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Three Andhra Tourists Among 15 Indians Killed in Vietnam Boat Tragedy

Phu Quoc (Vietnam), July 11, TPN Bureau

Three tourists from Andhra Pradesh were among 15 Indians killed after a speedboat carrying tourists capsized near Phu Quoc Island in Vietnam on Saturday. The tragic incident has left families in Andhra Pradesh and across the country in deep grief, with leaders expressing condolences and assuring support to the bereaved families.

The deceased from Andhra Pradesh were identified as Nalapeta Adisheshaiah Raviteja, Sreedhar Mudiam and Jaya Lakshmi Gelli. The boat was carrying 36 people, including 32 Indian tourists, three crew members and one attendant, when it overturned around 400 metres off May Rut Ngoai Islet. Twenty-one people were rescued, while two survivors were reported to be in critical

National Lok Adalat Resolves 2.65 Lakh Cases Across State

Amaravati, July 11 | TPN Bureau

A total of 2,65,279 cases were resolved during the National Lok Adalat conducted at the High Court of Andhra Pradesh and courts across the state on July 11, 2026.

The National Lok Adalat was organised under the directions and guidance of Chief Justice of the High Court and Patron-in-Chief of the Andhra Pradesh State Legal Services Authority Justice Lisa Gill, High Court Judge and Executive Chairman of Andhra Pradesh State Legal Services Authority Justice Ravi Nath Tilhari, and Chairman of Andhra Pradesh High Court Legal Services Committee Justice Battu Devanand.

At the Andhra Pradesh High Court, five benches were constituted and presided over by Justice Tarada Rajasekhara Rao, Justice Dr. Venkata Jyothirmay Pratapa, Justice Sumathi Jagadam, Justice Maheswara Rao Kunchem and Justice A. Hariharanatha Sarma. A total of 25 cases were settled at the High Court, with



condition. The Indian Embassy in Vietnam confirmed that 15 Indian nationals lost their lives in the accident, including 10 from Tamil Nadu, three from Andhra Pradesh and two from Kerala. The embassy expressed grief over the tragedy and assured that all possible assistance was being extended. Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed deep sorrow over the incident and conveyed condolences to the



awards issued towards compensation.

Across the districts, 420 Lok Adalat benches were set up, where judicial officers and bench members facilitated the settlement of cases. By 5 PM, 215 pending cases and 500 pre-litigation cases were resolved across Andhra Pradesh.

The Visakhapatnam Debt Recovery Tribunal (DRT) also settled 29 cases and issued awards for payment of 50.46 crore.

The successful conduct of the National Lok Adalat was supported by lawyers, Police, Excise and Insurance department officials, litigants, court staff and media representatives. The Andhra Pradesh State Legal Services Authority (APSALSA) expressed gratitude to all those who contributed to the initiative.



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'Gana Kokila' Falls Silent: A Voice That Became Emotion Across Generations

The voice has slipped away from the song, Leaving melodies searching for their soul. A child now rests without a mother's lullaby, Silence filling the space where warmth once lived. The cuckoo's call has faded from nature, As if the skies themselves mourn her absence. The voice of the film world has fallen still, Echoes of her songs lingering in memory. And across generations, across hearts, Millions stand grieving— For a voice that was not just heard, But deeply felt.

K Kalyan Krishna Kumar / Lalitha Talupula

The Indian music world is in mourning as legendary playback singer S. Janaki, fondly revered as "Gana Kokila" and known as the Nightingale of the South, passed away, leaving behind a silence that words can scarcely fill. For over six decades, her voice was not merely a part of cinema—it was an emotion that shaped memories, defined eras, and comfort-



ed millions. Born as Sishtla Sriramamurthy Janaki on April 23, 1938, in Pallapatla village near Repalle in Andhra Pradesh, she displayed a deep inclination toward music from a young age. Trained in classical music, Janaki's journey from a modest rural background to the pinnacle of Indian playback singing remains one of dedication and quiet brilliance.

Her musical journey in films began in 1957 with the movie MLA, where she recorded her first playback song. Entering the industry in the late 1950s, that modest beginning soon transformed into a remarkable

career, as opportunities flowed steadily and she rose to become one of the most versatile, expressive, and celebrated voices in South Indian cinema.

Over her illustrious career, S. Janaki is believed to have recorded tens of thousands of songs—often cited to be around 48,000—across more than 15 languages, including Telugu, Tamil, Kannada, Malayalam, and Hindi. Her ability to effortlessly adapt to different languages, emotions, and musical styles made her truly unparalleled.

From soul-stirring lullabies and classical compositions to vibrant folk

Janaki's Demise Leaves Nation in Grief

Legendary playback singer S. Janaki, fondly known as "Gana Kokila," passed away, leaving the music world and millions of admirers in deep sorrow. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Andhra Pradesh Governor S. Abdul Nazeer, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, Minister Nara Lokesh and several leaders paid rich tributes to the iconic singer. They described her soulful voice and timeless songs as an invaluable contribution to Indian music. Former Chief Minister Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, BJP State President PVN Madhav, Minister Kandula Durgesh, and film personalities Chiranjeevi and Nandamuri Balakrishna also expressed condolences, recalling her unforgettable musical legacy. A four-time National Award winner, S. Janaki's voice touched generations and her songs will continue to remain immortal in the hearts of music lovers.

Children Are Nation's Greatest Wealth Says CM Naidu

Vijayawada, July 11 | TPN Bureau

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu said children are the nation's greatest wealth and announced that the Andhra Pradesh government will soon launch a public consultation campaign titled "Children Are Wealth" to encourage discussions on the state's demographic future.

Launching the Population Management Framework Document on World Population Day in Vijayawada, Chandrababu Naidu said population management policies must evolve according to changing



realities. He observed that while smaller families were encouraged in the past, declining fertility rates have now emerged as a serious challenge.

The Chief Minister said sustainable development requires a healthy and balanced population. Pointing out that more

than 40 countries are already facing shrinking populations and ageing societies, he warned that similar demographic trends are emerging in Southern Indian states. He said Andhra Pradesh needs to improve its Total Fertility Rate and stressed that the state's long-term economic goals cannot be achieved without a sustainable population base.

Urging young couples to reconsider the growing preference for "micro families", Chandrababu Naidu advocated the traditional joint family system. "Children are not a burden—they are our greatest asset. Micro families

Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan's Shoulder Surgery Successful in Mumbai

Mumbai, July 11 | TPN Bureau

The surgery performed on Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan's right shoulder in Mumbai on Saturday was successful.

A team of doctors led by renowned orthopaedic surgeon and sports medicine expert Dr. Dinshaw Pardiwala conducted the procedure. The surgery was performed to treat a severe rotator cuff injury accompanied by an avulsion fracture of the shoulder.

The major surgical procedure lasted three and a half hours. Following the operation, Pawan Kalyan was shifted from the operating theatre to the recovery room and is currently recovering from the effects of anaesthesia under medical supervision.

Pawan Kalyan had been suffering from rotator cuff injuries in both shoulders, with doctors advising surgical intervention after detailed medical examinations. The procedure on the right shoulder was per-

formed first, while surgery for the other shoulder is expected to be taken up later as per medical advice.

The Deputy Chief Minister had sustained shoulder injuries in 2016 and continued his political and public engagements despite the pain. Doctors had recently detected the severity of the injury and advised immediate treatment.

Medical experts are closely monitoring his recovery following the successful surgery.

Govt Clears ₹1,010-Crore Pooled Municipal Bond Framework

Amaravati, July 11 | TPN Bureau

The state government has accorded in-principle approval to a 1,010.58-crore Pooled Municipal Bond Issuance Framework, marking a significant step towards strengthening market-based financing for urban infrastructure and reducing reliance on budgetary grants.

The initiative aims to mobilise funds for priority infrastructure projects with an estimated total cost of 1,122.86 crore across participating Ur-



ban Local Bodies (ULBs). It is expected to create a sustainable financing channel while enhancing financial discipline, transparency and governance in municipalities.

The reform aligns with

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu's vision of developing future-ready, resilient and economically vibrant cities under the Swarna Andhra@2047 initiative. The framework enables ULBs to access institutional capital for projects such as drinking water supply, sewerage, roads, storm-water drainage and solid waste management.

Municipal Administration and Urban Development Minister Ponguru Narayana described the move as a major structural reform.



Nara Brahmani Honoured in Fortune India's 100 Most Powerful Women 2026

Mumbai/Amaravati, July 11 | TPN Bureau

Nara Brahmani, Executive Director of Heritage Foods, has been recognised in Fortune India's 100 Most Powerful Women 2026, highlighting her growing influence as a business leader. The honour was presented at a ceremony held in Mumbai in the presence of industry leaders, entrepreneurs and policymakers. Senior representatives of Fortune India presented the award memento.

Brahmani has played a key role in transforming Heritage Foods into a modern, technology-driven dairy and FMCG enterprise. Her leadership has focused on strengthening supply chains, expanding market reach and promoting farmer-centric growth through innovation and sustainable business practices.

An alumna of Santa Clara University and Stanford Graduate School of Business,

Brahmani combines global exposure with strong regional roots. Her leadership approach emphasises sustainability, inclusivity and long-term value creation, with farmers remaining central to the company's growth strategy.

Expressing happiness over the recognition, Brahmani said she was "thrilled and deeply honored" to be included in the prestigious list. She said the achievement reflected the collective efforts of her team, mentors and partners, and thanked Nara Bhuvaneshwari for her guidance and encouragement.

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu congratulated Brahmani, stating that she continues to inspire young women, especially from Telugu states, to pursue leadership roles. Minister for Education, IT and Electronics Nara Lokesh also congratulated her and appreciated her contribution to industry and society.



Lokesh's South Korea Tour Draws Investment Interest, Strengthens Bilateral Ties

Seoul, July 11 | TPN Bureau

The week-long visit of State Minister for Education, IT, and Electronics Nara Lokesh to the Republic of Korea concluded successfully, marking a significant step toward strengthening India-Korea relations and boosting investment prospects for Andhra Pradesh.

Undertaken at the invitation of the South Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the tour from July 5 to 11 witnessed Minister Lokesh engaging with leadership from over 50

major corporations, urging them to explore investment opportunities in Andhra Pradesh. Global giants including LG, Hyundai, Samsung, and BNK Financial responded positively, assuring that proposals presented during the meetings would be examined at the highest levels.

A notable highlight of the visit was the invitation extended by LG to its headquarters, where Minister Lokesh and his delegation were hosted for a formal dinner with s



Govt Assures Steps to Resolve Employees' Issues

Amaravati, July 11 | TPN Bureau

The State government has assured state employees that it is committed to resolving their pending issues while considering the financial position of the state. Ministers Kolusu Parthasarathy (Information & Public Relations and Housing) and Anagani Satyaprasad (Revenue, Registration & Stamps) announced that a Joint Staff Council meeting will be held on July 21 at the Secretariat under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary.

The ministers held discussions with AP JAC Amaravati employee union leaders at the Secretariat on Saturday regarding employee welfare, service matters and pending demands. Speaking to the media,

Kolusu Parthasarathy said employee representatives submitted 23 demands, which were examined in detail. He said Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu is positive about addressing the issues and assured that the government would take steps for a favourable resolution.

He said the issues had accumulated as the previous government failed to address employees' concerns. The minister added that further discussions would be held with Finance Minister Payyavula Keshav before the Joint Staff Council meeting and advised unions to postpone their proposed agitation programmes.

Anagani Satyaprasad said the meeting was held in a cordial atmosphere and reiterated that the Chief Minister





CM to Launch Dhavaleswaram Barrage Gate Replacement

Amaravati, July 11 | TPN Bureau

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu will launch the replacement of flood gates at the historic *Dhavaleswaram Barrage* on July 13 as part of a major irrigation infrastructure upgrade. The state government has sanctioned 152.95 crore to replace all 117 ageing flood gates*, aiming to strengthen the barrage that serves as a lifeline for the undivided East and West Godavari districts.

The project includes replacing the old gates, repairing 12 head sluice gate bottom-tier shutters, installing new rubber seals for 175 crest gates, replacing 734 roller bearings and 197 wire ropes, and upgrading electrical systems and control panels. The works have been awarded to BECOM Infra Projects Pvt. Ltd., which is expected to complete the project within two years.

According to the government, the barrage gates have been in operation for over 50 years and have exceeded their service life. The decision to replace them follows recommendations made by the Central Water Commission (CWC) after inspecting the structure.

The government also stated that while repairs to 58 gates were carried out in 2014 at a cost of 31.77 crore, the previous YSRCP government failed to undertake adequate maintenance, leading to deterioration of the infrastructure.

During his visit, the Chief Minister will inaugurate the gate replacement works at Dhavaleswaram, interact with farmers at Pichchukalanka village in Atreyapuram mandal, and later inspect the Polavaram Project, where he will review the ECRF Gap-2 works, powerhouse construction and hold a review meeting with officials.

AP to Frame ‘Children Are Wealth’ Population Policy

Vijayawada, July 11 | TPN Bureau

The Andhra Pradesh government will formulate a comprehensive population management policy titled “Children Are Wealth” through public consultations and gram sabhas to address declining birth rates and the rising elderly population. Speaking on World Population Day, Health Special Chief Secretary Suresh Kumar warned that the State’s fertility rate had fallen to 1.5, below the replacement level of 2.1, posing long-term challenges to economic growth and workforce availability.

Health Commissioner Chakradhar Babu said the policy would integrate maternal and child health, women’s employment and elderly care. He announced fortnightly geriatric clinics at Community Health Centres, a State-level geriatric centre of excellence, and specialised training programmes for 10,000 child and elderly caregivers annually in collaboration with the Andhra Pradesh State Skill Development Corporation. The government said the initiative aims to ensure sustainable human resource development under the Swarna Andhra 2047 vision.

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Satya Kumar Cancels Programmes Due to Ill Health

Amaravati : Health Minister Satya Kumar Yadav has been suffering from health issues, including dehydration and cervical neck pain. Following medical examinations, doctors advised him to take complete rest and undergo treatment until his condition improves. The minister is currently under medical supervision and his health condition is being closely monitored by doctors. Officials said he is recovering and further updates regarding his health status will be provided as required. In view of his illness and on medical advice, Satya Kumar Yadav cancelled all his scheduled official programmes on Saturday.

Teachers' Federation to Move Supreme Court on TET Exemption

Amaravati : The All India Primary Teachers Federation (AIPTF) has decided to file a curative petition in the Supreme Court seeking exemption from the Teacher Eligibility Test (TET) for in-service teachers. The federation also resolved to continue its campaign for restoring the Old Pension Scheme. It plans to meet Union leaders and Members of Parliament while continuing nationwide protests to press its demands.

APJAC Defers Srikakulam Protest After Govt Talks

Amaravati: AP JAC Amaravati has temporarily postponed its employees' protest preparedness meeting scheduled in Srikakulam on July 12 after holding two rounds of talks with the State government. The employee body said the government responded positively to its 22 key demands, including PRC, DA, OPS and regularisation issues. A final decision on the agitation will be announced after the next round of discussions with the government.

Tensions Erupt Between Farmers and CRDA Officials Over Land Acquisition

Undavalli, July 11 | TPN Bureau

Tension prevailed at Undavalli in Guntur district on Saturday following a confrontation between farmers and CRDA officials during an attempt to acquire land for the proposed Seed Access Road in the Amaravati region.

According to farmers, CRDA officials arrived at the location along with JCB machines and allegedly removed standing crops while carrying out land acquisition activities. The farmers tried to prevent the officials from proceeding, leading to an argument. Police personnel present at the spot intervened and removed the protesting farmers, resulting in a heated exchange.

Farmers alleged that their lands were being taken forcibly and expressed anger over the manner in which the acquisition process was being carried out. They said several farmers had earlier received land acquisition notices from CRDA officials.



Donthireddy Vema Reddy, YSRCP in-charge for Mangalagiri constituency, criticised the land acquisition process, alleging that small and marginal farmers were being subjected to pressure. He questioned the government’s approach and demanded that officials hold discussions with farmers before proceeding with the acquisition. YSRCP president Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy also condemned the incident through a

post on X, alleging that police force was used against farmers and that standing crops were damaged during the operation. He demanded compensation for the affected crops and urged the government to stop what he described as coercive action against farmers.

Jagan said the YSRCP would stand with farmers in protecting their rights and appealed to the government to ensure that land acquisition is carried out only with the consent of farmers.

Divisive Forces Target Sanatana Dharma, Claims BJP AP Chief PVN Madhav

Vijayawada, July 11 | TPN Bureau

BJP Andhra Pradesh State President PVN Madhav alleged that divisive forces were targeting Sanatana Dharma and attempting to create caste-based divisions as they were unable to tolerate India’s progress under Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s leadership.

Addressing the ‘Janata Varadhi – Free Legal Aid’ workshop organised by the AP BJP Legal Cell in Vijayawada on Saturday, PVN Madhav said a conspiracy was being carried out to spread caste hatred in Andhra Pradesh. He said some people were using digital platforms to promote divisive content.

He claimed that the term “Dalit Christian” was not recognised in the Constitution and



said reservations would not apply after religious conversion, citing Supreme Court judgments. He urged youth to study the history of leaders like Dr B.R. Ambedkar and Jogendra Nath Mandal.

Criticising the YSRCP and CPI, Madhav alleged that their support to certain individuals involved in controversial activities was damaging their image. He claimed that supporting such forces would lead to the YSRCP being viewed as an anti-Hindu party.

Anita Reviews Vietnam Boat Accident

Amaravati, July 11 | TPN Bureau

Home and Disaster Management Minister Vangalapudi Anitha on Saturday reviewed the boat accident in Vietnam and directed officials to closely monitor the situation. Speaking to officials over the phone, she sought complete details of the incident and instructed them to maintain constant coordination with the Indian

Embassy in Vietnam.

The minister directed officials to immediately collect information about people from the Telugu states and other Indian nationals who may have been affected in the accident. She instructed them to provide regular updates on the condition of the victims and ensure that their families receive timely information.

Anitha also asked officials to co-

ordinate with the Ministry of External Affairs to closely track the progress of rescue operations. She assured that the Andhra Pradesh government would extend all possible assistance to those affected, if required. Expressing concern over the incident, the minister hoped that everyone trapped in the accident would be rescued safely and return home without further harm.

Books Can Transform Society, Says Anitha

Vijayawada, July 11 | TPN Bureau

Home and Disaster Management Minister Vangalapudi Anitha said books and knowledge have the power to transform society, stressing the importance of Telugu language, literature, women’s dignity and social values.

Addressing the 3rd International Telugu Women Writers’ Conference (2026) held to mark the birth centenary of Mandali Venkata Krishna Rao, Anitha said, “The pen is mightier than the gun; it is the book, not the gun, that transforms society.” She urged youth to develop the habit of reading and build a value-based society.



