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Naidu Highlights Pattiseema's Success and River Linking Plans

Amaravati, July 16 | TPN Bureau

N Chandrababu Naidu on Thursday said the Pattiseema Lift Irrigation Project had transformed the fortunes of farmers in the Krishna Delta by ensuring timely irrigation and reiterated the State government's long-term vision of interlinking rivers from Vamsadhara to Penna. He made the remarks after offering Jala Harathi to the Godavari waters at the sacred Krishna-Godavari confluence near Ibrahimpatnam in NTR district and paying floral tributes to eminent engineer Dr. K.L. Rao on his 124th birth anniversary.

Addressing a public meeting, the Chief Minister said nearly 450 TMC of Godavari floodwaters had been diverted to the Krishna River through the Pattiseema Lift Irrigation Project since 2015. Built at a cost of 1,300 crore, the project had stabilised irrigation in the Krishna Delta and contributed to agricultural prosperity. He said the Telugu Desam Party government completed the project within a year and ensured irrigation for nearly 13 lakh acres by utilising 80 TMC of water despite criticism from political opponents.

Naidu said Godavari water



diverted through the Polavaram Right Main Canal had helped conserve Krishna water in the Srisaillam reservoir, enabling greater supply to Rayalaseema. He reiterated that the coalition government's objective was to provide irrigation to every cultivable acre in the State.

Highlighting investments in the irrigation sector, the Chief Minister said the government spent 68,000 crore between 2014 and 2019 and another 24,000 crore during the past two years. He alleged that the previous YSRCP government neglected irrigation infrastructure, citing the Annamayya dam breach and damage to the Gundlakamma and Pulichintala projects. He said the present government had replaced gates at the Tungabhadra Dam and recently launched

152-crore works to replace gates at the Dowleswaram Barrage.

Naidu also stressed the importance of completing the Polavaram project and criticised attempts to obstruct the development of Amaravati, including the construction of the Seed Access Road. He reaffirmed his vision of linking rivers across Andhra Pradesh, comparing the proposal to the transformative impact of the Golden Quadrilateral highway network.

The Chief Minister announced that 36 priority irrigation projects would be completed over the next three years with an investment of 35,000 crore. He also said the government was strengthening groundwater resources through the Jaladhara programme to prevent drought

conditions in Rayalaseema.

Paying tribute to Dr. K.L. Rao, Naidu described him as one of India's greatest irrigation engineers who played a key role in projects such as Srisaillam, Nagarjuna Sagar, Hirakud and Kosi dams. He said Dr. Rao, who also served as a Union Minister and an international water expert for the United Nations, remained an inspiration for engineers and policymakers. The government, he added, would organise programmes across the State to familiarise young engineers with Dr. Rao's contributions.

Nimmala Ramanaidu, Minister for Water Resources; Anaganani Satya Prasad, Minister; Satya Kumar Yadav, Minister; and Vasantha Krishna Prasad, MLA, participated in the programme.

Dalmia Expansion Reflects Confidence in AP Says Lokesh

Jammalamadugu, July 15 | TPN Bureau

Minister for Education and IT Nara Lokesh said the expansion of the Dalmia Bharat cement plant in Kadapa district reflects the confidence of industries in Andhra Pradesh's growth potential. He described Dalmia Bharat as a valuable partner in the state's industrial development journey.

Lokesh laid the foundation stone for Dalmia Cement's second plant near Chinnakomerla in Mylavaram Mandal of Jammalamadugu constituency. The 3,100 crore expansion project is expected to increase production capacity and boost industrial activity in the region.

Addressing the gathering, Lokesh said, "The first investment of a company comes from faith in opportunities, while



the second investment comes from confidence gained through experience. Dalmia Bharat's expansion is a strong message of confidence in Andhra Pradesh, its governance and its future."

He appreciated Puneet Dalmia, Managing Director

and CEO of Dalmia Bharat Limited, for his leadership and contribution to industry and education. Lokesh said human resources are the country's biggest asset and stressed the need for cooperation between governments and industries to create employment

opportunities.

