasting food, he says, means disrespecting the efforts of countless people who contribute to the food supply chain.

He also encourages people to adopt simple habits that can significantly reduce food waste. Ordering only as much as they can eat, storing leftovers properly, sharing excess food with those in need, and planning meals carefully

are some of the practical steps he recommends. According to him, small individual actions, when practiced consistently, can collectively make a huge difference.

The emotional message quickly resonated with social media users, many of whom praised the creator for highlighting an issue that often goes unnoticed. Several viewers admitted that the video made them rethink their own eating habits, while others shared personal experiences of ensuring that leftover food never goes to waste. Many users also pointed out that food wastage is not just a personal issue but a global challenge.

Every meal thrown away represents wasted water, energy, labour, and other valuable resources used during its production. Reducing food waste, they noted, is not only beneficial for hungry people but also for protecting the environment. The video serves as a timely reminder that gratitude begins with valuing what we have. In a world where millions still face hunger every day, respecting food is one of the simplest yet most meaningful acts of responsibility.

Sometimes, a small change in our daily habits can create a lasting impact not just for ourselves, but for society as a whole.

## Son Buys Shoes for Dad With First Income

A heartwarming video of a Mumbai-based content creator surprising his father with a pair of new shoes bought from his very first earnings has captured the internet's attention. The emotional gesture has resonated with thousands of social media users, reminding many that the most meaningful gifts are not measured by their price but by the love behind them.

Content creator Keshav Narayan Bisht shared the touching video on Instagram with the caption, "Dad, you're priceless." In the clip, he reveals that he wanted to do something special with the first income he earned through content creation instead of spending it on himself.

To make the surprise even more memorable, Keshav came up with a clever plan. He told his father that they were heading out to buy a new camera. Believing they were visiting an electronics store, his



father happily accompanied him. However, when they arrived at a shoe store instead, he was visibly puzzled by the unexpected stop.

Inside the store, Keshav encouraged his father to try on a pair of shoes. Only after his father selected a pair did he reveal the real reason for the visit—that the shoes were a gift purchased with his

very first earnings as a content creator. The revelation left his father deeply emotional. With a broad smile on his face, he warmly hugged his son, creating a heartfelt moment that quickly won over viewers online.

The video has since gone viral across social media platforms, drawing thousands of reactions

and comments from people touched by the son's thoughtful gesture. Many users praised Keshav for choosing to honour his father with his first income, calling it a beautiful reminder of the sacrifices parents make for their children.

Among the many reactions, one user jokingly wrote, "Best scam ever to exist," referring to the son's harmless trick of pretending they were going shopping for a camera. Another commented, "May every parent get scammed like this," expressing admiration for the emotional surprise.

The viral clip is yet another example of how simple acts of gratitude can leave a lasting impact. While luxury gifts often make headlines, Keshav's thoughtful surprise proved that a heartfelt gesture, especially one made with a person's first earnings, can become a cherished memory for a lifetime.

## RS.2 Lakh Income, Financial Stress Continues

A 27-year-old IT professional has triggered a massive online discussion after revealing that despite earning ₹2 lakh per month, he is still living from one paycheck to the next. His story has challenged the common belief that a high salary automatically guarantees financial security.

The software engineer shared his situation on Reddit, explaining that although his monthly income appears impressive on paper, mounting financial responsibilities have made it difficult to save money. As the sole earning member of his family, he shoulders several major expenses, including household costs, loan repayments, and EMIs, leaving little room for savings at the end of each month.

Seeking honest advice, the techie asked fellow Reddit users whether he was making poor financial decisions or simply facing the realities of modern urban living. His post quickly went viral, with thousands of people offering suggestions and sharing similar experiences.

Many users pointed out that a high



income alone does not guarantee financial stability. Several commenters stressed that increasing earnings without controlling expenses often leads to "lifestyle inflation," where spending rises alongside income. Others recommended creating a detailed monthly budget, identifying unnecessary expenses, and building an emergency fund before making additional investments.

Some financial experts participat-

ing in the discussion advised the engineer to prioritize paying off high-interest loans, review recurring subscriptions, and avoid unnecessary lifestyle upgrades. They also suggested tracking every expense to understand where the money was actually going. The post resonated with many professionals working in India's major metropolitan cities, where rising housing costs, education expenses, healthcare, trans-

portation, and family responsibilities continue to put pressure on even well-paid employees. Several users remarked that salaries once considered "dream incomes" no longer provide the same level of financial comfort due to increasing living costs.

Others argued that financial well-being is not determined solely by salary but by how effectively income is managed. They emphasized the importance of disciplined budgeting, long-term financial planning, and avoiding unnecessary debt.

The viral discussion has once again highlighted a growing reality for many young professionals. While earning ₹2 lakh a month may seem like financial success from the outside, rising expenses, EMIs, and family obligations can quickly erode disposable income. The techie's candid confession serves as a reminder that building wealth requires more than just a high paycheck—it also demands careful planning, disciplined spending, and smart financial decisions.

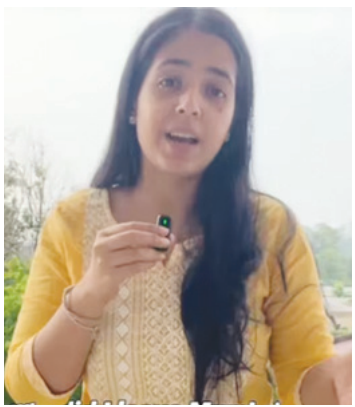
## Doctor Leaves Mumbai for Better Life

For many people, Mumbai represents endless opportunities, career growth, and the excitement of city life. But for Dr. Garima Chauhan, the dream city eventually became a place where the demands of daily life outweighed its many advantages. Her decision to leave Mumbai for a medical job in a small town has now sparked a widespread conversation on social media about work-life balance and the true meaning of success.

Sharing her journey online, Dr. Chauhan admitted that leaving Mumbai was one of the most difficult decisions she had ever made. The city was more than just a workplace—it was her home, where her family lived and where countless memories were made. Even after moving away, she said a part of her heart would always belong to Mumbai.

Despite her love for the city, the realities of everyday life gradually became overwhelming. Long commutes, crowded public transport, expensive housing, and the constant rush left little time for herself. She also revealed that reaching work late due to unavoidable traffic often resulted in salary deductions, adding further stress to an already demanding routine.

Her new job in a small town brought a dramatic change in lifestyle. Instead of spending hours travelling every day, she now enjoys a much shorter commute and a calmer work environment. She also has access to a spacious two-bedroom home provided free of cost, a stark contrast to paying high rent for a much smaller apartment in Mumbai. The move has significantly improved both her quality of life and financial well-being.



Dr. Chauhan explained that her decision was never about giving up ambition or professional growth. Rather, it was about choosing a lifestyle that offered peace, personal time, and better mental health. She believes success should not be measured only by the city one lives in or the salary one earns, but also by the happiness and balance one experiences in daily life.

Her post quickly went viral, with thousands of social media users applauding her honesty. Many people related to her struggles with rising living costs and exhausting commutes in major metropolitan cities. Others praised her for prioritizing well-being over societal expectations.

Concluding her message, Dr. Chauhan encouraged people to choose the life that genuinely makes them happy instead of living according to what others consider successful. Her story has resonated with professionals across the country, serving as a reminder that sometimes, stepping away from the fast lane can lead to a richer and more fulfilling life.

## RS.73,000 Food Donation for Protesters Goes Viral

A man from Nagaland has captured the internet's attention after spending nearly ₹73,000 to send food to protesters gathered at Delhi's Jantar Mantar. His thoughtful gesture, made from hundreds of kilometres away, has gone viral on social media, with many praising his compassion and generosity.

Unable to be physically present at the protest, the man decided to contribute in a different way. He ordered 150 Domino's Farmhouse Cheese Burst pizzas along with biscuits and other food items, ensuring that those participating in the demonstration would not have to go hungry. The total bill for the order came to around ₹73,000, and screenshots of the purchase quickly spread across social media.

In a heartfelt message shared online, he explained that while he could not stand alongside the protesters, he wanted to support them in whatever way he could. Knowing that many had travelled long distances and spent hours at the protest site, he felt providing food was the least he could do.



He also shared an emotional interaction with the delivery partner: When asked who should receive the food, his response was simple: "Please give it to anyone who hasn't eaten." The delivery executive was reportedly moved by the request, saying that such kindness would mean a lot to those at the protest site.

The story quickly resonated with thousands of social media users. Many applauded the man's selfless



act, describing it as an example of humanity rising above differences. Others said his gesture demonstrated that even people who cannot participate directly in a cause can still offer meaningful support.

His act also became part of a larger trend, with people from different parts of the country sending food, water, and snacks to those gathered at Jantar Mantar. The growing wave of anonymous dona-

tions highlighted how small acts of generosity can inspire others to contribute in their own way. While the pizzas and biscuits provided temporary relief, the gesture carried a much deeper message—that empathy knows no distance. The Nagaland man's decision to spend his own money to help complete strangers has become a powerful reminder that kindness often leaves a lasting impact far greater than the value of the gift itself.

Editorial

Expand Medical Education, Not the Crisis

The recurring controversies surrounding medical admissions raise an important question: are we addressing the real problem or merely responding to its consequences? Every year, lakhs of students dedicate years of hard work to securing an MBBS seat. Yet, the number of available seats remains disproportionately low compared to the number of deserving aspirants. This severe mismatch has intensified competition, leaving many talented students disappointed despite their capability and commitment.

Instead of focusing only on examinations and admission procedures, the Government must address the root cause by substantially increasing the number of medical colleges and MBBS seats across the country. If more seats are created, the pressure of cut-throat competition will naturally reduce. It will also diminish the temptation for students to seek unfair means or shortcuts to secure admission. Expanding opportunities is a more sustainable solution than merely tightening regulations.

Such a decision would benefit not only aspiring doctors but also the healthcare system as a whole. India continues to face a shortage of qualified doctors, particularly in rural and underserved regions. Increasing the number of medical graduates would strengthen public healthcare, improve doctor-patient ratios, and make quality medical services more accessible to millions.