The Minister praised Mandali Venkata Krishna Rao, popularly known as ‘Diviseema Gandhi’, for his contribution to Telugu language and culture, recalling his role in organising the first World Telugu Conference in Hyderabad in 1975. She appreciated Mandali Buddha Prasad for continuing the family’s efforts to preserve Telugu heritage.

Minister Savitha Directs Officials to Contain COVID Spread

Amaravati, July 11 | TPN Bureau

District In-charge Minister Savitha has directed Kadapa district officials to take immediate measures to control the spread of COVID-19 following the reporting of eight cases and two deaths in the district.

In a statement on Saturday, Savitha instructed District Collector Ch. Sridhar and DMHO Ravibabu over the phone to create awareness among people, enforce COVID protocols in affected areas and ensure proper medical care. She directed offi-

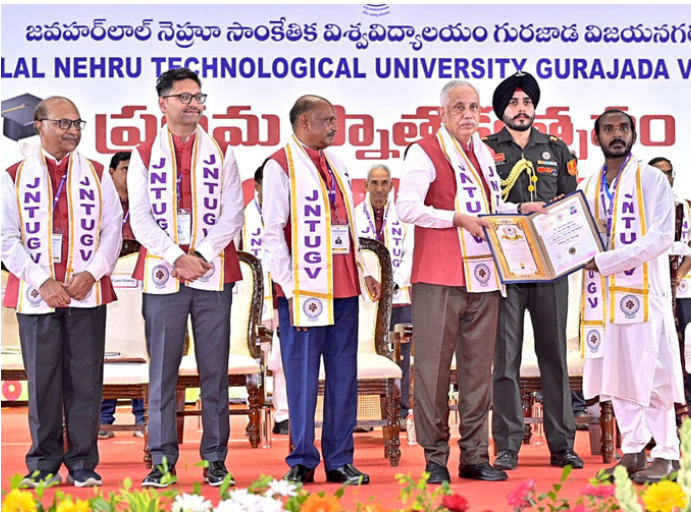
cials to make mask-wearing mandatory in crowded places and hospitals and identify people with symptoms such as fever and cough for necessary isolation and treatment.

The Collector and DMHO informed the Minister that no fresh cases had been reported apart from the eight confirmed cases. Samples have been sent to a laboratory in Pune to identify the COVID variant and assess its spread. Officials said sanitation measures, including bleaching powder spraying, were carried out in affected areas.

Savitha also directed that

family members of infected persons be tested immediately and ensured that isolation facilities and vaccine stocks were maintained.

Expressing grief over the death of Kadapa native Sreedhar Mudiam in the Vietnam boat tragedy, the Minister conveyed condolences to the bereaved family. She said the government would stand by them and added that coordination was being maintained with the Ministry of External Affairs, AP Bhavan in Delhi and Vietnam authorities for bringing back the mortal remains.



JNTU-GV Holds First Convocation with Academic Grandeur

Visakhapatnam, July 11 | TPN Bureau

Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University Gurajada, Vizianagaram (JNTU-GV) conducted its first convocation with academic grandeur at the AU Convention Centre, Beach Road, Visakhapatnam on Saturday.

The convocation was presided over by Governor of Andhra Pradesh and Chancellor of JNTU-GV Justice S. Abdul Nazeer. Prof. M. Madhu Murthy, Chairman, Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education (APSCHE), attended as the Special Guest, while Mayur Patnala, Founder & Global CEO, Nirman Organization, was the Chief Guest and was conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa) for his contributions to innovation, entrepreneurship and technology.

Vice-Chancellor of JNTU-GV Prof. V. V. Subba Rao presented the University Report, highlighting achievements in academics, research, innovation and infrastructure development. The graduating students

took the Convocation Oath, following which eligible candidates were formally admitted to their respective degrees.

As part of the ceremony, the Chancellor launched the digital issuance of original degree certificates through the university’s Blockchain-based Tamper-Proof Original Degree System.

Justice S. Abdul Nazeer presented 15 University Gold Medals to meritorious students for their outstanding academic performance. Addressing the gathering, APSCHE Chairman Prof. M. Madhu Murthy congratulated the graduates and encouraged them to focus on innovation and research.

Mayur Patnala urged students to develop an entrepreneurial mindset and use technology for sustainable solutions. Governor Justice S. Abdul Nazeer advised graduates to uphold professional ethics, integrity and social responsibility while contributing to nation-building.

Minister Nara Lokesh, who was scheduled to attend the convocation, could not participate due to official engagements.

SSG Annual Sports Meet Promotes Fitness, Team Spirit

Amaravati, July 11 | TPN Bureau

Mangalagiri, July 11 | TPN Bureau

The annual sports meet of the Special Security Group (SSG), Andhra Pradesh Intelligence Department, was conducted with great enthusiasm at the SSG Grounds in Mangalagiri. Additional Director General of Police (Intelligence) Mahesh Chandra Laddha attended the event as the chief guest. IG (PHD) D. Ramakrishna and other senior police officers were also present.

The sports meet was organised under the supervision of SSG Director A. Jagadish and SP Chenunapati Bhadrappa. Competitions were conducted in 25 sporting disciplines, providing an opportunity for SSG personnel to showcase their skills and sporty spirit.

Mahesh Chandra Laddha inaugurated the Tug of War competition during the event. S. Kamalendra Rao emerged as the overall champion of the annual sports meet after securing first place in six different events.

Addressing the gathering, Mahesh Chandra Laddha said



sports play a crucial role in promoting physical fitness, mental well-being and team spirit among personnel. He appreciated the participation of SSG members and highlighted the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

Cultural programmes were also organised as part of the celebrations, creating a festive atmosphere at the venue.

The Special Security Group expressed gratitude to the officials of Acharya Nagarjuna University, SHAP Chairman Ravi Naidu and others for extending their support in successfully organising the annual sports meet.

DyCM Directs Measures to Ensure Pilgrim Safety on Tirumala

Amaravati, July 11 | TPN Bureau

Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Forest and Environment Pawan Kalyan directed officials to take special measures to ensure the safety of pilgrims using the Alipiri footpath route to Tirumala amid reports of leopard movement near Dorasani Mandapam.

Pawan Kalyan instructed officials to remain highly vigilant in the affected areas and take necessary steps to prevent anxiety among pilgrims. He emphasised that safety arrangements should be strengthened while ensuring that devotees continue their pilgrimage without fear.

Forest Department officials informed the Deputy Chief Minister about the steps being taken in coordination with the

TTD Forest Wing and TTD Vigilance Wing to safeguard pilgrims. They said ‘Hanuman’ teams have been deployed and kept on alert in areas where leopard movement has been reported.

Pawan Kalyan directed officials to clear dense vegetation in sensitive locations to improve visibility and create safer pathways. He also advised creating awareness among pilgrims to travel only in groups and follow safety guidelines while using the footpath route.

The Deputy Chief Minister stressed the importance of maintaining effective coordination between the Forest Department and TTD authorities and instructed officials to implement stringent safety measures to ensure a secure and peaceful pilgrimage experience for devotees visiting Tirumala.

Lokesh’s South Korea Tour Draws Investment Interest, Strengthens Bilateral Ties

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Senior leadership. The visit began with an interaction with the Telugu community in Seoul and concluded with an investor roadshow organized under the aegis of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).During a meeting with Indian Ambassador to South Korea Gauranglal Das, Lokesh outlined Andhra Pradesh’s industrial vision and sought support in attracting Korean investments. The launch of the ‘APEC-Korea’ investor facilitation cell in Busan under APE-DB further underscored the state’s proactive outreach strategy.Lokesh’s presenta-

tions highlighted Andhra Pradesh’s investor-friendly policies, robust infrastructure, and governance model centered on “Speed of Doing Business” and the “3S” framework—Speed, Scalability, and Service. The success of Kia Motors in the state was cited as a key example.

Kyung-hoon Kim, Head of KOTRA’s South Asia division, praised the delegation, even acknowledging their efforts on social media. Impressed by Lokesh’s pace, Korean representatives nicknamed him the “Palli-Palli Minister,” referencing the Korean phrase for speed.

Govt Assures Steps to Resolve Employees’ Issues

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is committed to resolving employees’ problems. He said the government would examine all demands and take appropriate decisions. AP JAC Amaravati Chairman Bopparaju Venkateswarlu, Associate Chairman T.V. Phani Perraju, Secretary General Palisetty Damodara Rao,

Treasurer Thimmasarthi Nag- eswara Rao, State Co-Chairman P.S.S.N.P. Sastry and representatives of various employee associations participated in the meeting. The ministers assured that regular consultations would continue to strengthen coordination between the government and employees.

Kondapalli Srinivas Slams YSRCP Criticism

Vizianagaram, July 11 | TPN Bureau Minister Kondapalli Srinivas on Saturday conducted a Praja Darbar programme at his camp office in Vizianagaram district, where he received petitions from residents of various villages in the Gajapathinagaram Assembly constituency and assured them of prompt action. A total of 32 representations relating to civic amenities, welfare schemes and local issues were submitted by people from different villages. The minister directed officials to examine each petition carefully and take necessary steps to resolve the grievances within the stipulated time. Speaking on the occasion, Kondapalli Srinivas said the Praja Darbar programme is being conducted under the direc-

tions of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu with the objective of bringing governance closer to the people and ensuring quick resolution of public issues. He said the coalition government is committed to transparent and people-centric administration by maintaining direct interaction with citizens.The minister also criticised the YSRCP, alleging that its leaders were making baseless allegations against the government after losing public support. He claimed that the coalition government was receiving a positive response from people due to its governance and development initiatives.Party presidents and alliance leaders from four mandals, along with local representatives and officials, participated in the programme.

Vamsi Krishna Alleges YSRCP Fuelling Divisions

Visakhapatnam, July 11 | TPN Bureau Jana Sena MLA Vamsi Krishna Srinivas on Saturday accused the YSRCP of attempting to create divisions between castes and religions for political gain and alleged that the party was behind recent incidents that sparked controversy in the state.Addressing a press conference in Visakhapatnam, Vamsi Krishna said the Jana Sena Party remains committed to public welfare and the protection of Sanatan Dharma. He alleged that the YSRCP’s stand had become evident through recent political developments and claimed the party was encouraging forces that create social unrest.The MLA criticised remarks made by YSRCP leaders and alleged that the party was resorting to conspiracy politics as it could not ac-

cept the state’s development. He also sought an explanation from former bureaucrat A.B. Venkateswara Rao regarding his reported meeting with YSRCP leaders.Vamsi Krishna urged CPI leader K. Narayana to exercise restraint in his public comments and criticised actor Prakash Raj over his recent remarks, calling upon the Telugu film industry to respond appropriately. He demanded a thorough investigation into alleged conspiracies against Sanatan Dharma and Hindutva.The Jana Sena legislator also said that Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan would not be intimidated by personal criticism. He added that the government was giving priority to addressing pollution issues in Visakhapatnam and was taking steps to improve the city’s environment.

Malladi Vishnu Demands Satya Kumar's Resignation

Tadepalli, July 11 | TPN Bureau

YSRCP leader and former MLA Malladi Vishnu on Saturday alleged that corruption has become rampant in government hospitals under the coalition government and demanded the resignation of Health Minister Satya Kumar; holding him responsible for the alleged

collapse of the public healthcare system. Addressing the media at the YSRCP central office in Tadepalli, Vishnu claimed that patients in government hospitals are being forced to pay bribes for services such as wheelchairs, stretchers, dialysis, blood tests, ECGs, scans and even for shifting bodies from mortuaries. He

alleged that poor patients are being exploited despite seeking free medical treatment. Vishnu further alleged that government hospitals are facing shortages of medicines, injections and essential equipment, while diagnostic services are being delayed due to non-functional machinery and inadequate staff. He also referred to reported

incidents of power failures in hospitals at Anantapur, Visakhapatnam, Nellore and Kakinada, alleging that such lapses had affected patient care.The former MLA also claimed that the 108 ambulance service and Aarogyasri scheme have weakened under the present government. He alleged that patients seeking treatment under Aarogyasri

in private hospitals are facing difficulties in obtaining approvals. Demanding immediate corrective measures, Vishnu urged the government to restore infrastructure, ensure adequate medicines and strengthen accountability in government hospitals to improve healthcare services for the public.

‘Gana Kokila’ Falls Silent, Musical Legacy Lives On

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songs and mass numbers, Janaki brought life into every note she sang. Her collaborations with legendary singers like S. P. Balasubrahmanyam, K. J. Yesudas, and Ghantasala created timeless classics. Equally remarkable was her association with iconic composers such as Ilaiyaraaja, M. S. Viswanathan, K. V. Mahadevan, and later A. R. Rahman, each of whom found in her a voice capable of transcending boundaries.Her excellence was recognized with four Na-

tional Film Awards for Best Female Playback Singer, along with numerous state honours. In 2013, she made headlines for humbly declining the Padma Bhushan, expressing that such recognition had come late in her career—a decision that reflected her quiet dignity and self-respect.Despite her monumental success, Janaki remained intensely private. She stayed away from the spotlight, dedicating herself wholly to music and family. Her husband Ramprasad and son Muralikrishna were her close

anchors throughout her life. With her passing in Mysuru following health complications, an irreplaceable chapter in Indian music comes to a close. Yet, S. Janaki’s voice will never truly fade. It lives on—in the lullabies mothers hum, in the melodies that echo through old radios, and in the hearts of countless listeners who found solace, joy, and meaning in her songs.S. Janaki may have departed, but her voice remains eternal—an everlasting song in the soul of India.

Govt Clears ₹1,010-Crore Pooled Municipal Bond Framework

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He said urban infrastructure needs cannot be met through government funds alone and emphasised that municipal bonds would empower ULBs to leverage their revenues, improve creditworthiness and attract investments.Principal Secretary, MA&UD Department, S. Suresh Kumar said the pooled model would allow multiple municipalities to collectively

access capital markets, bringing scale and credibility to urban financing. He noted that the initiative would also drive improvements in municipal accounting, revenue systems, credit ratings and financial transparency.The framework is aligned with the Union Budget 2026–27, which encourages high-value municipal bond issuances and offers incentives for bonds exceeding 1,000 crore. A high-level Screening Committee chaired

by the Principal Secretary, MA&UD, will oversee implementation with support from the Finance Department and Andhra Pradesh Public Financial Corporation.Additionally, the Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation is being positioned to explore green bonds to fund environmentally sustainable projects, reinforcing the State’s push for innovative and climate-resilient urban development.

Children Are Nation’s Greatest Wealth Says CM Naidu

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should not become the norm. The joint family system provides emotional security, shared responsibility and stronger social support,” he said. He stressed that child-rearing should not be viewed as the responsibility of women alone and called for equal participation from fathers and families. He also highlighted the importance of maternal health and reducing unnecessary Caesar-

ean deliveries wherever medically appropriate. The Chief Minister said youth and senior citizens are valuable human resources and referred to initiatives such as Sanjeevani, women entrepreneurship programmes, the P4 initiative and Talliki Vandanam scheme. He also announced plans for a new welfare initiative “Kshemam” for senior citizens. Expressing concern over the misuse of social media and vio-

lent online content, Chandrababu Naidu urged youth to maintain a balance between technology, values, knowledge and spirituality. Reiterating his vision for Andhra Pradesh, he said the state aims to achieve a per capita income of Rs 55 lakh by 2047 and expressed confidence in realising the Swarna Andhra vision even earlier. He later released the Population Management Framework Document.

Kollu Ravindra Warns of Action Against Social Media Misuse

Machilipatnam, July 11 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Minister for Mines, Geology and Excise Kollu Ravindra on Saturday said the coalition government would introduce a law to take strict action against those misusing social media to spread hatred and create unrest in society.Speaking at a public grievance redressal programme organised at the Telugu Desam Party office in Machilipatnam, the minister said the government was committed to development and accountable governance under the leadership of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu. He said public representatives were holding regular grievance meetings to resolve people’s issues, adding that 30 petitions were received on Saturday. According to him, 464 petitions have been received so far, of which 357 have been resolved, while the re-



maining have been forwarded to the concerned departments. Kollu Ravindra alleged that the previous YSRCP government had weakened the revenue administration and criticised former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy over the earlier land survey and passbook system. He said the present government was issuing new land passbooks with the owner’s photograph, QR code and the official state emblem.The minister also ac-

cused the YSRCP of spreading misinformation through social media and attempting to create divisions based on caste and religion for political purposes. He warned that the government would take stringent legal action against anyone found misusing social media to incite hatred or disturb public peace, irrespective of their position or influence.TDP leaders and party workers were present at the programme.

Three Andhra Tourists Among 15 Indians Killed in Vietnam Boat Tragedy

families of the victims. He said the Indian Embassy and Consulate were providing all possible assistance and prayed for the speedy recovery of the injured survivors. President Droupadi Murmu, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and other leaders also expressed grief over the loss of lives.

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu reviewed the situation with officials and directed immediate steps for providing assistance to survivors and facilitating the return of mortal remains to Andhra Pradesh. Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, Minister Nara Lokesh, BJP State President PVN Madhav and other leaders conveyed condolences. Machilipatnam MLA and Minister Kollu Ravindra also mourned the death of a victim

from the region and expressed solidarity with the family. Meanwhile, Lava Mobiles said some of its team members and channel partners were among those affected and that it was coordinating with the Indian Embassy and Vietnamese authorities to provide support. Survivor Ashish Kumar from Guntur recalled the horrifying moments before the accident, saying the boat overturned suddenly while the group was taking photographs. Vietnamese authorities have launched an investigation into the cause of the tragedy, examining rough sea conditions and possible technical issues. Rescue and assistance efforts continue as families await further updates.

AP Government Monitors Situation

Amaravati: The state government has been closely monitoring the tragic boat accident in Vietnam, in which three persons from the state lost their lives. Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, IT Minister Nara Lokesh and Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha are reviewing the situation continuously.Soon after receiving information, Nara Lokesh spoke with officials of the Indian Embassy in Vietnam and directed the Real Time Governance Society (RTGS) to coordinate relief and repatriation efforts. The RTGS Command and Control Centre at the Secretariat is monitoring developments round the clock in coordination with the Indian Embassy, AP Bhavan, New Delhi, APNRT and Vietnamese authorities. The accident occurred during a tour organised by a mobile phone company for families of its distributors. The boat carrying tourists met with an accident near Phu Quoc Island, leaving 15 people dead. Among the deceased were Nalapeta Adiseshaiah Raviteja, Sreedhar Mudiam and Jaya Lakshmi Gelli from Andhra Pradesh. Another person from the state sustained serious injuries. Officials have contacted the victims’ families and assured full support. Arrangements are being made for the safe return of survivors and transportation of mortal remains.



