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# 'Gana Kokila' Falls Silent, Musical Legacy Lives On

*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 comforted 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 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 National 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.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy expressed deep sorrow over Janaki's demise, stating that she left an unforgettable impression on South Indian film music through her melodious voice. He said her songs beautifully reflected the Navarasas and praised the fact that her

Telugu roots were a matter of pride for the people of the state. He described her death as a major loss to the film industry and millions of music lovers. Telangana Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla remembered Janaki as a golden voice that touched millions of hearts. He said she enriched Indian music for more than six decades and left behind an unparalleled musical legacy. Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar paid emotional tributes, describing her as a legendary singer whose voice captured every emotion and whose music would remain immortal. Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy also expressed condolences, stating that Janaki was not merely a singer but a priceless treasure of Indian music. BJP Telangana President N. Ramchander Rao said Janaki's contribution to Indian music through thousands of songs in multiple languages would ensure that she remains an unforgettable figure in music history. With the passing of S. Janaki, India has lost one of its greatest musical treasures. However, her soulful melodies will continue to echo in the hearts of music lovers forever.

## Kaleshwaram Restoration to Follow Expert Panel Recommendations

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Saturday said the Telangana government will undertake the restoration of the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project strictly in accordance with the recommendations of the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) and the Technical Oversight Committee constituted by the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti. Addressing a media conference at the Bodhi Pavilion in MCRHRD, alongside Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka and Ministers N. Uttam Kumar Reddy and Ponnann Prabhakar, the Chief Minister said the government was committed to restoring the project based on scientific assessment rather than political considerations. He explained that the NDSA had identified deficiencies in the planning, design, construction, operation, and maintenance of the Medigadda, Annaram, and Sundilla barrages. As a result, water is not being lifted from the Godavari because storing water by closing the barrage gates would pose a serious safety risk under the present conditions. Revanth Reddy noted that the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti constituted a Technical



Oversight Committee on June 30, 2026, to supervise the restoration process. The committee comprises technical experts from the NDSA, Central Water Commission (CWC), Central Water and Power Research Station (CWPRS), SMRS, and senior engineers from the Telangana government. He said the panel has also been directed to consult national and international experts before finalizing restoration measures. The Chief Minister said the NDSA's 365-page report clearly concluded that the Medigadda, Sundilla, and Annaram barrages are presently unsuitable for storing water. According to the report, the subsidence of Block-7 at the Medigadda barrage compromised the structural stability of the entire barrage. He added that the authority had warned against filling the barrages until comprehensive rehabilitation measures are completed.

Explaining the operational challenges, Revanth Reddy said the Kaleshwaram system depends on storing water at specified levels before it can be lifted through the pump houses. The Medigadda barrage must maintain a water level of 93.5 metres for pumps at Kannepalli to function effectively. Similarly, adequate storage is required at Annaram before water can be pumped to Sundilla. However, he pointed out that achieving these storage levels requires closing the barrage gates, a step the NDSA has advised against because of the structural risks involved. The authority has recommended keeping the gates fully open until repairs are completed, making water lifting impossible under current conditions. The Chief Minister said lifting water without storage would be ineffective because it would simply flow back

through the system. He warned that ignoring expert advice and attempting to store water prematurely could jeopardize the safety of the barrages and increase flood risks downstream. Revanth Reddy also recalled that construction-related defects had been reported as early as May 18, 2020, when an Executive Engineer wrote to the construction agency highlighting serious structural concerns. He alleged that the warnings were ignored, leading to worsening damage. He further referred to the flooding of the Kannepalli pump house in July 2022 and the subsidence of the Medigadda barrage in October 2023 as evidence of long-standing issues. The Chief Minister reiterated that the government has no political agenda in restoring the project and will proceed only on the basis of technical recommendations. He said testing and assessment work is expected to conclude this month, after which restoration will begin under the guidance of the NDSA, IIT Bombay, international experts, and the Technical Oversight Committee. He assured that the Telangana government would extend full cooperation to all expert agencies to ensure the safe and scientific restoration of the Kaleshwaram project.

## CM Seeks Swift Aid for Vietnam Boat Accident Victims

Hyderabad, July 11 | TPN Bureau

The Telangana government has established a dedicated control room and issued emergency helpline numbers to assist families following a boat accident near Phu Quoc Island in Vietnam that reportedly involved Indian tourists, including visitors from the Telugu states. Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy expressed deep shock and grief over reports that several tourists from Telangana and Andhra Pradesh may have lost their lives in the mishap. Extending his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families, the Chief Minister assured that the state government would provide all possible support to the victims and their relatives during the difficult time. Immediately after receiving information about the accident, Revanth Reddy directed senior officials to closely monitor the situation and respond without delay. He instructed the Chief Secretary to coordinate with the Union Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and the Indian Embassy in Vietnam to obtain comprehensive details about the incident and ensure timely assistance for those affected. The Chief Minister emphasized the need for close coordination with the Central government and Indian diplomatic authorities to expedite rescue, relief, and support measures. He also directed officials to verify the identities of the victims, particularly those believed to be from Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, and ensure that those injured receive the best possible medical treatment without delay. Revanth Reddy further instructed the administration to remain in constant touch with the families of those involved in the accident and provide all necessary assistance. He said the



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Telangana government would continue coordinating with the Ministry of External Affairs and the Indian Embassy until all rescue, relief, and rehabilitation efforts are completed. To facilitate communication with affected families, the General Administration (NRI) Department has set up a special control room in Hyderabad. The control room will coordinate with the Ministry of External Affairs, the Indian Embassy in Vietnam, and other concerned agencies to provide timely updates and assistance. The government has released the following helpline numbers for families seeking information or support: 9885371189, 7997959754, 9989654807, and 7997959779. Officials said the initiative aims to ensure prompt communication, effective coordination, and uninterrupted assistance as more information about the accident emerges. The Chief Minister reiterated that the Telangana government stands firmly with the victims and their families and will extend every possible support until the situation is fully resolved.

### Governor Felicitates Murali Mohan



Hyderabad, July 11 | TPN Bureau

Renowned actor Murali Mohan paid a courtesy call on Telangana Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla at Raj Bhavan (Lok Bhavan) on Saturday following his receipt of the prestigious Padma Shri award from the Government of India. During the meeting, the Governor congratulated Murali Mohan on the national honour and felicitated him in recognition of his outstanding contribution to Indian cinema and public life. The Governor wished him continued success in his future endeavours. Family members Roopa Maganti and B.S. Rao also accompanied the actor during the courtesy meeting with the Governor.

### Bike Rider's Praise Delights CM

Hyderabad, July 11 | TPN Bureau

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Saturday said positive feedback from citizens motivates the Telangana government to strengthen and expand its welfare programmes, after a Hyderabad-based bike taxi rider praised the Indiramma Canteen scheme on social media. The rider, who recently had breakfast at an Indiramma Canteen in Koti, shared that he received six idlis for just ₹10. He said the affordable meal scheme has become a valuable support system for daily wage earners, auto drivers, delivery personnel, and labourers by helping them access nutritious food at a nominal cost. His appreciation for the initiative, along with a message thanking the state government, quickly gained attention on social media and drew a response from the Chief Minister. Reacting to the post, Revanth Reddy said he was deeply encouraged by the appreciation received from a hardworking citizen whom he had never met personally. He remarked that such heartfelt feedback from ordinary people was more meaningful than any formal recognition and reflected the positive impact of welfare programmes on people's lives. The Chief Minister reiterated that the Indiramma Canteen scheme was launched with the objective of ensuring that no poor person in Telangana goes hungry because of financial hardship. He said the initiative was designed to provide affordable, hygienic, and nutritious meals to economically weaker sections. Revanth Reddy added that encouraging responses from beneficiaries inspire the government to continue implementing people-centric welfare measures and further strengthen programmes aimed at improving the quality of life for the underprivileged. He reaffirmed the government's commitment to inclusive development and social welfare across the state.