Highlighting Dalmia Bharat's focus on sustainable manufacturing, renewable energy, carbon reduction and green practices, Lokesh said the company's initiatives in low-carbon cement production, waste heat recovery, electric mobility and advanced technologies align with Andhra Pradesh's vision for responsible industrial growth.

He praised the people of Kadapa district for their hard work and dedication, stating that farmers who provided land and workers who supported industrial growth are the real brand ambassadors of Andhra Pradesh. Lokesh said the government under Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu and Industries Minister T.G. Bharat is making efforts to attract investments across sec-

tors. He said Andhra Pradesh has secured 25 per cent of the total investments coming into the country and is working towards creating 20 lakh jobs.

He added that ITIs are being linked with industries to prepare youth as per market requirements. He also invited Dalmia Bharat to participate in skill development programmes and establish educational institutions in the state.

The event was attended by Puneet Dalmia, KC Birla, Ganesh Vamanrao Jirkuntwar, Arpan Parekh, Anupam Agarwal, Dr. Sridhar Cherukuri, District Collector, T.G. Bharat, S. Savitha, and MLAs C. Adinarayana Reddy, Reddappagari Madhavi Reddy, Putta Krishna Chaitanya Reddy, Nandyala Varadarajula Reddy and Putta Sudhakar Yadav, among others.

AP Attracts ₹4,100 Crore Textile Investments at Bharat Tex 2026

New Delhi, July 15 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh secured significant investment interest on the second day of Bharat Tex 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, with proposals worth ₹4,100 crore. Two Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) were signed under the leadership of Commissioner of Handlooms and Textiles K.



Rekha Rani.

A major MoU was signed for establishing a

AP, UN-Habitat Sign MoU for Inclusive Urban Development

Amaravati, July 15 | TPN Bureau

The Andhra Pradesh government and UN-Habitat, a United Nations agency, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to promote inclusive, sustainable and technology-driven urban development in the state, with a special focus on Amaravati.

The MoU was signed between the AP Municipal Administration Department and UN-Habitat in the presence of Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu and UN-Habitat Executive Director Anaclaudía Rossbach, who participated virtually from Singapore. As part of the agreement, a Centre of Excellence for urban affairs will be established in Amaravati. The partnership will focus on urban poverty reduction, improving livelihoods of the urban poor, strategic urban planning, climate-resilient development, digital governance, municipal finance and implementation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The collaboration will be carried out through initiatives such as Surge AP, Rise AP and Uplift AP. Andhra Pradesh will also showcase its urban development initiatives at the 14th World Urban Forum



to be held in Mexico in 2028.

Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu said Amaravati would be developed as a world-class greenfield capital city adopting global best practices. He said the MoU with UN-Habitat was a historic step towards achieving the goal of zero poverty and improving the quality of life of citizens. During a review meeting on Amaravati 2.0 Integrated Master Plan and Land Pooling Scheme (LPS-2), the Chief Minister said Amaravati should emerge as an inclusive capital where people from all regions can work and live together. He stressed the need to strengthen the city's economy and create large-scale employment opportunities.

He said Amaravati was being planned with international-standard infrastructure, including Inner and Outer Ring Roads, green energy initiatives and green building practices. The Chief Minister added that

the capital should develop as a Creative City with a strong economic foundation and innovation-driven growth.

Highlighting water security, Chandrababu Naidu said the Pattiseema Lift Irrigation Scheme had ensured the transfer of Godavari waters to the Krishna River, making the capital region resource-rich despite challenges posed by El Niño conditions.

UN-Habitat Executive Director Anaclaudía Rossbach described the partnership as historic and said the organisation would support Andhra Pradesh in areas such as waste management, air pollution control, public spaces and renewable energy transformation. Municipal Administration Minister P. Narayana, Principal Secretary Suresh Kumar, Principal Secretary Finance Piyush Kumar and senior officials participated in the meetings.