Amarnath Alleges Land Deals in Cabinet Meetings

Visakhapatnam, July 11 | TPN Bureau YSRCP leader and former minister Gudivada Amarnath on Saturday alleged that the Andhra Pradesh Cabinet was prioritising land allotments over public welfare and accused the coalition government of facilitating large-scale benami land deals in Visakhapatnam. Addressing a press conference at the YSRCP office in Visakhapatnam, Amarnath claimed that land worth 25,000 crore to 30,000 crore was being transferred under the present government. He alleged that a majority of the agenda items in recent Cabinet meetings related to land allotments rather than welfare schemes, employment, pensions or other public issues. The former minister alleged that valuable government

lands were being allotted to selected companies at nominal prices in the name of industrial development. Referring to land in Madhurawada, he claimed that 9.39 acres of government land had been transferred at a value far below its market price, raising concerns over future allotments to private entities. Amarnath also demanded a white paper on jobs created through the State Investment Promotion Board (SIPB) approvals and sought an inquiry into the alleged Bheemili GITAM and Endada land scams. He further alleged that the proposed Social Media Task Force was intended to suppress criticism of the government. Amarnath said YSRCP would continue to raise issues concerning alleged corruption and the protection of public assets in the state.

Chandrasekhar Reddy Alleges Betrayal of Employees

Tadepalli, July 11 | TPN Bureau YSRCP Employees and Pensioners Wing State President Nalamaaru Chandrasekhar Reddy on Saturday accused the coalition government of failing to fulfil its election promises to employees and pensioners, alleging that several key issues have remained unresolved even after 25 months in office.Addressing the media at the YSRCP central office in Tadepalli, Chandrasekhar Reddy claimed that promises relating to the Contributory Pension Scheme (CPS), Guaranteed Pension Scheme (GPS), Pay Revision Commission (PRC), Dearness Allowance (DA), pension benefits and arrears were yet to be imple-

mented.He alleged that employees and pensioners were awaiting dues amounting to nearly 35,000 crore to 40,000 crore, including DA arrears, PRC arrears, retirement benefits, medical reimbursements and surrender leave payments. According to him, many employees are waiting for 5 lakh to 10 lakh in pending dues. The YSRCP leader further alleged that the health card system had weakened and accused the government of neglecting the welfare of contract and outsourcing employees. He also expressed concern over the alleged move towards privatisation of RTC and other public sector institutions, claiming it could affect job security.

Collector DK Balaji Assures No Urea Shortage

Vijayawada, July 11 | TPN Bureau

Krishna District Collector D.K. Balaji on Saturday assured farmers that there is no shortage of urea in the district and said the government has ensured adequate stocks for every farmer and every field.

Addressing a press conference at the Collectorate in Machilipatnam, the Collector urged farmers not to panic, stating that urea distribution has significantly increased this year. He said 10,088 metric tonnes of urea had been sold by the end of June this year, compared to 4,732 metric tonnes during the corresponding period last year, reflecting nearly a two-fold increase.

Balaji said 54,805 farmers have already purchased urea and sufficient stocks are available to meet demand. He explained that the Fertilizer Supply App is being implemented to ensure transparent and equitable



distribution, preventing unnecessary bulk purchases. Krishna and Kakinada districts have been selected as pilot districts for the initiative.

The Collector acknowledged minor technical glitches during the initial rollout of the app but said they were resolved quickly. To assist farmers without smartphones, special help desks have been established at every Rythu Seva Kendram, where Village Agriculture Assistants help with app-based bookings.

District Agriculture Officer Jyothi Ramani, Markfed District Manager Murali Kishore, and Agriculture Officer Shanthi were present at the press conference.

Ramachandra Mohan Reviews Indrakeeladri Works

Vijayawada, July 11 | TPN Bureau

State Endowments Commissioner K. Ramachandra Mohan on Saturday directed officials to adopt a uniform colour scheme for major buildings at the Indrakeeladri temple complex to create a spiritually uplifting and visually harmonious atmosphere for devotees.

During an inspection of ongoing development works at the Sri Durga Malleswara Swamy Devasthanam, the Commissioner reviewed the progress of the new Laddu Potu, Annadanam building and Maha Mandapam along with Temple Trust Board Chairman Borra Radhakrishna (Gandhi) and temple officials.

Inspecting the new Laddu Potu building, he examined the painting, flooring and interior works and instructed officials to fully utilise the cellar for operational requirements. He later reviewed the Annadanam building and the seventh-floor Prakaram area of the Maha Mandapam.



Ramachandra Mohan directed engineering officials to ensure that all three buildings feature a matching colour palette that reflects the temple's spiritual ambience. He said the structures should present a unified appearance and provide a sense of peace and serenity to devotees visiting the shrine. He also instructed officials to prepare plans accordingly and expedite the remaining works.

Trust Board members Avvaru Srinivasa Rao and P. Raghavareddy, Deputy Executive Officer Kishore Babu, Executive Engineer L. Ramadevi, Assistant Commissioner Ch. Ranga Rao, engineering officials and temple staff participated in the inspection.

Child Rights Protection Needs Collective Effort

Vijayawada, July 11 | TPN Bureau

Protecting child rights is a shared responsibility of society, government agencies, educational institutions, police, and voluntary organisations, said B.S. Koteswara Rao, Director of the Forum for Child Rights, Vijayawada, at a discussion forum held in the city on Saturday.

Organised by the Forum for Child Rights at TANA (Sri T.V.) Bhavan in Hanumanpet, the meeting focused on strengthening child rights services and preparing a future action plan to improve child protection mechanisms. A poster titled "Child Safety – Everyone's Responsibility" was also unveiled during the programme.

Addressing participants, Koteswara Rao stressed the need for coordinated action to address issues such as child protection, education, healthcare, child labour, child marriage, and child trafficking. He called for stronger collaboration between government departments, voluntary organisations, and the public to ensure the safety and well-being of children. Father Thomas Koshy, a founding member of the Fo-



rum and a recipient of the President's Award, highlighted the importance of strengthening child protection systems at the grassroots level by encouraging community participation in villages and urban wards.

Forum Coordinator Arava Ramesh urged social activists, legal experts, educators, and voluntary organisations to work together to safeguard children's rights. Participants resolved to intensify awareness programmes, training camps, and community sensitisation initiatives in the coming months.

Child rights activist Santosh from Warangal served as the resource person. Representatives from several NGOs, charitable trusts, and child welfare organisations attended the programme and pledged continued cooperation for promoting child welfare and protecting children's rights.

MLA Adireddy Vasu Praises Bishop Dr Thomas' Service

Rajahmundry, July 11 | TPN Bureau

Rajahmundry City MLA Adireddy Vasu appreciated the social and humanitarian services of Bishop Dr Arul Thomas, founder of Dahinchu Agni Ministries, during the Thailabhishekam Festival and his birthday celebrations held on Saturday.

Addressing the gathering as

chief guest, Vasu praised the Bishop's efforts in supporting poor families, orphans, widows and elderly people. He highlighted the ministry's initiatives, including marriages for underprivileged youth, education support for poor children, free drinking water facility at Katavaram village, food distribution to elderly people, clothing drives and sewing machine training for women.

Minister Vasamsetti Subhash Offers Prayers at Durga Temple

Vijayawada, July 11 | TPN Bureau

Minister for Labour and Factors Vasamsetti Subhash visited the Sri Durga Malleswara Swamy Devasthanam atop Indrakeeladri in Vijayawada on Saturday along with his family members and offered special prayers to Goddess Kanaka Durga.

The Minister, his spouse and family were accorded a traditional welcome by temple officials and priests upon their arrival at



the hill shrine. They participated in special rituals and sought the blessings of the presiding deity.

Following the rituals, Vedic scholars offered blessings to the Minister and his family. They

Sujana Foundation Conducts Free Mega Medical Camp

Vijayawada, July 11 | TPN Bureau

A free mega medical camp organised by the Sujana Foundation under the leadership of MLA Sujana Chowdary was successfully conducted on Saturday at the Kautha Subbarao Municipal School in Purnanandampet's 35th Division, benefiting nearly 100 people.

Experienced medical professionals conducted comprehensive health check-ups, including blood pressure, blood sugar, dental and eye examinations, ECG, and 2D-Echo tests. Medicines were also distributed free of cost to patients



attending the camp.

Doctors from PVR Multi-Specialty Hospital, Sankara Eye Hospital, and the dental department of a government hospital participated in the initiative, providing medical consultations and treatment throughout the day. Alliance leaders Pradeep Kumar Raj, Bhudala Nanda Kumari, and Paidi

Meta GATE Training Boosts RGUKT Students

Nuzvid, July 11 | TPN Bureau

Rajiv Gandhi University of Knowledge Technologies (RGUKT), Nuzvid, organised a special GATE training programme for students of the Metallurgical and Materials Engineering (MME) department in collaboration with the renowned coaching institute Meta GATE, aiming to strengthen students' preparation for national-level competitive examinations.

The programme was conducted through the university's Higher Education and Competitive Examinations (HE CE) Cell. Shubradeep Paul, Academic Head for GATE Metallurgy at Meta GATE, guided students on effective preparation strategies, higher education opportunities, and research prospects available through the GATE



examination.

RGUKT Vice-Chancellor Prof. Maddali Lakshminarayana Rao, Registrar Prof. Sandra Amarendra Kumar, Administrative Officer Dr. B. Lakshmana Rao, and MME Head Dr. Venkateswarlu supervised the programme and encouraged students to make the best use of the initiative. They said the training would enhance students' confidence and improve their chances of securing admissions to premier institutions.

In another significant development, the university signed

Vijaya Milk Corruption Row Escalates, Says Sivaram Prasad

Vijayawada, July 11 | TPN Bureau

Senior Telugu Desam Party (TDP) leader and Krishna District Mandal President Veerapneni Sivaram Prasad on Saturday alleged large-scale corruption in the Krishna Milk Union and said his fight was against the alleged irregularities under Chairman Chalasani Anjaneyulu, not against the Vijaya Milk organisation itself.

Addressing a press conference at his residence in Bharathi Nagar, Sivaram Prasad said he would not be intimidated by the defamation suit filed against him for raising allegations of corruption. He maintained that he would continue his campaign until the alleged irregularities were thoroughly investigated.

Claiming that corruption worth over 150 crore had taken place in the organisation, Sivaram Prasad said he was prepared to substantiate his allegations with documentary evidence. He challenged Chairman Chalasani



Anjaneyulu to publicly respond to the charges and asserted that the truth would emerge if an impartial inquiry was conducted.

The TDP leader also alleged that Chalasani Anjaneyulu maintained close ties with YSRCP leaders despite holding his current position. He challenged the chairman to publicly deny the allegation.

Sivaram Prasad announced that he would soon mobilise around 2,000 dairy farmers to stage a protest at the Vijaya Milk plant, demanding action against those allegedly responsible for corruption and seeking justice for milk producers. He said the date of the proposed agitation would be announced shortly.

Supporting his allegations,

were presented with Teertha-Prasadam and the sacred Sesha Vastram of the Goddess as part of the temple honours.

Devasthanam Trust Board member Auvuri Srinivasa Rao also welcomed the Minister's family and participated in the programme.

The visit was marked by traditional temple rituals and devotional ceremonies, with temple authorities extending customary honours to the Minister and his family.

NTR Voters Urged to Complete Enumeration

Vijayawada, July 11 | TPN Bureau

NTR District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha has appealed to all eligible voters who have not yet submitted their enumeration forms under the Election Commission's Special Summary Revision of Electoral Rolls-2026 to do so before the July 14 deadline, emphasizing that the official machinery is fully prepared to assist the public.

During an inspection of the revision process at Guntupalli in Ibrahimpatnam Mandal on Saturday, the Collector reviewed the receipt and digitization of enumeration forms. He encouraged voters to make use of the special camps being conducted on weekends and submit their forms through their respective Booth Level Officers (BLOs).

Dr. Lakshmisha said officials and staff are available across all constituencies to provide guidance, clarify doubts and ensure that no voter faces inconvenience during the process. He urged citizens not to wait until the final day and to participate actively in creating an accurate and error-free electoral roll.



The Collector announced that the district has achieved 82.15 per cent digitization, with 14,07,640 enumeration forms already digitized. He noted that steady progress has been recorded across all Assembly constituencies, reflecting the coordinated efforts of election officials and field staff in ensuring smooth implementation of the electoral revision programme.

Maris Stella Holds Employability Skills Workshop

Vijayawada, July 11 | TPN Bureau

The Career Guidance and Placement Cell of Maris Stella College (Autonomous), Vijayawada, in association with Magic Bus India Foundation, has launched an eight-day Life and Employability Skills Workshop for final-year degree students to enhance their career readiness. The programme began on July 8 and will continue in different batches until September 1.

The workshop focuses on developing essential skills required in today's competitive job market, including communication, interview preparation, financial and digital literacy, workplace ethics, critical thinking, soft skills, and self-learning. Interactive activities, group discussions, role plays, and practical sessions are being conducted to equip students with industry-



relevant competencies.

The programme is being organised under the guidance of Principal Dr. Sr. Innayasamma, Vice-Principals Mrs. G. Usha Kumari and Dr. Sr. Asha, and Placement Officer Dr. N. Anupama.

Mr. N. Kiran Kumar, Senior Trainer from Magic Bus India Foundation, is serving as the resource person. The college management expressed confidence that the initiative would strengthen students' employability skills, boost their confidence, and prepare them to excel in recruitment processes and future careers.

Delhi to Host 'Telugu Velugu Sambaralu'

Vijayawada, July 11 | TPN Bureau

The National Telugu Saraswata Parishat will organise the 'Telugu Velugu Sambaralu' in New Delhi on July 28 to celebrate Telugu language, literature and culture while bringing together the Telugu community residing in Delhi, Haryana and Punjab.

Announcing the event at a press conference held at Murali Fortune Hotel in Vijayawada, Executive President Keciraju Ramprasad said the celebrations would provide a platform for promoting the Telugu language and strengthening cultural ties among the Telugu diaspora. The event poster was unveiled during the programme.

Parishat President Mutyala Srinivas said Union Minister of State for Steel and Heavy Industries Bhupathiraju Srinivasa Varma would preside over the celebrations. Three Union Ministers, judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts, the Delhi Culture Minister, scientists associated with the development of the PARAM supercom-



puter, and several eminent personalities are expected to participate.

The organisers announced that Lifetime Achievement Awards would be presented to Vibhishana Sharma, Peethani Satyanarayana, Mudharaju Kasi Viswanatharaju, and retired IAS officer C.J. Venugopal for their outstanding contributions in their respective fields. Special Talent Awards will also be presented to several distinguished personalities.

Awards Committee Chairman Kanteti Venkataraju and General Secretary Dr. K.S.P.N. Varma said similar Telugu cultural events are planned in Hyderabad, the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, and Mumbai in the coming months. They appealed to Telugu people to participate in large numbers and make the celebrations a grand success.

CMRF Aid Distributed to Korukonda Beneficiaries

East Godavari, July 11 | TPN Bureau

The coalition government distributed Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) cheques worth 7.90 lakh to 17 beneficiaries in Korukonda mandal of Rajanagaram Assembly constituency.

The assistance was sanctioned on the recommendation of MLA Battula Balaramakrishna, with cheques handed over at beneficiaries' residences by his wife Battula Venkatalakshmi, Jana Sena Party 'Naa Sena Kosam Naa Vanthu' State Committee Coordinator.



Venkatalakshmi said the government is committed to supporting poor families facing medical hardships and ensuring timely financial assistance through CMRF. Beneficiaries thanked MLA Balaramakrishna and the coalition government for the support. TDP, Jana Sena Party and BJP leaders participated.

Teeparu to Be Developed as Model Pushkara Village

Nidadavole, July 11 | TPN Bureau

Minister Kandula Durgesh on Saturday announced that Teeparu village in Peravali mandal would be developed as a model Pushkara village ahead of the 2027 Godavari Pushkaralu. Launching the 'Maa Godavari Sankalp' programme with support from TadEkam Foundation, the Minister said the model village works would be completed by Sankranti 2027.

Durgesh said proposals worth Rs.96 crore had been submitted to strengthen the 36-km Vijjeswaram-Siddhantam embankment and improve 29 ghats to accommodate 10 to 15 lakh devotees during Pushkaralu. He also said a proposal worth Rs.1.80 crore had been sent for an alternative



access road to Teeparu.

The Minister inspected and cleaned the ghat, reviewed local drainage issues and directed officials to resolve them. He said the government would develop tourist circuits linking nearby temples, promote plastic-free ghats, enhance pilgrim facilities and ensure environmentally sustainable tourism under the guidance of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan.

Chintamaneni Assures Support to Farmers Amid Drought Concerns

Eluru, July 11 | TPN Bureau

Denduluru MLA Chintamaneni Prabhakar on Saturday assured farmers that the coalition government would extend all possible support to safeguard agriculture despite adverse weather conditions and possible irrigation challenges. Addressing farmers during the daily Nitya Praja Darbar at his camp office in Dugirala, he reviewed concerns over the impact of the El Niño phenomenon and prevailing drought conditions.

Prabhakar said inadequate rainfall in upstream states could

affect irrigation water availability in Andhra Pradesh, but added that the government had already directed the Agriculture and Irrigation departments to implement contingency measures to minimise losses to farmers.

He urged people to conserve groundwater, describing it as a vital resource during drought, and highlighted the government's flagship Jala Dhara-Jala Harathi programme aimed at improving groundwater recharge. Later, the MLA received public grievances from people across the constituency and directed officials to ensure their early resolution.

St. Ann's Principal Earns IIT Kharagpur Postdoctoral Honour

Vetapalem, July 11 | TPN Bureau

Dr K. Jagadish Babu, Principal of St. Ann's College of Engineering and Technology, Vetapalem, has been awarded the prestigious Postdoctoral Certificate of Excellence in Research by the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kharagpur. The recognition was conferred during the institute's 72nd Convocation in recognition of his outstanding contribution to technical education and research.

College Secretary Vanama Ramakrishna Rao and Correspondent Srimanthula Lakshmana Rao said the achievement marked a significant milestone for the institution and enhanced



its academic reputation at the national and international levels.

The college celebrated the occasion, with Directors Dr C. Subba Rao and Vanama Dora Naga Sainath, Manager R.V. Ramana-murthy, heads of departments, faculty members, non-teaching staff and students felicitated Dr Jagadish Babu for bringing laurels to the institution through his academic accomplishment.

Chanti Inaugurates Inter-District Laser Run Championship

Eluru, July 11 | TPN Bureau

Badeti Chanti on Saturday said sports play a vital role in promoting mental well-being and instilling a winning spirit among young athletes. He was speaking after inaugurating the 10th AP Inter-District Modern Pentathlon Laser Run Championship-2026 at the Alluri Sitarama Raju Stadium in Eluru, along with SHAP Director Kovvasu Jagadeeswari.