Another significant concern is the growing number of Indian students pursuing medical education abroad. Many of them leave the country not because they prefer foreign universities, but because they cannot obtain an MBBS seat in India. If adequate opportunities are created within the country, these students would gladly pursue their education at home, saving valuable foreign exchange while contributing to India's medical ecosystem.

Equally important is the plight of deserving students who are unable to afford exorbitant management quota fees. For many middle-class and economically weaker families, becoming a doctor remains an unfulfilled dream despite years of dedication. By significantly increasing medical seats, the Government of India can offer hope to thousands of aspiring doctors, strengthen the nation's healthcare infrastructure, and provide a long-term solution to one of the country's most pressing educational challenges.

Editor

Afforestation: Restoring Nature's Balance for a Sustainable Future



The Earth is sending unmistakable warning signals. Rising temperatures, prolonged heat waves, irregular monsoons, severe floods, shrinking water resources, and declining biodiversity have become common across the globe. India too is experiencing these environmental challenges with increasing frequency. The root cause behind many of these problems is the growing imbalance in our ecology, largely resulting from indiscriminate destruction of forests and inadequate protection of our natural resources. Afforestation is, therefore, no longer an environmental slogan—it is a national necessity and a moral responsibility towards future generations.

Forests are the lungs of the Earth. They absorb carbon dioxide, release oxygen, regulate rainfall, recharge groundwater, prevent soil erosion, conserve biodiversity, and maintain ecological balance. Healthy forests also provide livelihoods to millions of people while supporting wildlife and preserving precious ecosystems. When forests disappear, nature loses its balance, and human life becomes increasingly vulnerable to climate-related disasters.

India has made encouraging progress in expanding its green cover. According to the India State of Forest Report (ISFR) 2023, the country's total forest and tree cover stands at 8,27,357 square kilometres, accounting for 25.17% of India's geographical area. Compared to the previous assessment, the country recorded an increase of 1,445 square kilometres in forest and tree cover. However, this is still far below the National Forest Policy goal of bringing 33% of the country's geographical area under forest or tree cover. The gap highlights the enormous task that still lies ahead.

The effects of ecological imbalance

are becoming increasingly visible. Rising global temperatures have intensified heat waves across India, affecting public health, agriculture, and water availability. Farmers face uncertain rainfall and frequent crop failures, while urban areas experience severe flooding because natural drainage systems and green spaces have disappeared. Wildlife habitats are shrinking, leading to increased human-animal conflicts. Air pollution, groundwater depletion, and declining soil fertility are all interconnected consequences of environmental degradation.

Afforestation offers one of the most effective and economical solutions to these challenges. Planting trees on degraded, barren, and deforested lands helps restore ecosystems, improve rainfall patterns, enrich soil fertility, increase groundwater recharge, and reduce atmospheric carbon dioxide. Trees also provide shade, reduce urban heat islands, and improve the overall quality of life in cities and villages alike.

However, planting trees alone is not enough. Protecting existing trees is equally, if not more, important. A mature tree that has grown over several decades provides environmental services far greater than a newly planted sapling. Every old tree stores substantial amounts of carbon, supports birds and wildlife, and contributes significantly to the local climate. Unfortunately, thousands of mature trees are cut every year for roads, buildings, industries, and urban expansion. Development is essential, but it must be planned responsibly, ensuring that existing trees are preserved wherever possible and unavoidable losses are compensated through scientific afforestation.

Another important issue is the survival rate of planted saplings. Every year, millions of saplings



are planted during Van Mahotsav and other plantation drives by governments, schools, NGOs, and corporate organizations. Yet, many of these saplings die within months because they receive little care after planting. Lack of watering, fencing, protection from grazing animals, and regular monitoring results in poor survival rates. Providing tree guards for roadside plants not only enhances their protection and survival rate but also adds to the beauty and aesthetic appeal of roads and towns.

The success of an afforestation program should not be judged by the number of saplings planted but by the number of trees that survive after five or ten years. Every plantation program must include maintenance plans, community participation, periodic monitoring, and accountability. Schools, village panchayaths, resident welfare associations, youth clubs, and volunteers can "adopt" planted trees and ensure their healthy growth.

Environmental awareness must begin at the school level. Children should understand not only the importance of planting trees but also the serious consequences of ecological imbalance. Environmental education should move beyond textbooks and include practical activities such as school nurseries, tree adoption

programs, biodiversity clubs, nature walks, rainwater harvesting demonstrations, and waste management initiatives. Students who develop respect for nature at an early age are more likely to become environmentally responsible citizens.

Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), educational institutions, industries, and community organizations also have a crucial role to play. NGOs can mobilize volunteers, organize awareness campaigns, conduct plantation drives, monitor survival rates, and educate rural and urban communities on sustainable environmental practices. Corporate organizations can utilize their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds for scientifically planned afforestation projects, urban forests, and restoration of degraded lands.

Andhra Pradesh has also recognized the importance of increasing green cover. The State Government has launched large-scale plantation programs under the 'Vanam-Manam' initiative, with the long-term objective of significantly enhancing the state's green cover through active participation of government departments, educational institutions, voluntary organizations, and citizens. Such initiatives deserve wholehearted public support and continuous monitoring

to ensure that planted saplings survive and mature into healthy trees.

Ultimately, environmental conservation is not the responsibility of governments alone. Every citizen has a role to play. Protecting existing trees, planting native species, conserving water, reducing pollution, minimizing plastic use, and promoting sustainable lifestyles are small but meaningful steps that collectively make a significant difference.

Global warming poses one of the greatest threats to humanity. If immediate and sustained action is not taken, future generations will inherit a world with severe water shortages, declining agricultural productivity, increasing natural disasters, and deteriorating public health. Afforestation provides hope by restoring ecological balance and strengthening nature's resilience.

The message is simple but profound: Plant more trees, protect every existing tree, and ensure that every sapling survives. The future of humanity depends not merely on how many trees we plant today, but on how well we nurture and preserve them. A greener India is not just an environmental aspiration—it is the foundation of a healthier, safer, and more prosperous future for generations to come.

Back to My Khaki Knicker Days



Childhood and its memories were always sweet and cherishable moments.

If I recall my shorts-wearing days, I feel a ticklish sensation all over my body and it evokes nostalgia.

I reminisce about my tryst with shorts, with which I fell in love during my pre-schooling days and continued until I completed my school education.

My school life and shorts were not two different entities but two sides of the same coin. In fact, shorts are a signature of my childhood.

Shorts, popularly known as 'knickers' or half pants, a favourite lower outer garment worn by school-going children, were very comfortable to wear and portable to carry. Another advantage was that they required less cloth compared to

pants. Besides children, industrial workers, including miners, would love to wear this garment as it did not interfere with their work.

In the past, every dress was tailor-made and ready-made garments were unheard of.

At that time, people were not in shopping-spree mode like now. Cloth was purchased once a year or two. That too on important occasions like festivals and social events such as marriages. Unlike now, children of our generation were not fortunate enough to have multiple dresses of different brands.

Fifty years ago, my wardrobe was witness to only two shorts and two shirts. One set was for wearing and another for washing. Owning a third pair was a luxury for many.

Shorts were an all-season

garment that could be worn year-round, day and night. As usage was more, shorts would wear out quickly.

Such was the penury in those days that even if the rear side of shorts became thin, some students continued to wear them by patching them up with scrap fabric.

Once during my recess period, my knicker's waistband button came off and it began to slide down. Each time I pulled it up, it would go down again. Seeing my misery, my class teacher asked one of the students to help me with a safety pin. With that, I fastened the two sides together.

We were eager to grow taller so that we could quickly graduate from shorts to pants. Pants were a symbol of adulthood.

Many a time, I pestered my parents to buy me one pair of pants during my school-going days, but they postponed it on one ground or the other, mostly on account of economic hardships. Despite experiencing all these difficulties, shorts remained my all-time favourite garment.

Earlier, children used to wear shorts. Teenagers and elders wearing shorts were frowned upon.

Times have changed. Shorts have cut across age barriers. Leaving aside teenagers, even elderly people are showing interest in shorts in the name of comfort and also to be in tune with the latest trends.

Wearing shorts is like reliving second childhood days all over again!

Global Humanity in an “Inequality Emergency”



Today, the world is facing many crises. Many new ideas need to be sharpened to achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goals by 2030. Today's digital world is dealing with many serious problems like adverse climate change, stunted development, inequalities, poverty, hunger, unemployment, technological confusion, geopolitical instability, armed crises, and outbreaks of wars. Many studies have shown that the world's population is trapped in a vicious circle of inequalities.

According to the opinion of Nobel Prize winner in Economics, Joseph Stiglitz, today's digital world is in an "inequality emergency" or "inequality emergency". Recently, a report prepared by the "G20 Extraordinary Committee" formed by South African President Cyril Ramaphosa was released. Nobel laureate Joseph Stiglitz served as the chairman of this committee. In today's extreme circumstances, it was also suggested that an "International Panel on Inequality" be immediately established to guide the countries of the world in efforts to break the vicious circle of inequality.

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A World in an Inequality Emergency:

many times over, and it is clear that the poor are struggling to find a living and livelihood conflicts continue. It said that 83% of the world's countries are home to 90% of the world's population, and when inequalities increase, the spirit of democracy is completely diluted and unrest is born.

It revealed sensational facts that while the average wealth increase of the richest 1% was \$1.3 million, the average income/wealth of the poorest 50% of the population increased by only \$585. It is reported that as income sources increase globally, inequality among people is decreasing somewhat. It has been concluded that income differences between the Global North and the Global South are increasing. According to the study, taxes should be increased ap-

propriately on the wealthy and multinational companies, countries should follow the path of development centered on local people, and the pens should be increased on the wealthy in their respective countries. It is believed that positive relations between different countries should be strengthened, international trade should increase, and environmentally friendly development should be paved continuously.

A completely new concept should be created: "If I want to be well, the people around me and the environment should also be well." We should observe and act on the urgent need to realize the goals of solidarity, equality, and sustainable development among people. We should build a world that has achieved equality.



# Delhi's Streets... The Barometer of Indian Politics

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Governments in India are formed through elections. Yet, it is often the streets of Delhi that test their political resilience. India's political history shows that many major crises did not begin inside Parliament but outside it. Student movements, farmers' protests, anti-corruption campaigns and employment-related agitations have emerged at different times. Their causes and leadership have varied, but Delhi has remained the place where the nation's political temperature is measured. Recent developments during the Parliament session once again raise questions about the limits of constitutional protest, the point at which demonstrations become political battles, and when they turn into law-and-order challenges. To understand these issues, it is necessary to revisit Delhi's political history.

