

Prime Minister Announces High-Level Panel to Reform Exam System

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced a major initiative to overhaul India's examination system, unveiling a high-level task force led by Infosys co-founder and noted technocrat Nandan Nilekani. The move comes in response to growing concerns over examination paper leaks and aims to strengthen transparency, security, and credibility in competitive examinations across the country. In a video message shared on social media, the Prime Minister said the Centre is committed to protecting the future of students by introducing comprehensive reforms that leverage advanced technology to eliminate irregularities in examinations. He stressed that paper leaks not only damage the integrity of

the education system but also undermine the hard work and aspirations of millions of students. Modi asserted that the government has already taken stringent action against those involved in examination fraud, adding that individuals responsible for compromising students' futures are being prosecuted and jailed. He also announced plans to establish fast-track courts for the speedy disposal of cases related to examination malpractices. Additionally, the government intends to introduce stricter legislation in Parliament to ensure such incidents do not recur. Highlighting the need for long-term structural reforms, the Prime Minister said the newly formed task force would recommend measures to modernise the examination process



through secure digital infrastructure, artificial intelligence, cyber security, and advanced administrative systems. The government will implement suitable reforms based on the committee's recommendations. The six-member task force will be chaired by Nandan

Nilekani, widely recognised for co-founding Infosys and for leading the Aadhaar programme that transformed India's digital identity ecosystem. He has also played a key role in advancing Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) and promoting technology-driven governance. Joining him on the committee are former ISRO Chairman S. Somnath, who will contribute expertise in process automation and security systems; former Intelligence Bureau Director Tapan Deka, who will focus on question paper security and cyber threat prevention; IIT Madras Director Professor V. Kamakoti, who will advise on technical examination systems and artificial intelligence; former Education Secretary Anita Karwal, who will provide insights into educational policy and examination adminis-

tration; and logistics expert Amrit Lal Meena, who will oversee secure transportation and operational management of examination centres. The task force has also been entrusted with recommending reforms for the National Testing Agency (NTA), which has faced criticism following recent examination controversies. The Centre believes that integrating cutting-edge technology with stronger administrative safeguards will help restore public confidence in the country's examination system. The government described the initiative as a decisive step towards ensuring fair, transparent and secure examinations, while reaffirming its commitment to protecting the interests of students and strengthening the integrity of India's education system.

Kishan Reddy Inaugurates Railway Station, Highlights Rail Growth

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hundreds of road overbridges, underpasses, and foot overbridges to improve passenger safety. He also highlighted the completion of the Cheralapally Railway Terminal, establishment of the Kazipet Railway Manufacturing Unit at a cost of rs.521 crore, and modernization of 40 railway stations in Telangana under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. Looking ahead, the Minister said three proposed high-speed rail corridors connecting Hyderabad with Bengaluru, Chennai, and Pune would transform regional connectivity. He added that the Centre has increased the national railway capital budget to ₹2.77 lakh crore and is committed to strengthening Telangana's rail network through new lines, the Regional Ring Rail project, and future infrastructure investments. He thanked Indian Railways, South Central Railway officials, public representatives, and local residents for their cooperation in completing the Komuravelli Railway Station.

New Rail Milestone Marks

Pilgrimage Connectivity, Says Bandi Sanjay

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implementation. He said final location surveys are underway for 30 new railway projects, including MMTS Phase-II and the Outer Ring Rail project, with an estimated investment of ₹84,492 crore. He further announced that three proposed high-speed rail corridors connecting Hyderabad with Bengaluru, Chennai, and Pune would involve an investment of around ₹1.5 lakh crore. The Minister also highlighted ongoing modernization of Secunderabad and Nampally railway stations, the Cheralapally Railway Terminal, the Kazipet Railway Manufacturing Unit, railway electrification, track expansion, implementation of the indigenous Kavach safety system, and redevelopment of 40 railway stations under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. Bandi Sanjay said the Centre has also completed 340 km of new railway lines, 576 km of doubling, tripling and bypass works, and over 2,034 track kilometres of electrification in Telangana. He added that all unmanned level crossings have been eliminated, while road overbridges, underpasses, foot overbridges, CCTV surveillance, high-speed Wi-Fi, and "One Station-One Product" stalls have been introduced to improve passenger safety and support local artisans. Calling railway tracks "pathways to development, employment, tourism and progress," the Union Minister urged the Telangana government to cooperate with the Centre and ensure timely matching grants so that central funds are fully utilized for the state's development. He expressed hope that the Komuravelli Railway Station would emerge as a catalyst for economic growth and pilgrimage tourism while bringing lasting benefits to the region.

Governor Pays Tribute to Kargil Heroes

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the best tribute the nation can offer to the brave soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice for the country's freedom and security. Concluding his message, the Governor paid his heartfelt respects to the martyrs and expressed gratitude to all members of the armed forces for their unwavering dedication to protecting the nation. "Jai Hind," the Governor said, saluting the spirit of the Kargil heroes and their enduring legacy.

CM Revanth Reddy Pays Tribute to Kargil Heroes

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sacrifice continue to inspire generations of Indians. Revanth Reddy described the martyrs as true heroes whose dedication to protecting the country under the most challenging circumstances reflects the highest ideals of patriotism and selfless service. Paying his respects, the Chief Minister offered solemn tributes to the brave soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice during the Kargil War and said the nation will always remain indebted to their valor and commitment. He added that their legacy would continue to inspire citizens to uphold the values of national unity and service.

Grand Bonalu Festivities Mark Ashada Festival

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and the trance-like dances of Shivasathu drew enthusiastic applause from the gathering, showcasing the unique customs associated with the Bonalu festival. A major attraction of the event was the spirited performance by renowned folk artist Jogini Shyamala. Her energetic devotional dance, synchronized with the thunderous drumbeats and the lively movements of the Pothurajus, captivated the audience and added to the festive atmosphere. The combination of traditional music, dance, and devotional rituals recreated the ambiance of a Telangana village, highlighting the state's rich cultural identity. The Bonalu celebrations at Praja Bhavan concluded on a deeply spiritual note, with devotees offering prayers for the welfare of the state and its people. The event not only celebrated a centuries-old tradition but also underscored the government's commitment to preserving and promoting Telangana's cultural heritage. The grand festivities served as a vibrant reminder of the enduring significance of Bonalu as one of the state's most cherished festivals, bringing together faith, folklore, and community spirit in a colorful display of devotion.

Bandi Sanjay Congratulates

Mirabai Chanu on Commonwealth Gold

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competitions and bring further laurels to the nation. Extending his best wishes, Bandi Sanjay said the entire country celebrates Mirabai Chanu's success and looks forward to many more achievements from the champion weightlifter in the years ahead.

AP, Telangana Speakers Offer Prayers at Kanaka Durga Temple

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along with the other dignitaries. The visit reflected the spiritual significance of the Sri Kanaka Durga Temple, one of the most revered shrines in the Telugu-speaking states, attracting devotees and public representatives throughout the year, especially during the auspicious Ashada month. Temple authorities ensured smooth arrangements for the VIP visit while facilitating the uninterrupted movement of devotees.

Bandi Sanjay Urges Greater Representation for Gen-Z in Politics

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Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar on Sunday called for greater political representation for Gen-Z, urging the Telangana government to back its promises with concrete action by entrusting young leaders with key responsibilities. Speaking to mediapersons at Shamshabad Airport, Bandi Sanjay questioned the Congress government's commitment to youth empowerment. Referring to the Chief Minister's recent remarks about encouraging young leadership, he said the government should demonstrate its sincerity by appointing individuals



aged between 21 and 30 years to ministerial positions. The Union Minister suggested

that if the government was genuinely committed to promoting Gen-Z, sitting Members

of the Legislative Council (MLCs) should resign and allow young leaders to occupy those positions. He also pointed out that portfolios such as Home, Education, and Municipal Administration were currently vacant and said these ministries should be entrusted to Gen-Z representatives. Bandi Sanjay questioned whether senior leaders such as V. Hanumantha Rao (VH), K. Keshava Rao (KK), and Kodanda Reddy could be regarded as representatives of the younger generation. He alleged that the Congress has a long-standing practice of allocating positions meant for the youth to senior politicians instead of emerging leaders.

Highlighting the BJP's approach, the Union Minister said the party follows the principle of "Nation First, Party Next, Person Last." Referring to the resignation of former Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, he said it reflected the BJP's commitment to accountability and responsibility. Bandi Sanjay maintained that if the Congress genuinely wishes to empower young people, it should move beyond public statements and provide Gen-Z leaders with meaningful opportunities in governance and policymaking. He said youth participation is essential for building a stronger and more progressive political system.

Revanth Reddy Seeks Lower Age Limit for Elections

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Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Sunday called for lowering the minimum age for contesting Assembly and Lok Sabha elections to 21 years, asserting that greater youth participation is essential for strengthening Indian democracy. Addressing a public gathering in Hyderabad, the Chief Minister also launched a sharp attack on the Narendra Modi-led Central government, claiming that the country is witnessing growing resistance to its policies. Revanth Reddy alleged that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had suffered two major political setbacks. Referring to the now-repealed farm laws, he said the Centre was compelled to withdraw what he described as "black laws" after sustained protests by farmers. He recalled that Congress leader Rahul Gandhi had demanded the repeal of the laws and an apology to farmers, both of



which were eventually carried out by the Prime Minister. The Chief Minister also criticized the Centre over the conduct of CBSE and NEET examinations, alleging failures in

handling paper leak incidents. He claimed that despite demands for accountability and the resignation of the Union Education Minister, the government initially failed to

act. According to him, the voice of students and youth ultimately compelled the Centre to respond. Revanth Reddy further alleged that investigative agencies such as the CBI and Enforcement Directorate were being used to intimidate opposition leaders. However, he asserted that while political opponents might face pressure, the country's youth could not be silenced. Emphasizing the need for greater youth representation in governance, the Chief Minister proposed reducing the minimum age for contesting Assembly and Lok Sabha elections from 25 to 21 years. He also suggested lowering the eligibility age for Rajya Sabha and Legislative Council elections to 25 years. Drawing parallels with past electoral reforms, Revanth Reddy noted that former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi had lowered the voting age from 21 to 18 years through the 61st Constitutional Amendment,

while former Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao had reduced the minimum age for contesting local body elections to 21 years. The Chief Minister announced that a joint session of the Telangana Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council would be convened in August to discuss the proposed electoral reforms. He said a resolution would be adopted and forwarded to the Central government, urging Parliament to amend the relevant laws. Concluding his address, Revanth Reddy said India's youth should play a greater role in framing and implementing laws, describing them as the nation's future. He urged the Prime Minister to introduce legislation in the upcoming Parliament session to reduce the minimum age for contesting elections, stating that meaningful democratic participation must begin by empowering the younger generation.

Self-Reliance Key to India's Growth: Ramchander Rao

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BJP Telangana State President N. Ramchander Rao on Sunday said India has undergone a remarkable transformation under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, evolving from a debt-dependent nation into one steadily progressing towards self-reliance and global economic prominence. He was addressing a special seminar on issues of national importance organized by the Forum for Nationalist Thinkers at Taj Deccan Hotel in Banjara Hills, Hyderabad. The event brought together academicians, economists, healthcare professionals, and industry leaders to deliberate on the significance of Atmanirbhar Bharat in the current global scenario. Speaking at the seminar, Ramchander Rao said India, which relied heavily on foreign assistance before 2014, is now moving confidently towards becoming a self-reliant nation. He noted that during the country's Amrit Kaal, marking 75 years of Independence, India has emerged as the world's fourth-largest economy, reflecting rapid economic progress. Highlighting achievements in infrastructure and healthcare, he said the number of airports in the country has grown from 75 before 2014 to more than 150 today. He also praised India's response during the COVID-19 pandemic, stating that the country successfully developed the indigenous Covaxin vaccine, distributed it free of cost to citizens, and supplied vaccines to several other nations. Ramchander Rao further observed that India has significantly strengthened its defence capabilities under the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative. From once depending on imports for military equipment, the country has now become an exporter of defence products, he said. Referring to ongoing geopolitical tensions, including the Russia-Ukraine conflict and



Ponnam Challenges BJP on Student Issues

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Telangana Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnam Prabhakar on Saturday hit back at BJP State President N. Ramchander Rao over his demand for Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's resignation on the issue of fee reimbursement arrears, accusing the BJP of politicizing student concerns while ignoring larger questions related to education and youth welfare. In a press statement, the Minister said the pending fee reimbursement dues were not created overnight but had accumulated during the previous BRS government's tenure. He questioned why the BJP had remained silent while the arrears mounted over the years and asked Ramchander Rao to explain his party's stand on the issue. Ponnam Prabhakar further challenged the BJP to clarify whether fee reimbursement schemes are being implemented in the states governed by the party. If the BJP is genuinely committed to student welfare, he said, the Central Government should introduce a nationwide fee reimbursement scheme or at least share the financial burden with the states. The Minister also referred to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's proposal to reduce the minimum age for contesting Assembly and Lok Sabha elections from 25 to 21 years, saying the suggestion has sparked a nationwide debate on youth participation in poli-



tics. He alleged that the BJP was raising the fee reimbursement issue to divert attention from this proposal. He demanded that Ramchander Rao clearly state whether the BJP supports lowering the eligibility age for contesting MLA and MP elections to 21 years. The Minister also sought the BJP's stand on the conduct of student union elections, reiterating that the Congress believes such elections are essential for strengthening democratic values among students. Ponnam Prabhakar further alleged that the BJP lacked the moral authority to question the Congress government on student-related matters, accusing the party of failing to adequately address issues arising from examination paper leaks that had adversely affected students. The Minister urged the BJP leadership to respond to these questions instead of engaging in political criticism, asserting that the Congress government remains committed to safeguarding the interests of students and implementing reforms aimed at empowering the youth.

IndianOil Launches Fast LPG Delivery Service

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IndianOil has introduced Indane XTRALITE NOW, an innovative 10 kg composite LPG cylinder with an express home delivery service, marking a major step towards enhancing convenience, safety, and customer experience for domestic LPG consumers. The new offering was launched by IndianOil Chairman A. S. Sahney in the presence of Director (Marketing) Saumitra P. Srivastava and senior officials of the corporation.

The newly launched Indane XTRALITE NOW is designed to meet the evolving needs of modern households by combining lightweight composite cylinder technology with a digitally enabled service ecosystem. Unlike conventional cylinders, the composite cylinder is rust-free, lightweight, and features a

translucent body that allows customers to easily monitor the remaining LPG level.

One of the key highlights of the service is express home delivery within four hours of booking, along with preferred time-slot delivery and minimal documentation, offering greater flexibility and convenience for customers.

On the same occasion, IndianOil also announced the launch of an express delivery service for its popular 5 kg Chhotu LPG cylinder, which will likewise be delivered within four hours of booking. The initiative is aimed at urban households, working professionals, students, and small families looking for faster and more convenient cooking fuel solutions.

Speaking at the launch, IndianOil Chairman A. S. Sahney said innovation is meaningful only when it



improves the lives of customers. He stated that Indane XTRALITE NOW combines advanced composite cylinder technology with a seamless service model to provide a smarter, safer, and more convenient LPG experience while reinforcing IndianOil's commitment to future-ready energy solutions.