Encouraging the participants, Chanti said Eluru was fortunate to have quality sports infrastruc-

ture and assured that he would make efforts to facilitate the construction of a running track at the ASR Stadium. He urged athletes to strive for excellence and bring laurels to Eluru and the state by excelling in national and Olympic competitions.

Jagadeeswari said the coalition government was committed to promoting sports and urged athletes to participate in large numbers in the Amaravati Championship beginning on July 15. Several sports officials and organisers attended the event.

MLA Balaramakrishna Releases Irrigation Water

East Godavari, July 11 | TPN Bureau

Irrigation water was officially released through the Katavaram Lift Irrigation Scheme on Saturday, bringing relief to farmers in Rajanagaram Assembly constituency. MLA Battula Balaramakrishna and RUDA Chairman Boddu Venkataramana Chowdary inaugurated the water release by switching on the pump motors after offering prayers.

The scheme will provide irrigation facilities to nearly 3,000 acres in Katavaram, Vedullapalli and Jalimudi villages of Seethanagaram mandal, benefiting hundreds of farmers ahead of the cultivation

season.

Battula Balaramakrishna said the coalition government is committed to farmers' welfare and ensuring timely irrigation. He stated that the government's priority is to prevent water shortages and strengthen irrigation infrastructure. Farmers welcomed the initiative, expressing gratitude to the public representatives and the government. They said timely water availability would help them begin cultivation without delays and improve crop prospects.

Leaders and workers from TDP, Jana Sena Party and BJP, along with local representatives, women leaders and farmers, participated in the programme.

Govt Steps Up Preparations for Godavari Pushkaralu 2027

Rajamahendravaram, July 11 | TPN Bureau

The state government has begun comprehensive preparations a year in advance for the Godavari Pushkaralu-2027 under the guidance of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan. Municipal Administration and Urban Development Minister Ponguru Narayana and Tourism and Culture Minister Kandula Durgesh on Saturday inspected Pushkar ghats, the Godavari riverfront and civic infrastructure works in Rajamahendravaram.

The ministers reviewed the



Pushkar master plan with MP Daggubati Purandeswari, MLC Somu Veerraju, MLAs Gorantla Butchaiah Chowdary and Adireddy Srinivas, RUDA Chairman Boddu Venkata Ramana and senior officials. Narayana said 585 crore had been sanctioned to upgrade roads, drainage, sewerage,

drinking water and sanitation facilities, while all departments were coordinating to ensure devotees' safety during the festival from June 26 to July 7, 2027.

Kandula Durgesh said large-scale arrangements were being made across six districts, including homestays, tent cities and tourism infrastructure under the Akhanda Godavari project. Somu Veerraju said the government was mobilising adequate funds despite financial constraints, while Adireddy Srinivas and Gorantla Butchaiah Chowdary said permanent infrastructure and additional ghats would be completed before the mega religious event.

Minister Sandhya Rani Inaugurates Blood Donation Camp

Salur, July 11 | TPN Bureau

Minister Gummidi Sandhya Rani on Saturday inaugurated a mega blood donation camp at the Area Hospital in Salur, saying the initiative was aimed at helping patients in need of timely blood transfusions.

The Minister appreciated all voluntary blood donors for coming forward to support the cause. She said anaemia remains a major concern among children, preg-



nant women and lactating mothers in tribal areas. She also noted that accident victims often face life-threatening situations due to the non-availability of blood.

Sandhya Rani said the camp

was organised to ensure timely blood supply for such patients and urged more people to participate in voluntary blood donation drives. Police personnel, hospital staff, Telugu Desam Party leaders and party workers donated blood during the camp.

Hospital Medical Officer Meenakshi, AMC Chairman Suryanarayana and Telugu Desam Party leaders from the constituency also participated in the programme.

15 Acres of Forest Gutted in Muthayapalem Blaze

Bapatla, July 11 | TPN Bureau

Around 15 acres of forest land were destroyed in a major fire that broke out in the Muthayapalem forest area along the Suryalanka Road in Bapatla district on Friday. Forest officials said the blaze spread rapidly due to strong winds, engulfing a large stretch of vegetation within a short time.

Local residents alerted authorities after noticing thick



smoke and flames rising from the forest. Fire Services personnel, assisted by Forest Department staff, battled the blaze for several hours before bringing it under control.

SP Holds Open House for Police Personnel

Bapatla, July 11 | TPN Bureau

Bapatla SP B. Umamaheshwar on Saturday conducted the monthly Police Sahachar Open House programme at the District Police Headquarters, reaffirming the department's commitment to the welfare of police personnel.

During the programme, held on the second Saturday of every month, police personnel and Home Guards submitted repre-

sentations regarding transfers on health grounds, family and personal medical issues, and other service-related grievances. The SP interacted directly with the staff, heard their concerns and directed the concerned officers to ensure their early resolution.

Umamaheshwar said the initiative was aimed at providing police personnel with a platform to raise departmental issues di-

rectly. He also highlighted the weekly SP Sampark programme, held every Friday from 3 pm to 5 pm, through which personnel can report grievances over the phone.

The SP also urged police personnel to wear helmets while riding two-wheelers. AR DSP Krishnam Raju, Home Guard In-charge RI Srikanth, DPO staff and other police officials attended the programme.

Drunk Driving Offenders Fined Rs 40,000

Karamchedu, July 11 | TPN Bureau

A court imposed a total fine of Rs 40,000 on four persons caught driving under the influence of alcohol in Karamchedu police station limits, reinforcing the crackdown on drunk driving. The accused, who were earlier booked during special drunk-and-drive checks, were produced before the Parchur court on Saturday.

After examining the case, the



court fined each offender Rs 10,000. Considering it was their first offence, the court let them off with a monetary penalty but warned that repeat violations would invite much stricter

punishment.

Karamchedu Sub-Inspector Khader Basha urged motorists to avoid driving after consuming alcohol, stressing that drunken driving not only endangers the lives of offenders but also puts innocent road users at risk. He said many fatal road accidents occur due to drunken driving, leaving families to suffer irreversible loss, and appealed to the public to drive responsibly and follow traffic laws.

First Andhra Pradesh Chadar Offered at Nagpur Taj Baba Dargah

Amaravati, July 11 | TPN Bureau

The first special Chadar from Andhra Pradesh was offered at the Taj Baba Dargah in Nagpur, Maharashtra, during the 104th Urs festival of Sufi saint Hazrat Tajuddin Baba.

The ceremonial cloth was presented at the shrine by Sufi Hazrat Ata Nizamuddin Taj Qadri Baba, disciple of Hazrat Sufi Ataullah Shah Taj Qadri Baba. The Chadar was carried in a traditional Sandal procession through the streets of Nagpur, accompanied by Fakirs and thousands of devotees, before being placed on the



Mazar Sharif.

Speaking on the occasion, Ata Nizamuddin Taj Qadri Baba said devotees from across the world participated in the Urs, promoting humanity beyond caste and religious differences. He said special prayers were offered for the welfare and development of Andhra

Pradesh, speedy completion of Amaravati capital works and the success of the proposed Sufi Conference in the state.

Andhra Pradesh Sufi Convener Sufi Mohammad Altaf Ali Raza Baba, along with Sufi representatives and devotees, participated in the programme.



CMRF Assistance of Rs 59.42 Lakh Distributed to 60 Beneficiaries

Nandyal, July 11 | TPN Bureau

Minister BC Janardhan Reddy distributed CM Relief Fund (CMRF) cheques worth Rs 59.42 lakh to 60 beneficiaries at his Banaganapalle camp office on Saturday. The financial assistance, amounting to Rs 59,42,204, was provided to support poor patients who had incurred medical expenses.

After distributing the cheques, the Minister interacted with the beneficiaries and enquired about their health and well-being. He also sought feedback on the implementation of

welfare and development programmes under the coalition government.

Janardhan Reddy said the CMRF had become a lifeline for poor families requiring costly medical treatment and was being extended without discrimination based on caste, religion, region or political affiliation. Despite the State's financial constraints, the government remains committed to supporting needy patients through the relief fund, he added. He credited Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu for ensuring continued assistance to deserving beneficiaries.

MLA Assures Permanent Solution for Srivari Mettu Vendors

Tirupati, July 11 | TPN Bureau

Chandragiri MLA Pulivarthi Nani on Saturday assured that a permanent solution to the long-pending issues of small vendors at Srivari Mettu would be found soon. He visited the protest camp outside the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) Administrative Building, where around 30 vendor families have been staging a relay hunger strike for the past 690 days, seeking restoration of their livelihood.

The vendors, who have depended on businesses at Srivari Mettu for over 25 years, appealed for a lasting resolution. Nani expressed regret over the delay in addressing their concerns and said discus-



sions with senior officials would be held on Monday. He assured that he would participate in the talks along with CITU leaders to secure a permanent solution.

CITU State Vice-President Kandarapu Murali and CPM Tirupati District Secretary Vandavasi Nagaraju welcomed the assurance and urged the MLA to ensure the issue is resolved at the earliest.

Security Review Held for CM's Polavaram Visit

Eluru, July 11 | TPN Bureau

Eluru district authorities on Saturday conducted an Advance Security Liaison (ASL) meeting to review security arrangements for Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu's scheduled visit to the Polavaram Project on July 13.

District Collector K. Vetri Selvi and Superintendent of Police K. Pratap Shiva Kishore led the review, attended by Additional SP (Admin) Y. Prasad Rao, Intelligence Security Wing officials and senior officers from various departments.

Officials conducted a compre-

hensive assessment of the Chief Minister's travel route, helipad, venue, traffic regulation, parking, barricading, VIP security, crowd management, emergency services and inter-departmental coordination. Necessary instructions were issued to ensure smooth execution of the visit.

The Collector and SP directed all departments to work in close coordination to ensure fool-proof security and the successful conduct of the Chief Minister's visit without any untoward incidents. Revenue, Polavaram Project and police officials also participated in the review meeting.

Two Arrested in Rs 37 Crore Investment Fraud

Kakinada, July 11 | TPN Bureau

Saravaram police arrested two persons for allegedly cheating thousands of investors of over Rs 37 crore through a fake investment scheme promising high monthly returns from the stock market. The accused, Pulugu Moresh of Valasapakala and Sandhana Lalitha Ambika of Gandhinagar, were produced before the Special Mobile JFCM Court in Kakinada after the seizure of six laptops, four mobile phones, a car, bonds and other documents.

Addressing the media, ASP (Administration) Mahanti Kishore Kumar said Moresh operated Almighty Genesis Capital Management Private Limited from KRK Plaza in



Kakinada, assuring investors of a monthly return of Rs 15,000 on an investment of Rs 1 lakh. Police found that 7,342 investors had invested nearly Rs 98.67 crore. After payouts of about Rs 16.14 crore, dues of Rs 37.74 crore remain unpaid. Police appealed to victims to come forward with documentary proof and warned the public against schemes promising guaranteed returns.

Editorial

Bullying: A Silent Trigger for Lifelong Tragedies

Bullying is never a harmless act. Whether it takes place in a school, workplace, neighbourhood, or on social media, humiliating another person can leave emotional scars that last a lifetime. Every individual deserves to be treated with dignity and respect. Unfortunately, society often dismisses bullying as a normal part of growing up, without realizing the devastating consequences it can create.

Children are among the most vulnerable victims. Repeated insults, harassment, and public humiliation can push young minds into anxiety, depression, and hopelessness. In recent years, several heartbreaking incidents have shown how relentless bullying has driven students to take their own lives. One such tragedy involved a schoolgirl who reportedly jumped from a school building after enduring severe bullying by fellow students, while a teacher allegedly remained a silent spectator. Such incidents should compel schools to examine not only student behaviour but also the responsibility of educators to intervene immediately.

The impact of bullying is not limited to children. It can also fuel anger, revenge, and violent behaviour among adults. In one shocking case, a man released from prison in a POCSO case allegedly murdered the victim, her family members, and even members of his own family. While criminal actions can never be justified, persistent humiliation and the desire for retaliation often become dangerous psychological factors that society ignores until it is too late.

Preventing bullying must begin in childhood. Parents, teachers, and communities should consistently teach empathy, respect, and emotional intelligence. Children must understand that mocking, intimidating, or isolating others is neither entertaining nor acceptable. Professional psychologists should also play a greater role by conducting awareness programs in schools and colleges, helping young people recognize both the harm caused by bullying and healthy ways to respond to it.

A civilized society cannot tolerate bullying in any form. Preventing it today may save countless lives tomorrow.

Editor

Vijaya Mehta: A Creative Bridge Between Theatre and Cinema



When we turn the pages of Indian theatre history, we encounter a handful of visionary directors who were more than artists. They became symbols of a world-view, catalysts of cultural movements, and architects of artistic renewal. Among these rare figures, Vijaya Mehta stands apart.

Her recent passing is not merely the death of an individual. It marks the extinguishing of a creative lamp that illuminated the Indian stage for decades. Yet the light she kindled continues to glow—in the imagination of artists, in theatre schools, in rehearsal halls, and in the silent spaces between cinematic frames.

In the mid-twentieth century, Marathi theatre was still largely shaped by the traditions of musical and dance dramas. Mythological narratives, historical spectacles, and elaborate stagecraft captivated audiences, but the complexities of contemporary human life rarely found a place on the stage. It was at this moment that Vijaya Mehta emerged. She transformed theatre from a vehicle of entertainment into a forum for thought, social inquiry, and psychological exploration. The theatre collective she founded, Rangayan, heralded nothing less than a cultural revolution in Marathi theatre.

Rangayan did more than stage plays. It reshaped the sensibilities of Marathi audiences, encouraged playwrights to engage with new themes, and elevated acting into a disciplined artistic practice. What distinguished Vijaya Mehta was her refusal to imitate Western theatrical traditions blindly. Instead, she absorbed them and reimagined them through Indian experiences and sensibilities. The ideas of the German playwright and theorist Bertolt Brecht profoundly influenced her. Brecht believed that audiences should not lose themselves entirely in characters but should remain critically aware and reflective. Vijaya Mehta played a crucial role in introducing these ideas to Indian theatre.

She also brought the works of writers such as Anton Chekhov and Eugene Ionesco to Marathi audiences. In doing so, she not only opened Marathi theatre to the world but also placed Marathi experiences within a broader global conversation. Under Vijaya Mehta's direction, acting was never mere performance. It was a journey into the inner life of a character. Actors in her productions were not machines delivering dialogue; they were living embodiments of human experience. She paid meticulous attention to every aspect of characterization—social background, language, psychology, gesture, and movement.

She disliked the tendency of Marathi characters speaking in artificial Hindi accents. For her, every character had to remain rooted in its own cultural soil. This commitment later became one of the foundations of naturalistic performance and modern Indian theatre. Her contribution was equally significant in bringing the works of playwrights such as Vijay Tendulkar, Mahesh Elkunchwar, and C. T. Khanolkar to the stage. Perhaps her greatest achievement in theatre was the synthesis of literature and performance. Although she attained immense recognition on the stage, she never ignored the possibilities of cinema. Yet she consciously chose not to follow the path of commercial filmmaking.

Her films, notably Rao Saheb (1985) and Pestonjee (1988), occupy an important place in the history of Indian parallel cinema. Drawing upon her theatrical background, she encouraged naturalistic and introspective performances. Rejecting melodrama, exaggeration, and star-driven spectacle, she selected actors capable of expressing the inner conflicts of their characters. Artists such as Om Puri, Naseeruddin Shah, Shreeram Lagoo, and Mohan Agashe complemented her creative vision.



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In Vijaya Mehta's films, actors do not merely portray a story—they become the story. That is why, when we remember her cinema, we recall not only narratives but also faces, silences, glances, and moments that linger in memory long after the film ends.

Rao Saheb recreates the social milieu of nineteenth-century Maharashtra and examines the ideals of social reform. Yet the film does more than reconstruct history; it explores the inner turmoil of an individual striving for social change. It is less a political statement than a deeply human inquiry.

Pestonjee is equally remarkable. Few Indian films have portrayed the life of the Parsi community with such tenderness and nuance. Friendship, love, marriage, loneliness, and the passage of time are rendered with extraordinary sensitivity. There are no dramatic events at the centre of the film, and yet it contains an entire life. That is Vijaya Mehta's singular gift.

Her films never appear to be mere cinematic recordings of stage productions. At the same time, they are not confined by the

conventions of film grammar alone. She achieved a rare balance between the emotional depth of theatre and the visual language unique to cinema. Her associations with international theatre luminaries such as Jerzy Grotowski, Peter Brook, and Eugenio Barba helped place Indian theatre within global artistic dialogues. Yet she never abandoned her Marathi roots. She welcomed the world into her creative universe without ever losing the fragrance of her own soil.



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Vijaya Mehta is not merely a chapter in the history of Indian theatre. She is a bridge that connected Marathi theatre to the modern world. She is a director who brought sensitivity, humanity, and artistic integrity to Indian cinema. Above all, she remains an enduring creative force whose legacy continues to inspire generations of artists.

Schools in Transition: Balancing Reform, Access and Quality Education



Government schools in Andhra Pradesh remain the foundation of public education, especially for children from economically weaker sections. Over the past decade, the changing landscape of school education has raised important questions about access, quality and the future of public schooling.

According to data cited from UDISE+, NITI Aayog, ASER reports and parliamentary records, the country has witnessed a decline in the number of government schools, along with a significant fall in student enrolment. Several factors, including declining population growth in some regions, consolidation of schools, migration and increasing preference for private institutions, have contributed to this trend.

In Andhra Pradesh too, concerns have been raised over the reduction in government school numbers and declining

enrolment in public institutions. Parents' organisations have highlighted that the merger or consolidation of schools, particularly primary schools, could increase travel distances for children. This may affect students from poor families and girls, who often face additional challenges in continuing education.

However, school consolidation is not always a negative development. In some cases, merging schools with very low enrolment can help governments provide better infrastructure, more teachers and improved learning facilities. The success of such reforms depends on proper planning, transparent implementation and ensuring that no child is denied education due to distance or lack of facilities.

The Right to Education Act emphasises accessibility, and maintaining reasonable distance norms for schools is es-

sential. Where schools are relocated or merged, transportation facilities, safety measures and effective monitoring systems must be ensured.

Quality education requires more than just maintaining school numbers. Smart classrooms, laboratories, libraries, sports facilities, trained teachers and regular assessment mechanisms are necessary to strengthen government schools and restore public confidence.

The concerns raised by parents' associations deserve serious consideration. At the same time, policy decisions must balance practical challenges such as declining enrolment and resource utilisation with the fundamental objective of providing every child with accessible and quality education. Strengthening government schools is not only an education issue but also an investment in the state's social and economic future. A collaborative approach involving governments, teachers, parents and communities is essential to ensure that every child gets an equal opportunity to learn and succeed.