## Delhi: The Capital of Political Movements

The movement led by Jayaprakash Narayan in 1974-75 shook the Indian political

system. What began as student unrest eventually contributed to the declaration of the Emergency, showing how public movements could influence the political order. Decades later, the 2011 anti-corruption movement made Delhi the centre of national politics. Jantar Mantar and Ramlila Maidan became symbols of public dissent, and the movement also contributed to the rise of a new political force.

The farmers' agitation of 2020-21 became another significant chapter. Triggered by opposition to the farm laws, the protest continued for months on Delhi's borders. After prolonged negotiations between the government and farmers' organisations, the laws were repealed, demonstrating the influence of sustained public movements on policy decisions.

## The Changing Grammar of Protest

The nature of protests has changed significantly over the years. Earlier, rallies and public meetings were the main tools of mobilisation. Today, social media has become equally power-



ful. A single video, slogan or hashtag can trigger a nationwide debate within hours. Political parties, student groups, civil society organisations and citizens' movements often come together on common platforms. While such alliances strengthen public participation, they

also bring greater political colour to movements.

## The Digital Age: A New Face of Public Movements

The JP Movement spread through posters and public

meetings, the Mandal agitation through universities, and the farmers' movement through prolonged physical mobilisation. Today's protests function in a different digital environment. Videos can reach millions instantly, hashtags can dominate discussions and live-

streaming can bring virtual participation.

However, the speed of digital communication also increases the risk of misinformation. Modern democracy requires not only the freedom to share information but also the responsibility to verify facts. The past five decades show that movements beginning with specific demands can influence governments, reshape policies and create new political forces. Delhi remains the place where Indian democracy continuously tests itself.

## The Age of Allegations: The Need for Evidence

Recent developments have generated several narratives, allegations and conspiracy theories on social media, including claims of political strategies and external involvement. However, a basic democratic principle must be remembered: an allegation is not evidence. Only investigations, courts or official records can establish facts. Until then, every claim must be examined carefully. The media has a crucial responsibility not only to report claims but also to verify them.

## Why Parliament Sessions Are Especially Sensitive

Every Parliament session carries political importance. With the Prime Minister, Union Ministers and hundreds of MPs present in Delhi, security agencies maintain high alert levels. Governments often view protests during sessions differently, while Opposition parties use the opportunity to put maximum pressure on the ruling side. Such political contestation is part of parliamentary democracy.

Delhi's political culture shows that movements do not emerge or disappear suddenly. They develop when public concerns, political strategies, collective emotions and media influence come together. Governments should not dismiss every protest as mere political opposition, while protesters should avoid turning every demonstration into confrontation. Parliament is not just a building; it represents Indian democracy. Protecting its dignity is a shared responsibility of both the ruling party and the Opposition.

## CJP-Govt Talks End Without Breakthrough

The demand for the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan remains "non-negotiable", the CJP said after its second round of discussions with the central government over the ongoing protests linked to alleged irregularities in competitive examinations.

CJP representatives held talks with Union ministers J.P. Nadda and Jitendra Singh in an attempt to find a solution to the issues raised by the protesters. After the meeting, the group said the government had sought time to respond to its key demand of seeking Pradhan's resignation.

The resignation demand has emerged as the main point of disagreement between the protesters and the government. CJP leaders have accused the Education Ministry of failing to address concerns related to examination management, alleged paper leaks, and other irregularities. They have argued that the minister should take responsibility for the situation.

According to CJP representatives, the government has shown a willingness to consider some of their other demands, including relief measures for affected individuals and withdrawal of cases against protesting students. However, the issue of



Dharmendra Pradhan's resignation continues to remain unresolved.

The discussions took place amid continued protests, with students and activists demanding greater accountability and reforms in the examination system. The government has maintained that it is open to dialogue and is working towards addressing concerns raised by students.

The issue has also gained political attention, with opposition parties questioning the government's handling of examination-related controversies. The Centre, however, has defended its approach and stressed the need for a comprehensive review of the concerns.

The government's response to the resignation demand is now being closely watched. Further talks between both sides could decide whether the dispute moves towards a resolution or whether protests continue in the coming days.

## Delhi Police Denies Passport Cancellation Claims

New Delhi, July 24 | TPN Bureau

The Delhi Police has rejected viral claims on social media that passports of people associated with the CJP protests would be cancelled, terming the information misleading and false.

A message circulating online claimed that passports of protesters linked to the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) movement would be cancelled following alleged incidents during demonstrations. Clarifying the issue, Delhi Police said no such decision had been taken and advised people to avoid spreading unverified

fied information.

The clarification came amid continued protests over demands related to examination reforms, accountability and alleged irregularities in competitive examinations. Police officials said action had been taken only against individuals involved in specific unlawful activities and there was no blanket order against protesters.

Authorities urged citizens to rely on official updates and verify information before sharing messages on social media. CJP representatives said their protest would continue peacefully while pursuing their demands.

## Heavy Rains Disrupt Traffic In Gujarat, Rescue Operations Intensify

Ahmedabad, July 24 | TPN Bureau

Heavy rainfall in Gujarat has triggered flooding and waterlogging in several areas, leading to the closure of the Bavl-Sarkhej highway and disruption of traffic movement. Authorities have advised commuters to avoid the affected stretch and use alternative routes until conditions improve.

Rising water levels on major roads left several vehicles stranded, causing difficulties for commuters and residents. The Indian Army, police personnel and disaster response teams have joined rescue operations to evacuate people trapped in flood-affected areas.

Officials said teams are focus-

ing on low-lying regions where water accumulation has created hazardous conditions. Rescue personnel are shifting stranded residents to safer locations and providing emergency assistance.

Traffic diversions have been implemented in affected areas, while commuters have been advised to avoid unnecessary travel through flooded roads and follow safety instructions.

The Gujarat administration is closely monitoring rainfall intensity and water levels as flood-like conditions continue in parts of the state. Emergency teams remain deployed to manage relief operations and restore normalcy once affected routes are declared safe.

## AP-Karnataka Railway Corridor to Expand

The Union Cabinet has approved new railway infrastructure projects aimed at improving connectivity between Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh. The move is expected to strengthen passenger services, enhance freight movement, and improve transportation efficiency across the region.

The approved project includes the development of additional railway lines between Ballari in Karnataka and Guntakal in Andhra Pradesh, an important railway corridor connecting the two states. The project has been cleared with an estimated investment of around 1,264 crore.

The expansion of the railway route is expected to increase capacity on the busy corridor by allowing smoother movement of both passenger and goods trains. The additional lines will help reduce delays caused by increasing traffic pressure on existing railway tracks.



The Karnataka-Andhra Pradesh railway link plays a crucial role in transporting agricultural products, industrial goods, and other essential commodities. Improved connectivity along this route is expected to benefit industries, businesses, and local economies in both states.

The government has been focusing on expanding railway infrastructure through multi-tracking projects and modernisation initiatives. These efforts are aimed at improving logistics networks, reducing transportation costs, and creating faster links between major economic centres. The project is

also expected to generate employment opportunities during the construction phase and support regional development. Better railway connectivity will help people in smaller towns and villages by improving access to markets, education, healthcare facilities, and business opportunities. Railway authorities believe that strengthening existing routes is essential as demand for freight transportation continues to grow. Additional tracks will provide more operational flexibility and help manage rising passenger and cargo traffic.

The approval of the railway project is being seen as a major boost for the southern railway network. Once completed, the upgraded corridor is expected to provide faster, smoother, and more reliable connectivity between Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh, contributing to economic growth and regional development.

## Paper Leak Row Sparks Parliament Standoff

The political battle over the alleged examination paper leak issue intensified as Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi said that the opposition would not participate in a discussion in the Lok Sabha until Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan resigns.

Rahul Gandhi's statement came amid growing protests by opposition parties and student groups demanding accountability over alleged irregularities in competitive examinations. He alleged that the Education Minister should take responsibility for the crisis and step down before any discussion is held in Parliament.

The opposition has been demanding a detailed debate on the issue, arguing that examination-related controversies have affected the future of millions of students. Leaders from various opposition parties have main-



tained that accountability should be established before moving ahead with parliamentary discussions.

The government, however, has said it is ready to discuss the matter in Parliament and has urged opposition parties to allow legislative proceedings to continue. Despite this, both sides have remained firm on their positions, resulting in continued disagreements and disruptions.

Rahul Gandhi has repeatedly criticised the government over the handling of competitive examinations and alleged that students have been facing difficulties

due to failures in the system. He has demanded strict action against those responsible and called for reforms to ensure transparency.

The issue has become a major political flashpoint between the ruling party and opposition, with education and examination reforms taking centre stage. Opposition leaders argue that repeated incidents of alleged paper leaks have damaged students' trust, while the government has defended its efforts to improve the examination process.

The ongoing dispute has created uncertainty over the functioning of Parliament, with both sides preparing to maintain their positions. The focus now remains on whether the government and opposition can reach an agreement to allow a debate or whether the deadlock will continue in the coming days.

## SC Restricts Sharing Of Court Recordings On Social Media

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The Supreme Court of India has restricted the uploading, sharing, editing and circulation of audio-video recordings of court proceedings on social media platforms without prior permission from authorised judicial authorities.

The decision follows concerns over the misuse of courtroom recordings, including the extraction of short clips from hearings, editing them and circulating them without proper context. The court observed that judicial proceedings should not be converted into entertainment content or used for sensational purposes.

A bench headed by the Chief Justice of India said court hearings are an integral part of the justice delivery



system and must be handled responsibly. It noted that selective clips could create misleading impressions and affect the dignity of judicial institutions. Under the new directions, recordings cannot be modified, reposted, uploaded or used for commercial purposes without approval. However, the court clarified that the order does not re-



strict genuine news reporting of judicial proceedings.

The move comes amid increased access to livestreamed hearings and growing concerns over viral courtroom clips distorting facts. The order aims to maintain transparency while protecting the seriousness and sanctity of judicial proceedings.