Director (Marketing)

Saumitra P. Srivastava said today's consumers expect speed, reliability, and convenience. He noted that the new service reflects IndianOil's customer-centric approach by integrating modern technology with quick and dependable delivery. The service will initially be rolled out in Pune, Gurugram, Indore, and

Coimbatore, before expanding to 25 additional cities by mid-August 2026 and to major cities across the country by the end of October 2026.

Customers can register for new LPG connections and book refills through the IndianOil ONE App and the IndianOil Customer portal, while a WhatsApp booking facility will be introduced shortly. The cylinders will also be available through IndianOil's extensive Indane distributor network and select retail outlets.

With the launch of Indane XTRALITE NOW and the express delivery of the Chhotu cylinder, IndianOil aims to strengthen its leadership in the domestic LPG market by offering innovative, customer-focused, and technology-driven energy solutions that provide greater safety, transparency, and convenience.

Ramchander Rao Honors Kargil Martyrs, Calls for Patriotism



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BJP Telangana State President N. Ramchander Rao paid rich tributes to the martyrs of the Kargil War on the occasion of Kargil Vijay Diwas, describing the historic victory as a symbol of the Indian Army's indomitable courage, unmatched valor, unwavering determination, and supreme devotion to the nation.

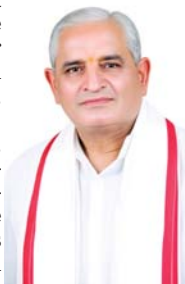
Addressing a commemorative program in Hyderabad on Sunday, Ramchander Rao said the brave soldiers of the Indian Armed Forces displayed extraordinary courage on the rugged peaks of Kargil, safeguarding the nation's sovereignty and protecting the honor of the Tricolour. He said their victory had become a golden chapter in India's military history and continues to inspire generations of citizens. Paying homage to the soldiers who laid down their lives in defense of the motherland, he said the nation would remain forever indebted to their supreme sacrifice. He also saluted the armed forces personnel who continue to guard India's borders with dedication and vigilance under challenging conditions. Ramchander Rao noted that the patriotism, sacrifice, and commitment displayed by the Kargil heroes should inspire every Indian, particularly the youth, to serve the nation with integrity and selfless dedication. He emphasized that strengthening national unity and fostering a spirit of patriotism among young people is essential for safeguarding the country's security and sovereignty. Former Chairman of the One Rank One Pension (OROP) Commission, L. Narsimha Reddy, also participated in the event. Speaking on the occasion, he recalled that resolving the long-pending pension-related demands of ex-servicemen during his tenure as Chairman was a historic achievement. He said the sacrifices made by soldiers can never be forgotten and that the lives of those who laid down their lives while defending the nation's borders remain an enduring source of inspiration. He stressed that every citizen has a responsibility to contribute to the country's security by promoting patriotism, national consciousness, and respect for the armed forces. The leaders called upon the younger generation to draw inspiration from the courage and dedication of the Kargil martyrs and work towards building a stronger and more united India.

Governor Mourns Demise of BJP Leader Jaiprakash Chaturvedi

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Telangana Governor Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla has expressed profound grief over the demise of senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Shri Jaiprakash Chaturvedi, describing him as an able organizer, dedicated public servant, and a cherished friend.

In a condolence message issued on Saturday, the Governor recalled Shri Chaturvedi's unwavering commitment to public life and his significant contributions to strengthening the BJP organization. He praised the late leader's organizational skills, dedication, and warm personal relationships, saying he earned the respect and affection of everyone who had the privilege of knowing him. Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla said the passing of Jaiprakash Chaturvedi is an irreparable loss not only to his family and close associates but also to the entire BJP fraternity. He noted that Chaturvedi's contribution to public service and political organization would be remembered with respect and gratitude. Expressing his heartfelt sympathies, the Governor prayed for the eternal peace of the departed soul and conveyed his sincere condolences to the bereaved family. He also prayed to the Almighty to grant them strength, courage, and solace to bear the immense loss. <The Governor concluded his message by honoring Shri Jaiprakash Chaturvedi's legacy of dedicated public service and extending his support and sympathies to all those mourning his passing.



Gen Z Student Body Unveils New Committee

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The Gen Z Student Organization on Saturday announced its Telangana State Committee at the historic Arts College of Osmania University, outlining an agenda focused on student welfare, employment opportunities, and political reforms. Addressing a press conference, State President Shivaji said the organization was established to raise the concerns of students and unemployed youth across the state. He announced that the organization would launch state-wide agitations to press for five major demands concerning education, employment, and governance. Speaking on the recent NEET examination paper leak controversy, Shivaji said accountability should extend to the highest levels of government. He argued that if the Union Education Minister accepted moral responsibility by resigning over the issue, the Prime Minister should also be held accountable for the incident. He criticized political parties for making ambitious promises to students and young people during election campaigns but failing to fulfill them after assuming office. Shivaji urged the Central Government to honor its commitment of creating one crore jobs annually and called for stronger regulation of private educational institutions to prevent excessive fee collection from students. The student leader also appealed to the Telangana Government to expedite the recruitment process for the one lakh government job vacancies it had announced. Stressing the need to protect employment opportunities for local youth, he demanded a 75 percent reservation in private companies and software firms operating in Hyderabad for Telangana candidates, saying it would recognize the sacrifices made by youth during the Telangana statehood movement. Shivaji further advocated political reforms, including disqualifying individuals facing serious criminal charges from contesting elections and introducing a public "right to recall" mechanism that would allow voters to remove elected representatives who fail to perform. Reaffirming the organization's commitment, he said the Gen Z Student Organization would continue organizing protests and awareness campaigns across Telangana until its five-point charter of demands is addressed by the governments concerned.



54th Free Medical Camp Held



Quthbullapur, July 26 | TPN Bureau

The 54th Free Medical Camp organized by the BKR Foundation was held at Green Hills Colony, Bahadurpally, under Division 294 of Dundigal Circle, providing healthcare services to local residents. The camp witnessed the visit of former Malkajgiri MLA Mynampally Hanumanth Rao and Telangana State Protocol and Co-ordination Vice-Chairman Bongunuri Kishore Reddy, who reviewed the arrangements and appreciated the efforts of the organizers. During the visit, Bongunuri Kishore Reddy highlighted the importance of free medical camps in promoting preventive healthcare and improving public well-being. He encouraged residents of Green Hills Colony and nearby localities to utilize the opportunity by undergoing health check-ups and seeking medical advice. He stated that ensuring access to quality healthcare for every citizen is a vital social responsibility and praised the BKR Foundation for its continued commitment to community service. The camp offered free consultations and health screening services, benefiting people from the surrounding areas. Local Congress Party Quthbullapur In-charge Kolan Hanumanth Reddy, along with Bhupathi Reddy, Sridhar Reddy, Kavali Ganesh, Srisailam Yadav, Sadhu Yadav, Narasimha Reddy, Amar Patel, Beera Yadav, Shiva Reddy, Team BKR members, and residents of Green Hills Colony, attended the event. The organizers reaffirmed their commitment to continuing such initiatives to improve public health and serve the community.

Tribal Association Demands Justice in Land Dispute



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The All India Scheduled Tribes Employees Association has urged the government and concerned authorities to ensure justice for a tribal family allegedly facing harassment in connection with a land dispute in Mumbai. Addressing a press conference at Osmania University on Saturday, the association's National President raised concerns over the prolonged delay in resolving the issue and called for immediate intervention to protect the rights of the affected family.

According to the association, one of its members, who has been residing in Mumbai for nearly four decades, had entered into a development agreement by handing over three acres of land to a developer identified as Kanthilal Gavai. The agreement was reportedly signed around ten years ago. However, the association alleged that no development work has been carried out despite the expiry of the agreement's tenure.

The association further claimed that when the landowner, Gautam Nishanth, questioned the delay, he was allegedly subjected to caste-based abuse, intimidation, and death threats. It alleged that threatening remarks, including references to using criminal elements, were made against him, leaving the family in fear for their safety.

The association stated that multiple complaints had been submitted over the past five years to the Police Commissioner, Revenue Department, and other authorities, but alleged that no effective action had been taken. It also claimed that the victim had expressed concerns over threats to his life. Frustrated by the lack of progress, the association said it approached the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes. According to the association, Commission member Jatoh Hussain assured them that the matter would be examined thoroughly and that appropriate action would be taken based on the findings.

Demanding immediate government intervention, the association called for protection of tribal land rights, a fair investigation into the allegations, and timely justice for the affected family. It emphasized that safeguarding the rights and dignity of Scheduled Tribes remains a constitutional responsibility.

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The newly constituted Maitri Nagar Development Committee met senior BRS leader Varala Vinod Kumar on Sunday to discuss key civic issues and seek support for the overall development of the colony. The meeting, held at Saibaba Nagar in Quthbullapur, focused on improving basic infrastructure and addressing the concerns of local residents. Committee members briefed Vinod Kumar on several long-pending issues affecting the colony, including poor road conditions, inadequate drainage facilities, irregular drinking water supply, and sanitation challenges. They emphasized the need for immediate intervention to enhance the quality of life for residents and requested



the leader's assistance in ensuring timely action. Responding to the concerns, Varala Vinod Kumar assured the delegation that he would take up the issues with the concerned government departments and officials. He said every effort would be made to resolve the problems without delay and ensure that residents receive better civic amenities. He also encouraged the newly formed committee to actively engage with the local community and work collectively for the colony's

Recharge Pits Key to Future Water Security: Activist

Quthbullapur, July 26 | TPN Bureau

Environmental activist Kola Ravinder Mudiraj has called for urgent and widespread adoption of rainwater recharge systems, warning that Telangana could face a severe water crisis similar to or worse than Bengaluru if groundwater conservation measures are not implemented immediately.

Speaking in Quthbullapur on Saturday, Ravinder Mudiraj stressed that recharging rainwater into the ground is the only sustainable solution to safeguard drinking water resources for future generations. Sharing his personal experience, he said he constructed a 14-foot-deep rainwater recharge pit at his residence 25 years ago and has maintained it by cleaning it every year. As a result, a 300-foot-deep borewell drilled 15 years ago continues to provide an adequate and reliable water supply.

He expressed concern that rapid urbanization, expanding cement roads, and the



construction of large apartment complexes have significantly reduced the natural absorption of rainwater into the soil. If this trend continues, he warned, groundwater levels could decline to the extent that even borewells drilled to depths of 3,000 feet may fail to yield water. Referring to the growing water shortages witnessed in Bengaluru, Ravinder Mudiraj cautioned that Telangana could face a similar or even more severe crisis if the state experiences one or two consecutive years of poor rainfall. He urged the government to make the construction of rainwater recharge pits

mandatory before granting permission for new borewells. He suggested that borewells drilled without recharge facilities should be sealed and owners should face a minimum fine of ₹1 lakh. He also recommended making rainwater harvesting systems compulsory for HMDA building approvals, property registrations, and apartment construction permissions. The activist further demanded the restoration of hundreds of rainwater recharge pits constructed earlier by GHMC, many of which are now clogged with garbage. He called for mandatory recharge systems in gated communities, industries, and apartment complexes and urged the Telangana Industrial Development Corporation to issue special directives to industries.

"Conserving rainwater is not just an environmental concern but a social responsibility to ensure safe drinking water for future generations," Ravinder Mudiraj said.

Congress Reviews Voter List Revision

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Uppal Assembly Constituency Congress in-charge Mandumula Parameshwar Reddy inspected the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral rolls in HMT Nagar Division on Saturday, emphasizing the importance of voter registration and electoral awareness.

The inspection was conducted at Indira Nagar in Nacharam under the aegis of the HMT Nagar Division Congress Committee. During the visit, Parameshwar Reddy reviewed the process of new voter enrollment, correction of voter details, address changes, and other electoral services being carried out by Booth Level Officers (BLOs).

Later, accompanied by HMT Nagar Division Congress President Mahesh Yadav



and party workers, he interacted with local residents and created awareness about the significance of exercising the right to vote. He urged all eligible citizens to ensure their names were included in the electoral rolls and advised those requiring corrections or updates to submit the necessary applications without delay. Application forms were also distributed to residents during the programme. Addressing the gathering, Parameshwar Reddy said,

"Every vote is invaluable in safeguarding democracy. Every eligible citizen must come forward to exercise their democratic right."

The programme was attended by HMT Nagar Division Congress President Mahesh Yadav, several local Congress leaders, party workers, Booth Level Officers, and a large number of residents from Indira Nagar, who participated in the voter awareness initiative and supported the ongoing electoral roll revision drive.

Ramchander Rao Calls Doctors Nation Builders

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BJP Telangana State President N. Ramchander Rao on Saturday urged the medical fraternity to view healthcare as a service to society and the nation, stating that national development can be achieved through effective implementation of Central Government welfare schemes and a strong spirit of nationalism. Addressing a special programme organized by the BJP Doctors' Cell in Hyderabad, Ramchander Rao said doctors play a vital role in nation-building by safeguarding public health. He remarked that treating a



patient should be seen not merely as caring for an individual but as serving the country. Highlighting the Centre's healthcare initiatives, he said the Narendra Modi-led

government has made significant investments through the National Health Mission (NHM), providing substantial funding for district hospitals, community health centres, and urban

health clinics, including medicines, medical equipment, and staff salaries. He also praised the government's support for the development of India's indigenous COVID-19 vaccine by Bharat Biotech during the pandemic. Ramchander Rao said initiatives such as Swachh Bharat, Khelo India, and International Yoga Day have contributed to improving public health awareness and promoting healthier lifestyles. He advised people not to rely on unverified medical information circulated on social media platforms and urged them to seek treatment only from

qualified medical professionals. On the occasion of Kargil Vijay Diwas, the BJP leader paid heartfelt tributes to the soldiers who laid down their lives defending the nation's borders. He emphasized the importance of instilling patriotism among the youth, stating that national progress is driven by unity, innovation, discipline, and a strong sense of national pride. Ramchander Rao also congratulated doctors for their dedicated service and acknowledged their crucial contribution to protecting public health and strengthening the nation.

Kishan Reddy Becomes First Passenger from Komuravelli Station



Komuravelli, July 26 | TPN Bureau

A historic milestone was marked at the newly inaugurated Komuravelli Railway Station as Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy became the first passenger to purchase a ticket and undertake the inaugural train journey from the station. Following the official inauguration of the railway station, Kishan Reddy personally bought the first railway ticket before boarding the train to Gajwel, symbolically launching passenger services from the long-awaited station. The gesture drew appreciation from local residents and devotees of Lord Komuravelli Mallanna, who viewed it as a memorable moment in the region's history. Instead of limiting his participation to the inaugural ceremony, the Union Minister chose to experience the train journey firsthand, interacting with fellow passengers during the trip. The inauguration of the Komuravelli Railway Station fulfills a long-pending demand of residents and devotees who have sought improved rail connectivity to the popular pilgrimage destination for several years. The new station is expected to make travel easier for thousands of pilgrims visiting the famous Komuravelli Mallanna Temple throughout the year, particularly during major religious festivals. Local residents expressed happiness over the development, saying the railway station would improve accessibility, promote pilgrimage tourism, and contribute to the economic growth of the region. The inaugural journey by Kishan Reddy added to the celebrations, creating a sense of pride and excitement among the people of Komuravelli. The commencement of passenger services from the new station is expected to enhance regional connectivity while opening new opportunities for tourism, trade, and local development.