Double Standards in Governance: Capitalism in Practice, Socialism on Paper



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When a nation authoritatively implements capitalism while simultaneously declaring socialism as a constitutional ideal, it creates a paradox that borders on absurdity. This is not merely a clash of economic theories—it is a governance farce. Citizens are promised redistribution and equality, yet live in systems that reward competition, profit, and inequality.

The Capitalist Reality

Capitalism thrives on private ownership, free markets, and profit incentives. Liberalization policies encourage entrepreneurship, foreign investment, and consumer choice. The results are visible: booming industries, global integration, and rising middle classes. Yet, when constitutional texts proclaim socialism, the contradiction becomes glaring.

Take India. Its Constitution enshrines socialism as a guiding principle, but since the 1990s, liberalization has transformed the economy into one of the world's most dynamic capitalist markets. Privatization of airlines, telecom, and

banking has fueled growth, while debates over subsidies and welfare guarantees continue to expose the ideological split.

Socialism as Symbolism

Socialism emphasizes collective welfare, redistribution, and state responsibility. But when governments pursue capitalist reforms, socialism risks becoming symbolic rather than substantive.

China is the most striking example. Officially socialist under party leadership, it has embraced market reforms that created billionaires, global corporations, and stock exchanges. To reconcile the contradiction, the state coined "socialism with Chinese characteristics." Yet the paradox remains: a socialist constitution presiding over capitalist realities.

Europe's Social Democracy Experiment

In European social democracies, the contradiction is softened by redefining socialism as welfare guarantees rather



than state ownership. Countries like Sweden and Germany embrace free markets while constitutionally protecting healthcare, education, and pensions. This balance works—until crises hit. The Eurozone debt crisis revealed the fragility of the model, as austerity measures clashed with welfare promises, leaving citizens questioning the sustainability of the system.

Why This Farce Cannot Last

Declaring socialism constitutionally while implementing capitalism practically is not just contradictory—it is corrosive. It erodes trust in governance, confuses economic identity, and leaves citizens trapped between promises of redistribution and realities of privatization. Some nations attempt to soften the contradiction by reframing socialism as "social justice" or "welfare guarantees." Others, like China, rede-

fine socialism entirely. But the ideological clash remains unresolved.

The Path to Clarity

Governments must choose clarity over contradiction. Constitutions should reflect reality, not outdated ideology. Either socialism must be redefined to mean welfare guarantees within capitalism, or constitutional texts must be updated to acknowledge market-driven economies. Without this honesty, the governance farce will continue—promises of equality on paper, inequality in practice.

Final Word

"A constitution that preaches socialism while a government practices capitalism is not a balance—it is a betrayal. Until nations choose honesty over hypocrisy, citizens will remain trapped in the great governance farce: equality promised, inequality delivered."

Comparative Snapshot			
Country/Model	Capitalist Element	Socialist Element	Resulting Tension
India	Liberalized markets	Constitutional socialism	Policy contradictions
China	Market reforms	Party-led socialism	Ideological paradox
EU States	Free markets	Welfare guarantees	Fiscal strainT



Secret Delhi Meet Before Sena Split

A political controversy has intensified in Maharashtra after reports of secret meetings between Shiv Sena (UBT) MPs and rival faction leaders emerged before their move towards the Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena. The developments have brought fresh attention to the internal battle within the party and the political strategy behind the latest shift.

According to reports, a group of Shiv Sena (UBT) Lok Sabha MPs travelled to Delhi discreetly before announcing their decision to join the Shinde faction. The meetings in the national capital and subsequent interactions with key parliamentary authorities became a crucial part of the political developments.

The move has been described by the Eknath Shinde camp as part of “Operation Tiger”, a strategic effort aimed at strengthening its position and expanding support within the Shiv Sena. The development comes years after the original split in the party that led to the formation of two separate factions.

The rebellion has created another major challenge for Uddhav Thackeray, who has been working to retain control over



Cash, Weapons Found at Don’s Home

A major police operation in Maharashtra’s Chhatrapati Sambhajanagar has uncovered a large cache of cash, valuables, and weapons from the residence of alleged gangster Baba Farzan. The Crime Branch conducted a raid at his house, leading to the recovery of significant amounts of unaccounted wealth and arms.

During the search operation, authorities reportedly recovered around 5.5 crore in cash along with gold and silver valuables. The huge amount of currency required multiple cash-counting machines at the spot to verify and document the seizure.

Apart from financial assets, police also recovered several weapons from the premises. The seized items reportedly included rifles, hundreds of live cartridges, swords, and other sharp-edged weapons. The discovery has raised concerns over illegal arms possession and possible links to organised criminal activities.

Baba Farzan, identified by police as a known criminal figure in the region, has come under further investigation following the raid. Authorities

are examining his financial records, property details, transactions, and documents to trace the source of the recovered assets.

The operation is part of a wider crackdown against organised crime and illegal activities in the region. Investigators are now trying to determine whether the recovered money and weapons are connected to any criminal networks or other unlawful operations.

The seizure has created a major stir in Chhatrapati Sambhajanagar, with officials treating the raid as a significant development in their efforts against criminal elements. Police are analysing the evidence collected during the operation and are expected to reveal more details after completing the investigation.

The case has once again highlighted concerns over the accumulation of illegal wealth and weapons by individuals with alleged criminal backgrounds. Further investigation will determine the extent of Baba Farzan’s activities and the possible involvement of others linked to the case.

India’s IT Industry Must Shift to ‘AI as a Service’ Model: Ashwini Vaishnaw

Union Minister for Electronics & Information Technology, Railways and Information & Broadcasting Ashwini Vaishnaw has urged India’s IT industry to transition from the traditional software services model to an “AI as a Service” framework, stating that Artificial Intelligence will be a major driver of economic growth and innovation in the coming decades.

Addressing an Industry Leader Townhall on “The Role of Technology in Building Viksit Bharat 2047” organised by the Hyderabad Software Enterprises Association (HYSEA) in Hyderabad on Saturday, Vaishnaw highlighted the growing global importance of AI. Union Minister for Coal and Mines G. Kishan Reddy also participated in the event and interacted with industry leaders.

Vaishnaw said India’s strong global reputation in providing reliable technology solutions gives the country a significant advantage in the AI era. He stressed the need for the IT sector to move beyond the Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) model and focus on AI-driven services through stronger collaboration between industry and academia.

He said NASSCOM, in asso-



ciation with the government, has prepared an AI curriculum that has been shared with the Ministry of Education and AICTE to help students gain skills aligned with emerging technologies and industry needs.

Highlighting developments in the semiconductor sector, Vaishnaw said India’s vision of building a strong semiconductor ecosystem is becoming a reality. He informed that 12 semiconductor manufacturing plants are under development, with three already producing chips for export markets, including Japan and Europe. Advanced semiconductor design tools have also been provided to 315 universities to strengthen the talent pool.

On electronics manufacturing, the Minister said mobile phones have emerged as India’s largest export category. He expressed confidence that the sec-

tor would grow from the present 13 lakh crore to 20 lakh crore soon. In Telangana, 104 electronics manufacturing companies have received government support, along with four Electronics Manufacturing Clusters and a Common Facility Centre. Vaishnaw also outlined infrastructure plans for Hyderabad, including three bullet train corridors, and said railway development funding for Telangana has increased significantly.

G. Kishan Reddy stressed the importance of balanced regional development and called for tier-II cities like Warangal and Karimnagar to become hubs of investment, innovation and employment. Later, both Ministers visited Medha Bogies Factory and Medha Servo Drives Private Limited at Kondakal to review manufacturing activities.

Bengal Moves Towards UCC Review

The West Bengal government has taken a major step towards examining the proposed Uniform Civil Code (UCC) by forming a high-level committee to review the draft legislation. The move marks the beginning of a detailed study of the proposed law before any decision is taken on introducing it in the state.

The committee will examine various aspects of the draft UCC Bill, including issues related to marriage, divorce, inheritance, adoption, and other personal law matters. The panel will study existing legal frameworks and provide recommendations on how a common civil code can be implemented while considering the state’s social and cultural diversity.

The development comes amid a wider national debate over the Uniform Civil Code. Uttarakhand became the first state in India to implement a UCC, while Gujarat and Assam have also taken steps towards adopting similar legal frameworks. West Bengal’s move adds another state to the growing discussion on creating uniform civil laws across the



country.

Supporters of the Uniform Civil Code argue that a common set of laws will ensure equality, promote gender justice, and simplify legal procedures related to personal matters. They believe that uniform regulations can provide equal rights and protections to all citizens irrespective of their religious background.

However, opponents have raised concerns about maintaining India’s cultural and religious diversity. They argue that personal laws are closely linked with community traditions and that any reform should involve wider consultations.

The formation of the committee indicates that the West Bengal government wants to carefully examine the legal and social implications before moving ahead. The panel’s recommendations are expected to play an important role in shaping the final decision on the proposed legislation.

If West Bengal proceeds with the UCC Bill, it could become another major state to enter the national conversation on uniform civil laws. The issue is likely to remain a significant political and legal topic as discussions continue over balancing equality, individual rights, and cultural traditions.

Centre Plans OTT Film Certification Rule

The controversy surrounding the film Satluj has prompted the Centre to consider changes to digital content regulations. The government is examining possible amendments to the Information Technology (IT) Rules that could make certification mandatory for films released on non-theatrical platforms, including OTT services.

The discussion comes after the controversy involving Satluj, a film based on the life of human rights activist Jaswant Singh Khalsa. The film faced challenges during its certification process and its release on a digital platform later triggered a debate over content regulation, creative freedom, and security concerns.

Currently, films released in theatres require certification from the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC). However, films released directly on OTT platforms follow a different regulatory framework under the Information Technology Rules, 2021, where platforms classify content and follow self-regulation guidelines.

The proposed changes could bring OTT films and other non-



theatrical releases under a more formal certification system. The government is considering whether a common framework is needed as digital platforms have become a major source of entertainment for millions of viewers.

Supporters of stricter regulation argue that OTT platforms need clearer guidelines to ensure responsible content distribution. They believe certification could help address concerns related to sensitive subjects, public order, and social impact.

However, filmmakers and industry experts have raised concerns that additional certification requirements could affect creative freedom and lead to

delays in film releases. They argue that digital platforms should continue to have flexibility while maintaining responsible content practices.

The Satluj controversy has brought renewed attention to the challenges of regulating online entertainment in India. With OTT platforms growing rapidly, the government is reviewing whether existing rules are enough to address emerging concerns.

Any amendment to the IT Rules could have a major impact on India’s streaming industry. The final decision may determine how digital films are reviewed, certified, and released in the country’s evolving entertainment landscape.



India Begins UNSC Campaign Push

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar is set to launch India’s official campaign for a non-permanent seat on the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for the 2028-29 term, marking an important step in the country’s global diplomatic strategy.

The campaign launch in New York will highlight India’s efforts to strengthen its engagement with the international community and secure support from UN member nations. The move comes as New Delhi begins a diplomatic outreach to build consensus for its candidature ahead of the UNSC elections.

India has been consistently demanding reforms in the United Nations Security Council, arguing that the current structure does not reflect the realities of the modern world. New Delhi has maintained that emerging economies and regions such as Asia, Africa, and Latin America require greater representation in global decision-making institutions.

The United Nations Security Council plays a crucial role in maintaining international peace and security. Countries elected as non-permanent members participate in discussions on global conflicts, peacekeeping missions, terrorism, humanitarian crises, and in-

ternational cooperation.

India has previously served as a non-permanent member of the UNSC, including during the 2021-22 term. The upcoming campaign will focus on strengthening diplomatic partnerships and gaining support from countries, especially within the Asia-Pacific region.

As part of the campaign, India is expected to intensify discussions with various nations on issues such as global security, economic cooperation, climate change, technology, and international reforms. The outreach will also reinforce India’s position as a major voice in global affairs.

India’s bid comes at a time when several countries are calling for changes in global institutions to make them more representative and effective. With its growing economy, large population, and increasing role in international diplomacy, India has argued that greater participation in the UNSC would contribute to a more balanced global order.

The campaign for the UNSC seat is expected to remain a key priority of India’s foreign policy in the coming years as New Delhi works to expand its influence and strengthen its role in shaping global decisions.



Datia Bypoll Sparks BJP Rift

The Madhya Pradesh bypoll battle in Datia has triggered a political controversy within the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) after the party denied a ticket to senior leader and former state Home Minister Narottam Mishra. The decision has led to protests from his supporters, highlighting internal tensions within the party ahead of the election.

The BJP announced Ashutosh Tiwari as its candidate for the Datia Assembly by-election, ending speculation that Narottam Mishra could return as the party’s nominee. Mishra, a veteran BJP leader with decades of political experience, has been a strong force in Datia politics and enjoys considerable support among party workers in the region.

Following the candidate announcement, supporters of Narottam Mishra expressed their dissatisfaction and staged protests, demanding that the party reconsider its decision. The demonstrations reflected the emotional connect Mishra has built with local voters and party cadres over the years.

The development has created a challenge for the BJP leadership, which is now tasked with maintaining uni-

ty within the party ranks while preparing for the bypoll. Mishra’s supporters believe that sidelining an experienced leader could impact the party’s electoral strategy in the constituency.

The BJP, meanwhile, has projected Ashutosh Tiwari as the new face for Datia and is focusing on strengthening its campaign. Tiwari has indicated that he would seek the support of senior leaders and work collectively to ensure the party’s success. The Datia by-election has now become a test of the BJP’s internal management and its ability to handle dissatisfaction among local workers. While candidate selection remains a key factor in any election, maintaining unity among supporters and leaders often plays a crucial role in determining electoral outcomes.

As campaigning intensifies, the BJP’s efforts to bridge differences within the party could prove important in shaping the final result of the Datia bypoll. The contest is expected to attract significant attention due to the political weight of Narottam Mishra and the internal dynamics surrounding the candidate selection.

Trump Warns Iran Over Alleged Assassination Plot

US President Donald Trump has issued a strong warning to Iran following reports of an alleged Iranian assassination plot targeting him, saying the United States is prepared to respond with overwhelming force if any such attempt is carried out.

Speaking during a public interaction, Trump said he had already directed officials on the course of action to be taken in case Iran succeeds in targeting him. He warned that any attack would invite a massive military response and that the consequences for Iran would be severe.

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The warning comes amid long-standing concerns over alleged Iranian plots against American leaders. US intelligence agencies have previously stated that Iran may seek retaliation following the 2020 killing of Iranian General Qassem Soleimani in a drone strike ordered during Trump's first term.

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The latest remarks are expected to further increase tensions between Washington and Tehran, with both nations already divided over Iran's nuclear programme, regional security issues, sanctions and military activities.

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Andy Burnham Set to Become UK's Next Prime Minister

Andy Burnham is poised to become the next Prime Minister of the United Kingdom after emerging as the overwhelming favourite to lead the governing Labour Party. The former Mayor of Greater Manchester secured the backing of a large majority of Labour MPs, effectively clearing the path for him to take over the party leadership and, consequently, the country's top office.

Burnham reportedly received the support of 322 out of 403 Labour Members of Parliament, leaving no serious challenger in the leadership race. With such a commanding lead, he is expected to be formally confirmed as Labour leader in the coming days.

His rise follows the resignation of Keir Starmer, whose tenure came under increasing pressure after internal party dissatisfaction and declining public support. Burnham's elevation is being viewed as an attempt by Labour to reset its agenda and restore public confidence ahead of future political challenges.

Burnham is one of Labour's most experienced politicians, having previously served as a Cabinet minister before becoming the Mayor of Greater Manchester. During his time as mayor, he earned recognition for championing greater regional powers, improvements in public transport and stronger investment in local communities. In his initial remarks, Burnham emphasized the need to rebuild trust in government, strengthen public services and deliver economic growth across all parts of the United Kingdom. He has also pledged to give greater powers to local governments, arguing that decisions should be made closer to the com-



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His appointment is expected to bring changes to the Cabinet, with several senior Labour figures likely to receive new responsibilities as the party prepares for the next phase of governance. Political observers believe the composition of his Cabinet will offer early clues about the direction of his administration. Burnham will also inherit several major challenges, including slowing economic growth, pressure on public finances, immigration policy, healthcare reforms and international issues. Managing these priorities while maintaining party unity is expected to be among his biggest tests in office. His elevation marks a significant moment in British politics, signalling a leadership transition within the Labour Party without a general election. Supporters believe Burnham's experience and popularity can help strengthen the government's position, while critics argue he will need to quickly prove that he can deliver meaningful results.

As the formal leadership process nears completion, attention is now turning to Burnham's first policy decisions and the composition of his new government, which are expected to shape the future direction of the United Kingdom.

India, New Zealand Move Towards Linking UPI

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India and New Zealand are working towards linking India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) with New Zealand's payment system to strengthen digital financial cooperation and enable faster, convenient cross-border transactions, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on July 11, 2026.

During his engagement with New Zealand, Prime Minister Narendra Modi highlighted the growing role of digital technology in strengthening economic relations between the two countries. He said discussions are underway to connect the payment platforms of both nations, which would benefit citizens, businesses and travellers.

UPI has emerged as a major digital transformation initiative in India, enabling instant and secure payments through mobile platforms. The system has gained global recognition



due to its ease of use, low transaction costs and ability to handle millions of transactions daily.

India has already established UPI-based payment connectivity with countries including Singapore, France, the UAE, Sri Lanka and Nepal. The proposed integration with New Zealand is expected to further enhance digital payment cooperation and promote trade, tourism and business exchanges between the two countries.

The linkage of payment systems is likely to simplify small-value international transactions by reducing dependence

on traditional banking channels. Indian tourists travelling to New Zealand and New Zealand citizens visiting India could benefit from quicker and seamless payment facilities once the system becomes operational.

The initiative is part of India's broader efforts to expand the global adoption of UPI and strengthen its position as a leading digital payment platform. The proposed collaboration is also expected to create opportunities in fintech innovation and financial technology partnerships between India and New Zealand.

Trump Administration Subpoenas NYT Journalists Over Leak Probe

The Trump administration has issued subpoenas to several New York Times journalists as part of an investigation into the alleged leak of classified information related to national security and the use of Air Force One during President Donald Trump's Middle East visit.

The probe is focused on a news report that revealed sensitive details about security arrangements for Trump's trip, including discussions involving Qatar and Iran. Federal authorities suspect that the information may have come from unauthorised disclosures by individuals with access to classified material.

Investigators are attempting to identify the source of the leak and have sought testimony and communications from journalists linked to the report. The move has intensified the ongoing debate over press freedom, confidential sources and the government's authority to compel journalists to disclose information.