Mudragada Padmanabham Cremated with State Honours

Kirlampudi, July 16 | TPN Bureau

Former Minister and senior YSRCP leader Mudragada Padmanabham was laid to rest with full State honours at his native village Kirlampudi in Kakinada district on Wednesday. Thousands of admirers, political leaders and public representatives from across Andhra Pradesh gathered to pay their final respects to the veteran Kapu leader.

Mudragada Padmanabham,

73, passed away on Tuesday evening while undergoing treatment at Sindhu Hospital in Gachibowli, Hyderabad. He had been suffering from kidney and respiratory ailments. His mortal remains were brought to Kirlampudi, where the State government conducted the final rites with official honours. Former Chief Minister and YSRCP President YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, ministers, MLAs, MLCs, former ministers and leaders

Pawan Kalyan Discharged After Shoulder Surgery

Mumbai, July 15 | TPN Bureau

Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan was discharged from Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital in Mumbai on Wednesday after undergoing a successful procedure on his right shoulder. According to an official update, Pawan Kalyan made satisfactory progress following the procedure and has now been discharged. He is scheduled to travel to his resi-



dence in Hyderabad, where he will continue his recovery under medical supervision. Doctors advised him to begin physiotherapy three

Jagan Vows Agitation for Aqua Farmers' Justice

Bhimavaram, July 15 | TPN Bureau

Former Chief Minister and YSRCP President YS Jagan Mohan Reddy on Wednesday alleged that the coalition government's policies had pushed the aqua sector into a crisis and vowed that YSRCP would stand with farmers and launch agitations until justice was delivered. Addressing aqua farm-



ers after an interaction in Bhimavaram, Jagan alleged that a syndicate of



Rear Admiral C. Raghuram, VSM (Retd.), CMD of Hindustan Shipyard Ltd, called on Andhra Pradesh Governor S. Abdul Nazeer at Lok Bhavan on Wednesday during a courtesy visit.

Madhav Reaffirms BJP's Commitment to Dalit Rights and Constitutional Values

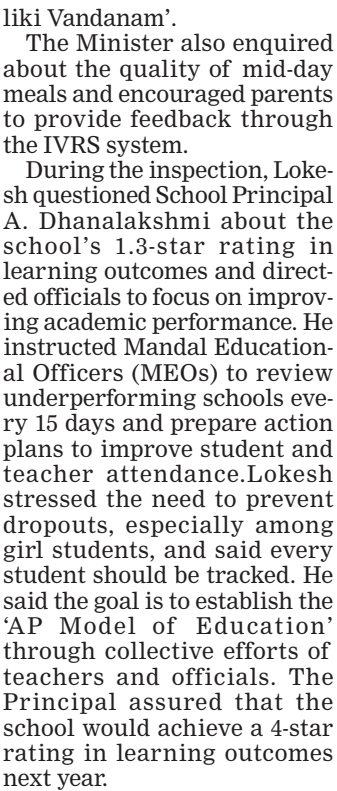
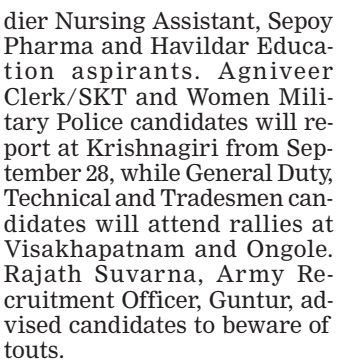


Vijayawada, July 15 | TPN Bureau

The BJP reiterated its commitment to safeguarding Dalit rights and protecting constitutional reservations at a roundtable meeting organised by the 'Forum for the Eradication of Caste Hatred' in Vijayawada. The meeting discussed issues related to SC rights, social justice and the implementation of constitutional provisions.