Kargil Heroes Honoured

Karimnagar, July 26 | TPN Bureau

The spirit of patriotism marked the Kargil Vijay Diwas celebrations organized by the Satavahana Lions Club at the premises of the 9 Telangana NCC Battalion in Karimnagar on Saturday. The event paid tribute to the courage and sacrifices of the Indian Armed Forces, particularly the soldiers who secured victory in the 1999 Kargil War. Addressing the gathering, retired NCC Company Commander Lion Capt. Dr. Burra Madhusudhan Reddy said the Indian Army stands among the world's strongest military forces because of the unwavering dedication and commitment of its soldiers. He praised the armed forces for their extraordinary service in safeguarding the nation's sovereignty and described their sacrifices as the foundation of India's military victories. Recalling the Kargil War, fought between May 3 and July 26, 1999, Dr. Reddy commended the Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force for their coordinated efforts in defeating Pakistani forces and reclaiming occupied Indian positions. He said the victory remains a symbol of the courage, discipline, and patriotism of India's armed forces. Guest of honour Subedar Major Jung Baj Khan shared his memories of the conflict, describing the operation to evict infiltrators from

Indian territory under extreme weather conditions as one of the proudest moments in the country's military history. He said the successful recapture of Tiger Hill and the hoisting of the Indian Tricolour after two months and 23 days of intense fighting remain unforgettable achievements. The programme, chaired by



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Satavahana Lions Club President Marripelli Mahender, included the felicitation of 9 Telangana NCC Battalion personnel, including Subedar Major Jung Baj Khan, Subedar Ramesh Kumar, Subedar Ramesh Bahadur, Havaldar Mahor Swapnik, and Havaldar Sahara Praful, in recognition of their dedicated service. Among those present were Vice President Lion Dr. V. Srinivas, Secretary Lion Narla Venugopal, District Cabinet Members Lion Dr. Sankoji Manoharachari and Lion Dasari Tirupati Reddy, Joint Secretary Lion Kota Satyam, Joint Treasurer Sirigiri Suresh, Lion Edavelli Ravinder Reddy, and NCC personnel. Following the event, Lion Kota Satyam, with the support of the Akkannapet Gram Panchayat sanitation staff, distributed 12 raincoats to sanitation workers in the presence of the village sarpanch, highlighting the club's commitment to community service alongside its tribute to the nation's heroes.

Gurumurthy Stresses Self-Reliance for India's Growth



Hyderabad, July 26 | TPN Bureau

Noted economist and thinker S. Gurumurthy on Sunday asserted that economic self-reliance is crucial for safeguarding India's national interests and strengthening its position as an emerging global economic and geopolitical power. Addressing an Intellectuals' Meet organized by the Forum for Nationalist Thinkers at Taj Deccan in Hyderabad, Gurumurthy said the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat is central to India's rise in the evolving global order. He emphasized that the concept of self-reliance is deeply rooted in India's civilizational values and social traditions rather than being a recent policy initiative. Highlighting India's long-standing entrepreneurial culture, Gurumurthy referred to industrial hubs such as Ludhiana and other traditional commercial centers, noting that innovation, enterprise, and self-employment have flourished across the country for generations. He observed that as India's global influence continues to grow, certain external forces are attempting to create internal divisions and weaken the nation. Referring to recent developments in Delhi, he urged citizens to remain vigilant against efforts aimed at creating unrest and instability, stressing that national unity, social cohesion, and civilizational consciousness are essential for sustained progress. Presiding over the event, BJP Telangana State President N. Ramchander Rao said India has made significant strides toward self-reliance under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership. He noted that the country has emerged as the world's fourth-largest economy during the Amrit Kaal period and highlighted the expansion of airport infrastructure, stating that the number of airports has increased from 75 before 2014 to more than 150, reflecting the country's rapid development.

Three Missing Girls Rescued

Hyderabad, July 26 | TPN Bureau

Secunderabad Police have successfully traced and rescued three minor girls who went missing from the Domalguda area of Hyderabad earlier this month. The children were located in Chhattisgarh following a coordinated operation involving Telangana Police and local authorities. Addressing the media on Sunday, Secunderabad DCP Rakshit Krishna Murthy said the girls had gone missing on July 19. Based on a complaint lodged by their mother, police registered a case and formed five special teams to investigate the incident. The investigation relied heavily on CCTV footage, which helped officers reconstruct the girls' movements. Police found that the girls boarded an auto-rickshaw from Himayatnagar around 2 a.m. and reached Kacheguda. They later travelled by another auto to Gate No. 8 of Secunderabad Railway Station, remained on Platform No. 6 for about 10 minutes, crossed the railway tracks toward James Street, and boarded a local train. Further investigation revealed that they later boarded the Danapur Express and travelled to Chhattisgarh. According to the DCP, the girls sought shelter with a person known to them in the Dantewada region of Chhattisgarh. When they requested employment, the individual became suspicious and alerted the local police. Acting swiftly, the Telangana Police coordinated with Chhattisgarh Police, leading to the safe rescue of all three girls. The rescued children have been shifted to the Sakhi Bharosa Centre in Hyderabad, where they are undergoing medical examinations, counselling, and other legal procedures. Police said they are expected to be reunited with their parents after the completion of formalities within the next two days. Preliminary inquiries revealed that the family had shifted to Domalguda in 2024. According to the girls' statements, they left home because of frequent quarrels between their parents.



AITUC to Hold District Conference on August 2

Mancherial, July 26 | TPN Bureau

The All India Trade Union Congress (AITUC) will organize its 4th District Conference in Mancherial on August 2, with a focus on workers' rights, labor welfare, and addressing issues faced by the working class. Addressing a press conference at the party office in the district headquarters on Sunday, AITUC District President Akbar Ali and District General Secretary Mekala Dasu called for reducing the workload on



workers and ensuring better working conditions across various sectors. The leaders announced that a workers' rally would be held on the morning of August 2, beginning from

the Inspection Bungalow (IB) and proceeding through the town before the conference. They alleged that both the Central and State governments have failed to adequately address the concerns of workers. They expressed concern over the increasing trend of privatization, contract employment, outsourcing, and what they described as growing attacks on labor rights. According to the leaders, these policies have adversely affected job security and the welfare of workers. Akbar Ali and Mekala Dasu stressed the need for workers to unite against anti-labor policies and actively participate in the district

conference. They said the event would provide a platform to discuss key labor issues, formulate strategies to protect workers' rights, and strengthen the trade union movement in the district. Several union leaders, including Sammayya, Kalindar Ali Khan, Veerabhadrayya, Mallesh, Baji Saida, Satyanarayana, Posham, Sudarshan, and Ravinder, attended the press conference and appealed to workers to make the conference a success.

Four Missing Girls Traced Safe

Sangareddy, July 26 | TPN Bureau

Patancheru Police on Sunday confirmed that four minor girls from Bihar, who had gone missing from Isnapur in Sangareddy district, have been traced safely in Secunderabad. The police said the girls are safe and will be reunited with their parents after the completion of necessary legal formalities. According to police, the girls left their homes on July 23, telling their families that they were going to school. However, they never returned home that day. All four students were enrolled



at the Government School in Isnapur. When the children failed to return, their parents approached the school authorities, only to learn

that the girls had not attended classes on the day of their disappearance. The worried families then lodged a complaint with the Patancheru

Police, who registered a missing persons case and launched an investigation. As part of the probe, police examined CCTV footage from various locations in and around Isnapur to trace the girls' movements. The footage led investigators to Secunderabad, prompting coordination with local police teams in the city. The girls were subsequently located and taken into safe custody. The missing students were identified as Kushboo Kumari (16), Mahima Kumari (12), Roja Kumari (12), and Priya Kumari. Police said all four

girls belong to migrant families from Bihar who are currently residing in the Isnapur area after moving to Hyderabad in search of employment. Their disappearance had created anxiety among family members and local residents. Officials stated that the girls are in safe condition and will soon be handed over to their parents after completing the required counseling and legal procedures. Further investigation is underway to determine the circumstances surrounding their disappearance.

NFIW Calls for Stronger Protection of Women's Rights

Mancherial, July 26 | TPN Bureau

The 12th District Conference of the National Federation of Indian Women (NFIW) began on Sunday at the Red Cross Building (Geeta Mukherjee Premises) in Mancherial, with leaders calling for stronger measures to safeguard women's rights and ensure effective implementation of laws aimed at their protection. Addressing the conference, former AITUC National Secretary Suravaram Vijayalakshmi questioned whether women's safety existed only

on paper despite the enactment of several laws. She said discrimination and social oppression against women, who play a vital role in shaping society, continue to threaten their dignity and existence. Vijayalakshmi expressed concern that women have faced gender discrimination for generations and urged the Central Government to demonstrate its commitment to women's empowerment by effectively implementing the Women's Reservation policy. She said many legal protections secured through prolonged

struggles have lost their impact due to weak enforcement and called for stricter implementation of existing laws. She emphasized the need to prioritize women in education, employment, healthcare, and political representation, stating that equal opportunities are essential for achieving social justice and inclusive development. NFIW State President Ustela Srujana also addressed the gathering, highlighting the importance of collective efforts to strengthen women's rights and ensure their safety and dignity in all spheres of



society. The conference was attended by NFIW District President Bhargavi, District Secretary Padmavati, CPI District Secretary Balakrishnan, and several women leaders and activists, including Shyamala, Indira, Krishnaveni, Gauni Geetha, Sridevi, Srividya, Pushpa, Varalakshmi, Padma, Balamani, Madhavi,

Anjamma, Suguna, Nagamma, Divya, Sandhya, Nagamani, Sunitha, Aruna, Suresh, Ramu, Lakshman, Satyanarayana Reddy, Srinivas, Karthik, and Yadavya. Participants resolved to intensify efforts for women's empowerment and the protection of their constitutional and social rights.

Indian in Germany Explains Europe's Better Quality of Life

An Indian man living in Germany has sparked a lively discussion on social media after sharing why he believes European cities offer a better quality of life than many Indian cities. According to him, the difference is not simply about higher salaries, advanced healthcare or stronger economies. Instead, it lies in how cities are designed to make everyday life easier, safer and more enjoyable for ordinary people. In a video that has gone viral online, the content creator records his observations while relaxing in a public

park near his home in Germany. He says the park is clean, peaceful and well-maintained, allowing residents to spend quality time outdoors without worrying about traffic, pollution or overcrowding. Children play freely while adults walk, read or simply enjoy the surroundings, reflecting a lifestyle where public spaces are valued. He argues that one of the biggest strengths of European cities is that they are designed for people rather than vehicles. Wide footpaths make walking comfortable, while dedicated



cycling lanes encourage eco-friendly transport. Roads are planned in a way that pedestrians and cyclists are given

equal importance instead of being treated as obstacles to traffic. The Indian professional also

highlights the disciplined road culture in Germany. Drivers patiently slow down behind cyclists until it is safe to overtake, maintaining a respectful distance throughout. At zebra crossings, vehicles are legally expected to stop for pedestrians regardless of the type or cost of the car. This culture of following traffic rules creates a greater sense of safety for everyone using the roads. Comparing this with India, he says pedestrians and cyclists often struggle to find safe spaces on roads. Encroached footpaths, heavy traffic and reckless driving

can make even short walks stressful. According to him, this is why many people perceive European cities as offering a superior quality of life-not because residents are necessarily wealthier, but because their daily experiences are more convenient, secure and less stressful. The video quickly attracted thousands of reactions online. Many users agreed that better urban planning, cleaner public spaces and stricter traffic discipline contribute significantly to everyday happiness. Others pointed out that India has made remarkable progress in sev-

eral areas, including metro rail systems and digital infrastructure, but stressed that improving pedestrian-friendly infrastructure and civic discipline could further enhance the quality of urban living. The discussion has reignited a broader debate on what truly defines a city's livability. While economic growth remains important, many believe that safe streets, accessible parks, reliable public infrastructure and respect for pedestrians are equally vital in creating cities where people genuinely enjoy living.

Entrepreneur Rejects TCS Job, Builds RS.25 Lakh Rice Business



A young entrepreneur's unconventional career choice has become the talk of social media after a viral post revealed that he turned down a job offer from Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) to pursue his family's rice business. What many initially considered a risky decision has reportedly transformed into a successful venture earning around ₹25 lakh annually. According to the viral post, the man received a placement offer from TCS after completing his studies. While friends and family encouraged him to choose the stability and prestige of a corporate career, he believed there was greater potential in expanding his family's traditional rice business. Instead of joining the IT industry, he focused on modernising the business. He worked on improving product quality, branding, packaging and customer outreach while strengthening the supply chain. His efforts gradually helped the business attract more customers and increase sales. Today, the venture reportedly supplies nearly 20,000 kilograms of rice every month to customers across different regions. The business has grown steadily, generating an estimated annual income of around ₹25 lakh, proving that entrepreneurship can be just as rewarding as a conventional corporate career. The story gained widespread attention after it was shared on social media, where users praised the entrepreneur's confidence in following his instincts instead of choosing the safer and more predictable path. Many described his journey as an inspiring example of believing in one's vision despite criticism from others. Several users pointed out that success does not depend solely on working for a multinational company. They noted that businesses rooted in agriculture, food processing and local industries can also create sustainable income and employment when managed professionally. Others, however, reminded people that entrepreneurship comes with its own set of challenges, including financial risks, market competition and uncertainty. They argued that while the entrepreneur's success is inspiring, every business journey is unique and requires hard work, patience and careful planning. The viral story has reignited discussions about career choices among young professionals. At a time when many graduates aspire to secure high-paying corporate jobs, the entrepreneur's experience highlights that alternative career paths can also lead to financial success and personal satisfaction. His journey serves as a reminder that there is no single formula for success. Whether through a corporate job or by building a business from the ground up, determination, innovation and perseverance remain the key ingredients for achieving long-term growth and fulfilment.

Three Sisters Marry Same Man, Wedding Sparks Debate

A highly unusual wedding in Uttar Pradesh's Amroha district has taken social media by storm after three sisters married the same man in a temple ceremony. Videos of the wedding have gone viral, triggering widespread debate over personal choice, legality and social traditions. The three women, identified as Saroj (20), Savitri (19) and Santosh (18), are social media content creators from Hasanpur in Amroha district. They reportedly married Vikas, the cameraman who had been working with them on their online videos. According to the family, the decision was made because the sisters did not want to live separately after marriage. The wedding took place at the Chamunda Mata Temple, where traditional Hindu rituals were performed. Viral videos show the groom applying sindoor to each of the



three brides, while the sisters are seen participating in the ceremony together. The visuals quickly spread across social media, attracting millions of views and sparking intense discussions. Speaking after the videos surfaced, the sisters insisted that the marriage was entirely voluntary. They said they had grown up

together, shared everything in life and could not imagine living in different households after marriage. Vikas also claimed that he respected their decision and agreed to marry all three because of their emotional bond. While many social media users described the incident as bizarre and unprecedented,

others argued that the adults involved had the right to make their own personal choices. However, several religious and social organisations questioned the validity of the marriage, calling it contrary to established customs and seeking legal scrutiny. The viral ceremony also drew the attention of

local authorities. Police have questioned those involved and are gathering details about the marriage. Officials said they are examining whether any laws have been violated and whether the ceremony has any legal standing under existing marriage laws. The controversy deepened after reports emerged that one of the brides may be a minor based on official records. If confirmed, the case could attract action under child marriage laws, making the matter not just a social debate but also a legal one. As the investigation continues, the extraordinary wedding has become one of the most talked-about stories on social media, raising questions about individual freedom, cultural traditions, legal recognition of marriage and the growing influence of viral content in shaping public discourse.