## Monsoon Session Sees Fresh Government-Opposition Clash

The Monsoon Session of Parliament 2026 continued to witness political confrontation as the government and opposition prepared for another intense face-off over several major issues. The fifth day of the session was expected to see heated debates, with both sides gearing up to push their respective agendas.

The opposition planned to raise concerns over issues of public importance and seek answers from the government, while the ruling party was expected to highlight its achievements and defend its policies. With several key matters awaiting discussion, the session remained marked by sharp exchanges between treasury benches and opposition leaders.

The government's legislative agenda included discussions on important bills and policy decisions, while opposition parties demanded debates on issues they claimed required immediate attention. Leaders from various opposition groups continued to press for discussions under parliamentary rules, leading to repeated disagreements over the conduct of proceedings.

The earlier days of the session witnessed disruptions, with political parties clashing over the format of debates and the issues that should receive priority. The government accused the opposi-



tion of preventing Parliament from functioning smoothly, while opposition leaders alleged that their concerns were not being given adequate importance.

Speaker and parliamentary authorities appealed to members to maintain decorum and ensure that legislative business could continue without repeated interruptions.

The Monsoon Session comes at a crucial time, with the government seeking to advance its legislative priorities while opposition parties attempt to highlight economic, social, and governance-related concerns.

Political observers said the coming days could see further confrontations as both sides look to use Parliament as a platform to communicate their positions ahead of future electoral battles.

The focus now remains on whether the government and opposition can find common ground to ensure productive discussions or whether continued disagreements will lead to more disruptions in the House.

## Wangchuk Ends Fast After 26 Days

Climate activist and education reform advocate Sonam Wangchuk ended his 26-day hunger strike and said that staying without food was not as difficult as many people might think. He described the fast as a peaceful way to highlight concerns related to transparency, accountability, and reforms.

Wangchuk ended his prolonged protest after discussions with the government and assurances on addressing some of the concerns raised by protesters. The decision came after days of attention surrounding the agitation and demands for action on issues related to examination systems.

Speaking after breaking his fast, Wangchuk said hunger itself was manageable, but ensuring that important issues reached the attention of authorities was the bigger challenge. He stressed that the protest was aimed at raising awareness about broader concerns affecting students and families.

The activist had launched the hunger strike to support demands for greater accountability and improvements in the examination process. The protest gained significant public attention, with supporters calling for reforms and stronger measures to prevent irregularities. During the final days of the fast, Wangchuk's health



condition was closely monitored as prolonged fasting can have serious effects on the body. Medical experts advised careful recovery after such an extended period without regular food intake. After ending the fast, Wangchuk appealed to supporters to continue their efforts peacefully. He said the conclusion of his hunger strike should be seen as the beginning of a wider discussion on reforms rather than the end of the movement.

The protest has sparked debate over the role of peaceful demonstrations in highlighting public concerns. Supporters believe such movements help bring attention to issues that affect large sections of society.

Although Wangchuk has ended his fast, discussions over the demands raised during the protest are expected to continue. The development has once again brought focus on the importance of accountability, transparency, and reforms in public systems.

# Report Links Munir to Iran-Saudi Talks

Pakistan Army Chief Field Marshal Asim Munir reportedly played a role in facilitating an understanding between Iran and Saudi Arabia by using a private oil-related venture as a diplomatic channel, according to a report.

The report claims that Munir leveraged connections linked to an oil transport venture involving a senior Iranian military figure to help negotiate an arrangement aimed at reducing attacks targeting Saudi Arabia during a period of heightened regional tensions.

According to the report, discussions took place when relations between Iran and Saudi Arabia were strained, with concerns growing over security threats in the Gulf region. The alleged understanding was aimed at preventing further attacks and maintaining stability between the two countries.

The development has drawn attention because of the involvement of a private energy-related arrangement in a sensitive geopolitical issue. The report suggests that the oil venture became an indirect channel for communication between key regional players.

Pakistan has historically maintained close ties with Saudi Arabia while also sharing geographical and economic links with Iran. Islamabad has often attempted to balance its relationship with both countries due to their strategic importance in the region.

The reported involvement of



Pakistan's military leadership highlights the influence of the country's armed forces in foreign policy and regional diplomacy. The military has traditionally played a significant role in shaping Pakistan's relations with neighbouring countries and major global partners.

The alleged oil arrangement has also raised questions about the role of unofficial diplomatic channels in resolving conflicts and managing tensions between rival nations.

However, the claims are based on reports citing unnamed officials, and there has been no detailed public confirmation from Pakistan, Iran, or Saudi Arabia regarding the alleged deal or the role played by Asim Munir.

Pakistan has previously sought to position itself as a mediator in Middle East affairs, attempting to maintain strategic partnerships with Gulf nations while keeping diplomatic engagement open with Iran.

The latest report adds another dimension to the complex geopolitical landscape of the Middle East, where energy interests, military influence, and diplomatic negotiations continue to shape relations among regional powers.

## Bangladesh President Set to Resign

Bangladesh President Mohamed Shahabuddin, a close associate of former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, is reportedly set to step down from his post amid growing political pressure and major shifts in the country's political environment.

Shahabuddin, who took office in 2023, is expected to resign before completing his term. The development comes at a time when Bangladesh is witnessing intense political activity following the change in government and ongoing debates over the country's future political direction.

Although the role of the Bangladesh President is largely ceremonial, the position holds importance during periods of political transition. The President plays a key constitutional role in ensuring continuity of governance, especially during times of uncertainty.

Mohammed Shahabuddin has had a long association with the Awami League, the political party led by Sheikh Hasina. His close links with the former prime minister have reportedly drawn criticism from sections of the current political establishment.

The possible resignation comes amid continued political tensions following Sheikh Hasina's departure from power. The



country has been dealing with a complex transition involving political groups, administrative changes, and discussions over accountability and future elections.

The expected exit of Shahabuddin could lead to discussions over the appointment of a new President. Bangladesh's constitutional process will determine the steps required to fill the vacancy and maintain the smooth functioning of the state.

Political observers believe the development could further reshape Bangladesh's political equations. The move is being closely watched as the country attempts to navigate a period of significant transformation.

The coming days are expected to reveal more details about the reasons behind Shahabuddin's decision and the process for selecting his successor. The change at the top constitutional office could become another important turning point in Bangladesh's evolving political landscape.

## California Court Halts Diwali Holiday

A California court has reportedly blocked the implementation of a decision related to recognising Diwali as a public holiday, creating uncertainty over whether the festival of lights will be observed as an official holiday in the US state.

The development came after legal challenges were raised against the holiday order, leading a court to temporarily prevent its enforcement. The decision has disappointed many members of the Indian-American community, who had welcomed the move as a significant recognition of their cultural heritage.

Diwali, one of the most widely celebrated festivals among Hindus, Jains, Sikhs, and other communities, has gained increasing recognition across the United States in recent years. Several states and local governments have taken steps to acknowledge the festival's cultural importance.

The move to recognise Diwali in California was seen as a major milestone because the state has one of the largest Indian-origin populations in the country. Community leaders had said the holiday would allow thousands of families, students, and employees to celebrate the festival without workplace or academic difficulties.

However, the court's decision has put the implementation of the holiday on hold. The legal dispute has raised questions over the process of adding



new public holidays and the authority involved in making such decisions.

Supporters of the Diwali holiday recognition argue that the move represents inclusion and reflects California's diverse population. They believe recognising cultural festivals helps strengthen social harmony and provides equal respect to different communities.

Opponents of the decision have raised concerns related to the impact of adding additional holidays to government and institutional calendars. The legal challenge has focused on procedural and administrative issues rather than the cultural significance of Diwali.

The issue is expected to undergo further legal review, with community organisations closely monitoring the next steps. Indian-American groups have expressed hope that the recognition of Diwali as an official holiday will eventually move forward.

The controversy highlights the broader debate in the United States over cultural representation, public holidays, and balancing diverse community interests within government systems.

# US Imposes New Tariffs on 60 Countries

The United States has imposed new tariffs on imports from 60 countries, citing concerns over the failure of these nations to effectively prevent goods linked to forced labour from entering global supply chains. The move is part of a broader trade action aimed at pressuring countries to strengthen labour protection measures.

The new tariffs range between 10% and 12.5%, depending on the country. The US government said the action targets economies that have not taken adequate steps to prevent products made using forced labour practices from reaching American markets.

India has been placed in the lower 10% tariff category along with several other nations. The tariff structure follows discussions between Washington and various trading partners over labour standards and trade practices.

The list of affected economies includes several major trading partners such as China, Japan, South Korea, Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom, Australia, Bangladesh, Vietnam, Indonesia, Thailand, Brazil, Pakistan, and members of the European Union, apart from India.

The US administration has argued that goods produced



through forced labour create unfair competition by reducing manufacturing costs and affecting American workers and businesses. The tariffs are intended to encourage countries to improve labour laws, enforcement systems, and supply chain monitoring.

However, the decision has drawn criticism from several nations. Governments have questioned the basis of the action, stating that they already have mechanisms in place to prevent forced labour practices. Some countries have also warned that additional tariffs could disrupt global supply chains and increase costs for businesses and consumers.

For India, the new tariff structure could have an impact on exporters, particularly industries

that depend heavily on the US market. Sectors such as textiles, engineering goods, electronics, and manufacturing are expected to closely monitor the impact of the additional duties on their competitiveness. Trade experts believe the latest move could increase uncertainty in global commerce at a time when economies are already facing challenges from geopolitical tensions, supply chain disruptions, and changing trade policies.

The affected countries are expected to engage with the US administration to seek clarifications, exemptions, or possible adjustments to reduce the impact of the new tariff measures. The development could become another major issue shaping global trade relations in the coming months.

# Saudi Arabia Bets Big on Nuclear Power



Saudi Arabia, one of the world's largest oil producers with enormous energy reserves, is now moving aggressively towards nuclear power as part of its long-term strategy to diversify its energy sector and reduce dependence on fossil fuels.

The move may appear surprising for a country known for its vast oil wealth, but Riyadh believes nuclear energy will play a crucial role in meeting rising electricity demand and supporting its future economic ambitions.

For decades, Saudi Arabia has relied heavily on oil and natural gas to generate electricity. However, rapid population growth, expanding industries, and large-scale infrastructure projects under Vision 2030 have significantly increased domestic energy consumption.