The meeting, held at IV Palace, was presided over by BJP SC Morcha State President Panatala Suresh, with AP BJP State President PVN Madhav attending as the chief guest. Representatives from Dalit rights and social justice organisations participated in the discussions. PVN Madhav said the BJP's objective is to protect the rights guaranteed to Dalits by the Constitution. He stated that the party opposes de-

mands that go against constitutional principles and alleged that attempts to weaken the rights of weaker sections for political interests would not be accepted. He recalled that Dr. B.R. Ambedkar introduced reservation provisions in the Constitution to ensure social, educational and economic empowerment of marginalised communities. He said protecting those ideals is the responsibility of every citizen. Panatala Suresh stressed the need for unity in safeguarding constitutional rights and called for an end to the political exploitation of Dalit issues. Social activist Radha Manohar Das said religious freedom is a fundamental right but constitutional provisions regarding reservations must be respected. Mohan from the Dalit Rights Association highlighted the importance of the Poona Pact and



Political Stalwart Who Valued Character Above Office

In politics, it is common to find leaders who alter their ideology to secure office. Many change their words to remain in power, while others consider adaptability to changing political circumstances as a mark of political wisdom. Yet, leaders who choose a different path are rare.

Mudragada Padmanabham belongs to that rare category. If his political life has to be summed up in a single sentence, it would be this: he was a leader who valued character above office, self-respect above power, and conviction above political convenience.

A popular remark often associated with him was that he always carried a resignation letter in his pocket. Whether symbolic or literal, the statement reflected his personality. He understood that political office was temporary but believed that once personal integrity was lost, it could never truly be regained. Those who worked closely with him—politicians and civil servants alike—often recall that if retaining office required compromising his principles, he was prepared to relinquish the office instead.

Perhaps that is why his political journey was never a smooth one. He celebrated vic-

tories, endured defeats, experienced the privileges of power, and also faced periods of political isolation. Yet one quality remained unchanged throughout his four decades in public life: the courage to openly express what he believed to be right.

To understand Mudragada, it is not enough to examine the elections he won. One must also study the opportunities he willingly gave up. It is not enough to list the ministerial positions he held; one must also remember the compromises he refused to make to retain those positions.

His changing political affiliations should not merely be viewed as shifts between parties but as reflections of the political and personal conflicts that shaped his journey. That is why Mudragada's life cannot be measured merely by the arithmetic of victories and defeats. It can be understood only by asking a single question: "What price was he willing to pay to stand by his convictions?"

The answer to that question is his political life.

Over a public career spanning four decades, he won four consecutive terms as a Member of the Legislative Assembly, was elected to the Lok Sabha,



ha, served as a minister under two governments representing contrasting political ideologies, and emerged as the face of a mass social movement that mobilised lakhs of people.

At the same time, his unwillingness to compromise on principles cost him several political opportunities. These very contradictions made Mudragada Padmanabham not merely an influential politician but a political personality worthy of serious historical study.

Parties Changed... But Did the Man?

It is widely assumed that when politicians change parties, they also abandon their principles. Every leader who switches political allegiance faces the same question, and Mudragada Padmanabham was no exception.

From the Janata Party to the Congress, then to the Telugu Desam Party, later to the Praja Rajyam Party, the Jana Sena Party, and finally the YSR Congress Party, his political journey witnessed numerous turns. At first glance, it appears to be merely a history of party changes. On closer examination, however, it reveals



the story of a man engaged in a continuous struggle with the political system itself.

Every political party has its discipline, and every leadership has its political compulsions. Yet one aspect of Mudragada's personality never changed. He was never a leader who concealed his opinions. Regardless of the party flag under which he stood, he voiced his convictions openly.

The same quality earned him admiration, but it also created political difficulties. In politics, compromise is often considered a valuable skill. Mudragada never embraced it with ease. As a result, every new political beginning eventually led him into another

phase of conflict.

Was this political opportunism or value-based politics? There is no simple answer. Those who have studied his career have reached different conclusions. Yet one fact remains unmistakable: every political shift reflected not merely his search for relevance but also his attempt to find a platform compatible with his convictions.

Political realities, however, rarely accommodate personal ideals. Times changed. Political parties evolved. Leadership styles became increasingly centralised, leaving less room for independent-minded leaders. In such an environment, someone with Mudragada's un-



compromising temperament found it increasingly difficult to retain his own political space.