Bengaluru Cab Driver Wins Hearts with Honest Gesture

A Bengaluru cab driver's act of honesty has earned widespread appreciation on social media after he went out of his way to return a passenger's lost wallet. The incident has become a heartwarming reminder that kindness and integrity still thrive in everyday life. According to the viral post, the passenger accidentally left their wallet inside a cab after completing the journey. The wallet contained important belongings, including cash, bank cards and identification documents. Realising the wallet was missing only after reaching home, the passenger feared it had been lost forever. However, instead of ignoring the discovery or waiting for the passenger to contact him, the cab driver decided to take immediate action. He carefully checked the wallet for identification details and made every effort to locate its owner. The driver reportedly trav-

elled back to the passenger's location and personally returned the wallet without asking for any reward. His only concern was ensuring that the owner received their belongings safely. The passenger was deeply moved by the driver's honesty and shared the experience on social media, praising him for going beyond his duty. The post quickly gained traction, with thousands of users applauding the driver's integrity and selfless attitude. Many social media users described the incident as a refreshing example of humanity in today's fast-paced world. Several commented that while stories of theft often dominate headlines, such acts of kindness deserve equal attention because they restore people's faith in society. Others shared similar experiences of honest taxi, auto-rickshaw and bus drivers returning lost valuables, saying such individuals often



perform extraordinary acts without expecting recognition. The story has also sparked discussions about appreciating frontline service workers, who frequently face long working hours and challenging conditions. Users said simple gestures of honesty like these highlight the values that continue to exist

despite growing concerns about trust in urban life. Although the driver could have easily ignored the wallet or waited for someone else to deal with it, his decision to personally return it demonstrated a strong sense of responsibility and compassion. The viral incident serves as a reminder that

honesty is not measured by the value of what is returned but by the character of the person returning it. For many online, the Bengaluru cab driver's thoughtful gesture has become a powerful example of how a small act of kindness can leave a lasting impact and inspire countless others.

US-Based Indian Explains Why Many Never Return Home

An Indian man living in the United States has sparked a thoughtful discussion online after sharing why many Indians who move abroad with plans to return home after a few years often end up staying much longer than expected. His video has resonated with thousands, highlighting the emotional and practical challenges of deciding whether to return to India. In the viral video, the man recalled that before moving to the US, he believed he would work there for a few years, save enough money and then return to India to enjoy life with his family. However, he admitted that his perspective changed completely after experiencing life in America firsthand. According to him, one of the biggest reasons people hesitate to return is the quality of life. He pointed to peaceful neighbourhoods, clean surroundings and the absence of heavy traffic and noise. Showing the area around his home during the evening, he remarked that the calm environment makes daily life far less stressful. The man also highlighted the abundance of career opportunities available in the United States. He said professionals often find better growth prospects, higher salaries and greater job security,



making it difficult to give up the lifestyle they gradually build overseas. Despite praising life in America, he made it clear that emotional attachment to one's homeland never disappears. He acknowledged that no foreign country can truly replace the feeling of being at home or living close to family and lifelong friends. According to him, this creates a constant dilemma for many Indians living abroad. While their hearts may long for home, practical considerations such as career advancement, financial stability, children's education and overall convenience often encourage them to remain overseas. His views struck a chord with social media users, many of whom shared similar experiences. Some agreed that better infrastructure, cleaner cities and professional

opportunities make settling abroad an attractive option. Others argued that emotional satisfaction, cultural connections and family relationships are equally important reasons to return to India. The discussion also highlighted that every immigrant's journey is different. While some choose to build permanent lives abroad, others eventually return home despite the comforts available overseas. The viral video has reignited a familiar conversation among the Indian diaspora about balancing career ambitions with emotional roots. It serves as a reminder that for many people living abroad, the decision to stay or return is rarely simple-it is often shaped by a combination of opportunity, lifestyle, family responsibilities and the enduring pull of home.

Why Experts Say Stop Saying 'No Problem' at Work

A workplace communication expert has sparked an online discussion by suggesting that professionals should stop responding with "No problem" when someone thanks them at work. According to him, the phrase, though commonly used, may unintentionally reduce the value of the time and effort invested in helping others. The advice came through a viral social media video in which the speaker explained that many employees automatically reply with "No problem" after assisting a colleague or completing a task. While the response is intended to sound polite, he believes it can send the wrong message. He argued that when someone expresses gratitude, it usually means they genuinely appreciate the support they received. Responding with "No problem," however, may imply that the task required little or no effort, even when significant time, skill or commitment was involved. Instead of using that phrase, he encouraged professionals to choose alternatives such as "Happy to help," "My pleasure," or "You're welcome." According to him, these responses acknowledge both the appreciation shown by the other person and the effort involved in offering assistance.



The expert stressed that the issue is not about refusing to help colleagues. Rather, it is about recognising the value of one's own contribution without appearing arrogant. He believes that repeatedly downplaying one's efforts can gradually influence how colleagues perceive their availability and workload. He further explained that constantly saying "No problem" may unintentionally encourage others to assume that helping them is always effortless. Over time, this can lead to unrealistic expectations, where colleagues repeatedly seek assistance without recognising the time and energy required. The video quickly gained attention across social media, with many users agreeing that language plays an important role in

shaping workplace relationships. Several people admitted they had never considered the hidden meaning behind the phrase and said they might change the way they respond to expressions of gratitude. Others, however, felt the discussion was being overanalysed. They argued that "No problem" has become a common expression of politeness in everyday conversation and that most people do not interpret it as diminishing someone's effort. Despite the differing opinions, the conversation highlighted how small changes in communication can influence professional relationships. The choice of words, many users noted, can affect how colleagues perceive appreciation, respect and personal boundaries. The viral discussion ultimately serves as a reminder that workplace communication is about more than completing tasks. A thoughtful response to a simple "Thank you" can strengthen relationships, reinforce mutual respect and ensure that genuine effort is recognised rather than unintentionally overlooked.



Where Hope Flickers...'

Why must students stand before barricades, when all they ask for is a chance to build a brighter tomorrow? Why should those tear gas shells seek out the eyes that still hold dreams of a kinder India, when those voices ask only for answers, only for accountability, only for the future they were promised? Why must books compete with batons, classrooms with checkpoints, curiosity with caution, and questions with silence? When did a notebook become something to fear? When did a raised hand begin to resemble a threat? When did the sound of young voices become louder than the echoes of conscience? Every generation inherits a country. Students simply ask to inherit one where hope is not questioned, where asking "why" doesn't demand courage, where learning is never mistaken for defiance. The hands that clutch textbooks today will one day write our laws, heal our wounds, teach our children, build our bridges, discover what we do not yet know, bear witness to the truth, and carry this nation far beyond the dreams of those who came before. How strange, then, that those very hands must first learn the shape of a barricade before they learn the shape of opportunity. A classroom should remember the sound of pages turning, not footsteps running. A street should remember the voices of its children, not the weight of their silence. History has always had an unusual habit—it rarely remembers how high the barricades stood. It remembers who stood before them, what they carried, and what they refused to put down. Some carried flags. Some carried hope. Some carried nothing but a book held close to the chest, as if protecting tomorrow itself. Because a book has never been just paper. It is a quiet promise that tomorrow can be wiser than the bewilderment of today. And perhaps that is why questions have always travelled farther

than walls, dreams have always outlived smoke, and hope has always found a way to rise where silence was expected. For every barricade raised against young minds, another wall is built between a nation and its own tomorrow. And a nation that begins to fear its students—the very hands that will one day shape its future—has already begun to fear the future itself. Because history has never asked who raised the barricades. It has only ever asked why children had to stand before them.

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Poetry As A Voice Of Truth, Resistance And Human Sensitivity: K. Satchidanandan

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K. Satchidanandan, one of India's most celebrated poets, critics, translators and playwrights, has made significant contributions to both Malayalam and English literature. A former Secretary of the Sahitya Akademi, he has authored more than 30 collections of poetry and several works of criticism, drama, translation and travel writing.

Known for his deep engagement with social issues, human rights, ecology and the power of language, Satchidanandan believes poetry is not merely an artistic expression but also a medium to question injustice, preserve human sensitivity and connect diverse cultures.

In this exclusive interview with Varala Anand, K. Satchidanandan shares his views on the role of poetry in an age of misinformation, wars, artificial intelligence and ecological crises. He discusses the power of poetry as a voice for the voiceless, the importance of translation, the survival of languages and the enduring relevance of creativity in a changing world.

Q: You have often described poetry as an attempt to give voice to the voiceless. In a world increasingly dominated by noise, propaganda, and misinformation, how can poetry continue to protect the truth?

A: One of poetry's major functions in our time is to make the inaudible audible and to make visible the invisible— a function attributed to true democracy by Jacques Ranciere, the Leftist thinker. Poetry too contributes to it by becoming the voice of the voiceless. I am not saying poetry alone can do it— we do need political changes, economic changes and fundamental systemic changes to make ours a true democracy. You are right: now this has become more difficult amidst the din of fake propaganda, the half-truths often sold by the media and the lies manufactured by vested interests. But that makes poetry even more necessary, though more difficult, than ever before as it has not only tell the truth, but call out the untruths.

Q: Do you believe poetry still possesses the power to influence public consciousness, or has its role shifted from changing society to preserving human sensitivity?

A: As I said just now, poetry alone cannot change the world— in that case the world would already have been different as poets from the time of Homer and Vyasa, and the folk poets even before them, have been screaming for justice. But poets can make human beings more sensitive to others' suffering, instil in them a thirst for truth and a craving for a juster world. That is one of poetry's ways of preserving human sensitivity not just towards other human beings but towards even the world of plants and animals and the whole environment that may include too the seemingly inanimate world of rivers and mountains.

Q: The world today is witnessing devastating wars in different regions. In such times, what can poetry achieve that political speeches and diplomatic negotiations cannot?

A: In a sense you have already said it: making the human world more sensitive towards truth, justice, equality, freedom and beauty. Poetry, being another way of saying or suggesting things, mixing ideas with beauty, ethics with aesthetics and intelligence with emotion, can perform this function much better than jargon-packed academic papers, rhetorical flourishes in political speeches and the clever tactics deployed in diplomatic negotiations.

Q: Can poetry become a form of resistance against violence, nationalism, and hatred, or does it merely bear witness to them?

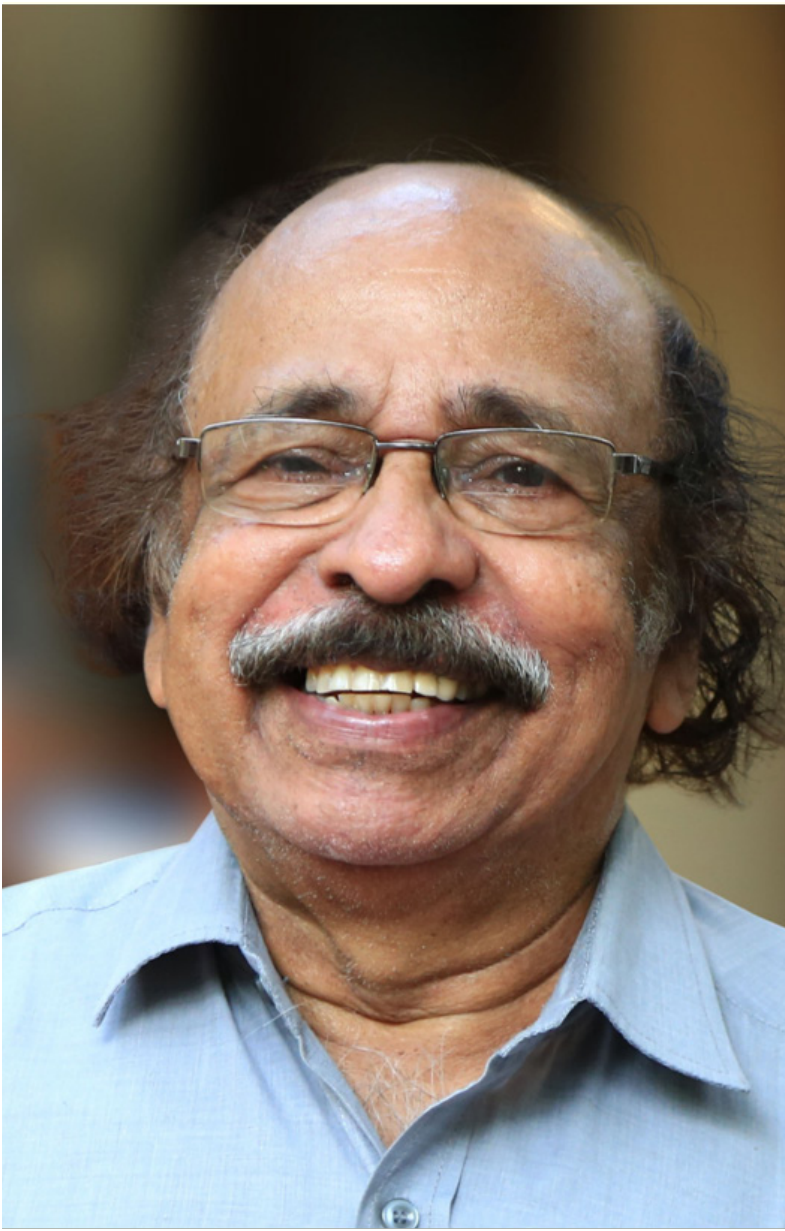
A: Bearing witness and resistance are not unrelated to each other. One says what one sees, and that, if powerfully done, is itself a form of resistance to untruth, the ever-changing national boundaries and hatred in the name of caste, religion, class, gender, race and nation, and the violence it generates. Poetry resists all forms of power— that which comes from religious and caste arrogance, patriarchal power that works against women as well as LGBTQI people, the power of pretended knowledge often used for suppression, the power of the so-called civilized against tribal people and the urban against the rural, the power of class, and of course, the power of the State when it works against democracy as it is doing now.

Q: How should poets respond when war is increasingly experienced through screens, algorithms, and media narratives rather than direct human encounter?

A: I will never advise poets to take up arms; but poetry itself can create hatred of war in human minds. Look at the poems written in almost all world languages on Gaza. Sometimes they express anger, sometimes love for the victims, often tearful affection towards the children who too have been victims of a completely unjust war that only imperial powers and merchants of warplanes, warships, bombs, missiles, tanks and guns want. These poems at times melt the readers' heart at times they arouse wrath against the oppressors and express solidarity with the victims. They are more human than they are political, and come from the conviction that there are no just wars, and right and wrong are relative concepts unlike many one-sided epics teach us.

Q: Do you see AI as a threat to literature, a tool for writers, or a challenge that forces us to redefine creativity itself? Can a machine ever experience wonder, grief, love, memory, or silence in the way a poet does? If not, what does this reveal about the essence of poetry?