The Justice Department has defended the investigation, stating that it is necessary to protect national security and prevent unauthorised release of classified information. Officials argue that such leaks



could threaten intelligence operations, diplomatic relations and the safety of government personnel.

Media organisations and press freedom advocates have criticised the subpoenas, warning that forcing journalists to reveal confidential sources could discourage whistleblowers from sharing information of public importance. They maintain that source protection is essential for investigative journalism and government accountability.

The New York Times has opposed the legal action, calling it a threat to independent journalism. The newspaper said it would defend press freedom and challenge the subpoenas through legal channels.

Legal experts said such cases involve complex constitutional issues, especially the balance

between national security interests and First Amendment protections. Courts have historically examined journalist subpoena cases carefully, weighing government investigative requirements against the public interest in protecting sources. The development has renewed scrutiny of the Trump administration's approach to classified information leaks and its relationship with the media. Similar investigations have been pursued by previous U.S. administrations, but efforts involving journalists have repeatedly triggered political and legal debates.

The case is expected to attract close attention as it could shape future discussions on press freedom, whistleblower protections and the limits of government authority in national security matters.

Pentagon Releases Fresh Batch of UFO Files

The US Pentagon has released a new batch of declassified files related to Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena (UAPs), commonly known as UFOs, adding fresh material to the government's ongoing transparency initiative on unexplained aerial sightings. The latest release includes reports, videos, images and audio recordings collected from multiple federal agencies.

The newly released collection contains 40 files, including 14 documents, 19 videos, four audio recordings and three images. The records come from agencies such as the Pentagon, NASA, the CIA, the FBI and the Department of Energy, covering incidents that span several decades.

One of the most discussed reports features the testimony of a veteran military aviator with 28 years of service, who described encountering an unidentified object that he said was "unlike anything I had seen." According to the report, the object displayed unusual speed and flight characteristics that could not be readily explained.

Several videos included in the release show unidentified objects



moving at high speed or exhibiting unusual behavior. While the footage has generated renewed public interest, the Pentagon has not concluded that the objects are extraterrestrial in origin. Officials continue to classify many of the incidents as unresolved because the available evidence is insufficient for a definitive explanation.

The files have been published as part of a broader effort by the US government to make historical UAP records publicly available. The initiative follows an executive order aimed at increasing transparency regarding unexplained aerial incidents while allowing researchers and the public to review the material independently.

Despite widespread speculation surrounding UFOs, government

officials have emphasized that the latest release does not provide confirmed evidence of extraterrestrial life. Instead, the records document sightings and encounters that remain unexplained after preliminary investigations.

Scientists and analysts say many cases may eventually be attributed to natural phenomena, advanced technology, optical effects or incomplete data. However, a number of incidents continue to defy immediate explanation, prompting further analysis by defense and intelligence agencies.

The latest disclosure is expected to fuel public curiosity and scientific debate over unexplained aerial phenomena while reinforcing the government's commitment to releasing additional records as they become available.

Geological Risks Cloud China's Brahmaputra Mega Dam

China's ambitious plan to build a massive hydropower dam on the Yarlung Tsangpo River—known as the Brahmaputra after it enters India—is facing fresh scrutiny after reports highlighted serious geological risks at the project site near the Indian border.

According to recent reports, Chinese geologists have identified that the proposed dam is located close to an active fault line that has remained geologically unstable since the Ice Age. Experts warn that the region's high seismic activity could increase the risk of earthquakes, landslides

and structural instability, raising concerns over the long-term safety of the project.

The hydropower project, expected to become the world's largest, is being constructed in Tibet near the Great Bend of the Yarlung Tsangpo River before it flows into India's Arunachal Pradesh. The project is expected to generate significantly more electricity than China's Three Gorges Dam and is central to Beijing's renewable energy strategy.

The revelation has renewed concerns in India, where officials and strategic experts have long expressed

apprehension about the environmental and geopolitical implications of the dam. Since the Brahmaputra is a major transboundary river, any disruption to its natural flow could affect millions of people living downstream in India and Bangladesh.

Experts caution that the combination of a massive dam and an earthquake-prone region could create significant engineering challenges. Any major seismic event could threaten the dam's structural integrity and increase the risk of landslides or other natural disasters in the surrounding Himalayan region.



Ex-US Police Chiefs Plead Guilty in Massive U-Visa Fraud Case

A major immigration fraud case has emerged in the United States after four former police chiefs and Indian-origin businessman Chandrakant Patel pleaded guilty for their alleged roles in a decade-long conspiracy to misuse the country's U-Visa programme.

The U-Visa system was created to provide immigration benefits and legal protection to foreign nationals who are victims of serious crimes and assist law enforcement agencies in investigations. Federal prosecutors alleged that the accused manipulated the programme by creating fake crime reports and fraudulent documents to help applicants obtain visas.

According to authorities, the conspiracy involved staging fake armed robberies and preparing false police records to make foreign nationals appear eligible for U-Visas. The former police officials allegedly misused their positions by signing fraudulent documents and certifying false crime reports in exchange for financial benefits.

Chandrakant Patel was accused of coordinating the op-

eration by arranging fake crime victims, paying bribes to officials and facilitating the submission of false immigration applications. Investigators believe the scheme helped several individuals obtain immigration benefits through fraudulent means.

The U.S. Department of Justice described the case as a serious abuse of public trust and an attempt to undermine the integrity of the immigration system. The guilty pleas are part of a broader federal investigation into immigration fraud and public corruption.

Authorities said the U-Visa programme is intended to support genuine victims of crime and not serve as a route for fraudulent immigration claims. They stressed that protecting the credibility of the programme remains a priority.

The accused will face sentencing in federal court and could receive prison terms, financial penalties and other legal consequences. The case is being considered one of the significant U-Visa fraud investigations in recent years.



Satellite Images Show Iran Rebuilding Nuclear Facility

Fresh satellite images indicate that Iran has begun reconstruction work at the Taleghan-2 nuclear facility, a site reportedly damaged during recent US airstrikes. The images suggest that Tehran is moving quickly to restore the facility despite the impact of the attacks.

Analysts examining the satellite photographs have identified construction equipment, vehicles and workers at the site, along with signs of repair activity. Fresh earth-moving operations and structural work indicate that rebuilding efforts are underway.

The Taleghan-2 facility is believed to be linked to Iran's nuclear research programme and has long remained under international scrutiny. The site was reportedly among the locations affected during US strikes targeting Iran's nuclear infrastructure amid rising regional tensions.

The reconstruction has raised concerns among Western governments and security experts, who fear that Iran may restore parts of its nuclear capabilities faster than anticipated. The development is expected to intensify global discussions over Tehran's nuclear activities and interna-

tional monitoring mechanisms.

Iran has consistently maintained that its nuclear programme is meant for peaceful purposes, including energy production and scientific research. However, the United States and its allies have repeatedly raised concerns that some activities could have potential military applications.

The rebuilding work comes as diplomatic efforts to address Iran's nuclear programme remain uncertain. Relations between Tehran and Washington continue to face challenges due to sanctions, regional conflicts and disagreements over nuclear ambitions.

Security analysts say the reconstruction reflects Iran's efforts to restore critical infrastructure after the strikes and could influence future diplomatic negotiations. The satellite images are likely to increase pressure on international agencies monitoring Iran's nuclear activities.

The development highlights the continuing challenges in balancing diplomacy, regional security and nuclear non-proliferation efforts as global attention remains focused on Iran's nuclear programme.

Environmentalists Raise Concerns Over Impact of Brahmaputra Mega Dam

Environmentalists have also raised concerns about the impact on fragile Himalayan ecosystems. The project could alter river flow patterns, affect biodiversity and influence sediment transport, potentially impacting agriculture and livelihoods downstream.

China has maintained that the project is designed primarily for hydropower generation and that it will not significantly reduce water availability to downstream countries. Beijing has repeatedly stated that the dam will follow high engineering and environmental standards.

However, India's concerns extend

beyond environmental issues. Strategic analysts believe that infrastructure projects on transboundary rivers could have geopolitical implications, particularly during periods of heightened tensions between the two countries.

With construction progressing and geological concerns continuing to emerge, the Brahmaputra mega dam remains one of the most closely watched infrastructure projects in Asia. The latest findings are likely to intensify discussions over dam safety, environmental protection and regional water security in the years ahead.

Markets End Four-Week Winning Run Despite Strong Institutional Buying

Indian equity markets ended the week on a subdued note, snapping their four-week winning streak despite continued support from both Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) and Domestic Institutional Investors (DIIs). Investor sentiment remained cautious amid mixed global cues, profit booking and uncertainty over upcoming corporate earnings.

Although benchmark indices witnessed intermittent buying during the week, they failed to sustain momentum as traders booked profits after the recent rally. Market participants preferred to remain cau-

tious ahead of the earnings season, which is expected to provide fresh direction to equity markets.

Institutional investors continued to support the market throughout the week, preventing a sharper correction. Both FIIs and DIIs remained active buyers in several sectors, reflecting confidence in India's long-term growth prospects despite near-term volatility. Their sustained participation helped cushion the impact of selling pressure from short-term traders.

The information technology sector emerged as one of the

brighter spots, aided by optimism surrounding quarterly earnings from major IT companies. However, weakness in financial stocks and profit booking in several heavyweight counters weighed on the broader market, limiting gains.

Broader market indices also witnessed mixed performance during the week, with several mid-cap and small-cap stocks facing selling pressure. Investors appeared selective, preferring fundamentally strong companies while avoiding stocks that had witnessed sharp rallies in recent weeks.

The Indian rupee also weakened slightly during the week, ending about 10 paise lower against the US dollar. Currency movements reflected cautious global sentiment and fluctuations in crude oil prices, although institutional inflows helped limit the downside.

Market experts believe that the upcoming earnings season will play a crucial role in determining the next trend for equities. Strong corporate results could revive bullish sentiment, while disappointing numbers may trigger further consolidation in the near term. Investors

are also closely monitoring global economic developments, interest rate expectations and geopolitical events that could influence market direction.

Despite the week's decline, analysts remain optimistic about the medium- to long-term outlook for Indian equities, citing resilient domestic fundamentals, improving economic indicators and continued institutional participation. However, they advise investors to remain selective and focus on quality stocks as markets navigate a period of heightened volatility and earnings-driven movements.



Wall Street Ends Higher Ahead of Earnings Season

Wall Street closed higher on Friday as investors shifted their focus to the upcoming corporate earnings season, hoping that quarterly results from major companies would provide fresh direction for the markets. Optimism surrounding company earnings helped lift investor sentiment despite ongoing concerns over inflation, interest rates and global economic uncertainty.

The S&P 500, Dow Jones Industrial Average, and Nasdaq Composite all finished in positive territory, with technology and growth stocks leading the gains. Investors continued to position themselves ahead of earnings reports from several large financial institutions and technology companies expected in the coming days.

Market participants believe the earnings season will offer valuable insights into corporate profitability, consumer demand and the overall health of the U.S. economy. Strong financial results could reinforce confidence in the market, while



weaker-than-expected earnings may trigger increased volatility.

Technology stocks remained among the biggest contributors to the rally, supported by continued optimism surrounding artificial intelligence and strong demand for semiconductor-related companies. Investors are closely watching whether AI-driven growth will continue to support corporate earnings in the months ahead.

Financial stocks also attracted attention as major banks prepare to announce quarterly re-

sults. Analysts expect earnings reports from leading lenders to provide a clearer picture of loan demand, interest income and consumer spending trends amid the current economic environment.

Investors are also monitoring signals from the U.S. Federal Reserve regarding future interest rate decisions. While inflation has moderated in recent months, uncertainty remains over the timing of any further policy changes, making corporate earnings even more important for market direction.

Trading remained relatively cautious throughout the session as investors balanced optimism over earnings with concerns about global geopolitical developments and economic growth. Despite these uncertainties, buying interest in key sectors helped push the major indices higher by the closing bell.

Market experts believe the next few weeks will be crucial for Wall Street, as earnings from major corporations are expected to shape investor sentiment and influence trading trends. Positive results could extend the recent rally, while disappointing numbers may lead to renewed profit booking.

With the earnings season officially underway, investors are preparing for a busy period that could determine the near-term direction of U.S. equities. Strong corporate performance and encouraging business outlooks will be closely watched as markets look for fresh catalysts to sustain their upward momentum.

J Pan Tubular Files IPO Papers for Expansion, Debt Reduction

HVAC and refrigerator components manufacturer J Pan Tubular Components has filed its draft papers with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to launch an Initial Public Offering (IPO). The company plans to use the funds raised to expand its manufacturing capacity, reduce debt and strengthen its position in India's fast-growing cooling appliances market.



The proposed IPO consists of a fresh issue of 49.2 lakh equity shares and an Offer for Sale (OFS) of 2.6 lakh shares by promoter Jignesh Panchal. While the fresh issue will help the company raise capital for future growth, the OFS will allow the promoter to partially dilute his stake.

According to the draft prospectus, a significant portion of the proceeds will be used to expand the company's manufacturing facility in Sanand, Gujarat. The company also plans to establish a new production unit at Sri City in Andhra Pradesh, enabling it to increase manufacturing capacity and cater to rising demand from the HVAC and refrigeration sectors.

Another major objective of the IPO is to reduce the company's existing debt. By lowering its borrowings, J Pan Tubular aims to strengthen its

balance sheet, reduce finance costs and improve overall profitability. The remaining funds will be utilized for general corporate purposes and future business requirements.

J Pan Tubular manufactures critical components used in air conditioners, refrigerators and other cooling systems. Its customer base includes leading consumer appliance brands such as LG Electronics, Daikin and Haier, making it an important supplier in India's rapidly expanding white goods industry.

The company currently operates manufacturing facilities across multiple industrial hubs, including Noida, Neemrana, Pune, Bengaluru and Sanand. The addition of the Andhra Pradesh unit is expected to enhance production efficiency and improve its ability to serve customers across dif-

ferent regions.

For the financial year ended March 2026, J Pan Tubular reported strong operational performance, reflecting steady demand for HVAC and refrigeration components. The company believes the proposed expansion will help it capitalize on increasing demand driven by rising urbanization, higher appliance penetration and growth in the air-conditioning market.

The IPO will be managed by Hem Securities Limited, and the company's shares are proposed to be listed on both the NSE and BSE, subject to regulatory approvals and market conditions. As India's primary market continues to witness strong investor interest, J Pan Tubular hopes the public issue will provide the financial strength needed for its next phase of growth.

Kusumgar IPO Allotment on July 13; GMP Remains Strong

The Kusumgar Limited IPO has attracted overwhelming investor interest, with the basis of allotment scheduled to be finalized on July 13. Investors who applied for the public issue will soon be able to check whether they have been allotted shares through the registrar's website as well as the BSE and NSE portals.

The 650-crore IPO received an exceptional response from investors across all categories, closing with subscriptions of more than 129 times the shares on offer. The strong demand reflects robust investor confidence in the company's business prospects and growth potential.

According to the latest grey market trends, the Grey Market Premium (GMP) remains strong, indicating a potential listing gain of around 38-39% over the upper end of the issue



price. However, market experts caution that GMP is an unofficial indicator and actual listing performance may differ depending on overall market conditions and investor sentiment.

Investors who receive share allotments can expect the shares to be credited to their demat accounts on July 14, while refunds for unsuccessful applicants are also likely to be processed on the same day. The

company's shares are tentatively scheduled to make their stock market debut on July 15 on both the BSE and NSE.

Kusumgar is a leading manufacturer of engineered synthetic fabrics, supplying products to industries such as aerospace, defence, automotive, industrial applications, and outdoor lifestyle products. The company has expanded its portfolio over the years by developing specialized fabrics and advanced de-

fence-related products.

The IPO was entirely an Offer for Sale (OFS), meaning the company itself will not receive any proceeds from the issue. Instead, the funds raised will go to the existing selling shareholders who diluted part of their holdings through the public offering.

The impressive subscription figures and strong grey market premium have made Kusumgar one of the most closely watched IPOs of the year. Market participants will now focus on the allotment process and the company's listing performance to see whether the strong investor enthusiasm translates into a successful stock market debut.

With investor interest remaining high and market sentiment largely positive, Kusumgar's listing is expected to be one of the key highlights in the primary market this month.

SK Hynix Shares Surge After Record \$26.5 Billion ADR Offering



South Korean semiconductor giant SK Hynix made a powerful debut on the U.S. stock market, with its American Depositary Receipts (ADRs) surging after the company completed a record-breaking \$26.5 billion offering. The strong market response highlighted continued investor confidence in artificial intelligence (AI)-driven semiconductor companies.

The ADRs climbed as much as 21% during trading before settling with strong gains, reflecting overwhelming investor demand. The listing has become the largest-ever overseas share offering by a foreign company in the United States, underscoring the growing global appetite for AI-focused technology stocks.

The offering was priced at \$149 per ADR, but the shares opened significantly higher as investors rushed to gain exposure to one of the world's leading memory chip manufacturers. The impressive debut also demonstrated the market's confidence in companies that

are expected to benefit from the rapid expansion of artificial intelligence infrastructure.

SK Hynix is a global leader in High-Bandwidth Memory (HBM) chips, a critical component used in advanced AI processors and data centers. The company supplies memory chips to several major technology firms and has emerged as one of the biggest beneficiaries of the global AI boom.

Strong demand for AI hardware has significantly boosted the company's financial performance over the past year. Rising orders for advanced memory chips have helped SK Hynix strengthen its market position while expanding production capacity to meet growing customer demand. The successful listing is also expected to improve the company's visibility among U.S. investors and provide greater liquidity for its shares. Analysts believe the Nasdaq presence could help narrow the valuation gap between SK Hynix and other leading semiconductor compa-

nies listed in the United States.

The broader semiconductor sector also attracted attention following the debut, with investors continuing to show strong interest in companies linked to artificial intelligence, cloud computing and next-generation computing technologies.

Market experts believe the overwhelming response to the ADR offering reflects confidence that demand for AI memory chips will remain strong in the coming years. As AI applications continue to expand across industries, companies like SK Hynix are expected to remain key beneficiaries of the technology revolution.

The successful debut marks another milestone for SK Hynix as it strengthens its global presence and positions itself at the forefront of the rapidly evolving AI semiconductor market. With investor enthusiasm remaining high, the company is expected to play a crucial role in meeting the world's growing demand for advanced memory solutions.

Quant MF Bets on Ethos, BofA Buys Big in Kalyan Jewellers

Institutional investors remained active in the stock market with two major block deals drawing attention. Quant Mutual Fund acquired a significant stake in luxury watch retailer Ethos, while BofA Securities Europe SA picked up shares worth 385 crore in Kalyan Jewellers, reflecting continued interest from large domestic and foreign investors.