A close look at his career reveals another important pattern. Most of his exits from political parties were shaped less by personal ambition than by differences of opinion. Whether those differences were justified or not may remain open to debate, but one characteristic never changed: he was always prepared to express his disagreements publicly.

This naturally raises an important question: Did Mudragada merely change political parties, or was politics itself unable to change Mudragada?

His life provides the answer. Parties changed. Flags changed. Political allies and rivals changed. But public perception of Mudragada remained remarkably consistent: he was a leader who answered first to his own conscience and only then to politics.

Perhaps that was his greatest strength. And perhaps it was also his greatest limitation.

Mudragada: A Winning Formula and a Living Example of Political Ideals

Winning an election once may be a matter of fortune. Winning a second time may reflect public confidence. But winning four consecutive elections is never accidental. It is a testimony to the enduring bond a leader builds with the people.

Mudragada Padmanabham's political career illustrates this truth with remarkable clarity. His repeated electoral victories cannot be explained solely by caste equations, party strength, or favourable political winds. They rested on four enduring pillars: personal credibility, public trust, forthrightness, and accessibility.

When Mudragada first entered the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly, it was not his youth that worked in his favour—it was his personality. His ability to listen patiently, interact directly with people, and honour the commitments he made earned him a distinct identity. At a time when many politicians were visible only during elections, Mudragada remained among the people even after the votes were counted.

In the political culture of East Godavari, personal relationships, family connections, and grassroots trust have always played a decisive role. Mudragada understood this

social reality well. He treated people not merely as voters but as a responsibility. Even his political opponents acknowledged his sincerity and commitment.

Another reason for his popularity was his accessibility. Although the culture of heavy security and restricted public access was not as prevalent then as it is today, Mudragada became known as a leader who remained directly connected with ordinary citizens. He never judged people by their political affiliation before listening to their problems. That approach earned him not just votes, but lasting respect.

Above all, his greatest political asset was credibility. Making promises is easy in politics; keeping them is far more difficult. The public perception of Mudragada was simple: he might refuse to promise what he could not deliver, but once he gave his word, he would not abandon it.

This reputation became the foundation of his repeated electoral success. His consecutive victories did more than strengthen his political position—they gave him an independent voice. The confidence to disagree with party leadership and speak his mind stemmed from the support he enjoyed among the people.

The seeds of the resignations, political differences,

and independent decisions that marked his later career were planted during these years of uninterrupted electoral success. For that reason, Mudragada's victories should not be viewed merely as election statistics. They stand as historical examples of the trust people placed in a leader and of how far a person can travel in politics while remaining committed to his values.

Ministerial Office Never Changed Him—That Is Why Two Chief Ministers Chose Him

Holding ministerial office may be recognition of a leader's ability. Sometimes it reflects social representation; at other times, political necessity. Yet it is unusual for two Chief Ministers with entirely different political philosophies and governing styles—Marri Chenna Reddy and Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao (NTR)—to include the same leader in their respective Cabinets.

This chapter of Mudragada Padmanabham's political career deserves careful study. Chenna Reddy represented the Congress tradition, while NTR emerged as the principal alternative to that very political establishment. Their ideologies, administrative styles, and methods of connecting with the public differed significantly. Yet Mudragada served in the Cabinets of both.



That fact speaks for itself.

Politics occasionally rises above ideology to recognise individual merit. In Mudragada's case, it happened twice. For him, a ministerial position was an honour—but never a substitute for character.

Many politicians change after assuming office. Power of ten distances them from the people. According to many of his contemporaries, however, that transformation was never evident in Mudragada. Office never changed his words. Power never altered his conduct. That remained his greatest strength.

His political career therefore presents an interesting paradox. The same leader who accepted ministerial office never hesitated to relinquish it. The man who exercised power also possessed the courage to question it. This quality distinguished him from ordinary politicians.

For many leaders, becoming a minister represents the pinnacle of political success. For

Mudragada, it was merely another stage in a much longer journey. He chose not to define his public life by the offices he held, but by the values he upheld.