A: If and when AI gains imagination and agency, it can pose a challenge to human creativity. Human creativity comes from experience, memory, imagination and language (in the case of poetry). Hope not to see the time when machines too can express feelings, remember things, get inspired, wonder about life and the universe and articulate them in perfect and minimal forms. Hope too, that by then scientists will also find ways to clearly distinguish between the creations of men and machines.



Q: In an era of globalization, do local languages face extinction, or can they become sites of cultural resistance and renewal?

A: Languages do face extinction as even recent surveys show— sometimes a language disappears from memory with the death of a single survivor in a tribe, as it happened in Nicobar some years back. Such deaths of tongues happen when a group that uses it disappears, or is swallowed or erased by a bigger hegemonic language— like Spanish taking over in many Latin American countries. Fortunately it did not happen in India as our linguistic diversity is too huge to be easily extinguished, and as we accepted English as one more tongue in a plethora of languages. It just added to our polyphony, and we not only used it to speak to one another or teach in schools and colleges, but even to write. Languages certainly can become sites of resistance and struggle like many of our languages, including Hindi, became a symbol of our nation's independence and ability to stand up in times of torment.

Q: What is lost and what is gained when a poem travels from one language to another?

A: Translation is a kind of re-birth. I have called it a transposal of heads— like in the Vikramaditya tales— in a poem on translation. If the original loses something, it also gains the tones and timbres and textures of another language. So, there are losses and gains. Gayatri Chakravarty Spivak called it "intimate reading" and Walter Benjamin compares it to an echo gained when we call into a forest of words.

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Q: Can poetry still build bridges between nations at a time when political boundaries appear increasingly rigid?

A: Poetry has the capacity to transcend these rigid geographical boundaries as it appeals to our common emotions and thus breaks all barriers. The bridge is there within poetry itself; one does not need to build it.

Q: Nature occupies a central place in your poetry. How do you view the ecological crisis facing the planet today?

A: I am extremely concerned with the possibility of human extinction in the face of global warming, polar melting, the rise of sea levels, the destruction of forests and mountains etc, mostly occasioned by human greed. I also think that poetry has a special role to play in reestablishing the links between nature and human beings. We need to overcome our homocentric vision of the world; man is not the master, but we are only one of the many players in nature. We also need to rein in capitalist greed. Nature gives us all we want but we always want more to satisfy not our need but our greed. I also admire with wonder the huge mystery the universe is. All these naturally enter my poetic world too.

Q: What qualities do you find most lacking in contemporary poetry, and what qualities give you hope?

A: It is hard to generalise. There has always been good poetry as well as bad— in good poetry I expect a sort of indirectness, lasting metaphors and images, and a very precise way of articulating experiences.

Q: Do you think future poetry will become more international or more rooted in local identities?

A: These are not opposites as many think. There are no binaries in poetry. The death of a bull fighter in Spain— which is a very local experience— becomes a universal experience of encounter and death when Lorca writes about that gory, exciting, and painful evening. The local transcends itself in poetry and attains an international human dimension.

Q: After a lifetime devoted to poetry, translation, and public engagement, what do you believe poetry has taught you about being human?

A: I like to believe it has taught me many ways to converse: conversations with oneself, others, nature and cosmos. And these are also ways of being human.

Q: If you could leave one message for the next generation of poets living in an age of war, ecological crisis, and artificial intelligence, what would it be?

A: Creativity has no borders and will survive every crisis.

Q: You once wrote that poetry rises from the "ocean of the unsayable"; In a future where machines may be able to imitate language perfectly, what do you think will remain forever unsayable—and therefore forever poetic?

A: I may call it "soul" if I can use that word: something unsayable deep within that connects you with the cosmos.

Syllables in the Firmament: Cinare

(A Long Poem)

Sprouting from the soil,
A leaf as green as a tender shoot,
Poetry as vast as a tree,
The fragrance of Viswambhara in nature.
Spanning the world in the smile of a village,
The hamlet spoke, a living life
As lush as a green meadow;
An ocean of wisdom
That grew more humble as it deepened.
Language blossoming gracefully
Amidst the unfolding pages,
A spring night of a hundred literary works,
Like the scent scattered by a flower
In every landscape of spring—
A flower that first bloomed in silence.
A magnificent life spanning eighty-six springs,
Poetry comprising a collection of eighty-six volumes,
Penned by the visionary eye of Hanmajipeta,
Spanning from the banks of the Manair



to Hussain Sagar,
A book of poetic essence released each year,
Reflecting a heart full of known gentle smiles.
A vessel of nectar pouring forth towering poetry,
A silver platter brimming with heartfelt creativity,
Mines of enchanting songs born of a maiden's gaze,
Nourished by the very essence of life and beauty.
A garland of gems adorning the muse of poetry
Of Lakuma and Karpura Vasantarayalu,
A symphony of cultural waves
And poetic resonance of Nagarjuna Sagaram,
The fluttering hem of a garment in open skies,
The graceful allure of poetic muses.

The cycle of seasons flowed on
Like the rhythmic song and dance
Of a rippling stream;
My Mother Is A Journey unfolded
Like wings taking flight,
And the one who kindled
The flames of warmth and humanity.
She was the Goddess of Learning,
Opening windows of knowledge,
Strumming the veena of wisdom;
Cinare, a radiant poetic light
Illuminating the entire world.
Cinare was, above all, a man—
The sole son of Buchamma,
Born of her blood
And cradled in her lullabies;
The son of Mallanna, defined by
The cradle-rocking hands
That once held the ploughshare;
A monarch of the arts,
A brilliant sun in the realm of creativity.
A hundred ways the Muse of Poetry
Has voiced names as
Middle-Class Smile and Surging Footsteps
Grace the collections;
A luminary of the heart,
The poetic lion in the school
Of delightful commentary;
An instrument of infinite melodic range
Played through a single name,
A wondrous creator of works

Bearing a multitude of titles.
In both quality and quantity,
From Baladur to Rim Jhim and Aksharamala;
With a heart steeped in Bhagyanagar
And the Charminar;
Behold Cinare—
No matter how much he wrote
Or how high he rose,
He remained a bird of profound humility.
Like the frothy water nymphs
Of the Krishna and Godavari rivers,
And the graceful, smooth movements of swans,
Cinare moved through life,
Composing poetic verses
That mirrored the ocean's rhythm;
Cinare himself was
A magnificent, impassioned epic poem.



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of Cinare's
birthday on July
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'No Talks With Pakistan Except on PoK,' Defence Minister Declares on Kargil Vijay Diwas

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh delivered a strong message to Pakistan on the occasion of Kargil Vijay Diwas, stating that India has no intention of holding talks with Pakistan, and if any dialogue takes place, it will be only on Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir (PoK).

Addressing a commemorative event at the Kargil War Memorial in Dras, Rajnath Singh said India's position is clear and unambiguous. He asserted that PoK is an integral part of India and is under Pakistan's illegal occupation, making it the only subject for any future discussions.

The Defence Minister strongly criticized Pakistan, accusing it of making terrorism a part of its state policy. He said the distinction between the Pakistani military and terrorist groups has blurred, posing a serious threat to regional peace and stability.

Referring to Operation Sindoor, Rajnath Singh said the operation demonstrated India's determination and military capability to respond decisively to terrorism. He warned that anyone attempting to challenge India's sovereignty and integrity would face consequences "beyond their imagination."

Paying tribute to the soldiers

who fought in the 1999 Kargil War, Singh described the victory as one of the proudest chapters in India's military history. He said the courage, sacrifice and patriotism displayed by the armed forces continue to inspire every Indian.

The Defence Minister also contrasted the development paths of India and Pakistan. He said while India is investing in innovation, technology and infrastructure, Pakistan continues to focus on infiltration and activities linked to terrorism, calling it an unfortunate contrast between the two neighbours.

He reiterated that India's armed forces remain fully prepared to defend the nation against any external threat and expressed confidence in their ability to safeguard the country's borders under all circumstances.

Rajnath Singh's remarks come amid continued tensions between India and Pakistan over cross-border terrorism and security issues. His statement reinforces India's long-standing position that any future engagement with Pakistan must focus solely on the issue of Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir, while maintaining a firm stance against terrorism.



CJP Founder Calls Dharmendra Pradhan Resignation First Victory

A day after former Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan resigned, Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) founder Abhijeet Dipke released a video message thanking supporters and volunteers who participated in the movement, describing the development as the first major victory of the youth-led campaign.

In the video, Dipke said he was finally able to sleep peacefully after weeks of continuous protests and thanked thousands of students, parents, volunteers and well-wishers who stood by the movement from the beginning. He said the success belonged to every individual who believed in the cause rather than to any one person.

Dipke also urged supporters not to turn him into a hero. He said the movement succeeded because of collective effort and democratic participation, adding that real change comes when ordinary citizens work together for a common purpose.

Interestingly, he also thanked his critics, saying their criticism and suggestions helped the organisation improve its strategy and communication. According to him, even those who opposed the movement indirectly contributed to making its first campaign stronger and more effective.

Following Dharmendra

Pradhan's resignation, the CJP officially withdrew its 36-day protest at Jantar Mantar after discussions with the Central government. The organisation said it was ending the agitation in good faith after receiving assurances on several of its key demands, including action on education reforms and the withdrawal of cases registered against protesters.

However, Dipke made it clear that the end of the protest does not mark the end of the movement. He described the resignation as "just the beginning", saying the organisation would continue to push for structural reforms in India's examination and education systems.

Several public figures also reacted to the development. Education reform advocates welcomed the resignation as a step towards accountability while stressing that long-term reforms are now essential to restore public confidence in the examination system.

The CJP has announced that it will continue engaging with the government on its reform agenda and monitor the implementation of promises made during negotiations. With its first major campaign concluding successfully, the youth-led organisation has indicated that its focus will now shift from street protests to ensuring meaningful changes in education policy.

PM Modi Pays Tribute to Kargil Heroes in Mann Ki Baat

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in the latest edition of Mann Ki Baat, paid glowing tributes to the brave soldiers who fought in the 1999 Kargil War, saying their courage, sacrifice and patriotism continue to inspire every Indian. Marking Kargil Vijay Diwas, he said the nation's soldiers displayed unmatched determination under the toughest conditions and protected the country's sovereignty with extraordinary bravery.

The Prime Minister remarked that the towering peaks of Kargil, harsh weather and enemy attacks could not weaken the spirit of Indian soldiers. He said their morale was stronger than every challenge they faced and their sacrifice would forever remain a symbol of national pride. Modi urged citizens to ensure that the stories of Kargil's heroes continue to inspire future generations.

Highlighting the importance of preserving this legacy, he referred to the 'Shaurya Vijay Yatra', a motorcycle expedition travelling from the National War Memorial in New Delhi to the Kargil War Memorial in Dras under the theme "One Ride, One Nation, One Salute." He said such initiatives help keep alive the memories of India's brave soldiers.



The Prime Minister also underlined India's growing defence capabilities, pointing to the induction of the indigenously built INS Mahendragiri into the Indian Navy. He praised Indian scientists and engineers for developing advanced defence technologies, including the Pinaka Long-Range Guided Rocket and the successful testing of the Kusha missile, describing them as milestones in the country's journey towards self-reliance.

During the programme, Modi also congratulated Indian badminton star PV Sindhu for winning the China Open Super 1000 title, calling her achievement a proud moment for the nation. He praised her dedication and consistency, saying her success would motivate aspiring athletes across the country.

Touching upon education, the Prime Minister spoke about the importance of innovation, quality learning and skill development in shaping India's future. He reiterated the government's commitment to strengthening the education system and creating greater opportunities for young people to excel in academics, research and technology.

Modi said India's progress depends on a combination of strong national security, world-class education, scientific innovation and sporting excellence. Calling upon citizens to contribute towards nation-building, he urged everyone to draw inspiration from the courage of India's soldiers and work collectively to realise the vision of a developed and self-reliant India.



PM Modi Remembers Kargil Heroes in Mann Ki Baat

Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid heartfelt tributes to the brave soldiers of the 1999 Kargil War during the latest episode of Mann Ki Baat, saying that their courage, sacrifice and unwavering determination continue to inspire every Indian. Marking Kargil Vijay Diwas, the Prime Minister said the nation's soldiers displayed extraordinary bravery under the most difficult conditions and emerged victorious against all odds.

Recalling the historic victory, the Prime Minister said that the towering mountains of Kargil, extreme weather and enemy attacks posed enormous challenges, but the morale and determination of Indian soldiers were "greater than every challenge." He bowed to the martyrs and veterans who sacrificed everything to protect the nation and described their courage as a source of eternal national pride.

Modi emphasized that today's India not only remembers its heroes but is also committed to passing on their stories of bravery to future generations. In this context, he highlighted the 'Shaurya Vijay Yatra', a special motorcycle rally that began at the National War Memorial in New Delhi and is set to conclude at the Kargil War Memorial in Dras. Carrying the message "One Ride, One Na-

tion, One Salute," the rally is aimed at honouring the sacrifices of India's armed forces.

The Prime Minister also linked the spirit of Kargil to India's growing defence capabilities. He pointed to the recent induction of INS Mahendragiri, an indigenously built warship, as a symbol of the country's progress towards self-reliance in defence manufacturing. He also highlighted the successful tests of the Pinaka Long-Range Guided Rocket and the Kusha missile, praising the contributions of Indian scientists and engineers.

Modi further noted that India's defence exports and strategic partnerships are expanding steadily. Referring to his recent visit to Indonesia, he said agreements related to the BrahMos and Astra missile systems reflected growing global confidence in India's defence technology and manufacturing capabilities.

Calling upon citizens to remember the sacrifices of the Kargil heroes, the Prime Minister urged the nation to strengthen its resolve towards building a secure, self-reliant and technologically advanced India. He said the courage displayed by the soldiers during the Kargil War would continue to inspire generations and remain a shining example of patriotism and dedication to the nation.

Pralhad Joshi Takes Charge as Union Education Minister

Senior BJP leader Pralhad Joshi has officially taken charge as the Union Education Minister, a day after Dharmendra Pradhan resigned from the post. Joshi will continue to handle his existing responsibilities as Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and New and Renewable Energy, while also overseeing the Education Ministry.

Soon after assuming office, Joshi expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for entrusting him with the new responsibility. He said he accepted the assignment with humility and a deep sense of duty, assuring that he would work with complete dedication to strengthen India's education system.

Immediately after taking charge, the new minister chaired a high-level review meeting with senior officials of the Education Ministry. The meeting focused on assessing the implementation of ongoing schemes, key reforms and the progress of major educational initiatives. Minister of State for Education Jayant Singh and senior officials from both departments of the ministry were also present.

Joshi emphasized that education plays a crucial role in shaping the country's future and



said his priority would be to ensure the effective implementation of government programmes while maintaining continuity in ongoing reforms.

The leadership change follows the resignation of Dharmendra Pradhan, who stepped down amid the controversy surrounding the NEET paper leak and the nationwide protests that followed. In his resignation letter, Pradhan stated that his decision was guided by the larger interests of students and the nation, adding that public service should always remain above individual considerations.

Before assuming the new role, Joshi praised his predecessor, saying Dharmendra Pradhan had made significant contributions to the education sector during his tenure. He credited Pradhan with successfully implementing the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and introducing several important reforms aimed at improving India's education landscape.