## Cashless Health Cards from July 15

Hyderabad, July 11 | TPN Bureau

The Employees Health Care Trust (EHCT) has announced that cashless medical treatment under the revamped Employees Health Scheme (EHS) will commence from July 15, following a key decision taken at the EHCT Board meeting held on Friday. The meeting, chaired by Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju, approved the rollout of new QR code-enabled digital health cards that beneficiaries can conveniently download and store on their mobile phones. The initiative is expected to simplify access to healthcare services for government employees and pensioners across Telangana.

Under the revised scheme, beneficiaries will be eligible for cashless treatment at 943 empanelled hospitals across the state. The coverage includes 2,594 medical procedures, ensuring access to a broad range of healthcare services under the scheme. The Board also decided that treatment costs under the Employees Health Scheme would be aligned with the rates prescribed under the Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS), a move aimed at ensuring transparency and standardization in healthcare reimbursements. Officials informed the meeting that the government order containing the revised Employees Health Scheme guidelines

would be issued within the next four days. A review meeting with EHS Chief Executive Officer Hanumanthu Kodimba has also been scheduled for Monday to discuss the implementation of the updated guidelines and ensure a smooth rollout. To improve accessibility and provide comprehensive information to beneficiaries, the government will develop a dedicated EHCT mobile application. The app will include details of empanelled hospitals, treatment procedures, eligibility criteria, and other services available under the scheme. The government has also decided to significantly strengthen primary healthcare services by expanding

its network of wellness centres. In addition to the existing 12 centres, 24 new wellness centres will be established at district headquarters, ensuring statewide coverage. These centres will provide outpatient consultation, diagnostic services, and regular medicines to beneficiaries closer to their homes. Senior government officials, along with representatives of employees' and pensioners' associations, participated in the EHCT Board meeting and welcomed the measures aimed at improving healthcare access and streamlining medical services for beneficiaries under the Employees Health Scheme.



# New Bus Stations to Boost RTC Services

**Suryapet, July 11 | TPN Bureau**

Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnampallabhar, along with Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, laid the foundation stone for a new RTC bus station at Huzurnagar and launched development works for another bus station in Kodad constituency of Suryapet district on Friday. RTC Managing Director V.C. Sajjanar? Wait-actually RTC MD Nagireddy, District Collector, public representatives, and senior officials participated in the programme. Addressing the gathering, Ponnampallabhar said the Congress government has been strengthening the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) by improving infrastructure, expanding services, and addressing employees' welfare.



He recalled that the free bus travel scheme for women was introduced within 48 hours of the government assuming office and said women have since availed free travel worth nearly ₹11,000 crore. He added that around 30 lakh women are among the 65 lakh

passengers who travel daily on RTC buses. The minister said the government has purchased 2,800 new buses and created employment opportunities for nearly 3,500 people in RTC. He appreciated the efforts of RTC drivers, conductors, and other employees

who ensure uninterrupted services across the state every day. Ponnampallabhar said the government's objective is to provide reliable bus connectivity to every village while modernising bus stations and depots. He noted that over 90 RTC depots are

now operating profitably and added that two new depots have been sanctioned, with several bus stations being upgraded.

He also highlighted measures taken for RTC employees, including implementation of the PRC, settlement of pending dues, initiation of labour union elections, and progress toward the RTC merger process.

The minister thanked Uttam Kumar Reddy for promoting agricultural development in Huzurnagar and acknowledged the state government's allocation of funds for irrigation projects. He said electric buses would soon be introduced and additional services would be operated in Hyderabad to meet growing commuter demand, reaffirming the government's commitment to modern, accessible, and passenger-friendly public transport across Telangana.

## India's First CMP Pad Hub Opens



**Hyderabad, July 11 | TPN Bureau**

Telangana marked a major milestone in its semiconductor ambitions with the inauguration of India's first Chemical Mechanical Polishing (CMP) Pad Technologies Hub at T-Works in Hyderabad on Saturday. The facility, established through a collaboration between T-Works and Japan-based Toho Koki Seisakusho Co. Ltd., is expected to strengthen India's semiconductor manufacturing ecosystem and reduce dependence on imported chip-making technologies.

The hub was formally inaugurated by IT and Industries Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu, who described the initiative as a significant step towards positioning Telangana as one of India's leading semiconductor destinations.

Addressing the gathering, the minister said the state government has been implementing a well-planned strategy to build a robust semiconductor ecosystem, from research and innovation to advanced manufacturing. He noted that the newly established CMP Pad Technologies Hub would serve as a critical component of this vision by enabling access to cutting-edge technologies that have so far been available only overseas.

CMP pads are an essential consumable used in the semiconductor manufacturing process to polish and planarize silicon wafers before chip fabrication. Until now, India has relied entirely on imports for this technology. The Hyderabad-based facility marks the country's first dedicated center for CMP pad technology, creating new opportunities for indigenous research and manufacturing.

Sridhar Babu said the hub would provide advanced training, technical guidance, and research support to students, innovators, startups, academic institutions, MSMEs, and industries. He added that collaborative research projects would be undertaken with leading educational institutions and industrial partners to develop indigenous CMP pad manufacturing capabilities within the next 18 to 24 months.

The minister also highlighted Telangana's growing partnerships with technologically advanced countries such as Japan to accelerate innovation in the semiconductor sector. He said the government is preparing a comprehensive roadmap to develop the entire semiconductor value chain, covering research, design, manufacturing, and advanced technology development.

Senior representatives from Japan and India attended the inaugural ceremony, including Takuya Nishimura of Toho Koki Seisakusho Co. Ltd., Swastik Kulkarni, Director General of JETRO Bengaluru, Daisuke Tanji, Founder and CEO of IndoBox, Shigemaro Yasui, Chairman of the Japan India Business Bureau, IT Department Joint Secretary Anudeep Durishetty, and T-Works CEO Joginder Tanikella.

The launch of the CMP Pad Technologies Hub is expected to enhance India's semiconductor self-reliance while reinforcing Hyderabad's emergence as a key center for advanced electronics and deep-tech innovation.

# Ponguleti Sets Deadline for Statewide Land Re-survey

**Khammam/Hyderabad, July 11 | TPN Bureau**

Revenue, Housing and Information Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy has directed district administrations to accord top priority to the statewide land re-survey, stating that the exercise is crucial for the effective implementation of the Bhu Bharati Act and for ensuring complete protection of farmers' land rights. The minister issued the directions during a video conference held from the Khammam District Collectorate with District Collectors across Telangana. The review covered the land re-survey, implementation of the Bhu Bharati Act, disposal of Sadabainama applications, construction of Indiramma and 2BHK houses, and the distribution of school uniforms. Special



Chief Secretary (Revenue) D.S. Lokesh Kumar and Khammam District Collector Diwakar T.S. also participated. Ponguleti said the Bhu Bharati Act was introduced to replace the Dharani system, but acknowledged that

its implementation had not fully met public expectations. Based on expert recommendations, the government has decided to undertake a comprehensive land re-survey to eliminate long-standing land disputes and improve land record accuracy.

Referring to the pilot re-survey conducted in five villages lacking proper land maps, the minister said nearly 95 percent of land-related issues were resolved. Encouraged by these results, the government plans to complete the re-survey across the state in three phases by March 2027, with monthly progress reviews through video conferences.

He said 70 villages in each district have been selected for the first phase. Licensed surveyors will be engaged alongside regular survey staff and paid ₹60 per acre, including survey and transportation charges. Surveyors failing to report for duty within the prescribed period will face cancellation of their licences. The minister also directed officials to expedite the disposal of the 9.26 lakh pending

Sadabainama applications. He asked district authorities to examine the reasons for application rejections, issue notices wherever necessary, and resolve eligible cases without delay. He expressed confidence that the re-survey would permanently resolve nearly 98 percent of the revenue grievances received during Praja Darbar programmes.

Ponguleti further instructed officials to speed up construction of first-phase Indiramma houses, complete the allotment of pending 2BHK houses, and finalize beneficiaries for the second phase by giving priority to families living in huts. He also directed the Education Department to ensure every government school student receives at least one set of uniforms before Independence Day.