That is why, when discussing his career, a more meaningful question is not, "How many positions did he hold?" but rather, "How did he conduct himself while holding them?"

History remembers some leaders because of the offices they occupied. Others are remembered because they brought dignity to those very offices. Mudragada Padmanabham belonged to the latter category.

When He Was Upset, Governments Took Notice

Discontent is nothing new in politics. Some leaders express dissatisfaction when they are denied office. Others change parties after losing power. Still others publicly criticise their own govern-



Mudragada Padmanabham Reddy through a Government Gazette notification, fulfilling a political pledge he had made during the election period.

The decision drew mixed reactions. Some described it as political obstinacy. Others viewed it as the act of a leader who honoured his word, whatever the consequences.

Opinions differed, but one fact remained beyond dispute. Leaders willing to bind themselves to their own promises are rare in politics. Mudragada belonged to that rare category.

In the End, Life Became Larger Than Politics

Every political career reaches a final chapter. For some, it ends in office. For others, it ends among the people.

Mudragada Padmanabham's final years were marked by political disagreements, personal sorrow, and the changing realities of public life. The leader who had once become

ments when decisions do not favour them.

Mudragada Padmanabham's dissatisfaction belonged to none of these categories. Whenever he expressed displeasure, political circles understood that it was not driven by personal frustration. It was widely believed that he spoke out only when he felt a principle had been compromised, a promise had been broken, or a decision violated his conscience. That is why even his silence carried political significance. He did not command a large legislative bloc. He had no independent political party, no overwhelming financial resources, and no numerical strength capable of destabilising a government.

Yet no Chief Minister could afford to ignore his dissatisfaction. The reason was simple: the credibility he enjoyed among the people.

Politics recognises two kinds of strength. One comes from office; the other is earned through personal integrity. The first lasts only as long as power endures. The second is built on public trust. Mudragada possessed the latter.

A familiar description often heard about him was that he carried a resignation letter in his pocket. Whether this was literal or symbolic is less important than what it conveyed. It reflected the widespread belief that he would never mortgage his principles merely to

retain office.

For Mudragada, resignation was neither a weapon nor a threat. It was a promise he made to his own conscience.

His political life was repeatedly shaped by a single question: "What is the meaning of holding office if my conscience does not permit it?" The answers to that question were reflected in the decisions he made throughout his career.

His political journey, therefore, cannot be viewed simply as a series of party changes. Every turning point represented a conflict—between office and conviction, between political convenience and personal belief.

He may have suffered politically on several occasions, but he never abandoned the values that defined him. His admirers regarded this as an expression of self-respect. His critics described it as political rigidity.

Yet one fact remained beyond dispute: Mudragada was never a leader who could be silenced through pressure.

His dissatisfaction was not merely personal displeasure. It was a political warning—a reminder that while positions of power may change people, they cannot change every individual.

Perhaps that is why, whenever Mudragada expressed his displeasure, governments took notice.

He served as a minister. He became an agitator. He exercised power. He also challenged power. He inspired deep admiration. He attracted equally strong criticism.

Yet amid these contrasting assessments, one truth remains constant: he never hesitated to pay a political price for his convictions.

His life cannot be measured by electoral victories or defeats alone. To understand him, one must ask a single question: "How much is a political leader willing to sacrifice to preserve his integrity?"

Mudragada Padmanabham was one answer to that question.

History may continue to judge him differently. To some, he will remain the foremost symbol of the Kapu movement. To others, he will be remembered as a leader who sacrificed political opportunities for his principles. Still others will see him as a man who refused to compromise.

But history rarely remembers leaders merely for the offices they held. It remembers those whose character outlived their positions.

For that reason, Mudragada Padmanabham will not be remembered simply as a former minister. He will be remembered as a leader whose life demonstrated that while political office has a price, self-respect does not.

64 Youth Selected at Avanigadda Job Mela

Avanigadda, July 15 | TPN Bureau

Constituency Youth Leader and Rural Youth Development Committee President Mandali Venkatram called upon young people to make the best use of employment opportunities and continuously upgrade their skills to build successful careers.