Quant Mutual Fund purchased 7 lakh shares of Ethos at an average price of 2,500 per share, amounting to an investment of around 175 crore. The acquisition represents a 2.6% stake in the company and marks a notable investment by the fund house in the premium retail segment.

The shares were sold by Jupiter Fund Management, which exited its holding through two of its investment schemes. Despite the entry of a major domestic institutional investor, Ethos shares ended the trading session nearly 2% lower, closing at 2,477.50.

In another high-value transaction, BofA Securities Europe



SA acquired 81.82 lakh shares of Kalyan Jewellers, representing about 0.79% of the company's equity. The deal was executed at an average price of 470.95 per share, taking the to-

tal transaction value to approximately 385.33 crore.

Unlike Ethos, Kalyan Jewellers witnessed a strong rally following the transaction. The stock surged 7.5% during the

session to close at 476.15, extending its recent gains amid strong investor interest and positive market sentiment.

Market experts believe such large institutional investments often reflect confidence in a company's long-term growth prospects. Block deals involving reputed domestic mutual funds and global financial institutions are closely monitored by investors, as they can influence market sentiment and trading activity.

The transactions also highlight continued institutional participation despite recent market volatility. Large investors have remained selective, focusing on companies with strong business fundamentals and growth potential across sectors such as luxury retail and jewellery.

With institutional buying remaining healthy, analysts expect investor attention to stay focused on companies witnessing significant block deals, as such investments often indicate growing confidence in their future performance and earnings outlook.

₹10,000 Promised, ₹5,000 Paid: Intern's Dilemma Goes Viral

A young marketing intern's account of alleged workplace exploitation has sparked widespread discussion online after the student revealed being paid only half of the promised monthly stipend despite working long hours and taking on additional responsibilities. The story, originally shared on Reddit, has drawn strong reactions from professionals and students alike, reigniting conversations about toxic work culture and the treatment of interns.

According to the intern, the company had offered a monthly stipend of 10,000 before the internship began. Since the in-

dividual was still in college, it was clearly communicated that office attendance would be limited to three days a week until mid-July due to academic commitments. The company reportedly accepted this arrangement before hiring the intern.

However, the intern claims that reality turned out to be very different. Although physical attendance was limited, work continued almost every day through remote assignments. The employee alleges working on Sundays, staying in the office well beyond official working hours, and frequently receiving tasks late

into the evening. Responsibilities outside the agreed job role were also reportedly assigned. The biggest shock came when the first stipend was credited. Instead of the promised 10,000, the intern received only 5,000. When questioned, the manager reportedly said the reduced payment was due to irregular office attendance. The intern, however, argued that despite attending the office fewer days as previously agreed, work was completed daily through both in-person and remote assignments. Based on the payment cycle, the student believed at least 7,500 should have been paid.

The intern also highlighted the burden of commuting nearly 30 kilometres every day, spending close to three hours travelling whenever office attendance was required. Despite the long hours and demanding workload, the student said the internship had provided little meaningful learning or professional development.

Faced with the situation, the intern considered discussing the issue with the management. The student indicated that if the company agreed to revise the stipend partially, continuing the internship remained an option. Otherwise, quitting seemed inevitable. At

the same time, the intern admitted being worried that leaving the organisation could negatively affect future campus placements because of the recruiter's influence.

The post quickly gained traction on social media, with many users criticising the company's alleged practices. Several commenters described the situation as a warning sign of poor workplace culture, advising the intern to prioritise career growth over staying in an exploitative environment. Others stressed the importance of having written agreements regarding work conditions, stipend, and



responsibilities before accepting internship offers. The incident has once again highlighted growing concerns over internship standards, with many calling for greater transparency, fair compensation, and healthier work environments for young professionals entering the workforce.

Flooded IIT Campus, Students Turn Creative

Heavy monsoon rains transformed parts of the prestigious IIT Roorkee campus into waterlogged zones, but instead of allowing the flooding to disrupt daily life completely, students came up with an innovative solution that has now gone viral on social media. A video showing students using a makeshift floating platform to cross submerged roads has captured the attention of thousands online, earning praise for their creativity and presence of mind.

The viral clip shows a large group of students and staff standing on a broad floating sheet as two individuals carefully steer it through the floodwaters using long poles. Many passengers are seen holding umbrellas while balancing on the platform, avoiding the need to wade through knee-deep water. The unusual scene resembles a small ferry service rather than a university campus, making the video both entertaining and impressive.



According to reports, the improvised floating platform was introduced after continuous rainfall caused severe waterlogging across several parts of the campus. The flooded stretch had become difficult to cross on foot, prompting students to devise an alternative mode of transport. The arrangement also proved useful for mess workers, enabling them to reach hostel kitchens and continue preparing meals despite the challenging conditions.

Adding to the video's popularity was the background music, which made the situation appear even more cinematic. Social media users flooded the comments section with humorous reactions, with many joking that the engineering institute had temporarily turned into a boating destination. Others applauded the students for applying practical problem-solving skills to a real-life challenge, calling it a perfect example of innovation under

pressure.

The incident comes amid widespread monsoon-related disruptions across North India. Several states have witnessed heavy rainfall over the past few days, leading to flooded roads, traffic disruptions, landslides, and waterlogging in residential and institutional areas. IIT Roorkee was among the locations significantly affected by the persistent downpour.

While the viral video has entertained millions, it also highlights the challenges educational institutions face during extreme weather events. At the same time, it showcases the resilience and ingenuity of students who found a practical way to adapt rather than let the flooding halt campus life. The floating platform has now become a symbol of resourcefulness, proving that a little creativity can go a long way when nature throws unexpected challenges.

Shop Error May Cost Woman ₹150 Crore Jackpot

A woman in the United Kingdom is anxiously waiting to learn whether a simple mistake at a local shop has cost her a life-changing lottery jackpot worth £12 million (around 150 crore). The extraordinary incident has drawn widespread attention, with lottery officials now investigating her claim.

The woman, Kath Main, 46, from South Wales, has been playing the same set of lottery numbers for nearly two decades. Every week, her mother purchases the ticket on her behalf, making it a long-standing family routine.

The drama began after Kath came across reports that a massive National Lottery jackpot from the June 6 draw had still not been claimed. Curious, she checked the published winning numbers and was stunned to discover they matched the numbers she had been playing for years.

Kath immediately contacted her mother, who confirmed she



had indeed purchased the ticket. However, she also revealed that she had already taken the ticket to a local shop to check whether it had won anything. According to her, the lottery machine did not indicate any prize, and the shopkeeper informed her that the ticket was not a winner.

Believing the ticket was worthless, Kath's mother allowed the shopkeeper to throw it into the bin. By the time they realised the numbers matched the winning combination, the rubbish had already been col-

lected, making it impossible to recover the ticket.

The owner of the convenience store has suggested that the ticket-scanning machine may have malfunctioned, though no conclusion has yet been reached. He said an official investigation is now underway to determine what exactly happened.

Lottery operator Allwyn has confirmed that it is examining the case carefully. The company stated that players may still be able to claim a prize even if a winning ticket has been lost,

stolen or accidentally destroyed, provided sufficient evidence can establish ownership of the ticket.

Kath has reportedly submitted supporting information, including proof of purchase and other details, in the hope of validating her claim. The investigation is expected to determine whether she is the rightful winner of the jackpot.

Until a final decision is made, Kath remains in suspense, unsure whether she has become a multi-millionaire or lost one of the biggest lottery prizes because of an unfortunate misunderstanding.

The unusual incident has sparked discussions on social media, with many users expressing sympathy for Kath while urging lottery players to always keep their tickets until official results are fully confirmed. The case also highlights how a seemingly minor mistake can potentially have life-changing consequences.

Woman's Breakfast Surprise for House Help Wins Hearts

A touching gesture of gratitude by a woman towards her long-time house help has won widespread appreciation on social media, with many users praising the simple yet meaningful act of kindness.

The woman, content creator Nupur Sharma, shared a video documenting how she decided to prepare her house help's favourite breakfast as a way of thanking her for years of dedication, care and support. The heartwarming clip quickly resonated with viewers, sparking conversations about appreciation for domestic workers and the often-overlooked contributions they make to everyday life.

In the video, Nupur explains that her house help has been an important part of her family for many years. Wanting to express her gratitude in a special way, she chose to take over the kitchen and cook a meal that her helper truly enjoys rather than simply offering gifts or words of thanks.

The video shows Nupur carefully preparing the breakfast



from scratch, paying attention to every detail. She then surprises her house help with the meal, creating an emotional and joyful moment. The helper's reaction reflected genuine happiness and appreciation, making the interaction even more special.

Nupur shared that while domestic workers often spend their time caring for others, cooking meals and managing households, they rarely receive similar gestures in return. Through her small act, she hoped to make her helper feel valued and recognized for her

years of hard work.

The video struck a chord with social media users, many of whom praised the idea of showing appreciation through actions rather than grand gestures. Several commenters noted that domestic workers play a crucial role in helping families manage their daily routines and deserve more recognition for their efforts.

Many viewers shared personal stories about the house helps, caretakers and support staff who have become like extended family members over the years. Others said the video inspired

them to find ways to express gratitude to the people who assist them in their homes and workplaces. The post also sparked a broader discussion about treating domestic workers with dignity, respect and kindness. Users highlighted that while financial compensation is important, emotional appreciation and acknowledgment can also have a significant impact. What made the gesture particularly meaningful was its simplicity. Rather than organizing an elaborate celebration, Nupur chose a thoughtful act centered around care and personal attention. The breakfast became more than just a meal—it served as a symbol of gratitude and mutual respect.

As the video continues to circulate online, it has reminded many people that small acts of kindness can create lasting memories. The story stands as a powerful example of how appreciation, when expressed sincerely, can strengthen relationships and bring joy to those who quietly contribute to our daily lives.

Bengaluru Woman's Morning Routine Inspires Work-Life Debate

A Bengaluru woman's refreshing pre-work routine has gone viral on social media, sparking a widespread conversation about work-life balance and the importance of making time for oneself before the workday begins.

The woman, identified as Divya Moses, shared a video on Instagram showcasing how she spends her mornings before logging into her job at noon. Rather than scrolling through her phone or immediately preparing for work, she chooses to dedicate the early part of her day to activities that help her feel calm, refreshed and energized.



In the now-viral video, Divya packs a homemade breakfast, brews a cup of coffee, carries a book and heads to a peaceful lakeside spot. There, she enjoys a quiet morning reading, sipping coffee and spending time in nature before returning home to begin her workday.

The video opens with the message, "Life before I log into my 12 pm job. Weekdays don't have to be just workdays." The simple statement resonated with thousands of viewers, many of whom admitted that they often rush into work without setting aside any personal time.

In the caption accompanying the video, Divya explained that she has been consciously reminding herself that weekdays should not revolve entirely around work. She believes even a few hours spent doing something enjoyable can make a sig-

nificant difference to one's mental well-being and overall productivity.

The clip quickly gained traction online, attracting thousands of likes, comments and shares. Many users praised her approach, saying it was a reminder that personal happiness should not be postponed until weekends or vacations. Others commented that her routine represented the kind of balance many working professionals aspire to achieve.

Several social media users shared how demanding work schedules and long commutes leave them with little opportunity to enjoy mornings. Some said they planned to adopt small changes in their own routines, such as taking a short walk, reading a book or enjoying coffee outdoors before beginning work.

However, not everyone found the routine easy to replicate. A section of users pointed out that fixed office timings, lengthy travel and early morning shifts make such leisurely mornings difficult for many employees. Despite that, many agreed that the video served as an important reminder to prioritize self-care whenever possible.

The viral post has reignited discussions around modern work culture, burnout and the need for healthier work-life balance. While everyone's schedule may differ, Divya's peaceful morning ritual has encouraged many people to rethink how they spend the hours before work and to find small ways to make weekdays feel more fulfilling, rather than simply rushing from one task to the next.

Google Employee's Parents' Office Tour Melts Hearts

A heartwarming video of a Google employee taking her parents on a tour of Google's Bengaluru office has captured the internet's attention, with thousands of social media users celebrating the emotional bond between parents and their children's achievements.

The woman, Dipinty, a cloud engineer at Google originally from Kathmandu, Nepal, shared the memorable experience on Instagram. The video documents her parents' first visit to the workplace where she has built her career, giving them a glimpse into her professional life.

The clip begins with Dipinty welcoming her parents at the entrance of Google's sprawling Bengaluru campus. She then takes them around the vibrant office, introducing them to different workspaces, recreational areas and green open spaces that make up one of Google's largest offices.

One of the most touching moments in the video shows her father proudly taking photographs of the office, eager to capture memories of the place where his daughter works. Her mother is seen exploring the beautifully landscaped surroundings with excitement, enjoying every moment of the visit. The parents also visited the office's gaming zone, where they happily tried out some of the recreational facilities. Later, the family enjoyed lunch together at the company's caf-



eteria, turning the office tour into a memorable family outing.

Sharing the video, Dipinty wrote that she wanted her parents to relive their childhood while reassuring them that their daughter was being well taken care of at Google. The heartfelt caption resonated deeply with viewers, many of whom appreciated her gesture of expressing gratitude towards her parents.

The video quickly went viral, attracting thousands of likes and comments. Social media users described the moment as emotional and inspiring, with many saying every parent dreams of seeing their children's success firsthand.

Several viewers commented that the video reminded them of their own aspirations to one day invite their parents to their workplaces and make them feel equally proud. Others praised Dipinty for acknowledging the sacrifices her

parents made to help her achieve her goals.

Google's Bengaluru campus, one of the company's largest offices globally, provided a stunning backdrop for the family visit. The modern workplace, known for its spacious design, greenery and employee-friendly amenities, added to the parents' excitement as they explored the environment. Beyond showcasing an impressive office, the video highlighted the emotional significance of sharing personal milestones with family. For many viewers, the clip was a reminder that behind every successful professional journey lies the unwavering support, encouragement and sacrifices of parents.

The touching story continues to resonate online, with countless users calling it a beautiful celebration of family, gratitude and the pride that comes from seeing loved ones achieve their dreams.



Shubman Gill Compares Alcaraz's Drop Shot to His Signature Stroke

India Test captain Shubman Gill has drawn an interesting comparison between cricket and tennis, saying that Carlos Alcaraz's trademark drop shot reminds him of his own signature short-arm jab in cricket.

Gill made the remark while reflecting on his admiration for the Spanish tennis sensation during a recent interaction after attending the Wimbledon Championships. He explained that both shots share similar qualities, relying on timing, deception and precision rather than brute power. "The drop shot that Alcaraz plays reminds me of the short-arm jab in cricket. I play that shot too—it's my trademark shot. It's quick, deceptive and very effective," Gill said, highlighting the similarities between the two sporting techniques.

Gill also spoke about his love for tennis and revealed that Swiss legend Roger Federer remains his all-time favourite player. He said Federer inspired millions by making an incredibly difficult sport appear effortless, though athletes understand the immense hard work behind that elegance.

According to Gill, people often describe his batting style as effortless as well, but he knows the amount of preparation, discipline and practice required to achieve that level of consistency. He said that is one of the reasons he relates so

strongly to Federer's style of play.

The Indian skipper also expressed admiration for Carlos Alcaraz's fearless approach and even joked that if he ever got the opportunity to play doubles tennis, Alcaraz would be his ideal partner. Gill praised the young Spaniard's energy, creativity and ability to produce magical shots under pressure.

During the conversation, Gill was also asked to predict the winner of this year's Wimbledon title. He backed Jannik Sinner, describing the Italian as an exceptional player who carries himself with great maturity both on and off the court.

Gill's comments have delighted fans of both cricket and tennis, with many appreciating the unique comparison between two completely different sports. His analogy highlighted how elite athletes, regardless of their discipline, often rely on similar qualities such as timing, balance, anticipation and precision.

As one of India's leading cricketers, Gill continues to draw inspiration from sporting icons across different disciplines. His admiration for Federer and Alcaraz reflects his belief that excellence transcends individual sports, and that there is always something to learn from champions who redefine their game.

Scaloni Dismisses World Cup Fixing Claims

Argentina head coach Lionel Scaloni has strongly rejected allegations that the 2022 FIFA World Cup was fixed in Argentina's favour, calling such claims completely baseless and unfair to the players who worked tirelessly to lift football's biggest prize.

Responding to critics during a recent media interaction, Scaloni said Argentina earned the World Cup through determination, hard work and exceptional performances on the field. He stressed that every victory during the tournament came after intense competition and that the team deserved to become world champions.

The Argentina coach said it is disappointing that some people continue to question the legitimacy of the triumph despite the team's outstanding performances throughout the tournament. According to him, such accusations undermine the efforts and sacrifices made by the players, coaching staff and everyone associated with the national team.

Scaloni emphasized that football matches are decided on the pitch and that Argentina proved its quality against some of the strongest teams in the world. He noted that the players remained focused throughout the tournament and overcame several difficult moments to achieve their ultimate goal.

The debate over the 2022 World Cup has continued on social media, with some critics raising conspiracy theories regarding refereeing decisions during the tournament. However, Scaloni insisted that such narratives have no factual basis and should not overshadow Argentina's remarkable achievement.

He also praised his squad for



maintaining unity and composure under immense pressure, saying their commitment and teamwork were the real reasons behind the historic title-winning campaign. Scaloni added that the players gave everything for their country and fully deserved the celebrations that followed.

Argentina, led by captain Lionel Messi, defeated France in one of the greatest World Cup finals in history, securing the title after a dramatic penalty shootout. The victory ended the nation's 36-year wait for a World Cup crown and cemented Messi's legacy as one of football's all-time greats. Scaloni concluded by saying that criticism is part of professional sport, but false allegations should not take away from one of the finest achievements in Argentine football history. He urged fans to celebrate the team's success for what it truly was—a memorable campaign built on talent, resilience and determination.

His firm response has once again reignited discussions among football fans, with many backing the coach's view that Argentina's World Cup triumph should be remembered for the team's performances rather than unfounded controversies.

Just days after Portugal's exit from the 2026 FIFA World Cup, football legend Cristiano Ronaldo has once again grabbed global attention—not for his performance on the pitch, but for an emotional message shared on social media that left millions of fans stunned.

Ronaldo posted a heartfelt message reflecting on Portugal's World Cup journey, expressing gratitude to his teammates, coaching staff and supporters who stood by the team throughout the tournament. His words quickly went viral, with fans interpreting the post as an emotional reflection on one of the most challenging moments of his illustrious career.

The post sparked widespread speculation online, with many wondering whether the 41-year-old was hinting at retirement from international football. However, Ronaldo stopped short of making any official announcement, choosing instead to focus on thanking everyone who supported Portugal during the competition.