A six-time Member of Parliament from Dharwad in Karnataka, Pralhad Joshi has held several important portfolios in the Union government over the years, including Coal, Mines, and Parliamentary Affairs. Known for his administrative experience, he now takes charge of one of the country's most significant ministries at a crucial time.

With the Education Ministry facing the challenge of restoring confidence after recent controversies, Joshi's immediate focus is expected to be on ensuring transparency, strengthening examination systems and continuing reforms aimed at improving the quality of education across the country.



Rahul Gandhi Seeks Probe Into Police Action on Students

Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, has written to Union Home Minister Amit Shah, demanding accountability over the police action against student protesters during demonstrations in Delhi earlier this month.

In his letter, Rahul Gandhi described the police crackdown as a "barbaric assault" on students who, according to him, were peacefully protesting for a fair and accountable education system. He alleged that instead of engaging with the protesters through dialogue, security personnel used excessive force to disperse the gathering.

The Congress leader claimed that hundreds of students suffered injuries during the operation. He also alleged that tear gas, lathi charges and pellet guns were used against demonstrators, calling the reported use of pellet guns particularly disturbing.

Rahul Gandhi raised a series of questions to the Home Minister, asking whether the use of such force had been officially authorised. He sought clarification on who approved the deployment of pellet guns, and whether the personnel seen in plain clothes assaulting protesters were police officers or other authorised individuals.

Referring to media reports and his interactions with injured students, Gandhi said he had met 19-year-old Sahil Lochab, who allegedly suffered serious eye injuries during the protest. He argued that incidents of this nature require a transparent investigation and accountability from those responsible.

The Congress MP stressed that peaceful protest is a fundamental pillar of democracy and said it is the government's responsibility to protect citizens exercising their democratic rights rather than suppress them through force.

Rahul Gandhi's letter comes shortly after the resignation of former Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan following the controversy over the NEET examination and nationwide student protests. While the student-led agitation has since been withdrawn, the Congress has indicated that it will continue to raise questions over the handling of the protests.

The issue is also expected to resonate during the ongoing Parliament session, where the Opposition is likely to demand answers from the government regarding the police action, the treatment of protesters and the broader concerns surrounding examination reforms and student welfare.

Assam Minister's Daughter Joins NEET Protest, Sparks Row

A political controversy erupted in Assam after videos showing Dibisa Mahanta, the daughter of state minister Keshab Mahanta, participating in a student protest over the NEET examination controversy went viral on social media.

The videos, widely circulated online, allegedly showed Dibisa joining demonstrators in Guwahati, where protesters were demanding accountability over examination irregularities and the resignation of the then Union Education Minister. Her participation drew significant attention because her father serves as a minister in the BJP-led Assam government.

Responding to the controversy, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma came to the defence of his cabinet colleague, urging people not to troll or target Keshab Mahanta over his daughter's actions. The Chief Minister said that adult children are entitled to their own political beliefs and opinions, and those views should not automatically be linked to their parents. He remarked that a daughter may not necessarily follow her father's ideology and that this should



be respected in a democratic society. Sarma emphasized that individuals should be judged based on their own actions rather than the choices made by family members. He appealed to the public and social media users to avoid personal attacks against the minister, saying such criticism would be unfair.

The incident comes amid widespread student protests across the country over alleged irregularities in the NEET examination process. Demonstrations in several states eventually culminated in the resignation of former Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, a development that intensified political discussions across the country.

The viral video has also reignited debate about political diversity within families and the right of individuals to express views that may differ from those of their relatives holding public office.

While the issue generated intense discussion on social media, the Assam government has maintained that there is nothing unusual about family members having different political opinions. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma reiterated that democratic values include respecting individual freedom of expression, irrespective of family or political affiliations.

Trump shifts to older Air Force One after Iran-linked security alert

US President Donald Trump reportedly switched from the newly upgraded Air Force One to the older presidential aircraft during his return journey from Turkey, following what US officials described as a credible security threat linked to Iran and its proxy groups.

According to reports, Trump had travelled to Turkey aboard the newly retrofitted Boeing 747-8, which was recently inducted into the presidential

fleet. However, after attending the NATO summit, security agencies advised him to return on the older Air Force One as a precautionary measure.

US intelligence agencies reportedly received information suggesting a possible missile threat targeting the President's aircraft. Although officials have not publicly disclosed the exact nature of the intelligence, the US Secret Service quickly revised Trump's travel plans to minimise any

potential risk.

The older Air Force One is believed to be equipped with more advanced defensive systems, including missile-warning technology and counter-measures developed over decades of presidential travel. The newly introduced aircraft is still undergoing additional upgrades to enhance its security capabilities.

The aircraft swap attracted widespread attention after Trump landed at a British air

base before later continuing his journey using the newer aircraft. Initially, the unusual change sparked speculation, but subsequent reports indicated that the decision was driven primarily by security considerations.

The White House has maintained that the new Air Force One is safe for presidential travel. However, officials confirmed that the aircraft will undergo further enhancements in the coming weeks,

during which Trump will continue using the older presidential jet. The development comes amid heightened tensions between the United States and Iran, with Washington remaining on alert over potential threats against senior American officials. Trump himself has previously acknowledged that he remains a potential target for Iran following earlier military confrontations between the two countries.

The incident highlights the



extraordinary security measures surrounding presidential travel, where even a credible intelligence warning can lead to immediate changes in flight plans. While the journey con-

cluded safely, the episode has once again drawn attention to the complex security challenges faced by world leaders during periods of heightened geopolitical tension.

Iran Accuses Ukraine of Deadly Caspian Sea Attack

Iran has accused Ukraine of carrying out a deadly attack on one of its commercial vessels in the Caspian Sea, claiming the strike killed one sailor and injured another. The incident has sharply escalated tensions between Tehran and Kyiv, adding a new dimension to the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict.



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According to Iran's Foreign Ministry, the attack caused a powerful explosion aboard the merchant ship, resulting in casualties among the crew. Tehran described the incident as a "hostile and criminal act" and condemned it as a violation of international law.

In response, Iran summoned Ukraine's chargé d'affaires in Tehran to formally protest the alleged attack. Iranian officials warned that the country would take all necessary measures to protect its national interests and security, while holding the Ukrainian government responsible for the consequences of

The accusation comes after Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy stated that Ukrainian forces had targeted Russian naval assets and vessels allegedly transporting Iran-linked military cargo in the Caspian Sea. Kyiv has argued that such operations are aimed at disrupting military supplies supporting Russia's war effort.

Iran, however, rejected any suggestion that it is directly in-

involved in the Russia-Ukraine war. The Foreign Ministry insisted that the attack represented an attempt to expand the conflict beyond its current boundaries and called on the United Nations Security Council, European nations and the international community to condemn the strike and hold Ukraine accountable.

The latest confrontation also reflects the long-standing tensions between Iran and Ukraine

over Tehran's alleged supply of drones to Russia. While Western governments and Ukraine have repeatedly accused Iran of providing military drones used in attacks against Ukrainian targets, Tehran has consistently denied supplying weapons for use in the conflict.

Analysts believe the incident could further strain diplomatic relations and complicate efforts to prevent the war from spilling over into new regions. The Caspian Sea has become increasingly significant as a strategic route for trade and logistics, making any military activity there a matter of international concern.

As both sides continue to exchange accusations, the international community is expected to closely monitor developments, amid fears that the latest incident could widen the geopolitical tensions already surrounding the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

Pentagon Faces Scrutiny Over Iran War Casualty Reports

The US Pentagon is facing growing criticism over allegations that it failed to accurately report the number of American military personnel killed and injured during the ongoing conflict with Iran. The controversy has triggered demands for greater transparency from lawmakers, veterans and defence experts.

The issue emerged after discrepancies were found in the Pentagon's Defense Casualty Analysis System (DCAS), the official database that tracks military casualties. Reports indicated that the publicly available figures did not match earlier official statements regarding the number of troops killed and wounded.



According to reports, the database temporarily showed fewer fatalities and injuries than previously announced, leading to accusations that the true human cost of the conflict was being understated. Critics questioned why some casualty figures had disappeared from the official records before later being restored.

The Pentagon has denied any deliberate attempt to conceal casualties, attributing the inconsistencies to a technical data disruption affecting the online reporting system. Officials said the discrepancies were the result of system errors and insisted that corrections were being made to ensure the database ac-

curately reflects the latest information.

Despite the explanation, several members of the US Congress, particularly Democratic lawmakers on the Senate Armed Services Committee, have demanded a full and transparent accounting of all service members killed or injured during the conflict. They argue that military families, lawmakers and the American public deserve complete and timely information about the human cost of war.

The controversy has also reignited debate over the Trump administration's handling of the Iran conflict. Critics allege that reducing public visibility of casualty figures could help minimise political fallout as the conflict continues. Some former defence officials have described the situation as damaging to public trust and military accountability.

Defence analysts note that cas-

ualty reporting has traditionally been regarded as one of the most important measures of transparency during military operations. Any inconsistency in official records can raise concerns about oversight, public confidence and congressional scrutiny.

The Pentagon has maintained that there was no intentional cover-up and has pledged to update the casualty database after resolving the technical issues. However, lawmakers continue to seek detailed explanations about the discrepancies and the process used to record wartime casualties.

As investigations and congressional inquiries move forward, the episode has intensified scrutiny of how the US military communicates information during armed conflicts and highlighted the importance of maintaining accurate and transparent casualty reporting.

Typhoon Noul Hits China, Over 700,000 Evacuated

Powerful Typhoon Noul has made landfall in southern China, triggering widespread disruption, forcing the evacuation of more than 700,000 people, and leading to the cancellation of hundreds of flights across Guangdong province and Hong Kong. The storm is being described as the strongest typhoon to hit China this year.

The typhoon came ashore in Huidong County, Guangdong, packing strong winds and torrential rain. Authorities issued the highest-level flood warnings in several regions as rivers swelled and the risk of flash floods and landslides increased. Emergency teams were deployed to vulnerable areas to assist residents and monitor the evolving situation.

As a precaution, local governments relocated hundreds of thousands of people from low-lying and flood-prone areas. Schools, construction sites and several public services were suspended while emergency shelters were opened to accommodate displaced families.

Air travel was severely affected, with hundreds of flights cancelled or delayed at airports in Hong Kong, Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Zhuhai and Xiamen. Rail services and other transport links also faced disruptions as authorities urged residents to



avoid unnecessary travel until weather conditions improve.

Hong Kong experienced gale-force winds and heavy rainfall as the storm passed close to the city. Weather authorities issued high-level typhoon and rainstorm warnings before gradually lowering the alert level as the system weakened and moved inland. Flight operations at Hong Kong International Airport were expected to resume gradually after weather conditions

stabilized.

Although Typhoon Noul has begun to weaken after making landfall, meteorologists warned that it is still capable of producing torrential rainfall across several provinces, including Jiangxi, Hunan and Fujian. Officials cautioned that flooding, landslides and waterlogging remain major concerns over the next few days.

Authorities have advised residents to stay indoors where pos-

sible, avoid flooded roads and rivers, and closely follow official weather updates. Rescue teams remain on standby as China continues to deal with one of its most powerful storms of the year.

With heavy rain expected to persist, emergency agencies are working around the clock to minimize damage and ensure public safety while restoring normal transportation and essential services.

Russia-Ukraine War Escalates as 15 Killed in Fresh Attacks

The conflict between Russia and Ukraine has intensified once again, with fresh missile and drone attacks on both sides leaving at least 15 people dead and several others injured. The latest exchange of fire has further deepened humanitarian concerns as civilians continue to bear the brunt of the war.

Russian forces launched a major overnight assault on Kyiv, firing ballistic missiles and drones at the Ukrainian capital. The attacks triggered fires in residential areas, damaged buildings and left several people injured. Emergency services rushed to multiple locations to contain the fires and rescue residents trapped under debris.

Elsewhere in Ukraine, additional Russian strikes claimed civilian lives in regions including Kharkiv and Zaporizhzhia, where local authorities reported casualties and extensive

damage to homes and infrastructure.

Meanwhile, Russia accused Ukraine of carrying out deadly drone attacks on territories under Russian control. According to Russian-installed officials, a drone strike on a holiday camp in the occupied Zaporizhzhia region killed 12 people, including five children, and injured several others. Another Ukrainian drone attack reportedly killed four civilians in Horlivka, a Russian-controlled city in the Donetsk region.

Ukraine has not confirmed responsibility for the reported attacks in the occupied territories. Kyiv has repeatedly stated that its military operations are aimed at strategic military targets rather than civilians.

Both Russia and Ukraine continue to deny deliberately targeting civilian populations, even as the war has resulted in thousands of civilian casual-

ties since the full-scale invasion began in February 2022.

Military analysts say both sides have significantly increased the use of drones and long-range missiles in recent months, making the conflict more unpredictable and expanding the risk to civilian areas far from the front lines.

The renewed violence comes amid ongoing international efforts to find a diplomatic solution to the war. However, with both sides continuing large-scale military operations, hopes for an immediate ceasefire remain uncertain.

As the fighting intensifies, humanitarian agencies have once again called for greater protection of civilians and strict adherence to international humanitarian law, warning that the human cost of the conflict continues to rise with each new wave of attacks.

Family Seeks Probe Into Indian-Origin Student's US Death

The family of an Indian-origin medical student who died by suicide in the United States has launched a campaign seeking an independent legal review of the circumstances surrounding his death, while calling for major reforms in university disciplinary procedures and mental health support systems.

The student, Vaibhav Dugal, a 24-year-old third-year medical student at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in El Paso, died in July 2025 after facing academic disciplinary action. His parents have now broken their silence, alleging that the university's handling of the disciplinary process contributed significantly to his emotional distress.

According to the family, the disciplinary proceedings lacked transparency, fairness and adequate due process. They claim that Vaibhav was subjected to an opaque system



that failed to provide proper support at a time when he was experiencing severe psychological pressure.

The family has demanded an independent legal review into the university's actions, arguing that institutions must be held accountable if their policies and procedures contribute to student mental health crises.

Along with legal action, the family is advocating for nationwide reforms in higher education. They want universities to introduce stronger due-process protections, trauma-informed

disciplinary procedures and better access to mental health services for students facing academic or disciplinary challenges.

Supporters of the campaign say the case has highlighted broader concerns about the pressure faced by students in professional courses such as medicine, where academic stress and disciplinary actions can have serious emotional consequences if not handled sensitively.

Mental health advocates have also called for educational institutions to balance academic

standards with student well-being, ensuring that disciplinary measures are accompanied by counselling, guidance and appropriate psychological support. The campaign has drawn attention from advocacy groups, which believe the tragedy should serve as a catalyst for systemic reforms across universities in the United States. They argue that no student should be left without adequate safeguards while navigating high-pressure academic environments.

While the university has not publicly accepted the family's allegations, the case has reignited discussions about mental health, institutional accountability and the need for compassionate disciplinary systems in higher education.

The family says their goal is not only to seek justice for Vaibhav but also to ensure that future students receive the support and protections needed to prevent similar tragedies.