# New Yadagirigutta Trust Board Takes Oath

**Yadadri Bhuvanagiri, July 11 | TPN Bureau**

Forest, Environment and Endowments Minister Konda Surekha participated in the oath-taking ceremony of the newly constituted governing body of the Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Devasthanam at Yadagirigutta on Saturday and called upon its members to transform the temple into one of the country's premier spiritual destinations. The minister was accorded a traditional Poorna Kumbham welcome by temple priests upon her arrival. She participated in special worship rituals and received Vedic blessings from scholars. Temple Executive Officer Bhavani Shankar presented her with a portrait of Lord Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy. In the presence of the minister, newly appointed Chairman M. Satyanarayana Reddy and the members of



the governing council took the oath of office and formally assumed their responsibilities at the temple's Mukha Mandapam. Bhongir MP

Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy, Alair MLA Beerla Ilaiiah, ex-officio trust board members, public representatives, and senior officials

attended the ceremony. Congratulating the newly appointed chairman and members, Konda Surekha said they carried the respon-

sibility of serving as the first governing body of the temple under the new administration and should work in line with the expectations of devotees and the state government.

She said the government, under the leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, is committed to strengthening temple infrastructure and providing better facilities for pilgrims. The minister urged the trust board to focus on transparent administration, preservation of the temple's traditions, and accelerated development works while maintaining its spiritual sanctity. Konda Surekha emphasized that coordinated efforts by the governing body would further enhance the reputation of the Yadagirigutta Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Temple and help establish it as a model pilgrimage centre and one of India's most prominent spiritual institutions.

## Minister Calls for Transparent Medical Procurement

**Hyderabad, July 11 | TPN Bureau**

Health Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha has directed officials of the Telangana Medical Services and Infrastructure Development Corporation (TGM-SIDC) to strengthen procurement systems to ensure the timely and transparent supply of quality medical equipment to government hospitals across the state.

Chairing a review meeting at the TGM-SIDC office in Koti on

Friday, the Minister assessed the procurement of medical equipment, tender processes, operational status, maintenance mechanisms, and infrastructure requirements for newly established hospitals. Emphasizing the need for quality healthcare services, Rajanarsimha said all medical equipment supplied to government hospitals must adhere to prescribed quality standards and be delivered within stipulated timelines. He instructed officials to prepare proposals for a procurement policy that prioritizes transparency, accountability, and standardized procedures. The Minister also called for the complete digitization of the procurement process. He proposed the implementation of an end-to-end digital tracking system that would monitor every stage from raising an indent to installation of equipment thereby improving transparency, efficiency, and accountability. To ensure uninterrupted functioning of medical equipment, Rajanarsimha directed officials to establish a robust monitoring mechanism. He suggested creating a centralized dashboard to track the operational status and performance of equipment across all government hospitals. The dashboard will be reviewed by senior management every fortnight, with corrective measures initiated wherever required. The Minister further instructed officials to review existing Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract (CAMC) agreements and introduce stricter penalties for vendors who fail to meet service-level commitments. He stressed that maintenance agencies must be held accountable to prevent equipment downtime in hospitals. To strengthen field-level monitoring, Rajanarsimha approved the appointment of eight biomedical engineers. Of these, four will be deployed in Hyderabad, while one engineer each will be assigned to the East, West, South, and North zones of the state. TGM-SIDC Managing Director Gaurav Uppal, Director of Medical Education Narendra Kumar, Director of Public Health Ravindra Naik, and other senior officials attended the review meeting. The Minister reiterated the government's commitment to modernizing healthcare infrastructure and ensuring the availability of reliable medical equipment in government hospitals.



# Emirates Eyes A380 Services

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of operations in the city. Mohammad Sarhan, Vice President (India & Nepal) of Emirates Airline, called on the Chief Minister and discussed the airline's future expansion plans in Telangana. During the meeting, Revanth Reddy requested Emirates to launch A380 services from Hyderabad and further enhance its flight connectivity from the city to international destinations. The Chief Minister also briefed the Emirates delegation on Telangana's growing aviation infrastructure, highlighting the proposed airports at Warangal and

Adilabad. He invited the airline to establish a Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) facility in the state, stating that the government would extend all necessary support and infrastructure to facilitate such an investment. Emphasizing Telangana's vision of becoming a major aviation and logistics hub, Revanth Reddy said improved air connectivity and world-class aviation services would significantly contribute to the state's economic growth, tourism, and investment potential. In addition to aviation-related proposals, the Chief



Minister sought Emirates' support for the development of sports in the state. He requested the airline to sponsor the training of athletes at

the Gachibowli Sports University as part of its corporate social responsibility initiatives. Mohammad Sarhan respond-

ed positively to the Chief Minister's proposals, expressing the airline's willingness to explore the launch of A380 services from Hyderabad. He also welcomed the request to support athlete training and indicated that Emirates would examine opportunities to partner with the state in promoting sports development. The meeting reflects the Telangana government's continued efforts to strengthen global connectivity, attract aviation investments, and build partnerships with leading international companies for the state's long-term growth.



# Revanth Blames BRS Over Kaleshwaram Defects

Hyderabad, July 11 | TPN Bureau

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Saturday strongly defended his government's stand on the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project, accusing the BRS and BJP of spreading misinformation and attempting to shift responsibility for the project's structural failures onto the present administration. Speaking during an informal interaction with the media at Bodhi Pavilion in Hyderabad, the Chief Minister alleged that opposition parties were deliberately misleading the public through what he described as a coordinated campaign over the Kaleshwaram issue. Revanth Reddy specifically criticized BJP MP Etela Rajender, alleging that his recent remarks on the project echoed the position of former Irrigation Minister T. Harish



Rao. While stating that he personally respects Etela, the Chief Minister said the MP had damaged his credibility by making what he termed misleading statements about the project. He maintained that his government's objective was only to place the facts

before the people. The Chief Minister pointed out that the Kaleshwaram project was inaugurated on June 21, 2019, during the previous BRS government led by former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR). He alleged that structural

deficiencies in the Medigadda barrage surfaced during the BRS regime itself. According to Revanth Reddy, the first signs of defects emerged within 11 months of the project's inauguration. He claimed that Executive Engineer Ramana Reddy had written to the then government on May 18, 2020, highlighting construction defects in the Medigadda barrage and recommending immediate corrective measures. However, he alleged that the warnings were ignored, allowing the problems to worsen over time. The Chief Minister further stated that the Kannepalli pump house suffered damage during floods in July 2022 and has remained non-operational since then. He also referred to the subsidence of the Medigadda barrage in October 2023, calling it evidence of long-standing structural issues.

Revanth Reddy noted that the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) committee was constituted while KCR was still in office. He said both the preliminary and final reports of the NDSA identified deficiencies in the planning, design, construction, and maintenance of the Medigadda, Sundilla, and Annaram barrages and concluded that they were unsuitable for water storage. Questioning why the recommendations of technical experts were not implemented when the defects were first identified, the Chief Minister alleged that the failure to act promptly had aggravated the situation. He accused BRS leaders, including KCR and Harish Rao, of repeatedly making false allegations against the present government instead of accepting responsibility for the project's shortcomings.

## Harish Rao Slams CM Over Kaleshwaram Remarks



Hyderabad, July 11 | TPN Bureau

Former Minister and BRS Deputy Floor Leader T. Harish Rao on Saturday launched a sharp attack on Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, accusing him of making inflammatory remarks and using the Kaleshwaram project issue to divert public attention from what he described as the government's administrative and law-and-order failures. Addressing the media, Harish Rao strongly objected to comments allegedly made by the Chief Minister during a press conference while responding to demands for the release of irrigation water. He alleged that the remarks reflected an insensitive and confrontational attitude toward farmers and the opposition. Demanding an unconditional public apology, Harish Rao said a person holding the office of Chief Minister should exercise restraint in public discourse. He claimed that the alleged comments had hurt the sentiments of farmers and people across the state. The BRS leader further alleged that the Congress government has repeatedly raised the Kaleshwaram project issue whenever it faces criticism over governance. According to him, the latest focus on the project was intended to divert attention from recent law-and-order concerns, including the multiple murder case in Shabad. Harish Rao alleged that police negligence in handling an earlier POC SO case enabled the accused to secure bail, eventually leading to the gruesome killings. He criticized the Home Department, claiming that the prime accused remained at large despite the seriousness of the crime, and accused the government of failing to maintain public safety. Referring to the Kaleshwaram project, Harish Rao maintained that retired engineers and the BRS have consistently urged the government to utilize available Godavari waters to protect crops during the current agricultural season. He alleged that the state government lacked the intent to provide irrigation water to farmers and was instead focusing on political disputes. Quoting former US President Abraham Lincoln, Harish Rao asserted that the public would eventually distinguish between facts and political narratives. He claimed that farmers were closely observing the government's approach to irrigation and governance and would deliver their verdict at the appropriate time. The remarks came amid an ongoing political exchange between the ruling Congress and the opposition BRS over the condition and restoration of the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project.