Speaking as the chief guest at a job mela organised by the State Skill Development Corporation at the Government Degree College in Avanigadda on Wednesday, Venkatram advised youth not to remain idle after completing their education. He encouraged them to accept available employment opportunities while continuing to prepare for their dream careers.

He stressed that academic qualifications alone are not enough in today's competitive environment and that skill development is equally important for securing a bright future. Ven-

katram said the alliance government has so far organised eight job melas in the constituency, enabling local youth to access employment opportunities in reputed companies located in Amaravati, Sri City, and Hyderabad. He urged eligible candidates to take full advantage of such initiatives.

A total of 121 candidates participated in the recruitment drive. Of them, 64 candidates were selected for immediate placement, while 22 others were shortlisted for further rounds of interviews, organisers said.

Government Degree College Principal Dr. K. Sujatha, TDP Mandal President Nadakuduti Janardhana Rao, Jana Sena Mandal President Gudivaka Sesubabu, Skill Hub In-charge M. Venkateswara Rao, Coordinator Pruthvija, faculty members, and staff attended the programme. The organisers expressed hope that more such job melas would be conducted to improve employment prospects for local youth.

GitHub Workshop Enhances Students' Skills

Vijayawada, July 15 | TPN Bureau

The Department of Computer Science at P.B. Siddhartha College of Arts & Science, in collaboration with Codegnan, organised a workshop on Git and GitHub on Wednesday to mark World Youth Skills Day, equipping students with practical software development skills.

The workshop focused on Git fundamentals, repository management, version control, team collaboration, and real-world software development practices. Students were introduced to industry-standard tools and workflows widely used by software professionals, enabling them to strengthen their technical skills and improve their employability.

Addressing the participants, college officials highlighted the importance of mastering modern development tools to meet the growing demands of the IT industry. They encouraged students

to make the best use of such training programmes to prepare themselves for successful careers in technology.

Codegnan trainer Sivaram conducted the technical sessions and explained the practical applications of Git and GitHub through interactive demonstrations. Students actively participated in the hands-on exercises and clarified their queries during the workshop. As a gesture of appreciation, the students felicitated the trainer for his valuable guidance.

A total of 80 students participated in the programme.

College Principal Dr. M. Ramesh, Director V. Baburao, Head of the Department of Computer Science Dr. T.S. Ravikaran, Deputy Head K. Sudhir, Placement Officer Kavuri Sridhar, faculty members, and students attended the workshop. They expressed confidence that such initiatives would help students become industry-ready professionals.

Vijayawada to Host State Icons Awards 2026

Vijayawada, July 15 | TPN Bureau

The Global Icons Forum Society has announced that the inaugural State Icons Awards-2026 will be held in Vijayawada on August 8 to honour outstanding personalities who have made significant contributions in various fields.

Addressing a press conference at the society's office in Bharati Nagar on Wednesday, Society President Chaitanya Janga and General Secretary Jaya Pateria said the prestigious awards ceremony will be held at Hyatt Place, Vijayawada, at 6 p.m.

They said eminent personalities from sectors including education, healthcare, industry, business, arts, literature, culture, media, sports, social service, youth development, and women's empowerment will be honoured for their exceptional achievements and

contributions to society.

The organisers said the awards aim to recognise inspiring individuals, encourage excellence, and showcase Andhra Pradesh's talent on a wider platform. They added that the initiative also seeks to enhance the visibility of the Amaravati region and eventually expand the awards to the national and international levels.

According to the organisers, the event is expected to be attended by prominent political leaders, Cabinet ministers, film personalities, industrialists, entrepreneurs, doctors, academicians, and social activists.

Global Icons Forum Society Vice-President Mittana Eswar, Joint Secretary Kode Sri Chaitanya, Treasurer R.V. Apparao, Executive Committee members Dr. Naveen and M. Ishmail, and others were present at the press conference.