One of the key reasons behind Saudi Arabia's nuclear ambitions is to reduce domestic oil consumption. A large share of the kingdom's oil production is used within the country for power generation. By shifting electricity

production towards nuclear energy, Saudi Arabia can preserve more crude oil for exports and increase revenue from global energy markets.

Nuclear power also provides a stable and continuous source of electricity compared with some renewable energy sources that depend on weather conditions. Saudi Arabia plans to combine nuclear energy with solar and other renewable projects to create a more balanced energy mix.

The nuclear programme is closely linked to the kingdom's broader economic transformation plans. Under Vision 2030, Saudi Arabia aims to reduce its dependence on oil income by developing new industries, attracting investments, and expanding into advanced technology sectors. Building a nuclear energy sector could create opportunities in areas such as engineering, research, construction, and energy services while helping the country develop domestic expertise in advanced technologies.

Saudi Arabia has been exploring cooperation with several global partners to develop a civilian nuclear programme. However, the move has attracted international attention due to concerns over nuclear safety, security measures, and the need to ensure that the programme remains focused on peaceful energy purposes.

Experts say uranium enrichment technology, while important for civilian nuclear energy, requires strict monitoring because of its potential military applications. Countries involved in nuclear cooperation with Saudi Arabia have emphasised the importance of transparency and international safeguards. Saudi Arabia maintains that its nuclear ambitions are aimed at meeting future electricity needs, supporting economic growth, and preparing for changes in the global energy landscape.

The kingdom's decision reflects a broader shift among major oil-producing nations. Even countries with massive crude reserves are now investing in nuclear power, renewable energy, and advanced technologies to secure their economic future beyond oil.

# Indian Worker Found Dead in Jerusalem

An Indian migrant worker was found dead under suspicious circumstances inside an apartment in Jerusalem's Katamon neighbourhood, prompting Israeli authorities to launch an investigation. A 31-year-old Israeli man has been arrested in connection with the case.

The victim, a 40-year-old Indian national working in Israel, was discovered inside the apartment with injuries and signs of blood around him. Police officials have started a detailed investigation to determine the exact cause of death and the events leading up to the incident.

Authorities suspect a possible criminal angle and have taken the arrested man into custody for questioning. Investigators are examining evidence collected from the location and are working to establish the sequence of events before the worker's death.

The identity of the deceased worker has not been publicly disclosed. Forensic teams have inspected the apartment and gathered evidence as part of



the ongoing investigation.

The incident has caused concern among the Indian community in Israel, where thousands of Indian workers are employed in sectors such as construction, caregiving, and other service industries. Indian workers have become an important part of Israel's workforce in recent years.

India and Israel have expanded cooperation on labour mobility, with agreements allowing Indian workers to seek employment opportunities in Israel across various sectors. Indian diplomatic officials

are expected to provide assistance and closely monitor the investigation to ensure necessary support for the victim's family and related procedures. Israeli police are continuing their probe to determine the motive behind the incident, the connection between the victim and the arrested suspect, and the exact circumstances that led to the worker's death.

The case has highlighted concerns regarding the safety of migrant workers abroad and the need for stronger protection mechanisms for overseas employees.

# Brent Crude Crosses \$100

Global oil markets witnessed a sharp rise as Brent crude prices crossed the \$100 per barrel mark, driven by growing concerns over possible supply disruptions following renewed attacks on shipping routes in the Red Sea region.

The escalation of tensions involving Yemen's Houthi rebels and threats around the strategic Bab al-Mandab Strait have raised concerns among traders and governments about the safety of one of the world's most important maritime routes for energy transportation.

The Bab al-Mandab Strait, located between the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden, is a crucial passage connecting Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. A significant portion of global trade and energy shipments passes through this route, making any disruption a major concern for international markets.

Recent attacks on commercial vessels in the region have increased fears among shipping companies and energy traders. Many firms are considering alternative routes due to security risks, which could increase transportation costs and create further pressure on global oil supplies.

The rise in crude prices also comes amid broader geopolitical uncertainty, with investors closely monitoring developments across the Middle East. Any further escalation involving key oil-producing regions or major shipping routes could lead to additional volatility in energy markets.

Higher crude oil prices could have a wider economic impact,



especially for countries that depend heavily on oil imports. Rising fuel costs may increase inflationary pressure, affect transportation expenses, and put additional strain on government finances.

For oil-importing nations such as India, a sustained increase in crude prices could raise import costs and impact the domestic currency market. Fuel prices, inflation trends, and overall economic growth could face pressure if oil remains elevated for a longer period.

Energy companies and governments are closely tracking the situation as shipping risks increase in the Red Sea. Higher insurance premiums for vessels and longer alternative shipping routes could further add to global supply chain costs.

Market analysts believe crude oil prices will remain sensitive to geopolitical developments in the coming weeks. Any major disruption in critical energy corridors could push prices higher, while easing tensions may help reduce pressure on global markets.

The latest surge in oil prices highlights how geopolitical conflicts and instability in strategic maritime regions continue to influence the global energy landscape.

## Saudi Prince's Death Ruled Accidental

A Saudi prince died at a luxury hotel in London after consuming a combination of alcohol, recreational drugs, and prescription medication, according to findings presented at an inquest. The investigation concluded that the death was caused by a fatal combination of substances and was not linked to foul play.

The deceased was identified as Prince Abdullah bin Fahad bin Abdullah bin Abdulaziz bin Jawahri Al Saud, a 29-year-old member of the Saudi royal family. He was found unresponsive inside his room at a hotel in Kensington, London, in November last year.

According to the inquest findings, the prince had consumed a combination of alcohol, cannabis, GHB, and Xanax (alprazolam) before his death. Toxicology tests revealed the presence of multiple substances, which contributed to a cardiac arrest.

The court heard that hotel staff discovered the prince lying unconscious inside the bathroom of his locked room. Emergency medical teams rushed to the location and attempted to revive him, but their efforts were unsuccessful.

Investigators found no evidence of suicide or involvement of any third person in the incident. CCTV footage and other evidence indicated that the prince was alone before his



death. The coroner concluded that the death was accidental and resulted from the effects of multiple substances taken together.

The inquest also revealed that Prince Abdullah had previously faced issues related to substance use and had received medical support and treatment. His case highlighted the serious health risks associated with mixing alcohol, prescription drugs, and recreational substances.

Experts have repeatedly warned that combining substances such as alcohol and sedative medications can have dangerous effects on the body, including respiratory problems, loss of consciousness, and heart-related complications.

The death of the young Saudi royal has brought renewed attention to issues surrounding addiction, mental health support, and the importance of seeking medical help for substance-related challenges.

The incident serves as a reminder that substance misuse can have severe consequences, affecting people across all backgrounds and social levels.

## US National Among Five Held at Border

Security forces have arrested five people, including a US national allegedly linked to the pro-Khalistan outfit Waris Punjab De, while they were attempting to enter India illegally from Nepal through the India-Nepal border in Uttar Pradesh's Bahraich district.

The arrests were carried out during a joint operation by the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) and the Uttar Pradesh Police at the Rupaidiha border area. Among those arrested were Vikramjit Singh, who is suspected to have links with Waris Punjab De and was wanted in connection with a case in Punjab, and Manveer Singh Dhillon, a US national originally from Punjab.

According to officials, the two men were allegedly trying to cross into India without valid travel documents. Investigators suspect that the route through Nepal may have been used to avoid regular security checks.

Three Indian nationals — Suresh Kumar Pathak, Dilip Upadhyay, and vehicle driver Rahul Kumar — were also arrested for allegedly helping the two men enter India illegally.

Police officials said Vikramjit Singh had been absconding and was wanted in connection with a previous case registered in Punjab. Authorities are now questioning all the accused to understand their



travel route, possible links, and the network that may have assisted them.

The arrests have raised concerns over cross-border movements and attempts by individuals allegedly connected to extremist networks to enter India through neighbouring countries.

The Waris Punjab De organisation has been under the scanner of security agencies due to cases involving some of its members. Investigators are examining whether the accused had any additional associates or support networks operating across borders.

Security agencies are continuing the probe to determine the exact role of each accused and whether there was any larger plan behind the attempted entry.

The incident has once again highlighted the challenges faced by security forces in monitoring international borders and preventing illegal movements. Further action will be taken based on the findings of the ongoing investigation.



## Carnelian Drops Maruti, Bets on Tata

Carnelian Asset Management & Advisors has made significant changes to its flagship Compounder Strategy, exiting Maruti Suzuki while adding Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles (PV) and Tata Technologies to its portfolio as part of its latest portfolio reshuffle.

The changes come after another round of portfolio realignment carried out in June, reflecting the fund house's evolving investment strategy amid changing market dynamics. The latest portfolio disclosures indicate a shift in preference within the automobile sector, replacing the country's largest passenger car maker with Tata Motors' passenger vehicle business.

Maruti Suzuki's recent underperformance is believed to have influenced the decision. The stock has lagged behind several of its peers, prompting the fund manager to reallocate capital towards Tata Motors PV, which is expected to benefit from its stronger positioning in the evolving passenger vehicle market.

Another notable addition is Tata Technologies, which has shown renewed momentum following the expansion of its business partnership with global au-

tomotive supplier Tenneco. The company has also attracted investor interest amid improving sentiment in the technology sector.

As a result of these changes, the Compounder Strategy has increased its exposure to the information technology sector, raising its IT allocation from 5.6% in June to 7.5% in July. The inclusion of Tata Technologies has played a key role in this increase.

The latest reshuffle follows a series of portfolio exits made in June, when the strategy reduced exposure by selling holdings in Dr Lal PathLabs, Page Industries, Gland Pharma, GSK Pharma, Punjab National Bank, and United Spirits. Carnelian also revised its other investment strategies during the month. Its Shift Strategy added CarTrade Tech after exiting United Spirits, while the Contra Strategy exited Vedanta as part of its portfolio rebalancing.

The latest changes reflect Carnelian's focus on identifying companies with strong long-term growth potential while actively adjusting its portfolio to align with changing market trends and emerging investment opportunities.



## Flipkart Food Plan Hits Eternal, Swiggy

Shares of food delivery companies Eternal Ltd and Swiggy came under pressure as investors reacted to reports of Flipkart's planned entry into the online food delivery market. The development raised concerns over increasing competition in an already crowded sector dominated by established players.