# Bandi Sanjay Birthday Marked with Grand Celebrations

Hyderabad, July 11 | TPN Bureau

The birthday celebrations of Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar were held on a grand scale across Telangana, with BJP leaders, activists, and supporters organizing various programmes and extending their greetings to the leader. President Droupadi Murmu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Vice President C.P. Radhakrishnan, Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, Union ministers, state ministers, and several national leaders conveyed their wishes to Bandi Sanjay on the occasion. In a special message, leaders appreciated Bandi Sanjay's dedication and commitment



towards public service and nation-building. They praised his efforts in contributing to the vision of a developed India and wished him good

health, long life, and continued success in his responsibilities. Union Home Minister Amit Shah also extended birthday

greetings to Bandi Sanjay. Several prominent leaders, including Union Ministers Nitin Gadkari, S. Jaishankar, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, G. Kishan Reddy, Shripad Y. Naik, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, and BJP leaders from various states, conveyed their wishes. BJP Telangana President N. Ramchander Rao, party leaders, MPs, MLAs, MLCs, and activists also participated in celebrations and extended their greetings. Leaders from different sections expressed appreciation for Bandi Sanjay's political journey and service-oriented approach. Across Telangana, BJP cadres organized cake-cutting events, blood donation camps, fruit distribution programmes, and various wel-

fare activities to mark the occasion. Special prayers and religious rituals were performed at several temples, including Yagnas and Yagas. As part of the celebrations, a special Kode Mokku offering was performed at the Vemulavada Rajanna temple. Bandi Sanjay also visited prominent temples outside Telangana, including the Murugan Temple in Tiruchendur, Tamil Nadu, and the Padmanabhaswamy Temple in Kerala, where he offered special prayers. The celebrations reflected the enthusiasm of BJP workers and supporters, who participated in large numbers and expressed their wishes for the Union Minister's continued service to the nation.

# Kavitha Warns of Hunger Strike

Sathupalli, July 11 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Rakshana Sena chief Kalvakuntla Kavitha on Friday warned that she would launch an indefinite hunger strike from July 20 if the government fails to constitute the Medical Board to address the concerns of Singareni workers. Addressing the media during her visit to Sathupalli, Kavitha alleged that authorities obstructed her efforts to meet workers at various mine sites. She claimed that workers were sent into the mines before she could interact with them and accused the government of deliberately preventing direct communication with employees. Kavitha said such actions weaken workers' rights and widen the gap between labour unions and employees. Referring to her month-long tour of Singareni areas, she said workers had repeatedly raised concerns over dependent employment, alias name issues, and uncertainty regarding jobs for family members of retiring employees. She stressed that the government should immediately clarify its stand on constituting the Medical Board, which workers consider crucial for resolving pending employment-related issues. "If the Medical Board is not constituted by July 20, I will begin an indefinite hunger strike," she said, adding that the agitation would be carried out through peaceful Gandhian methods. Kavitha also launched a political attack on the Congress government and labour unions affiliated with AITUC and INTUC, claiming that their influence was declining. She asserted that governments and organisations that ignored the interests of Singareni workers had never succeeded and maintained that the coming years would belong to the workers if their demands continued to be neglected.



## BJP Highlights Coal Blocks' Role in Singareni Revival

Hyderabad, July 11 | TPN Bureau

Telangana BJP Vice President Sri Raghunatha Rao on Saturday said that the Central Government, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is taking steps to strengthen states economically as part of the vision of achieving a "Viksit Bharat" by 2047. Addressing the media at the BJP state office, Raghunatha Rao highlighted the Centre's decision to allocate the Tadicherla-2 coal block directly to Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL), stating that the move would significantly support the company's future growth. He alleged that Singareni has been facing a financial crisis due to pending dues from the state government. He claimed that despite procuring coal and electricity from Singareni, the state government has failed to clear payments on time, resulting in difficulties for the company in purchasing modern equipment and improving facilities for workers.



# KTR Defends Harish Rao, Targets CM



Hyderabad, July 11 | TPN Bureau

BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) strongly defended senior party leader T. Harish Rao on Saturday, dismissing Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's allegations that Harish Rao was maintaining contacts with BJP leaders. KTR asserted that the BRS leadership remained united and accused the Congress government of attempting to create divisions within the party for political gain. Responding to the Chief Minister's remarks, KTR said Harish Rao had no need to prove his loyalty or commitment to anyone. He rejected Revanth Reddy's challenge that Harish Rao should take an oath regarding the allegations, stating that a leader who has dedicated decades to the Telangana movement and the BRS does not require any such test of integrity. KTR alleged that Revanth

Reddy lacked the moral authority to question Harish Rao's political commitment. Referring to the Chief Minister's political journey, he claimed that Revanth Reddy had changed parties several times over the years, while Harish Rao had remained steadfast with the BRS since its inception. The BRS leader accused the Congress government of engaging in "mind games" to weaken the opposition instead of focusing on governance. He maintained that repeated attempts to target Harish Rao and other senior BRS leaders were aimed at diverting public attention from issues affecting the people. Expressing confidence in Harish Rao, KTR described him as a dedicated leader who had been closely mentored by BRS president K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR). He said the party had complete faith in Harish Rao and dismissed speculation about dif-

ferences within the BRS leadership. KTR further alleged that the Congress government was using political controversies to divert attention from unfulfilled election promises, including issues related to the farm loan waiver, the Rythu Bharosa scheme, and unemployment. He claimed that whenever the government faced criticism over its performance, it resorted to personal attacks against KCR, Harish Rao, and other BRS leaders. Calling on the Chief Minister to focus on governance instead of political rhetoric, KTR said the Congress should concentrate on addressing public concerns and fulfilling its commitments. He asserted that attempts to create divisions within the BRS would not succeed and expressed confidence that the party leadership would continue to remain united.

## BJP Hails Move to Reduce Medicine Prices



Hyderabad, July 11 | TPN Bureau

Telangana BJP President Shri N. Ramchander Rao has welcomed the Central Government's decision to regulate the retail prices of 39 essential medicines used for the treatment of various health conditions, including blood pressure, diabetes, heart ailments, and other chronic diseases. Reacting to the decision, Ramchander Rao stated on social media platform X that the move reflects the commitment of the government led by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi towards ensuring affordable and accessible healthcare for citizens across the country. He said that fixing the prices of essential medicines would provide relief to patients, especially those who require regular medication for long-term health conditions. He appreciated the government's efforts to make quality medicines available at reasonable prices and strengthen healthcare accessibility. Ramchander Rao emphasized that healthcare affordability remains a key priority and that such initiatives would benefit millions of families by reducing their medical expenses. He said the decision demonstrates the Centre's continued focus on public welfare and improving healthcare facilities for people from all sections of society. The BJP leader expressed confidence that the measure would help citizens access necessary medicines without financial burden and further support the goal of providing affordable healthcare nationwide.