Supporters from around the world flooded the comments section with messages of appreciation, praising Ronaldo's incredible contribution to football over the past two decades. Many described him as one of the greatest players in the history of the sport and urged him to continue represent-

Virat Kohli Secretly Filmed in UK, RCB Teammate Reveals Shocking Incident



Former India captain Virat Kohli was recently the subject of an unsettling privacy breach in the United Kingdom, with Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) teammate Tim David revealing that the cricket star was secretly filmed by a stranger without his knowledge.

Speaking about the incident, Tim David recalled that Kohli was spending some quiet time in a park when an unknown individual began recording him from a distance. According to David, the person continued filming despite Kohli clearly wanting to be left alone.

David said the incident highlighted the extraordinary level of public attention Kohli attracts wherever he goes. Even when he is overseas and trying to enjoy personal time, fans and bystanders often recognize him, making it difficult for the star batter to enjoy privacy.

The Australian all-rounder

described the experience as uncomfortable, saying the individual appeared more interested in capturing a video than respecting Kohli's personal space. The incident served as a reminder of the constant scrutiny faced by global sporting icons.

Virat Kohli has previously spoken about the importance of privacy and respecting personal boundaries. Over the years, he has expressed concern over unauthorized recordings and photographs taken without consent, especially when he is spending time with family or away from cricket.

The latest revelation has sparked discussions on social media about the balance between celebrity status and personal privacy. While many fans admire Kohli and enjoy following his public appearances, several users argued that everyone deserves private moments without being secretly

recorded.

Supporters also pointed out that public figures should be able to relax in public places without worrying about hidden cameras or intrusive behavior. Many called for greater awareness and respect for the personal space of athletes and celebrities.

Kohli remains one of the world's most recognizable cricketers, with millions of fans across the globe. His popularity often leads to huge crowds gathering wherever he travels, making such situations increasingly common.

The incident has once again highlighted the challenges faced by international sports stars, who must constantly balance public admiration with the need for personal privacy. Fans have largely backed Kohli, emphasizing that respect and consent should remain a priority even when interacting with famous personalities.

ICC Clears ECB Over Ben Stokes Retirement Video Row

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has decided not to take any action against the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) over the controversial video of Ben Stokes announcing his retirement during the third Test against New Zealand, bringing an end to speculation surrounding a possible breach of anti-corruption regulations.

The controversy began after the ECB released a dressing-room video showing Stokes informing his teammates about his decision to retire from international cricket. The footage was published on the fourth day of the Test match while play was still in progress and Stokes was actively participating in the game.

The ICC reviewed the matter because its regulations governing the Players' and Match Officials' Areas (PMOA) prohibit broadcasting audio or video recorded inside team dressing rooms during an ongoing international match. These rules are designed to support anti-corruption measures and protect the integrity of the game.

Following its inquiry, the ICC concluded that no disciplinary action would be taken against the ECB. Although the governing body had sought clarification over the release of the footage, the matter has now been closed without any sanctions.

The video captured an emotional moment as Stokes addressed his teammates before



the start of play, asking them to give everything for the team during the remainder of the match. Soon after the announcement became public, Stokes produced a memorable spell with the ball, taking a wicket moments after the crowd learned of his retirement.

When reports first emerged that the ICC had contacted the ECB over the video, Stokes reacted humorously on social media with a two-word post: "Sack him..." The light-hearted response quickly went viral among cricket fans.

Despite the controversy, the ICC's decision ensures that neither Stokes nor the ECB will face further consequences. The incident has nevertheless sparked discussions about the use of behind-the-scenes dress-

ing-room content during live international matches and the importance of adhering to established broadcasting protocols.

The episode also highlighted the growing popularity of exclusive behind-the-scenes content in modern cricket. While such videos offer fans a closer look at emotional team moments, they must still comply with ICC regulations designed to safeguard the sport's integrity.

With the matter now resolved, attention shifts back to Stokes' remarkable international career and his legacy as one of England's finest all-rounders. The retirement announcement may have generated controversy, but it also marked the end of an era for English cricket.

Cristiano Ronaldo's Social Media Post Leaves Fans Emotional



to step away from international football, his legacy as one of the game's greatest icons is already firmly established. His achievements have inspired generations

of footballers and transformed the global popularity of the sport. While Ronaldo has not confirmed his future plans, his latest message has reminded fans of the passion and dedication he has shown throughout his career. The post has become one of the most talked-about moments following the World Cup, with millions expressing admiration for the Portuguese superstar.

As speculation over his future continues, fans across the world remain hopeful that Cristiano Ronaldo still has more memorable moments to offer before bringing the curtain down on one of football's most extraordinary careers.



BCCI to Review India's Recent Test Performances After England Series

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has confirmed that it will conduct a comprehensive review of the Indian team's recent Test performances after the conclusion of the ongoing England tour. The decision comes following India's back-to-back Test series defeats, which have raised questions about the team's consistency in the longest format of the game.

BCCI Secretary Devajit Saikia stated that the board will hold its customary review meeting once the England series is completed. He explained that such meetings are a standard practice after every major international assignment and are aimed at assessing the team's overall performance rather than reacting to individual results.

According to Saikia, the board believes it is important to wait until the entire tour concludes before evaluating the team's strengths, weaknesses and areas that need improvement. He emphasized that a complete assessment can only be made after all matches have been played.

The review meeting is expected to include discussions involving the national selectors, head coach, team management and senior BCCI officials. The panel will analyze various aspects of the team's performance, including batting, bowling, fielding, player fitness and tactical decisions made throughout the series.

India's recent Test performances have sparked debates

among fans and cricket experts, particularly after consecutive series losses. While the team has shown flashes of brilliance, inconsistency in key moments has affected its ability to secure victories against strong opposition.

The board is also expected to review the performances of individual players and assess the progress of younger cricketers who have been given opportunities in recent months. The discussions could play a role in shaping future team selections and preparations for upcoming international assignments.

Despite the disappointing results, BCCI officials have indicated that there is no immediate cause for concern or panic. Instead, the focus will remain on identifying areas for improvement and ensuring that the team is better prepared for future challenges.

The review process is considered an important part of India's cricketing structure, allowing the board and team management to evaluate performances objectively and make informed decisions regarding strategy, player development and long-term planning.

With the England series yet to conclude, the Indian team remains focused on finishing the tour on a positive note. Once the final match is completed, the BCCI's review meeting is expected to provide valuable insights into the team's recent performances and outline the roadmap for India's future in Test cricket.



FIFA Sells World Cup Final Pitch Pieces to Fans

Football fans now have a unique opportunity to own a piece of World Cup history. FIFA has announced the sale of limited-edition sections of the actual pitch that will be used for the 2026 FIFA World Cup Final, allowing supporters to take home a memorable souvenir from the biggest match in world football.

The specially preserved pieces of turf are being cut from the playing surface at MetLife Stadium in New Jersey, the venue that will host the World Cup final. Each piece is carefully packaged inside a premium display case along with an official certificate of authenticity, confirming that it came from the championship match.

Each collectible is priced at 450 US dollars, which works out to approximately 43,000. Despite the premium price tag, demand has been extremely strong, with football enthusiasts and collectors showing significant interest in owning a physical piece of World Cup history.

The pitch memorabilia forms part of FIFA's broader strategy to offer exclusive collectibles linked to major tournaments. Over the years, sports organizations have sold match-used balls, jerseys and other memorabilia, but offering pieces of the actual playing surface is one of the most unique initiatives undertaken for the World Cup.

Each turf segment has been specially preserved to main-

tain its condition and appearance. The display case is designed to protect the grass while allowing fans to showcase the collectible as a lasting reminder of one of football's greatest occasions.

The initiative has generated mixed reactions among supporters. While many fans appreciate the chance to own an authentic piece of football history, others have questioned the high price, arguing that such memorabilia should be more affordable for ordinary supporters.

Collectors, however, believe the limited availability and official certification make the items valuable keepsakes that could even appreciate in value over time. Similar sports memorabilia associated with iconic matches and tournaments have often become highly sought-after collector's items.

The sale of the World Cup final pitch pieces comes as FIFA continues to expand its range of premium merchandise and fan experiences surrounding the tournament. With global interest in the competition at an all-time high, exclusive collectibles are expected to remain in strong demand.

As anticipation builds for the 2026 FIFA World Cup final, the opportunity to own a genuine piece of the historic playing surface has added another unique chapter to the tournament, giving fans a rare chance to preserve a tangible connection to football's biggest stage.

Nation Mourns ‘Gana Kokila’ S. Janaki

The passing of legendary playback singer S. Janaki, fondly known as “Gana Koki-la,” has plunged the nation into grief, with leaders across the political spectrum and film personalities from across the country expressing heartfelt condolences. Her demise marks the end of an era in Indian music, leaving behind a legacy that shaped generations of listeners.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed deep sorrow, stating that S. Janaki’s demise is a great loss to the music world. He noted that her soulful voice and unforgettable songs will continue to inspire generations.

Andhra Pradesh Governor S. Abdul Nazeer said she was a legendary singer whose contribution to Indian music is unparalleled, adding that her legacy will live on forever.

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu described her voice as timeless and said her songs have been an integral part of people’s lives for decades, leaving behind an irreplaceable void.

Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan paid tribute,



saying her voice carried profound emotion and connected deeply with audiences, making her songs eternal.

HRD and IT Minister Nara Lokesh remarked that S. Janaki’s music will remain immortal and continue to inspire future generations of artists and

listeners.

BJP State President PVN Madhav said her melodious voice defined an era and that her passing is a great loss to the cultural and artistic community.

Tourism, Culture, Film and TV Minister Kandula Durgesh

called her a musical legend, stating that her songs will forever remain a treasured part of India’s cultural heritage.

Former Chief Minister Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy also expressed grief, stating that S. Janaki captivated millions with her extraordinary voice and that her demise is an irreparable loss to the music world.

Chiranjeevi expressed deep shock over S. Janaki’s demise, recalling her contribution to his cinematic journey. He said her melodious voice enriched many memorable songs and would remain an everlasting inspiration for generations.

Nandamuri Balakrishna described S. Janaki’s passing as an irreparable loss to the Indian film industry, saying her timeless songs, including those sung for his father Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao and his own films, would continue to be cherished forever.

S. Janaki, a four-time National Award winner, remained known not only for her musical brilliance but also for her humility and simplicity. As tributes pour in from across the nation, one tr

Akhil's Emotional Moment With Nagarjuna Goes Viral



The success celebrations of Akhil Akkineni’s latest film Lenin turned into an emotional family moment that has touched the hearts of fans across social media. A video from the event, featuring Akhil seeking the blessings of his father, veteran actor Nagarjuna, has gone viral, becoming one of the most talked-about highlights of the celebrations.

Held at Annapurna Studios in Hyderabad, the event celebrated the positive response received by Lenin after its theatrical release. The film has opened to encouraging reviews and strong audience appreciation, marking a significant milestone in Akhil’s career after years of waiting for a major commercial breakthrough.

During the celebration, Akhil became visibly emotional as he walked up to Nagarjuna and touched his father’s feet to seek his blessings. Nagarjuna immediately lifted him up and embraced him warmly. The heart-felt father-son hug drew loud applause from the audience, while many on stage were moved

Chaitanya congratulated him publicly, praising his dedication and hard work. His message added to the wave of appreciation from the Akkineni family and fans, who have welcomed Akhil’s comeback with enthusiasm.

Ahead of the film’s release, Nagarjuna had appealed to audiences not to compare Akhil with either himself or legendary actor Akkineni Nageswara Rao, urging everyone to judge him on his own merit. He had expressed confidence that Lenin would showcase a completely new side of Akhil as an actor. The film’s encouraging reception appears to have validated that belief.

For Akhil, the success of Lenin is more than just a box-office achievement. After facing several setbacks in his career, the film has emerged as an important turning point, and the emotional embrace with Nagarjuna symbolized years of perseverance, hard work and a father’s pride. Fans continue to share the touching video online, calling it one of the most memorable moments from the film’s success celebrations.

Varun Tej's Korean Kanakaraju Set for August 7 Release



Varun Tej’s much-awaited horror-comedy Korean Kanakaraju is all set to hit theatres worldwide on August 7, ending months of speculation about its release date. The makers officially announced the date along with a striking new poster, building excitement among movie lovers ahead of the film’s theatrical debut.

Directed by Merlapaka Gandhi, the film promises a unique blend of horror, comedy and action with an Indo-Korean backdrop. The project has generated significant buzz ever since its title glimpse was unveiled earlier this year, showcasing Varun Tej in a completely different avatar.

The film stars Ritika Nayak as the female lead, while popular comedian Satya plays a key role. The combination of Varun Tej and Satya is expected to deliver plenty of laughs alongside the supernatural elements that form the core of the story.

Produced jointly by UV Creations and First Frame Entertainments, the movie has been mounted on a lavish scale. A significant portion of the film was shot in South Korea, giving it a fresh visual appeal rarely seen in Telugu cinema. The overseas schedule included several important scenes and songs that are expected to be among the film’s major highlights.

Music for the film has been composed by S. Thaman,

whose energetic background scores have played a major role in many recent blockbusters. The cinematography is handled by Manoj Reddy Katasani, while the production team has focused on creating a visually rich horror-comedy experience.

The recently released promotional material has further raised expectations, hinting at a story packed with spooky moments, action sequences and hilarious comedy. The unusual title and Indo-Korean setting have also made the film stand out among this year’s Telugu releases.

For Varun Tej, Korean Kanakaraju is an important project as he experiments with a genre he has not explored extensively before. Fans are eager to see him in a completely new role that combines humour, action and supernatural elements.

With the release date now officially locked, the makers are expected to begin an aggressive promotional campaign in the coming weeks, including songs, a theatrical trailer and interactions with fans.

As the countdown begins, Korean Kanakaraju is shaping up to be one of the most anticipated Telugu entertainers of the season. If the promotional buzz translates into audience response, the film could emerge as a major box-office attraction when it arrives in cinemas on August 7.

Dhanush Announces Thamizh Murugan Amid Buzz Around NTR's Film



Tamil superstar Dhanush has officially announced his next ambitious project, Thamizh Murugan, a historical epic based on Lord Murugan. The announcement has created a huge buzz in the film industry, especially as it comes just days after Jr NTR and director Trivikram Srinivas unveiled their own mythological film centered on the same deity.

The film marks the much-awaited reunion of Dhanush and acclaimed filmmaker Vetrimaaran, one of Tamil cinema’s most successful actor-director combinations. Their previous collaborations have received both critical acclaim and commercial success, making expectations for this project exceptionally high.

The makers unveiled a powerful announcement video that presents Lord Murugan as a fearless warrior and protector. The visually rich glimpse features massive battle sequences, soldiers standing in formation, and an imposing image of Murugan riding an elephant while carrying his iconic Vel (spear). The grand visuals have impressed audiences and immediately went viral across social media platforms.

Thamizh Murugan is based on

celebrated writer Arivumathi’s historical novel of the same name. The story explores Lord Murugan’s significance in Tamil culture by drawing inspiration from Sangam literature and ancient Tamil traditions. The filmmakers aim to present a culturally rooted interpretation of the deity while blending history, mythology and cinematic storytelling.

The announcement has sparked intense discussions among movie lovers because two major South Indian stars are now working on separate films inspired by the same divine figure. While Jr NTR’s upcoming film has already generated debate over its promotional tagline, Dhanush’s project is being viewed as a distinctly Tamil cultural interpretation of Lord Murugan’s legacy.

Fans have welcomed the reunion of Dhanush and Vetrimaaran, expressing confidence that the duo will deliver another memorable cinematic experience. Many have also praised the film’s grand scale and historical backdrop, predicting that it could become one of the biggest Tamil releases in the coming years.

Although the makers have not yet revealed details about the supporting cast, production schedule or release date, the announcement alone has generated enormous excitement. Industry observers believe Thamizh Murugan could emerge as one of the most anticipated historical epics in Indian cinema, thanks to its powerful subject, acclaimed creative team and the growing interest surrounding films based on Lord Murugan.

New Jana Nayagan Poster Raises Excitement



Baiju, and Gautham Vasudev Menon in key roles.

The film carries enormous significance as it is expected to be Vijay’s final appearance as a lead actor before dedicating himself completely to his political career. That emotional connection has made every update related to the film a major talking point among fans.

Music for the film has been composed by Anirudh Ravichander, while the production values promise a large-scale commercial entertainer packed with action, emotion and political drama.

Despite the continued sus-

pense over the release date, the latest poster has successfully reignited excitement among audiences. Industry observers believe the official release announcement could arrive soon, paving the way for one of the biggest theatrical events of the year.

With censor formalities completed and promotional activities gathering momentum, Jana Nayagan is now entering its final phase before release. Fans across the country are eagerly awaiting the announcement that will finally reveal when they can witness Vijay’s much-awaited farewell on the silver screen.

RGV to Make Lead Acting Debut in Show Man



Veteran filmmaker Ram Gopal Varma (RGV) is all set to explore a completely new role in his long and celebrated career. Known for directing cult classics and path-breaking crime dramas, RGV will now step in front of the camera as the lead actor for the first time in the upcoming film Show Man.

The announcement has taken fans and the film industry by surprise, as RGV has spent more than three decades behind the camera, shaping Indian cinema with films such as Shiva, Satya, Company and Sarkar. While he has made brief appearances and cameos in the past, Show Man marks his first full-fledged performance as the central character.

The film is being directed by Chandra Siddhartha, who is known for his content-driven and emotionally engaging films. Unlike RGV’s trademark gangster dramas and thrillers, Show Man is expected to present a unique narrative that revolves around the world of cinema and the personalities behind it.

According to the makers, Ram Gopal Varma was the only choice for the lead role because of his larger-than-life personality, outspoken nature and decades of experience in the film industry. They believe his real-life image will add authenticity and depth to the character.

The announcement poster has already created considerable excitement on social media, with movie lovers expressing curiosity about how RGV will perform as an actor. Many fans described the project as one of the most unexpected casting decisions in recent Telugu cinema. Over the years, RGV has

earned a reputation for challenging conventions and experimenting with storytelling. Whether through his filmmaking style or his outspoken opinions, he has consistently remained one of the industry’s most talked-about personalities. His decision to become a lead actor is being viewed as another bold experiment in his career.

The makers have hinted that Show Man will offer an engaging blend of drama, emotion and satire while exploring the highs and lows of the entertainment industry. More details about the supporting cast, music and release date are expected to be announced in the coming weeks. For audiences, the biggest attraction will undoubtedly be watching Ram Gopal Varma in a role where he carries the film on his shoulders rather than directing it from behind the camera.

With curiosity surrounding the project growing rapidly, Show Man has already become one of the most anticipated films featuring an unconventional debut. Whether RGV can recreate his behind-the-camera success as a lead actor remains to be seen, but the announcement has certainly generated significant buzz among cinema enthusiasts.