Shares of Eternal and Swiggy declined by up to 4% during trading as market participants assessed the potential impact of another major player entering the food delivery space. Investors fear that Flipkart's large customer base, technology ecosystem, and existing logistics network could intensify competition and put pressure on margins.

Flipkart is reportedly preparing to enter the food delivery business, with plans to initially test the service before expanding further. The move marks another step in the e-commerce giant's strategy to diversify beyond its core online retail business and strengthen its presence in digital consumer services.

India's food delivery market is currently led by major platforms such as Eternal's food delivery business and Swiggy. However, the sector has witnessed increasing competition in recent years, with companies focusing on faster delivery, better customer experience, restaurant partnerships, and cost efficiency.

Analysts believe Flipkart's entry could create additional challenges for existing players,

particularly in areas such as customer acquisition, discounts, restaurant commissions, and delivery economics. A new competitor backed by a large technology ecosystem could lead to higher spending across the industry as companies compete for market share.

For Swiggy, the development comes at a time when investors are closely tracking the company's growth strategy across food delivery and quick commerce. The company has been facing strong competition in the quick-commerce segment, where rivals are rapidly expanding their presence.

Eternal, which operates food delivery and quick-commerce businesses, is also focused on maintaining growth momentum amid rising competition. Investors are watching whether increasing competition will impact profitability and customer acquisition costs in the coming quarters.

Market experts said the long-term impact of Flipkart's entry will depend on its execution, pricing strategy, restaurant partnerships, and ability to attract users. While competition may create short-term pressure on existing companies, it could also accelerate innovation and improve services for customers.

With major players strengthening their positions in food delivery and quick commerce, the Indian digital consumer market is expected to witness an intense battle for market share in the coming years.

# Indian Markets Fall for Fifth Straight Day

Indian equity markets remained under pressure on Friday, extending their losing streak to the fifth consecutive session as weak global cues, elevated crude oil prices, and sustained foreign institutional investor (FII) selling continued to dampen investor sentiment. The benchmark indices recovered from steep intraday losses but still ended the day in negative territory.

The BSE Sensex closed at 76,059.58, down 331.51 points (0.43%), while the NSE Nifty 50 settled at 23,763.20, losing 89.15 points (0.37%). During the session, the Sensex had plunged more than 900 points, while the Nifty slipped close to the 23,600 mark before recovering part of its losses in late trade.

The sell-off was largely triggered by escalating geopolitical tensions in the Middle East, which pushed Brent crude oil above \$100 per barrel, raising concerns over inflation and India's import bill. Investors also remained cautious amid continued FII outflows, a weakening rupee, and expectations that the US Federal Reserve could maintain a tighter monetary policy for a longer



period.

Selling pressure was visible across most sectors, with information technology, banking, automobile, metal, and realty stocks witnessing significant declines. Broader markets also remained under stress as mid-cap and small-cap stocks underperformed the benchmark indices.

Market participants preferred to stay on the sidelines amid uncertainty surrounding global economic conditions and geopolitical developments. The ongoing corporate earnings season also kept traders cautious, with stock-specific movements driven by quarterly results and management commentary.

Despite the weak close, the recovery from intraday lows indicated selective buying at lower levels. However, analysts believe market volatility is likely to persist in the coming sessions as investors continue to monitor crude oil prices, foreign fund flows, corporate earnings, and global central bank policy decisions.

Market experts have advised long-term investors to avoid panic selling and instead focus on fundamentally strong companies, as short-term volatility is expected to continue until there is greater clarity on global economic and geopolitical developments.

## Hindustan Zinc Profit Jumps 145%



Hindustan Zinc Ltd reported an impressive performance for the first quarter of FY27, with its consolidated net profit surging 145% year-on-year to 5,469 crore, driven by higher metal prices, increased production, and a stronger US dollar. The company's earnings comfortably surpassed market expectations, although its shares remained under pressure during trading.

The company's revenue from operations jumped 76.9% to 13,747 crore, compared with 7,771 crore in the corresponding quarter last year. Revenue also exceeded analysts' estimates, reflecting strong demand and improved realizations across key business segments.

Hindustan Zinc's EBITDA nearly doubled to 8,050 crore

from 3,859 crore a year ago. The company's EBITDA margin improved to 58.56%, up from 49.7% in the year-ago period, highlighting stronger operational efficiency despite remaining slightly below market expectations.

The zinc and lead business continued to deliver solid growth during the quarter. Revenue from the segment rose sharply, supported by higher production volumes and improved commodity prices. The silver business also posted strong growth, although it witnessed a marginal sequential decline due to softer silver prices compared with the previous quarter. Alongside the quarterly results, the company announced a key leadership change. Amarendu Prakash, former Chair-

man and Managing Director of SAIL, has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer and Whole-Time Director. He will assume charge on August 1, succeeding Arun Misra, whose tenure concludes at the end of July.

Despite reporting record quarterly earnings and beating Street estimates on profit, revenue, and EBITDA, Hindustan Zinc's stock remained in the red as broader market weakness and profit booking weighed on investor sentiment.

Analysts believe the company's strong operational performance, higher production, and favourable metal price environment position it well for sustained growth in the coming quarters, even as global commodity markets continue to remain volatile.

## Carnelian Boosts Pharma Exposure

Carnelian Asset Management & Advisors has significantly increased its exposure to the pharmaceutical sector across all three of its flagship equity strategies, reinforcing its bullish outlook on the industry's long-term growth prospects.

According to the latest portfolio disclosures, pharma has emerged as the largest sector allocation in both the Compounder and Shift strategies, while also becoming one of the top three sector holdings in the firm's Contra Strategy. The move marks a notable convergence across portfolios that otherwise follow different investment styles, including quality growth, structural themes, and value investing.

The Shift Strategy has seen the biggest allocation to the pharmaceutical sector, with exposure increasing from 20.2% in April 2025 to 26% in July 2026. The sector, now classified as Pharma & CDMO, has overtaken engineering and capital goods to



become the portfolio's largest investment theme.

The Compounder Strategy has also strengthened its pharma allocation. Already the portfolio's largest sector in June, the allocation has been increased further to 26% in July, underlining the fund manager's confidence in the industry's earnings outlook.

The most significant shift has taken place in the Contra Strategy. Pharma, which did not feature among the portfolio's major sector allocations in April 2025, now accounts for 11.1% of the portfolio, making it the strate-

gy's third-largest sector. The increased exposure has come alongside a reduction in power-sector holdings as the fund manager reshapes the portfolio.

Among Carnelian's preferred pharmaceutical investments, Laurus Labs has emerged as a key holding across both the Compounder and Shift strategies. The company has delivered a strong performance, supported by robust growth in its Contract Development and Manufacturing Organisation (CDMO) business, which has become an increasingly important contributor to its revenue.

The latest portfolio changes highlight Carnelian's growing conviction that the pharmaceutical sector offers attractive long-term opportunities. The asset manager believes improving global demand, expanding CDMO businesses, and stronger earnings potential make pharma one of the most promising sectors for sustained wealth creation over the coming years.



## India May Get First Debt Long-Short Fund

Investment firm Platinum SIF has filed draft documents with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to launch what could become India's first Sectoral Debt Long-Short Fund, a new category of investment product aimed at generating returns from opportunities across different segments of the debt market.

The proposed fund will operate under SEBI's recently introduced Specialized Investment Fund (SIF) framework, which is designed for sophisticated investors seeking strategies that go beyond traditional mutual funds. The product intends to take both long positions in debt instruments expected to perform well and short positions in segments likely to underperform.

According to the draft papers, the fund will actively allocate capital across various fixed-income sectors such as government securities, corporate bonds, money-market instruments, and other debt categories, depending on prevailing interest-rate conditions and credit trends.

The launch is significant because most Indian debt mutual funds follow a largely long-only strategy, where fund managers invest in bonds they expect to appreciate or provide stable income. A long-short approach allows managers to potentially benefit from both rising and falling prices within different parts of the bond market.

Industry experts say the prod-

uct could appeal to high-net-worth individuals and institutional investors looking for diversified fixed-income exposure with a more flexible investment mandate. The strategy may also help reduce sensitivity to broad interest-rate movements by hedging exposure between sectors.

SEBI introduced the SIF framework earlier this year to bridge the gap between conventional mutual funds and portfolio management or alternative investment products. SIFs are expected to offer more advanced investment strategies while remaining within a regulated structure.

The draft filing comes at a time when bond markets are experiencing increased volatility due to shifting expectations around inflation, central bank policy, and global interest rates. Fund managers have been seeking greater flexibility to exploit relative-value opportunities within the debt market rather than relying solely on directional interest-rate bets.

Platinum SIF will now await SEBI's observations on the draft documents. Once regulatory approval is received, the company can proceed with launching the fund and opening it to eligible investors.

If approved, the proposed scheme could mark an important development in India's fixed-income investment landscape by introducing a more sophisticated debt strategy to the regulated investment-fund space.



## Indo-MIM IPO Sees Strong Demand

The initial public offering (IPO) of Indo-MIM Ltd continued to attract strong investor interest on the second day of bidding, with its shares commanding a healthy premium in the grey market, indicating positive sentiment ahead of the company's market debut.

The IPO's grey market premium (GMP) stood at around 165 per share, translating to a premium of nearly 34% over the upper price band of 486. Based on the prevailing grey market trend, the stock is expected to list at around 650 per share, though grey market activity remains unofficial and does not guarantee actual listing performance.

The company has fixed the IPO price band at 461-486 per share. The public issue includes a fresh issue of 500 crore and an Offer for Sale (OFS) worth 3,311.21 crore by existing shareholders and promoters. Retail investors can apply for a minimum lot of 30 shares, requiring an investment of 14,580 at the upper price band.

Ahead of the IPO launch, Indo-MIM raised 1,141 crore from anchor investors. The anchor book received participation from several institutional investors, reflecting strong interest from the investment community.

The Bengaluru-based com-

pany is a leading manufacturer of precision-engineered metal components using Metal Injection Moulding (MIM) technology. It caters to multiple sectors, including automotive, aerospace, healthcare, industrial engineering, and consumer products.