# Harish Rao Demands Strict Action Over Mass Killings

Siddipet, July 11 | TPN Bureau

Former Minister and Siddipet MLA T. Harish Rao has strongly condemned the multiple murders in Shabad, Ranga Reddy district, describing the incident as "heinous and heart-wrenching." He demanded the strictest punishment for the accused and alleged that police negligence had contributed to the tragedy. Addressing a press confer-

ence at his camp office in Siddipet on Saturday, Harish Rao expressed concern over the law and order situation in Telangana. He alleged that the Congress government had failed to prevent rising crime and claimed that the police had acted negligently despite earlier complaints related to the case. The BRS leader also criticized the police for allegedly detaining party leaders who had gone to console the

bereaved family members. He claimed that the government was using the police machinery for political purposes instead of focusing on maintaining law and order. Harish Rao demanded that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy relinquish the Home portfolio, alleging that the government had failed to effectively address criminal activities. He further alleged that greater priority was being given to taking action

against opposition leaders than to apprehending criminals. Referring to the victims, Harish Rao said the accused allegedly killed the woman who had survived an earlier sexual assault case along with members of her family. He urged the government to provide comprehensive support to the differently abled girl who survived the attack. He demanded that the state immediately create a fixed

deposit of ?1 crore in the survivor's name and take full responsibility for her education, upbringing, medical care, and long-term welfare. Reiterating the need for justice, Harish Rao called for a swift and transparent investigation, stringent punishment for those responsible, and stronger measures to ensure the safety and security of women and vulnerable sections across the state.



## Seethakka Seeks Speedy Justice for Victims

**Hyderabad, July 11 | TPN Bureau**

State Minister for Panchayat Raj, Rural Development, and Women & Child Welfare, Danasari Anasuya Seethakka, has expressed profound shock over the brutal murders reported from Daivalaguda village in Shabad Mandal of Ranga Reddy district and directed officials to ensure swift justice for the victims. According to an official press note, the minister, who is currently on an official tour of Rajasthan, immediately contacted Future City Police Commissioner Tarun Joshi over the phone after learning about the incident. She sought detailed information about the case and instructed police authorities to conduct a thorough investigation, identify all those responsible, and take stringent legal action against the accused without delay. Seethakka stressed the importance of expediting the investigation to ensure that justice is delivered to the victim's family at the earliest. She emphasized that crimes of such a grave nature would not be tolerated and that the government would closely monitor the progress of the case. The minister also held a special review with officials of the Women and Child Welfare Department, directing them to extend comprehensive support to the affected family. She instructed the department to provide all necessary assistance, including psychological counselling, social support, and any other welfare measures required to help the family cope with the tragedy. Reaffirming the government's commitment to the welfare and safety of citizens, Seethakka said that protecting women, children, and families remains one of the state's highest priorities. She observed that incidents of such brutality not only devastate individual families but also create fear and concern across society. The minister assured the bereaved family that the Telangana government would stand by them throughout the legal process and provide every possible form of support. She also asserted that those responsible for the crime would not escape the law and that the government would remain vigilant until justice is served.

## Secure Your Vote

**Quthbullapur, July 11 | TPN Bureau**

Election officials have intensified the Special Intensive Revision (SIR)-2026 process in Dundigal Circle, urging voters to promptly submit their completed enumeration forms to ensure their names remain on the electoral rolls. With Booth Level Officers (BLOs) having already distributed enumeration forms to households, authorities said the next and most crucial step is for residents to fill in the forms accurately and return them within the stipulated time. Officials cautioned that failing to submit the forms could put a voter's eligibility at risk during the preparation of the revised electoral roll. Dr. S. Venkata Manikaran, Deputy Commissioner of Dundigal Circle and Assistant Electoral Registration Officer, appealed to all eligible voters to complete the forms with correct personal details and hand them over to their respective BLOs within the next two to three days. He stated that the draft voter list would be prepared based on the information received through these forms, making timely submission essential. He warned that voters who neglect the process may find their names missing from the draft electoral roll, which could affect their ability to vote unless corrective measures are taken during the revision period. Officials stressed that SIR-2026 is more than a routine voter list update. The exercise aims to improve the transparency, accuracy, and reliability of the electoral database by ensuring that voter records are current and authentic. Residents have been urged to treat the process as a civic responsibility and cooperate with election authorities by submitting their forms without delay. Officials also advised voters to verify BLO details and obtain additional information through the Election Commission's official voter services portal if required, ensuring that every eligible citizen in Dundigal Circle retains their voting rights for future elections.

## Green Drive Revives Park

**Quthbullapur, July 11 | TPN Bureau**

A park clean-up and tree-planting campaign was organized at Srinivas Nagar Park in Nizampet Circle on Saturday, promoting the message that environmental conservation is a shared responsibility. The initiative, led by the Looks Global Foundation with the support of Oracle volunteers, brought together residents, civic workers, and community organizations to improve the park's surroundings and spread awareness about protecting the environment. Addressing the gathering, Bikshapathi Yadav, Founder and Chairman of the Looks Global Foundation, said safeguarding the environment should not be viewed as the sole responsibility of the government. He urged citizens to actively participate in preserving green spaces, particularly at a time when rapid urbanization is reducing natural landscapes. He noted that planting saplings is only the first step and stressed that their long-term care and protection are equally important. According to him, nurturing trees is a meaningful contribution to society and essential for creating healthier urban environments. As part of the campaign, Oracle volunteers joined hands with sanitation staff from the Nizampet Circle to remove accumulated waste from the park and restore its cleanliness. After the clean-up, participants planted a variety of shade-giving, fruit-bearing, and ornamental saplings across the park. Volunteers also pledged to monitor and maintain the newly planted trees to ensure their healthy growth. Bikshapathi Yadav said the Looks Global Foundation would continue organizing similar environmental initiatives to encourage greater public participation in conservation efforts. He welcomed the enthusiastic involvement of youth, women, resident welfare associations, social activists, and corporate volunteers, describing their participation as a positive sign for sustainable community development. The event witnessed active participation from Oracle employees, local public representatives, colony welfare association members, sanitation workers, and residents. The foundation thanked all participants for making the programme a success and reaffirmed its commitment to promoting environmental awareness and greener neighborhoods through collective action.



# Bandi Sanjay Mourns S. Janaki

**Hyderabad, July 11 | TPN Bureau**

Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar expressed profound grief over the passing of legendary playback singer S. Janaki, describing her demise as an irreparable loss to Indian music, particularly to the South Indian film

industry. In a condolence message, Bandi Sanjay said S. Janaki, fondly known as the "Nightingale of South India," won the hearts of millions with her melodious voice and exceptional versatility. He noted that her songs beautifully captured every human emotion, including joy, sorrow, love, and devotion, mak-

ing her one of the most celebrated singers in Indian cinema. He said Janaki's extraordinary ability to sing across multiple languages enabled her to connect with audiences throughout the country, leaving behind a timeless musical legacy that would continue to inspire generations. The Union Minister

remarked that although the legendary singer was no longer physically present, her immortal songs would forever resonate in the hearts of music lovers. He said her voice would remain a treasured memory regardless of the passage of time or changing generations. Offering his heartfelt tributes to the icon-

ic singer, Bandi Sanjay conveyed his deepest condolences to her family members, admirers, and the entire music fraternity. He also prayed for eternal peace for her departed soul and said her contribution to Indian music would always be remembered with gratitude and respect.

## TPCC Chief Opens 'Mirai' Training Camp

**Hyderabad, July 11 | TPN Bureau**

Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President Bomma Mahesh Kumar Goud inaugurated the two-day "Mirai" national training camp of the Jawahar Bal Manch at Gandhi Bhavan in Hyderabad on Saturday. The camp is being conducted under the leadership of Jawahar Bal Manch National President G.V. Hari, while the event is being organized by the organisation's Telangana State Chairman, Advocate Mamidi Rishikesh Reddy. National coordinators and



state chairpersons from across the country are participating in the programme. Addressing the gathering, Mahesh Kumar Goud assured the organisation of the Congress party's full support and cooperation for the upcoming national children's camp to be hosted in Telangana. He stressed the importance of introducing the younger generation to the "Idea of India," the ideals of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, and the values upheld by the Congress party. He called upon young people to protect constitutional principles,

strengthen democratic values, and develop leadership qualities to serve society effectively. The TPCC president also encouraged youth to embrace the Nehru-Gandhi ideology and actively contribute to nation-building through public service and social responsibility. The two-day "Mirai" training camp aims to strengthen leadership abilities, organisational skills, and the spirit of service among young leaders while promoting active participation in community and national development initiatives.