August IPO Rush to Raise Over ₹25,000 Crore

India's primary market is gearing up for one of its busiest months in recent times, with more than a dozen companies preparing to launch their Initial Public Offerings (IPOs) in August 2026. Collectively, these public issues are expected to raise over 25,000 crore, reflecting renewed confidence in the capital markets amid improving investor sentiment.

Among the biggest names in the upcoming IPO wave is quick-commerce giant Zepto, which is planning to raise up to 8,010 crore through a fresh issue. In addition, existing shareholders are expected to offload up to 11.34 crore equity shares through an Offer for Sale (OFS), making it one of the largest IPOs of the year.

Another major offering will come from TruHome Finance, which is targeting a 3,000-crore IPO. The issue will comprise a 1,500-crore fresh issue and an equal-sized Offer for Sale. The housing finance company has already received regulatory approval and is preparing for its market debut.

Logistics technology platform Shiprocket is also set to enter the public markets with a proposed 2,342.35-crore IPO. The issue includes a 1,100-crore fresh issue and an Offer for Sale worth 1,242.35 crore, reflecting strong investor interest in India's rapidly growing e-commerce ecosystem. Other companies expected to hit the market include Elevate Campuses, which plans to raise 2,550 crore entirely through a fresh issue, Innova-

tiview India with an IPO of up to 2,000 crore, and Milky Mist Dairy Food, which aims to mobilise 1,553 crore. Several other firms, including Dhoot Transmission, ARCIL, Ardee Industries, Gaja Alternative Asset Management, Rays of Belief, Hy-Tech Engineers, Shankesh Jewellers, and Learnfluence Education, are also preparing their maiden public offerings. Market experts believe the revival in IPO activity is being driven by stabilising equity markets and improved investor confidence. Companies that had postponed their listing plans during periods of market volatility are now looking to capitalise on favourable fundraising conditions. Analysts, however, advise investors to remain selective and focus on companies with strong fundamentals and reasonable valuations rather than chasing every new issue.



So far in 2026, 36 companies have already launched IPOs, with nine entering the market in July alone. With another packed calendar lined up for August, India's primary market is expected to remain highly active, offering investors a

wide range of opportunities across sectors such as quick commerce, logistics, housing finance, education, dairy and infrastructure.

Midcaps, Smallcaps Outshine Benchmarks Despite Market Slide

India's broader equity markets witnessed a second consecutive week of losses, but midcap and smallcap stocks once again outperformed the benchmark indices, reflecting continued investor interest in select sectors despite an overall weak market sentiment.



During the week, the BSE Sensex declined 2.67%, losing 2,091.68 points to close at 76,059.77, while the Nifty 50 slipped 2.32%, ending at 23,767.45. The sharp correction was driven by rising global uncertainties, higher crude oil prices, weak quarterly earnings from some major companies and continued foreign institutional investor (FII) selling.

In comparison, the Nifty Midcap 100 index fell a relatively modest 1.2%, while the Nifty Smallcap 100 also recorded a smaller decline than the benchmark indices. The performance suggests that investors continued to selectively accumulate fundamentally strong companies in the broader market even as large-cap stocks remained under pressure.

Analysts attribute the market weakness primarily to geopolitical tensions in the Middle East, which pushed Brent crude oil prices above \$100 per barrel. Higher oil prices have raised concerns over inflation, India's import bill and corporate profitability, leading to cautious investor sentiment across equity markets.

MV Electrosystems ₹290-Crore IPO Opens on July 30



Weight earnings from several banking and financial companies also weighed heavily on benchmark indices. Banking stocks witnessed significant selling pressure, dragging the Sensex and Nifty lower throughout the week.

Despite the broader decline, stock-specific buying continued in sectors where companies reported healthy quarterly earnings. Market experts noted that investors are increasingly becoming selective, rewarding companies with strong financial performance while avoiding aggressively valued stocks.

The resilience shown by midcap and smallcap shares indicates that domestic investors continue to have confidence in companies with solid growth prospects. Although volatility remains high, broader market stocks have managed to outperform large-cap benchmarks over the past two weeks.

Red Sea Tensions, Fed Meet Set to Drive Commodity Markets

Looking ahead, market participants will closely monitor upcoming corporate earnings, crude oil prices, global geopolitical developments and foreign investment flows. These factors are expected to play a crucial role in determining the market's direction in the coming weeks.



Experts believe that while short-term volatility may persist, long-term investors should focus on quality businesses with strong fundamentals rather than reacting to temporary market fluctuations. With several important economic events and earnings announcements lined up, the coming weeks are expected to remain eventful for Indian equity markets.

Global commodity markets are heading into a crucial week as escalating geopolitical tensions in the Red Sea and the upcoming US Federal Reserve policy meeting threaten to trigger sharp price swings across crude oil, gold, industrial metals and agricultural commodities.

The biggest concern for investors remains the deteriorating security situation in the Red Sea. Fresh attacks on commercial vessels and growing threats to shipping routes have heightened fears of supply disruptions, particularly in the energy sector. With the Red Sea serving as one of the world's busiest maritime trade corridors, any prolonged disruption could significantly impact global supply chains and transportation costs.

Crude oil is expected to remain the most closely watched commodity. Market participants fear that further escalation in the region could tighten global supplies and push oil prices even higher. Rising crude prices also raise concerns about inflation, transportation costs and overall economic growth, making energy markets especially sensitive to geopolitical developments.

At the same time, investors are awaiting the outcome of the US Federal Reserve's monetary policy meeting. While the central bank is widely expected to maintain a cautious stance, its comments on inflation, economic growth and the future path of interest rates will be closely monitored by global markets.

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H.R. Hygiene Products to Launch ₹53.95-Crore IPO on July 29

Global financial markets are closely watching the return of crude oil prices near the \$100-per-barrel mark, as the surge threatens to complicate inflation control efforts for major central banks, including the US Federal Reserve, the Bank of England and the Bank of Japan.

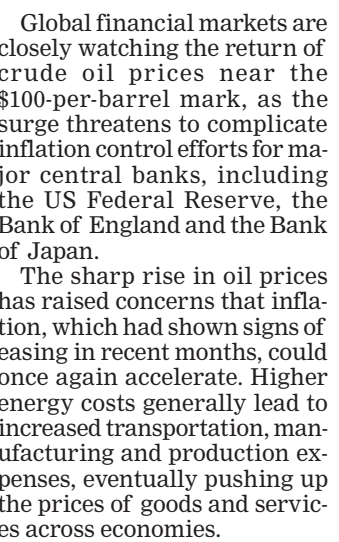


The sharp rise in oil prices has raised concerns that inflation, which had shown signs of easing in recent months, could once again accelerate. Higher energy costs generally lead to increased transportation, manufacturing and production expenses, eventually pushing up the prices of goods and services across economies.

The spotlight is now on the upcoming monetary policy meetings of the world's leading central banks. Investors are eager to understand whether policymakers will maintain their current stance on interest rates or signal the possibility of tighter monetary policy if inflationary pressures intensify.

For the US Federal Reserve, the challenge has become more complicated. While inflation has been moderating, a sustained increase in crude oil prices could delay the central bank's plans to reduce interest rates. If energy prices continue climbing, policymakers may prefer to keep borrowing costs elevated for a longer period to prevent inflation from rising again.

Oil Near \$100 Puts Global Central Banks on Alert



Similar concerns are being shared by other major central banks. The Bank of England continues to battle persistent inflation, while the Bank of Japan is also monitoring the impact of higher import costs on its economy. The European Central Bank is likewise expected to keep a close watch on energy markets before making any major policy adjustments.

Analysts point out that rising oil prices affect economies differently. Oil-importing nations, including India, typically face higher import bills, increased fuel costs and greater inflationary pressure. In contrast, oil-exporting countries often benefit from stronger revenues when crude prices rise.

Ishan Kishan Surpasses Kohli in T20I Record After Blazing Knock

India's wicketkeeper-batter Ishan Kishan continued his sensational run in T20 internationals with a match-winning knock of 81 runs off 44 balls against Zimbabwe in the second T20I at Harare. His brilliant innings not only guided India to a commanding victory but also helped him surpass Virat Kohli in an elite Indian batting record.

Walking in after India lost early wickets, Ishan steadied the innings with an aggressive yet composed approach. He struck nine fours and two sixes, dominating the Zimbabwe bowlers while ensuring India posted a formidable total. His innings laid the foundation for India's emphatic 90-run victory, which also gave the visitors an unsailable 2-0 lead in the three-match series.

With this knock, Ishan's tally for 2026 rose to 783 T20I runs, allowing him to overtake Virat Kohli's 781 runs, scored in 2022, to become the third-highest Indian run-scorer in a single calendar year in T20 internationals. It marks another significant milestone in what has been a remarkable year for the left-handed batter.

The record for the most T20I runs by an Indian in a calendar year is still held by Suryakumar Yadav, who amassed 1,164 runs in 2022, while Abhishek Sharma occupies the second spot with 859 runs in 2025. With several

T20 internationals still left to be played this year, Ishan has a realistic opportunity to climb even higher in the rankings. After being named Player of the Match, Ishan credited his success to keeping his approach simple. He said he focused on watching the ball carefully, backing his strengths and building partnerships rather than worrying about the early wickets. He added that identifying the right bowlers to attack helped him play freely and accelerate at the right time.



Ishan Kishan's exceptional year. His latest innings not only secured another memorable victory for India but also cemented his place among the country's finest T20I performers.

Laxman Warns India Against Complacency After Zimbabwe Win

Despite India's dominant performance against Zimbabwe in the second T20I, head coach VVS Laxman has warned the players against becoming complacent. Following the emphatic 90-run victory, which secured an unsailable 2-0 lead in the three-match series, Laxman reminded the team that success should inspire confidence—not overconfidence. Addressing the players in the dressing room after the match, Laxman delivered a clear message: "Take confidence from the previous game, not comfort." He stressed that every match presents a fresh challenge and urged the team to maintain the same hunger, intensity and discipline that helped them dominate Zimbabwe.



The coach praised the aggressive start provided by openers Vaibhav Sooryavanshi and Abhishek Sharma, saying they laid the perfect foundation for a big total. He also highlighted the crucial partnership between Shreyas Iyer and Ishan Kishan, which steadied the innings after India lost two early wickets.

Laxman particularly appreciated the calmness shown by the experienced batters during a tricky phase of the innings. According to him, instead of panicking after the early setbacks, they built the innings patiently before accelerating at the right time, putting Zimbabwe under sustained pressure.

He also lauded Tilak Varma and Shivam Dube for their aggressive finishing, which helped India post a commanding total of 219/5. Laxman said the team's positive intent and fearless approach with the bat were key factors behind the impressive performance. The coach was equally pleased with India's fielding effort. He commended every player for maintaining high intensity, diving to save runs and displaying a strong commitment throughout the match. Laxman said such attitude reflects the culture and unity developing within the squad.

CSK Eyes ₹20 Crore Blockbuster Trade for Hardik Pandya



India entered the Zimbabwe series after disappointing T20I series defeats against Ireland and England. The convincing victories in Harare have helped restore confidence, but Laxman believes the team must continue improving instead of becoming satisfied with one successful series. With one match still remaining, India will now aim to complete a 3-0 clean sweep. Laxman's message serves as a reminder that consistency is the hallmark of champion teams, and sustained success comes from learning, improving and staying focused after every victory.

A sensational report has sparked fresh speculation in the IPL transfer market, claiming that Chennai Super Kings (CSK) are preparing a blockbuster deal worth more than 20 crore to bring Hardik Pandya from Mumbai Indians (MI) ahead of the next IPL season. According to the report, CSK are exploring a player-plus-cash arrangement to convince Mumbai Indians to part ways with their captain. One of the proposed offers reportedly includes Shivam Dube, Dewald Brevis, along with 10 crore in cash, taking the overall value of the package beyond 20 crore. Earlier reports had suggested that Mumbai Indians were interested in acquiring young batter Ayush Mhatre as part of the deal. However, CSK are reportedly reluctant to let go of the highly rated youngster and have instead proposed an alternative package involving Dube, Brevis and cash.

If the deal materialises, it would rank among the biggest and most expensive player trades in IPL history. Hardik remains one of the world's premier all-rounders, capable of changing games with both bat and ball while also bringing valuable leadership experience. For Mumbai Indians, the proposed trade could offer significant squad depth. Shivam Dube has established himself as one of the IPL's most destructive middle-order hitters, while Dewald Brevis is regarded as one of the brightest young talents in franchise cricket. The additional cash component would further enhance the value of the transaction. Despite the growing speculation, no official agreement has been reached between the two franchises. Neither Mumbai Indians nor Chennai Super Kings has confirmed that negotiations have progressed beyond the discussion stage. Interestingly, CSK had earlier dismissed reports of pursuing Hardik, stating that no formal discussions had taken place. However, fresh reports suggest that new proposals may now be under consideration as the IPL trade window gathers momentum. The possibility of Hardik wearing the iconic yellow jersey has already become one of the hottest talking points among cricket fans. Whether the blockbuster move eventually becomes reality or remains just another transfer rumour, it has undoubtedly added excitement to the ongoing IPL trade season. For now, fans will have to wait for an official announcement, but if such a deal goes through, it could dramatically reshape the balance of power in the Indian Premier League.

Anahat Singh Creates History With World Junior Squash Title

India's squash fraternity is celebrating a historic achievement after teenage sensation Anahat Singh became the first Indian ever to win the World Junior Squash Championship. Her remarkable triumph has drawn praise from across the sporting world, with former Indian squash star Saurav Ghosal leading the tributes. Anahat scripted history by defeating Egypt's Ruqayya Salem in straight games 11-3, 11-7, 11-9 in the women's singles final held in Ontario, Canada. The victory not only earned her the prestigious world junior title but also ended Egypt's 15-year dominance in the competition. Reacting to the achievement, Saurav Ghosal described Anahat's victory as a "special moment" for Indian squash. He praised the youngster's dedication, discipline and relentless hard work, saying her success is the result of years of commitment and perseverance.



Ghosal, who has played a key mentoring role in Anahat's career, expressed confidence that this historic title is only the beginning of an even brighter future. He believes the young star has the talent and temperament to achieve greater milestones on the international stage. The 18-year-old entered the tournament as the top seed and justified her ranking with a dominant campaign. She dropped only two games throughout the tournament before producing another commanding display in the final to lift the coveted trophy.

Anahat's victory is considered a watershed moment for Indian squash. Before her triumph, Joshna Chinappa's runner-up finish in 2005 had remained India's best performance at the World Junior Championships. By going one step further, Anahat has rewritten the country's squash history. Her historic achievement has been widely celebrated by players, coaches and fans, who believe it will inspire a new generation to take up the sport. With this memorable victory, Anahat Singh has not only fulfilled a long-standing dream for Indian squash but has also announced herself as one of the most exciting young stars in world sport.