Indo-MIM has reported strong financial growth in recent years. For the financial year ended March 2026, the company recorded a 25.9% rise in net profit to 533.5 crore, while its revenue increased 25.9% to 4,193 crore, supported by expansion across key business segments. The company plans to use 400 crore from the fresh issue proceeds to repay outstanding borrowings, while the remaining funds will be utilized for general corporate purposes. The debt reduction plan is expected to strengthen the company's financial position.

With strong institutional participation, positive grey market sentiment, and healthy business fundamentals, Indo-MIM's IPO has emerged as one of the closely watched public offerings. However, investors are advised to consider the company's long-term growth potential, financial performance, and industry outlook rather than relying only on grey market trends.



# Samson Calls CSK Move a Big Risk

India wicketkeeper-batter Sanju Samson has finally broken his silence on his high-profile move from Rajasthan Royals (RR) to Chennai Super Kings (CSK), describing it as one of the biggest and riskiest decisions of his cricketing career.

Speaking about the transition, Samson revealed that he had mentally prepared himself for a fresh start. After spending more than a decade with Rajasthan Royals, where he grew into one of the franchise's most influential players and captain, he felt it was the right time to embrace a new challenge.

Samson admitted that leaving RR was far from an easy decision. The franchise played a significant role in shaping his IPL career, and walking away from an environment he had called home for so many years involved considerable emotional and professional risk.

Explaining his decision, Samson said he wanted to "start from zero" and challenge himself in a completely new setup. Joining CSK offered him the opportunity to adapt to different conditions, especially the spin-friendly Chepauk pitch, while learning from one of the IPL's most successful franchises.

The Kerala batter also dismissed speculation surround-

ing his role at Chennai. He made it clear that he has no concerns about leadership discussions and is happy to play under Ruturaj Gaikwad's captaincy. Samson emphasized that his primary focus is contributing to the team's success rather than thinking about captaincy.

He also expressed excitement about sharing the dressing room with legendary players and being part of CSK's renowned team culture. According to Samson, the move represents a fresh chapter in his career and an opportunity to grow both as a cricketer and as an individual.

Fans have reacted positively to Samson's candid remarks, with many appreciating his honesty about the emotional difficulty of leaving Rajasthan Royals. Others believe his arrival could strengthen Chennai's batting lineup and bring valuable leadership experience to the squad.

With the IPL season underway, all eyes will now be on Sanju Samson as he begins his new journey in the yellow jersey. While leaving Rajasthan Royals was undoubtedly a huge risk, the star wicketkeeper-batter believes the challenge will help him evolve and write a new chapter in his already impressive IPL career.



# Klopp to Help Rebuild German Football

Former Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp has reportedly been entrusted with a major responsibility in helping revive the fortunes of German football. After stepping away from club management, Klopp is set to play a significant role in shaping the future of the sport in Germany.

According to reports, Klopp will work closely with football authorities and stakeholders to contribute to the long-term development of German football. His experience in building successful teams, nurturing young talent, and implementing high-intensity playing styles is expected to play a crucial role in the country's footballing plans.

Germany has endured a difficult period in recent years, with disappointing performances in major international tournaments leading to widespread calls for structural reforms. The country's football administrators are now looking to experienced figures like Klopp to help restore Germany's status among the world's elite football nations.

Klopp's remarkable achievements with Borussia Dortmund and Liverpool have earned him immense respect

across global football. He guided Dortmund to Bundesliga titles and later transformed Liverpool into Premier League and UEFA Champions League winners, establishing himself as one of the game's most influential managers.

Reports suggest that Klopp's new responsibilities will focus on providing strategic guidance, improving player development, and helping create a stronger football structure for the future. While he will not be directly involved in coaching the national team, his expertise is expected to influence long-term planning and development.

Football fans in Germany have welcomed the reports with optimism, believing Klopp's vision and leadership can inspire positive change. His reputation for developing young players and creating winning cultures makes him an ideal figure to contribute to the country's football revival.

Although the exact nature of his role is still being finalized, expectations are high that Klopp's involvement will help Germany rebuild after a challenging period and lay the foundation for sustained success in the years ahead.

# Iyer's XI Choice Triggers Debate



India began the three-match T20I series against Zimbabwe with a convincing seven-wicket victory, but captain Shreyas Iyer found himself under scrutiny for one of his selection decisions despite the comfortable win. The debate quickly gained momentum among cricket experts and fans, with many questioning the composition of India's playing XI.

The major talking point was the decision to leave out a few experienced players in favour of youngsters. While India ultimately dominated the contest, several former cricketers felt the team management could have opted for a different combination to provide better balance and make fuller use of the available talent.

Despite the criticism, the young Indian side delivered an impressive all-round performance. The bowlers restricted Zimbabwe to a below-par total before the batters comfortably chased down the target. The victory handed Shreyas Iyer his first win as India's T20I captain, giving the visitors a 1-0 lead in the series.

One of the biggest positives for India was the performance of teenage sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, who produced a fearless knock and etched his name into the record books with a stunning half-century. His innings played a crucial role in India's successful chase and drew praise from fans and experts alike.

Speaking after the match, Iyer backed the team's selection strategy and praised his players for executing the game plan effectively. He expressed satisfaction with the way both the bowlers and batters responded under pressure and said the youngsters justified the faith shown in them.

Although the victory has put India in a strong position in the series, discussions over team selection are expected to continue ahead of the second T20I. With several talented players waiting for opportunities, the management will once again face tough decisions while finalising the playing XI.

For now, India will be pleased with the winning start, while Shreyas Iyer will hope his side can carry the momentum forward and seal the series in the upcoming matches.



# Ashwin Calls for Specialist Players

Former India off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin has raised concerns over Team India's current approach under head coach Gautam Gambhir, drawing comparisons with the system followed during Rahul Dravid's tenure. His comments have sparked fresh debate as India begins preparations for the 2027 ODI World Cup.

Ashwin believes one of India's biggest challenges is the lack of a reliable backup for Hardik Pandya. With Hardik's recurring fitness issues, the team has been trying options such as Nitish Kumar Reddy and Shivam Dube. However, Ashwin feels relying on makeshift all-rounders is not a long-term solution and that the management needs to identify a specialist capable of filling the role consistently.

Explaining his viewpoint, Ashwin praised Rahul Dravid's handling of the Indian team during the 2023 ODI World Cup. He pointed out that after Hardik's injury, the team management did not panic or search for temporary replacements. Instead, they restructured the playing combination, continued with five specialist bowlers, and ensured that every player clearly understood his role.

According to Ashwin, that clarity and stability helped India reach the World Cup final despite losing a key all-rounder midway through the tournament. He believes a well-defined team culture and clearly assigned responsibilities are more important than constantly experimenting with players.

Ashwin also suggested that the current management has become overly focused on finding multi-skilled cricketers who can contribute in multiple departments. While such players are valuable, he argued that Test cricket and major ICC tournaments are usually won by specialists who excel in their primary roles rather than by part-time options.

His remarks come after India's recent ODI series defeat to England, which has intensified discussions over team selection, combinations, and long-term planning ahead of the next World Cup. With several key decisions still to be made, Ashwin believes the management should prioritize stability and specialist players instead of constantly searching for all-round alternatives.

The former spinner concluded that successful World Cup campaigns are built on a strong dressing-room environment, clearly defined roles, and trust in specialists. His observations have reignited the debate over India's team-building philosophy under Gautam Gambhir as preparations for the 2027 ODI World Cup gather pace.



# Messi Puts Retirement on Hold

Football icon Lionel Messi has reportedly decided to delay his retirement, putting an end to speculation about his immediate future. According to the latest reports, the Argentine superstar intends to continue playing at least until the 2026 FIFA World Cup, provided he remains physically fit.

The 38-year-old has been carefully managing his workload while representing Inter Miami and the Argentina national team. Reports suggest that Messi wants to evaluate his fitness and form over the coming months before making any final decision about extending his international career beyond the next World Cup.

Having fulfilled his lifelong dream of winning the 2022 FIFA World Cup in Qatar, Messi has nothing left to prove. However, his passion for representing Argentina and his desire to defend the world title are believed to be the key reasons behind his decision to continue.

Sources close to the player indicate that Messi is taking a season-by-season approach and is avoiding long-term commitments. Instead of announcing retirement now, he plans to assess his physical

condition regularly while balancing club and international responsibilities.

Inter Miami are also expected to carefully monitor Messi's playing time to ensure he remains in peak condition. The club has already been managing his workload by resting him during selected fixtures, allowing him to stay fresh for important matches.

Argentina head coach Lionel Scaloni has repeatedly stated that the decision regarding retirement rests entirely with Messi and that the national team would always welcome him as long as he wishes to continue playing.

Fans across the globe have welcomed the reports with excitement, hoping to see Messi lead Argentina once again at the 2026 FIFA World Cup. If he features in the tournament, it would mark his sixth World Cup appearance, further extending one of the greatest careers in football history.

For now, Messi remains focused on helping Inter Miami achieve success while continuing to contribute to Argentina's preparations for the next World Cup. Any final retirement decision is expected only after he evaluates his fitness and motivation over the coming months.

# Joseph's Decision Jolts West Indies



West Indies have suffered a major setback ahead of their two-match Test series against Pakistan after fast bowler Alzarri Joseph declined selection for the squad. The development has surprised cricket fans, especially since Joseph had recently recovered from injury and was expected to lead the pace attack.

While Cricket West Indies initially stated that Joseph was unavailable due to personal reasons, head coach Darren Sammy later revealed that the pacer had actually declined the selection.

Speaking to the media before the opening Test, Sammy admitted that Joseph's absence was a significant blow to the team. "He was selected. He's now coming back from injury, and for reasons known to him, he declined the selection. That decision is way over my head," Sammy said.

The coach added that the matter was beyond his control and would now be handled by the cricket board and its administrators. Sammy emphasized that decisions regarding contracted players refusing selection fall under the board's jurisdiction rather than the coaching staff.

Joseph has been one of the West Indies' most experienced fast bowlers in recent years, having played 42 Test matches and claimed 130 wickets. His absence leaves a sizeable gap in the Caribbean side's bowling attack ahead of the home series against Pakistan.