## Mahesh Goud Attends Talent Hunt Interviews

**Hyderabad, July 11 | TPN Bureau**

Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President and MLC Bomma Mahesh Kumar Goud participated in the preliminary interviews conducted under the National Talent Hunt programme to recruit candidates for the posts of Spokesperson, Researcher, and Publicity Coordinator. During the interviews, Mahesh Kumar Goud interacted with the applicants and

assessed their educational qualifications, communication skills, public awareness, organisational understanding, and overall suitability for the roles. Addressing the participants, he said the Congress party has always encouraged talented, disciplined, and dedicated youth by providing them opportunities to contribute to public life and organisational activities. Mahesh Kumar Goud stated that the National Talent



Hunt aims to identify capable young individuals who are

committed to social service and can effectively engage with the public. He said the initiative is designed to strengthen the party by bringing in skilled professionals and young leaders who can contribute to research, communication, and public outreach. He expressed confidence that the programme would help identify promising talent and create a stronger organisational framework for the party in the future.

# Notorious Chain Snatcher Held

**Quthbullapur, July 11 | TPN Bureau**

The Dundigal police have arrested a notorious chain-snatching offender, bringing a series of thefts targeting women within the Cyberabad Commissionerate limits to a halt. Police said the accused, who has a long criminal history, resumed his illegal activities despite having previously served a jail sentence.

The arrested accused was identified as Yedakula Nani alias Raju (36), a native of West Godavari district in Andhra Pradesh. According to investigators, he had worked as a cook before turn-



ing to crime in pursuit of quick money to support a lavish lifestyle. He allegedly targeted women walking alone, approached them on a motorcycle, and snatched their gold chains before fleeing the

scene. Police said the stolen jewellery was sold at various jewellery shops, while the proceeds were spent on personal luxuries. Officials revealed that the accused had

earlier been arrested in connection with seven chain-snatching cases in the Rajahmundry and Visakhapatnam regions of Andhra Pradesh. After completing his prison term, he allegedly shifted his operations to the Cyberabad Commissionerate area. According to police records, Nani is involved in 19 criminal cases across Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, including three cases registered at Dundigal Police Station. The breakthrough came after the Dundigal police analyzed CCTV footage, technical evidence, and surveillance inputs to trace and appre-

hend the suspect. During the operation, police seized the motorcycle allegedly used in the offences along with a mobile phone. Kutbullapur Zone Deputy Commissioner of Police Koti Reddy appreciated the Dundigal police team for swiftly solving the cases and arresting the accused. He urged women to remain alert while travelling alone and advised the public to immediately report any suspicious persons or activities to the police. Officials expressed confidence that the arrest would significantly curb the recent chain-snatching incidents in the area.

## Temple Trust Member Felicitated

**Secunderabad, July 11 | TPN Bureau**

Newly appointed Sri Ujjaini Mahankali Temple Trust Board member Sanjay Upadhyay was felicitated by local leaders, well-wishers, and residents at his business establishment in Secunderabad on Saturday. The event witnessed participation from people across political affiliations, who congratulated him on his appointment and wished him success in his new responsibility. Leaders and friends from Takara Basti and Pat Market honoured Upadhyay with garlands, shawls, and bouquets, besides distributing sweets to mark the occasion. Among those present were Yadanna, Rajamal Gandhi, Edla Madhukar, Edla Sai Kiran, Pan Bazar Vinod, Old Bhoiguda Vijay, Matfut Rajesh, Picket Kiran, and Pat Market Ashok Upadhyay. Later, senior BJP leader Gajju Bhai Kuleria was also felicitated on the occasion of his birthday. Supporters and party workers greeted him with garlands and shawls and extended their best wishes for a long and healthy life. Expressing his gratitude,



Sanjay Upadhyay thanked everyone who attended the programme and appreciated the affection and encouragement shown by friends, local leaders, and supporters. He assured that he would work with dedication in fulfilling his responsibilities as a member of the Sri Ujjaini Mahankali Temple Trust Board. Kompalli Arvind, Media Convener of the BJP State SC Yuva Morcha, was among those who participated in the felicitation programme.

## Missing Youth Found Dead Overseas

**Hyderabad, July 11 | TPN Bureau**

The disappearance of a Hyderabad student pursuing higher education in Finland has ended in tragedy, with local authorities confirming that his body was recovered from the sea more than two months after he went missing. Gujja Manideep Reddy, a native of Hayathnagar and a student at LUT University in Finland, had been missing since May 5. According to Finnish authorities, his body was found on July 9 in the Kruunuvuorenranta waterfront area following an extensive search by local police and Coast Guard teams. The Finnish National Bureau of Investigation (NB I) has launched an inquiry into the circumstances surrounding his death. Officials said preliminary findings do not indicate any signs of foul play but clarified that the investigation is still in progress and no further details can be disclosed at this stage. According to his family, Manideep last spoke to his mother on May 5, informing her that he was at a bakery and would return to



his hostel afterward. During the conversation, he also requested that some money be transferred to him. Shortly afterward, his mobile phone became unreachable, raising concerns among family members. Despite repeated attempts to contact his friends, roommates, and university authorities, the family was unable to trace his whereabouts. After weeks without any information, his parents approached the

Telangana High Court seeking urgent intervention to help locate their son. The discovery of Manideep's body has left his family, relatives, and friends in deep grief. The incident has also renewed concerns about the safety and welfare of Indian students, particularly those from the Telugu states, who are pursuing higher education abroad. Authorities in Finland continue to investigate the case to determine the exact cause of death.



# Illegal Shed Construction Alleged

**Quthbullapur, July 10 | TPN Bureau**

The construction of a large shed in D. Pochampally village under the Dundigal Circle has triggered controversy, with local residents alleging that the structure is being built without the required permissions and in violation of mandatory building setback norms. The site, located behind the Dundigal Police Station and close to the Dundigal Circle office, has become the focus of public attention as the construction continues despite allegations of irregularities. Residents claim that no visible action has



been taken by the Town Planning authorities, raising questions about the enforcement of building regulations. Locals allege that while officials promptly issue notices for minor construction violations by ordinary citizens,

they have remained silent over the ongoing large-scale project. This has led to speculation that influential individuals may be involved and that the construction is proceeding with official support. Questions are also being

raised about whether attempts are being made to regularize the structure after construction, although no official confirmation has been issued regarding the status of approvals. Residents have expressed surprise that such a prominent construction project could continue in close proximity to government offices without attracting regulatory action. They are demanding clarity from the concerned departments on whether the project has obtained valid permissions and complies with all applicable planning norms. Local residents have called

for an immediate and impartial inquiry into the matter, including verification of construction permits, town planning approvals, and compliance with setback regulations. They have urged the authorities to place the facts before the public and take appropriate action if any violations are established. Officials have not yet issued a public statement regarding the allegations. The matter has sparked debate in the area, with residents calling for equal enforcement of building regulations irrespective of the individuals involved.

## Police Urge Owners to Claim Seized Vehicles



**Warangal, July 11 | TPN Bureau**

The Warangal Traffic Police have appealed to owners of two-wheelers seized during the COVID-19 period and in other traffic-related cases to collect their vehicles by completing the required legal formalities. Traffic Inspector Koduri Sujatha urged vehicle owners to visit the concerned police station with valid ownership documents to reclaim their vehicles without further delay. She said many two-wheelers remain unclaimed in police custody and appealed to owners to take advantage of the opportunity to recover them. The Traffic Inspector also advised motorists with pending drunken driving cases, driving without a valid licence, or unpaid traffic challans to clear the dues and complete all legal procedures at the earliest. She stressed that prompt compliance would help avoid further legal complications and facilitate the release of seized vehicles. Koduri Sujatha urged the public to cooperate with the Traffic Police by adhering to road safety regulations and ensuring that all vehicle documents are up to date. She also reminded motorists to drive responsibly and follow traffic rules to prevent violations and promote safer roads. The Traffic Police appealed to citizens not to delay in claiming their vehicles and encouraged them to approach the police station with the necessary documents to complete the process smoothly.