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Messi Spotted in Disguise During First Public Appearance



Football icon Lionel Messi has made his first public appearance since the FIFA World Cup final, but in a way that surprised fans across the globe. The Argentine superstar was spotted disguised in casual clothing, wearing a cap and sunglasses, allowing him to move around without attracting the usual crowds. According to reports, Messi chose the low-profile appearance to enjoy some personal time away from the constant media attention that follows him wherever he goes. Despite his attempt to remain unnoticed, a few fans eventually recognized him, and images of the outing quickly spread across social media. The eight-time Ballon d'Or

winner has largely stayed away from the public spotlight since leading Argentina to another memorable World Cup triumph. His latest appearance has once again demonstrated the extraordinary level of global fame he enjoys, with even a brief outing becoming headline news. Fans online reacted with amusement and admiration, with many praising Messi's humility and his desire to experience everyday life like an ordinary person. Others joked that even in disguise, one of the greatest footballers of all time is impossible to hide for long. Messi has often spoken about valuing his privacy and spending quality time with his family whenever his football schedule allows.

His latest outing reflected that preference, as he tried to avoid unnecessary attention while enjoying a peaceful day in public. The Argentine captain continues to be one of the biggest global sporting icons, and every appearance—whether on the football field or away from it—draws immense interest from supporters around the world. Although the outing lasted only a short time, it became a major talking point online, proving once again that Messi's popularity extends far beyond football. Even without wearing a jersey or stepping onto the pitch, the World Cup-winning legend continues to capture the imagination of millions of fans worldwide.

Rishikanta Singh Wins Silver After Commonwealth Record Lift

Indian weightlifter Rishikanta Singh delivered a remarkable performance at the 2026 Commonwealth Games, creating a new Games record in the snatch but ultimately settling for the silver medal in the men's 60kg weightlifting event. Rishikanta made an impressive start to the competition by lifting 121kg in the snatch, surpassing the previous Commonwealth Games record and putting himself in a strong position for the gold medal. His outstanding effort highlighted his technical brilliance and earned him a place in the record books. However, the battle intensified during the clean and jerk segment. Malaysia's Mohamad Aniq Bin Kasdan, the defending champion, produced a sensational lift of 152kg, setting a new Commonwealth Games clean and jerk record and over-



turning Rishikanta's advantage. With a combined total, the Malaysian lifter secured the gold medal, while Rishikanta finished with silver after an impressive all-round performance. Joshua Amunga Mboya of Kenya claimed the bronze medal despite battling through discomfort during the competition. Although he narrowly missed out on the top podium spot, Rishikanta's achievement was widely praised. His record-breaking snatch demonstrated India's growing strength in weightlifting and reinforced his status as one of the country's finest lifters in the lower weight categories.

The silver medal also added to India's medal tally at the Commonwealth Games and reflected the country's continued success in weightlifting, a discipline that has consistently produced podium finishes at major international events. Rishikanta has enjoyed a strong run over the past few seasons, winning medals at international competitions and establishing himself as one of the leading weightlifters in the Commonwealth circuit. His latest performance once again showcased his ability to compete at the highest level against world-class opponents.

While the gold medal slipped away in the clean and jerk, Rishikanta's record-breaking effort ensured his name will remain part of Commonwealth Games history. His performance has been hailed as another significant milestone for Indian weightlifting and a strong indication that he remains a major contender for future international championships.

Mahesh Babu Boosts Jaya Krishna's Debut

The promotional campaign for "Srinivasa Mangapuram" has received a major boost with Superstar Mahesh Babu stepping forward to support the film. The actor has unveiled a special promotional poster, extending his best wishes to his nephew Jaya Krishna Ghattamaneni, who is all set to make his acting debut.

Mahesh Babu shared the poster on social media and wished Jaya Krishna success as he begins his journey in Telugu cinema. His endorsement has generated significant buzz among fans and movie lovers, with many seeing it as a strong show of support from one of Tollywood's biggest stars.

Jaya Krishna is the son of late actor Ramesh Babu, grandson of legendary superstar Krishna, and nephew of Mahesh Babu. Carrying forward the prestigious Ghattamaneni legacy, he is entering the film industry with high expectations.

Directed by Ajay Bhupathi, known for films like RX 100 and Mangalavaaram, Srinivasa Mangapuram is an intense romantic action drama. The film also marks the Telugu debut of Rasha Thadani, daughter of Bollywood actress



Raveena Tandon, making it one of the most anticipated debut films of the year.

Veteran actor Mohan Babu will be seen in a powerful antagonist's role, while G.V. Prakash Kumar has composed the music. The film is presented by veteran producer C. Ashwini Dutt and produced by P. Kiran under the Chandamama

Kathalu banner.

The recently released trailer and songs have received an encouraging response from audiences. The film has also completed its censor formalities with a U/A certificate, boosting the confidence of the makers ahead of its theatrical release. With Mahesh Babu's wholehearted support, a tal-

ented cast, an experienced director and strong promotional buzz, Srinivasa Mangapuram is shaping up to be a promising launchpad for Jaya Krishna. Fans are now eagerly waiting to see whether the young actor can successfully carry forward the illustrious Ghattamaneni legacy when the film releases in theatres on July 30, 2026.

Ram Charan-Sukumar Film Likely to Be Delayed

The much-awaited reunion of Ram Charan and Sukumar is once again making headlines, with fresh reports suggesting that the ambitious project could face another delay. While fans have been eagerly waiting for the blockbuster combination to return after the phenomenal success of Rangasthalam, the film may take a little longer to go on floors.

According to the latest industry buzz, director Sukumar is still working on the script and wants additional time to perfect the story before commencing production. Known for his meticulous writing process and attention to detail, Sukumar is reportedly unwilling to rush the project and is focused on delivering a script that meets the high expectations surrounding the film.



Reports indicate that the movie is now likely to be officially launched only after the Dasara season. Although the delay may disappoint fans, the filmmaker believes the extra time spent on the screenplay will ultimately result in a stronger cinematic experience.

The postponement could also work in Ram Charan's favour.

The actor is said to be recovering from a wrist injury and can use the additional time to regain full fitness before stepping onto the sets of the high-budget entertainer.

The Ram Charan-Sukumar combination enjoys tremendous expectations, thanks to the massive success of Rangasthalam, which emerged as one of the big-

gest blockbusters in Telugu cinema and earned widespread critical acclaim. Ever since their reunion was announced, fans have been eagerly awaiting updates on the project.

At present, however, there has been no official confirmation from either the makers or the production house regarding the reported delay. The speculation is based purely on industry reports and unofficial sources.

With Sukumar known for taking his time to fine-tune every aspect of his films, and Ram Charan aiming to return fully fit, the team appears to be prioritising quality over speed. If the reports are true, fans may have to wait a little longer, but expectations remain sky-high for what promises to be one of the biggest Telugu films in the making.

Malavika Mohanan Calls for Stronger Female Voices in Cinema

Actress Malavika Mohanan has shared her views on the representation of women in Indian cinema, saying that mainstream films need a stronger female perspective both on and off the screen. The actress believes that increasing the number of women behind the camera will naturally lead to richer and more authentic female characters.

Speaking in a recent interaction, Malavika said that while Indian cinema has evolved in many ways, there is still a shortage of women writers and directors in the industry. According to her, this is one of the major reasons why many mainstream films continue to present female characters in a limited or stereotypical manner.

She stressed that stories told from a woman's point of view often create more relatable, layered and emotionally engaging female characters. Malavika believes that the industry needs many more women filmmakers to bring fresh perspectives and diverse storytelling to the big screen.

The actress also pointed out that a film's success should not be measured by whether it carries the "Pan-India" tag. Instead, she said audiences ultimately connect with compelling stories and memorable characters, regardless of the language or scale of the

production.

According to Malavika, when the content is strong and emotionally resonates with viewers, it naturally reaches audiences across regions and languages. She feels that filmmakers should focus more on storytelling than on marketing labels.

Her comments have sparked conversations on social media, with many users agreeing that stronger female representation behind the camera could help reshape the way women are portrayed in mainstream cinema. Others praised her for highlighting an issue that has long been discussed within the film industry.

Malavika, who is gearing up for the release of several major projects including her Telugu debut opposite Prabhas in The Raja Saab, has increasingly been vocal about issues related to women in cinema and meaningful storytelling.

As Indian cinema continues to expand globally, Malavika hopes that more women will take up roles as writers, directors and creators, helping bring fresh voices, balanced narratives and stronger female characters to mainstream films. Her remarks have once again reignited the conversation about inclusivity, representation and the need for diverse perspectives in filmmaking.



Dhanush, Vetri Maaran Reunite for Thamizh Murugan

Acclaimed Tamil filmmaker Vetri Maaran is all set to collaborate once again with actor Dhanush, rekindling one of the most successful director-actor partnerships in South Indian cinema. The duo's new project, titled "Thamizh Murugan," has already generated tremendous excitement among fans.

This marks the fifth collaboration between Vetri Maaran and Dhanush after delivering critically acclaimed and commercially successful films like Polladhavan, Aadukalam, Vada Chennai, and Asuran. Their previous outings have earned widespread praise for their powerful storytelling, realistic narratives and memorable performances.

Thamizh Murugan is expected to be an ambitious period drama inspired by ancient Tamil history and literature. Dhanush will reportedly portray the titular character, a powerful warrior and leader, in what is being described as one of the biggest films in the actor's career. The film is being jointly produced by Wunderbar Films and Production Miles To Go, while noted writer Arivum-

athi has penned the story. Rising music composer Sai Abhyankkar has been roped in to compose the soundtrack, adding further excitement to the project.

Industry reports also suggest that Vijay Sethupathi is likely to play a significant role in the film. If confirmed, it would mark another collaboration between Vetri Maaran and Vijay Sethupathi following the Viduthalaai films. However, the makers are yet to make an official announcement regarding his casting.

Meanwhile, Vetri Maaran is currently busy shooting Arasan, starring Silambarasan TR (STR) in the lead. Once that project progresses further, the director is expected to shift his complete focus to Thamizh Murugan.

With Vetri Maaran's reputation for delivering hard-hitting cinema and Dhanush's proven ability to excel in intense roles, expectations for Thamizh Murugan are naturally sky-high. Fans are eagerly waiting for more updates regarding the cast, shooting schedule and release plans, hoping the duo will once again create cinematic magic together.

Chiranjeevi Extends ₹3 Lakh Aid to Ailing Actor Ramesh

Megastar Chiranjeevi has once again demonstrated his generosity by extending financial assistance to actor Ramesh, popularly known as "Gabbar Singh" Ramesh, who is currently undergoing treatment after suffering a brain stroke.

Ramesh was recently admitted to Apollo Hospital in Hyderabad, where he is receiving intensive medical care. After learning about his health condition, Chiranjeevi immediately contacted the hospital doctors to enquire about his treatment and ensured that the actor receives the best possible medical attention.

To support the family's mounting medical expenses, Chiranjeevi donated 3 lakh and personally handed over the financial assistance to Ramesh's wife. He also assured the family that he would provide all possible support during this difficult time.

Apart from the monetary aid, Chiranjeevi reportedly promised to help the family secure benefits under the state government's health insurance scheme



so that Ramesh's treatment can continue without financial hurdles.

Adding to the support, Chiranjeevi's brother and actor Naga Babu also contributed 2 lakh towards Ramesh's treatment. Together, the brothers have extended 5 lakh in financial assistance to the actor and his family.

Ramesh earned recognition with his memorable role in Pawan Kalyan's blockbuster "Gabbar Singh" and has appeared in several Telugu films over the years. His sudden health setback shocked members of the Telugu film industry, with many expressing concern and wishing him a speedy

recovery. Chiranjeevi's timely gesture has won widespread appreciation from fans and film personalities alike. Many have praised the megastar for standing by fellow artistes during times of crisis, describing his action as another example of his compassion and commitment to supporting members of the film fraternity.

As Ramesh continues to receive treatment, fans across the Telugu states are praying for his speedy recovery. Chiranjeevi's support has brought much-needed relief and hope to the actor's family during one of the most challenging phases of their lives.

Katrina Kaif Rumoured for Cameo in Prabhas' Spirit

Bollywood star Katrina Kaif is once again making headlines amid reports that she could return to Telugu cinema with Prabhas' much-awaited pan-India action film Spirit. The speculation has created excitement among fans, as it would mark her Tollywood comeback after nearly two decades.

According to industry buzz, director Sandeep Reddy Vanga is considering Katrina Kaif for a crucial cameo role in the film. Though the role is said to be brief, reports suggest it could play an important part in the storyline and leave a strong impact on the audience.

The rumours gained momentum following the reported exit of Deepika Padukone from the project. While Triptii Dimri has already been confirmed as the female lead opposite Prabhas, the makers are reportedly looking for another actress to play a key guest appearance, with Katrina's name emerging as the frontrunner.

If the reports turn out to be true, it would mark Katrina Kaif's return to Telugu cinema after films like Malliswari and Allari Pidugu, which were released in the mid-2000s. Since



then, she has built a hugely successful career in Bollywood and has largely stayed away from South Indian films.

The actress has also kept a low profile after embracing motherhood and has not officially announced any new acting project. This has made the latest speculation even more intriguing for her fans, who are eagerly waiting for her return to the big screen.

However, it is important to note that neither Katrina Kaif nor the makers of Spirit have officially confirmed these reports. Some media reports have even quoted sources close to the actress denying the speculation and calling the rumours inaccurate. As of now, there is no offi-

cial announcement regarding her association with the film.

Directed by Sandeep Reddy Vanga, Spirit stars Prabhas in the lead role as a powerful police officer, with Triptii Dimri playing the female lead. The film is currently progressing at a brisk pace, with more than 40% of the shoot already completed. It is scheduled for a grand worldwide release on March 5, 2027.

Until an official confirmation arrives, Katrina Kaif's involvement in Spirit remains purely a matter of speculation. Nevertheless, the possibility of seeing the Bollywood star reunite with Telugu cinema alongside Prabhas has already generated tremendous buzz among movie lovers.

Venkatesh's AK 47 Promotions Begin with New Poster



The makers of "Aadarsha Kutumbam House No: 47 (AK 47)" have kick-started the film's promotional campaign by unveiling a brand-new poster, raising excitement among movie lovers ahead of its theatrical release.

The newly released poster showcases the film's lead cast in a cheerful family portrait, highlighting the warmth, emotions and togetherness that form the core of the story. The vibrant visual reinforces the movie's family-entertainer appeal and has received an encouraging response from fans.

Starring Victory Venkatesh in the lead role, the film marks his much-awaited first collaboration with acclaimed director Trivikram Srinivas. Given the duo's reputation for delivering memorable en-

tertainers, expectations surrounding the project are already sky-high.

Srinidhi Shetty plays the female lead opposite Venkatesh, while the supporting cast features several prominent actors in important roles. The film is expected to blend family emotions, comedy, action and entertainment in Trivikram's signature storytelling style.

The makers have now officially launched the promotional campaign and are expected to release songs, teasers and trailers in the coming weeks. With the film entering its final phase before release, promotional activities are set to gather momentum.

Produced by S. Radha Krishna (Chinababu) under the Haarika & Hassine Creations banner, the film

features music composed by Thaman S, whose soundtrack is expected to be one of the major highlights.

The movie has already generated significant buzz ever since it was announced, primarily because it reunites Venkatesh with a strong family-oriented subject under Trivikram's direction. Industry circles believe the film has all the ingredients to emerge as a festive entertainer.

"Aadarsha Kutumbam House No: 47" is scheduled for a grand worldwide theatrical release on October 2, 2026, coinciding with the Gandhi Jayanti holiday weekend. With promotions now officially underway, fans are eagerly waiting for the teaser and audio launch as the countdown to release begins.