Despite losing one of his key bowlers, Sammy expressed confidence in the players available for selection and backed the remaining pace attack to deliver against Pakistan. He said the team would focus on the players who are committed and ready to represent the West Indies.

The first Test of the two-match series is scheduled to begin in Tarouba, with the second Test to be played in Port of Spain. Joseph's unexpected decision has become one of the biggest talking points ahead of the series, and fans will now be waiting to see whether Cricket West Indies provides further clarity on the reasons behind his withdrawal.

# World Cup Replay Petition Goes Viral



An online petition demanding a replay of the FIFA World Cup final has gone viral on social media, sparking widespread debate among football fans around the world. The petition, which has attracted thousands of signatures, questions certain refereeing decisions made during the high-profile clash and calls for the match to be replayed.

The growing campaign quickly gained attention across various social media platforms, with fans expressing contrasting opinions. While some supporters backed the petition, arguing that controversial decisions influenced the outcome, many others dismissed the demand as unrealistic and insisted that the result should stand.

The controversy eventually reached members of the Spanish national team, prompting one of Spain's star players to respond. The player brushed aside the online campaign, stating that such petitions would not change the official result and that football matches are decided on the field.

The Spanish international emphasized that controversial moments are part of the sport and that players must accept both victories and defeats. He also urged fans to focus on supporting their teams rather than engaging in campaigns that have no impact on official tournament outcomes.

The viral petition has reignited discussions about the use of technology, refereeing standards, and VAR decisions in major international tournaments. Football supporters continue to debate whether existing review systems are sufficient to eliminate controversial calls in high-pressure matches.

Despite the online attention, there has been no indication from FIFA that the governing body would consider revisiting the result. Under existing regulations, completed World Cup matches are not replayed solely because of disputed refereeing decisions unless extraordinary circumstances involving rule violations are established.

Although the petition has generated significant buzz online, it remains largely a social media movement with no official standing. For now, the World Cup final result remains unchanged, while the debate once again highlights how passionately football fans continue to discuss the game's biggest moments.

# Chennai Love Story Review: A Heartfelt Romance

Chennai Love Story is a romantic drama starring Kiran Abbavaram and Sri Gouri Priya, directed by Ravi Namburi. The film revolves around two emotionally scarred individuals who find hope and healing through love.

The film's biggest strengths are its emotional moments, Mani Sharma's soulful music, and the sincere performances of the lead pair, particularly Sri Gouri Priya. Kiran Abbavaram delivers a restrained performance that suits the character, while the chemistry between the leads adds warmth to the narrative.

The first half is engaging, offering a refreshing blend of romance, emotions, and smooth



storytelling. The narrative builds the relationship between the lead characters naturally, making it easy for the audience to connect with their journey.

However, the second half loses some of its momentum due

to a slower screenplay and a few predictable dramatic moments. While the emotional depth remains intact, the pacing occasionally affects the overall impact. The climax, however, attempts to end the story on an emotional and sat-

isfying note.

On the technical front, Mani Sharma's music complements the film beautifully, enhancing several key emotional scenes. The cinematography captures the romantic mood effectively, while the production values remain neat and appealing.

Overall, Chennai Love Story is a decent emotional romantic drama that focuses more on relationships and feelings than commercial elements. It may not offer many surprises, but it succeeds in delivering a heartfelt love story with convincing performances and melodious music. Fans of emotional romance films are likely to enjoy this simple yet touching entertainer.



# Srinivasa Mangapuram Gets U/A Certificate

The makers of Srinivasa Mangapuram have officially announced that the film has completed its censor formalities and has been awarded a U/A certificate, clearing the way for its theatrical release on July 30. The update has further raised anticipation among movie lovers ahead of the film's arrival in cinemas.

Srinivasa Mangapuram marks the acting debut of Jaya Krishna Ghattamaneni while also introducing Rasha Thadani to Telugu cinema. The romantic drama is directed by Ajay Bhupathi, who is returning with his fourth directorial venture.

The film has generated decent buzz through its teaser, trailer, and songs, all of which have received a positive response from audiences. The promotional content has created curiosity

around the film's emotional storyline and performances.

Veteran actor Mohan Babu will be seen playing the antagonist, adding further weight to the narrative. His presence is expected to be one of the film's major highlights.

The movie is produced by P. Kiran and presented by Ashwini Dutt. Acclaimed music composer G.V. Prakash Kumar has scored the soundtrack, which has already received encouraging feedback from listeners.

With censor clearance now completed and a U/A certification in hand, the makers are gearing up for the final phase of promotions. Expectations are steadily building as the release date approaches, and the team is hoping the film will connect with audiences upon its theatrical debut.

# Ramayana Trailer Release Postponed



The makers of Ramayana, one of the most anticipated Indian films in recent years, have postponed the global release of the movie's trailer. While the unexpected delay disappointed fans who were eagerly waiting for the launch, the production team has shared an exciting update that has kept the buzz surrounding the film alive.

According to the latest announcement, although the trailer will not be released as originally planned, the makers have confirmed that it will be launched globally at a later date. Producer Namit Mal-

hotra assured fans that the team wants to unveil the trailer on the biggest possible scale, ensuring a grand cinematic experience.

Directed by Nitesh Tiwari, the film boasts a star-studded cast featuring Ranbir Kapoor as Lord Rama, Sai Pallavi as Sita, and Yash as Ravana. Ever since the project was announced, it has generated tremendous excitement among audiences across the country.

Despite the trailer delay, the makers continue to build anticipation by highlighting the film's grand vision and world-class production standards.

The movie is being mounted on a massive scale with cutting-edge visual effects and international-level technical expertise, making it one of the most ambitious Indian film projects ever undertaken.

The announcement sparked mixed reactions on social media. While many fans expressed disappointment over the postponement, others appreciated the team's decision to take additional time and ensure the trailer meets the high expectations surrounding the film. Industry circles believe the delay could be part of a

larger promotional strategy aimed at creating a stronger global impact. A grand worldwide trailer launch is expected to generate even greater attention and build momentum ahead of the film's release.

With its stellar cast, epic storyline, and large-scale production, Ramayana continues to be one of the most eagerly awaited films in Indian cinema. Although fans will have to wait a little longer for the trailer, the latest update has only increased curiosity about what promises to be a spectacular cinematic experience.

# Korean Kanakaraju Strikes Gold Pre-Release



Mega Prince Varun Tej's upcoming horror-comedy Korean Kanakaraju has achieved a major milestone even before its theatrical release. The film has reportedly secured 26 crore through non-theatrical rights, reflecting the strong confidence of distributors and digital platforms in the project.

Directed by Merlapaka Gandhi, the film is slated for a grand worldwide release on August 7. The movie stars Ritika Nayak as the female lead and promises a unique blend of horror, comedy, and cross-cultural entertainment set against Indian and Korean backdrops.

According to trade reports, the 26 crore non-theatrical deal includes digital streaming, sat-

ellite, and audio rights. With the film's reported budget estimated at around 38 crore, the makers have already recovered a significant portion of their investment before the movie reaches theatres.

The impressive pre-release business has been driven by the positive response to the film's promotional content. The teaser, songs, and Varun Tej's fresh makeover have generated considerable buzz among audiences. The actor is said to be appearing in two distinct avatars, adding to the curiosity surrounding the film.

Industry insiders believe the strong non-theatrical recovery gives the producers a comfortable position ahead of the theat-

rical release. With a major share of the investment already recouped, the focus now shifts to theatrical collections, where expectations are steadily rising.

Produced by UV Creations in association with First Frame Entertainment, Korean Kanakaraju is one of Varun Tej's most ambitious projects. If the film receives a positive response from audiences after release, it could emerge as a profitable venture for everyone involved.

With impressive pre-release business, growing audience interest, and a unique horror-comedy concept, Korean Kanakaraju has already struck gold before hitting the big screen.

# Venky Atluri Ends Bilingual Rumours



There has been considerable speculation among fans about the language format of Suriya's upcoming film Vishwanath & Sons. Putting all rumours to rest, director Venky Atluri has confirmed that the film is not a bilingual project.

According to the filmmaker, Vishwanath & Sons has been shot entirely in Tamil and will be dubbed into Telugu for its release. Unlike his earlier bilingual ventures, this film was not simultaneously filmed in both Tamil and Telugu.

Venky Atluri explained that

the story has been conceived primarily for Tamil audiences, while the Telugu version will be a dubbed release. He expressed confidence that the film's emotional core and family-oriented narrative would connect equally well with audiences across both languages.

The movie stars Suriya in the lead role, with Mamitha Baiju playing the female lead. Veteran actresses Radhika Sarathkumar and Raveena Tandon also play pivotal roles in the family drama.

Produced by Sithara Enter-

tainments and Fortune Four Cinemas, the film features music composed by G.V. Prakash Kumar. The promotional material released so far has generated strong buzz, with fans eagerly awaiting more updates.

With Venky Atluri's clarification, expectations are now firmly focused on the film's content rather than its language format. The director believes the emotional storytelling and strong performances will appeal to audiences irrespective of whether they watch it in Tamil or Telugu.

# The India Story Awaits Regional Release

Kajal Aggarwal's upcoming social drama The India Story is set for its Hindi release, but the film is facing challenges in expanding to regional markets. According to the latest reports, the planned Telugu and Tamil releases have been put on hold due to a lack of sufficient buzz and distributor interest.

Directed by Chetan DK, The India Story revolves around the harmful effects of pesticide farming and its impact on public health. Kajal Aggarwal plays the role of a determined advocate fighting for justice, while Shreyas Talpade appears in another important role.

Despite its socially relevant subject, the film has struggled to generate strong pre-release excitement. The promotional campaign has not created the expected momentum, making distributors in the Telugu and Tamil markets cautious about



giving the film a wide theatrical release.

As a result, the makers have reportedly decided to focus on the Hindi version for now. The dubbed Telugu and Tamil versions are expected to be released at a later stage, depending on the response received by the Hindi release. The film also underwent multiple modifications during the censor certification process before receiving clearance for release,

drawing attention even before its theatrical debut.

With Kajal Aggarwal headlining a content-driven courtroom drama, the makers are hoping positive word-of-mouth from Hindi audiences will help build interest in other language markets. Whether the film eventually secures theatrical releases in Telugu and Tamil will largely depend on its box-office performance and audience reception.