## Congress Leader Dares BRS to Face Bypolls

**Hyderabad, July 11 | TPN Bureau**

Congress leader and 'Indiramma Indla' Seenanna challenged BRS leader K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) and T. Harish Rao to make their party's MLAs resign and seek a fresh public mandate if they were confident of their allegations against the Congress government. Addressing the media, Seenanna said the Congress government, under the leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, has been functioning in line with the aspirations of the people. He claimed that the party's victories in local body elections and by-elections, including Cantonment and Jubilee Hills, reflected growing public support for the government. He criticized the BRS leadership for demanding the dissolution of the Assembly just two-and-a-half years into the government's term despite the people giving Congress a five-year mandate. Seenanna asserted that if BRS leaders truly believed they enjoyed public support, they should ask their MLAs to resign and contest by-elections. He claimed the electorate would once again reject the BRS and reaffirm its confidence in the Congress government.

## Mahesh Goud Mourns S. Janaki

**Hyderabad, July 11 | TPN Bureau**

Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President and MLC Bomma Mahesh Kumar Goud has expressed profound grief over the passing of legendary playback singer S. Janaki, describing her as one of India's greatest musical icons whose contributions to cinema will be remembered for generations. In a condolence statement, Mahesh Kumar Goud said S. Janaki's melodious voice captivated millions of music lovers for nearly six decades and earned her a permanent place in the history of Indian film music. He praised her remarkable versatility and dedication, noting that she rendered more than 48,000 songs in over 20 languages, including Telugu, creating an unparalleled legacy. He said Janaki's extraordinary talent and timeless songs transcended linguistic boundaries and touched the hearts of audiences across the country. According to him, her immense contribution to Indian cinema and music would continue to inspire aspiring singers and entertain music lovers for generations. Calling her demise an irreparable loss to the Indian film industry and the world of music, Mahesh Kumar Goud said her legacy would live on through the countless evergreen songs she left behind. He conveyed his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family members, admirers, and the entire film fraternity, and prayed for eternal peace for the departed soul.

## Woman Dies After Monkey Scare

**Medak, July 11 | TPN Bureau**

A 46-year-old woman died after suffering a heart attack triggered by extreme panic when a troop of monkeys allegedly attacked her outside her house in Appajipally village of Kolcharam mandal in Medak district on Saturday. The incident has sparked concern among residents, who are demanding urgent action to address the growing monkey menace in the area. According to local residents, the deceased, identified as Padma, was drawing a traditional muggu in front of her house early in the morning when a group of monkeys suddenly approached and reportedly charged towards her. Frightened by the unexpected attack, she screamed and attempted to run back



into her house. In the process, Padma reportedly tripped over the doorstep and fell. Family members and neighbours rushed to her aid after she lost consciousness. She was immediately shifted to a private hospital in Medak for treatment. Doctors examined her and declared that she had suffered a fatal heart attack, reportedly triggered by severe fear and panic following the incident. Despite medical efforts, she could not be saved. The incident has left residents of Appajipally in shock and

## BRS Questions Delay in Job Calendar

**Adilabad, July 11 | TPN Bureau**

BRS district social media leader Mazhar has accused the Congress government of failing to fulfil its election promise of releasing an annual job calendar and providing large-scale employment opportunities to unemployed youth in Telangana. Addressing the media, Mazhar alleged that the Congress had assured job seekers of a transparent recruitment calendar, department-wise vacancy identification, and time-bound recruitment after coming to power. He claimed that the party had also promised to fill two lakh government posts through the Telangana Public Service Commission (TGPSC) and special departmental recruitments. He alleged that despite nearly two-and-a-half years in office, the government had not released the promised job calendar. Referring to information available on the TGPSC website, Mazhar claimed that notifications had been issued for only a limited number of posts since the Congress government assumed office in December 2023. He questioned why the government had not implemented the comprehensive recruitment plan promised in its election manifesto. The BRS leader also alleged that there was a mismatch between official recruitment figures and the employment claims made by the Chief



Minister and other ministers. According to him, appointment letters issued for recruitment processes initiated during the previous BRS government should not be projected as fresh employment created by the present administration. Mazhar demanded that the government release a white paper detailing the total number of vacancies in each department, notifications issued so far, appointments made, and the posts that remain vacant. He urged the government to immediately publish a clear annual job calendar and expedite recruitment to vacant government posts. Stating that election promises should be honoured in both letter and spirit, Mazhar said unemployed youth were expecting transparent recruitment and timely notifications rather than unfulfilled assurances.

## Konda Prashanth Honoured with State Service Award

**Ichoda, July 11 | TPN Bureau**

Konda Prashanth of Ichoda was honoured with the State-Level Best Service Award during the 17th Common Service Centre (CSC) Divas celebrations for his outstanding contribution to delivering government and digital services in rural areas. The award was presented at a grand function held at the Bhaskara Auditorium in the Birla Planetarium, Hyderabad. IAS officer Chandrashekhar Reddy and CSC State Head Vignesh presented the honour in recognition of Prashanth's dedicated



efforts in strengthening digital governance and ensuring efficient public service delivery through the CSC network. According to the organisers, the award acknowledges Prashanth's commitment to making government welfare schemes, digital services, and online facilities easily accessible to people living in rural

communities. His consistent efforts in promoting digital inclusion and simplifying access to essential public services were highlighted as key factors behind the recognition. Officials said Prashanth has played a significant role in expanding the reach of digital services in villages, helping bridge the gap between citizens and government services through technology. They noted that his service-oriented approach and dedication have set an example for others working in the CSC ecosystem.

## River-Linking Dream Becomes Reality

**Khammam, July 11 | TPN Bureau**

A long-cherished dream of farmers in the undivided Khammam district has become a reality with Godavari waters reaching the Wyra Reservoir through the Rajiv Link Canal from the Sita Rama Project. The milestone is expected to provide a dependable source of irrigation to vast stretches of agricultural land in Khammam and Bhadrachalam districts. The project, taken up under the initiative of Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao, was designed to ensure a reliable water supply to lakhs of acres that have long faced irrigation shortages. The state government completed the construction of the Rajiv Link Canal at an estimated cost of around ₹100 crore, enabling

the diversion of Godavari waters from the Sita Rama Project's main canal into the Wyra Reservoir. The successful diversion marks a significant achievement in Telangana's irrigation sector, as it effectively links the waters of the Godavari and Krishna river systems. Officials said the project would help improve water availability for farmers and ensure irrigation even to the tail-end ayacut areas dependent on the Nagarjuna Sagar system. The arrival of Godavari waters is expected to provide relief to farmers who have struggled for years with inadequate irrigation and erratic rainfall. The enhanced water supply is likely to improve agricultural productivity, stabilise crop cultivation, and

strengthen the rural economy in the region. Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao said the initiative reflects the government's commitment to strengthening irrigation infrastructure and supporting the farming community. He noted that ensuring a sustainable water supply for agriculture has been one of the government's key priorities. The project has generated optimism among farmers, who believe it will transform agriculture in the region by providing assured irrigation and reducing dependence on monsoon rains. With improved water availability, the long-standing vision of making the undivided Khammam district a prosperous agricultural belt has moved closer to reality.

## Five Singareni Mines Earn Five-Star Rating



**Hyderabad, July 11 | TPN Bureau**

Five mines operated by the Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) have been awarded the prestigious Five-Star Rating for the 2024-25 financial year by the Coal Controller's Organization under the Union Ministry of Coal. The recognition was conferred after the mines excelled in a comprehensive evaluation covering operational efficiency, worker welfare, environmental protection, and community development. According to officials, two of the award-winning mines are located in the Srirampur area. A total of 382 mines from across the country participated in the annual assessment, which evaluates mines on 50 parameters grouped under seven major categories. The assessment considered several aspects, including scientific mining practices, workplace safety, employee welfare, environmental conservation, sustainable mining operations, rehabilitation measures, and the development of nearby villages. The five Singareni mines secured top ratings after performing exceptionally well across all evaluation criteria. Officials also stated that an additional 17 Singareni mines received Four-Star Ratings, reflecting the company's continued commitment to improving operational standards and adopting best practices in the mining sector. Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka welcomed the achievement and congratulated the management, officers, and employees of Singareni Collieries for bringing national recognition to the company. He said the accomplishment reflects the dedication and collective efforts of the workforce in maintaining high standards of safety, productivity, and environmental responsibility. The Deputy Chief Minister encouraged the company to sustain its performance and strive for even greater excellence in the years ahead. He expressed confidence that Singareni would continue to strengthen its reputation as one of India's leading coal-producing companies while balancing industrial growth with worker welfare and sustainable development.

## CMR College Holds 21st Graduation Day

**Medchal, July 11 | TPN Bureau**

The 21st Graduation Day of CMR College of Engineering and Technology was celebrated with great enthusiasm at its Kandlakoya campus in Medchal district on Saturday, with Medchal MLA Chamakura Malla Reddy attending as the chief guest. The programme commenced with the traditional lighting of the ceremonial lamp, marking the beginning of the convocation. Addressing the graduating students, Malla Reddy stressed the importance of combining technical expertise with leadership skills, ethical values, and a commitment to lifelong learning to succeed in today's competitive global environment. He encouraged students to pursue their careers with innovative thinking and well-defined goals, stating that determination, creativity, and continuous learning are essential for achieving professional excellence. He also urged the graduates to contribute meaningfully to society through their knowledge and skills. During the ceremony, degrees, certificates of appreciation, and mementos were presented to the graduating students. Those who excelled academically were honoured with gold medals and special awards in recognition of their outstanding performance. As part of the graduation programme, the Principal administered an oath to the graduates, who pledged to uphold ethical standards in their professional careers and dedicate themselves to the welfare of society. College Secretary Chamakura Gopal Reddy congratulated the graduating students and expressed confidence that they would bring laurels to the institution through their achievements in various fields. He thanked the chief guest, faculty members, non-teaching staff, parents, and students for their support in making the 21st Graduation Day celebrations a grand success.



## Police Crack Down After Brutal Killings

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Police have intensified the investigation into the sensational multiple murder case in Shabad by announcing a reward of ₹2 lakh for information leading to the arrest of the prime accused, Rajkumar. Authorities assured that the identity of anyone providing credible information would be kept strictly confidential. As part of the investigation, eight special police teams have been formed to trace the absconding suspect. Investigators have identified that Rajkumar travelled to Shadnagar in a rented car before the incident, and the owner of the vehicle has been detained for questioning to gather further leads. Meanwhile, advocate Ramarao Immaneni has filed a complaint with the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), alleging negligence by local police officials. In his complaint, he claimed that the victims had previously approached the police with complaints that were not acted upon. He sought action against Shabad Circle Inspector Kanta Reddy and Sub-Inspector Ramesh, besides demanding stringent punishment for the accused, who is alleged to have killed six people, including a victim in a POCSO-related case. He also urged authorities to provide protection to the victims' family members. Following the developments, the police initiated departmental action against two officers. A charge memo was issued to Circle Inspector Kanta Reddy for alleged supervisory lapses, while the Police Commissioner ordered the suspension of Sub-Inspector Ramesh. Police said efforts to apprehend the accused are continuing on a war footing and appealed to the public to share any information that could help locate the suspect. They reiterated that all information received would be treated with complete confidentiality.





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.

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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.



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

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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 essential. 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.

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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.

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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

the party’s organisation and political identity. The latest shift indicates growing difficulties for the Shiv Sena (UBT) leadership in maintaining unity among its elected representatives.

Speculation over dissatisfaction among some MPs had been growing for some time, with political discussions intensifying behind the scenes. The possibility of another split created pressure within both factions, as leaders attempted to consolidate their support base.

For Eknath Shinde, the move strengthens his faction’s influence in Parliament and Maharashtra politics. It also reinforces his claim over the Shiv Sena’s political legacy after the 2022 split. For Uddhav Thackeray, the defection represents a significant setback and raises questions about the future strategy of his party.

The latest episode highlights the continuing power struggle over the Shiv Sena’s identity, leadership, and electoral support base. As Maharashtra politics remains highly dynamic, the developments are likely to influence future political alliances and strategies in the state.



# Cash, Weapons Found at Don’s Home

A major police operation in Maharashtra’s Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar 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 Sambhajnagar, 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.



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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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# 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.



# 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 operation 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.

# 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



# 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 international 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.

# 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-

# 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.

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 (DIIIs). 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 DIIIs 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 collected, 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 significant 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 Kokila," 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 heartfelt father-son hug drew loud applause from the audience, while many on stage were moved



by the touching exchange. The emotional moment quickly spread across social media platforms, with fans praising the close bond shared by the father and son.

Akhil also celebrated the film's success with co-star Bhagyashree Borse and the rest of the cast and crew. The team thanked audiences for their overwhelming support and expressed gratitude for the positive response the film has received since its release. The emotional celebrations gained further attention after Akhil's elder brother Naga

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 Kanakarakaju Set for August 7 Release



Varun Tej's much-awaited horror-comedy Korean Kanakarakaju 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 Entertainment, 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 Katsani, 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 Kanakarakaju 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 Kanakarakaju 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 film-makers 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

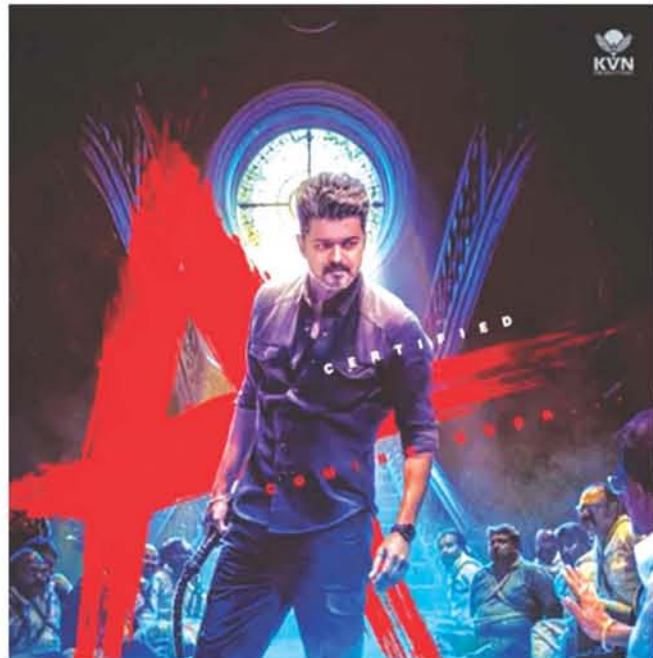
The makers of Vijay's highly anticipated film Jana Nayagan have unveiled a brand-new poster, giving fans another exciting glimpse of the actor's final film before he transitions fully into politics. The latest promotional material has quickly gone viral, further increasing anticipation surrounding one of the most awaited Tamil releases.

The newly released poster features Vijay in a commanding and stylish look, reinforcing the larger-than-life image that has become synonymous with the superstar. Fans flooded social media with praise, celebrating the new artwork and expressing their eagerness to watch the film on the big screen.

Along with the poster, the makers also revealed fresh censor details. The film has received an 'A' (Adults Only) certificate from the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) after undergoing multiple modifications during the certification process. The certified runtime is reported to be just over three hours, making it a grand cinematic outing.

Although the censor process has now been completed, the production team is yet to officially announce the film's final theatrical release date. Fans have been eagerly waiting for confirmation after the project faced several delays related to certification and legal procedures.

Directed by H. Vinodh, Jana Nayagan features an impressive ensemble cast including Pooja Hegde, Bobby Deol, Priyamani, Prakash Raj, Narain, Mamitha



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.