Traffic Police Focus on Function Hall Parking

Vijayawada, July 14 | TPN Bureau

Traffic DCP Shireen Begum held a meeting with managers and representatives of wedding venues and function halls in the city to address traffic management issues and improve parking facilities for the public.

The meeting was conducted at the Police Commissioner's office conference hall on the instructions of City Police Commissioner S.V. Raja Sekhara Babu. Traffic ACPs Ramachandra Rao, Vamsidhar Goud, Veda and D. Pavan Kumar, along with Traffic CIs and function hall representatives, participated.

Shireen Begum explained the upcoming 'ASTRAM' citizen services



app aimed at improving traffic management and public convenience. She said function hall owners could register available parking spaces on the app, allowing motorists to identify nearby parking facilities during non-event hours.

She urged function hall owners and managers to cooperate with the initiative and help prevent roadside parking and traffic congestion in the city.

Buddha Prasad Receives Warm Welcome in Sri Lanka

Vijayawada, July 15 | TPN Bureau

Avanigadda MLA Mandali Buddha Prasad received a grand welcome at Colombo International Airport on Wednesday as he arrived in Sri Lanka to participate in programmes aimed at strengthening cultural and linguistic ties between the Telugu-speaking community and Sri Lanka.

Buddha Prasad was accompanied by Suravaram Pratap Reddy, Telugu University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Nityananda Rao, Registrar Hanumantha Rao, D. Vijayabhaskar, and Anuradha. The delegation was accorded a warm reception by Sri Lanka Telugu Congress President Anbu Jagan, along with Kalavi Bhushan, Ratna, and several members of the Telugu community.

Members of the Sri Lanka Tel-



ugu Congress greeted the visitors with bouquets and traditional honours, expressing happiness over the visit of the distinguished delegation. They said the visit would further strengthen the long-standing cultural, literary, and historical ties between Telugu-speaking people in India and Sri Lanka. Buddha Prasad, known for his efforts in promoting the Telugu language and culture, is expected to participate in interactions with members of

the Telugu community and attend programmes highlighting the shared heritage between the two regions.

The visit is also expected to encourage greater cooperation in the fields of language, literature, education, and cultural exchange. Organisers expressed confidence that the tour would deepen people-to-people relations and promote Telugu heritage among the diaspora in Sri Lanka.

No Eligible Voter Should Be Left Out: Collector DK Balaji

Penamaluru, July 15 | TPN Bureau

District Election Officer and Krishna District Collector DK Balaji has directed officials to ensure that not a single eligible voter is left out of the electoral rolls during the ongoing Special Summary Revision (SSR) of voter lists.

Reviewing the progress of the SSR programme at the Penamaluru MPDO office on Wednesday, the Collector, accompanied by Joint Collector M. Naveen, held a meeting with 14 Special Officers appointed for the exercise within the Tadigadapa Municipal Corporation limits. He reviewed the status of forms classified under the "not traceable," "uncollectible," and "anomalies" categories and instructed officials to scrutinise each case thoroughly.

The Collector also reviewed the progress of digitised and pending enumeration forms. Using a mobile application, he and the Joint Collector randomly verified voter details and even



contacted several voters over the phone to confirm the accuracy of the information collected. Officials were questioned about field-level verification being carried out by Booth Level Officers (BLOs), and necessary instructions were issued.

DK Balaji asked the Special Officers, BLO Supervisors and BLOs to work in close coordination to ensure that every eligible voter is accurately enrolled.

Stating that the Election Commission had extended the enumeration programme by ten days, the Collector urged voters to make use of the opportunity. He appealed to those who had

received enumeration forms to fill them out and submit them to their BLOs immediately. Those who had not yet received forms were advised to contact their BLOs without delay.

Although the deadline for submission is July 24, the Collector requested voters to submit their forms by July 20 or 21 to enable timely digitisation and completion of the revision process.

Uyyuru RDO S. Karuna Kumari, Tadigadapa Municipal Commissioner Nazeer, Special Officers, BLO Supervisors, and other officials attended the review meeting.

VMC Felicitates Chief Medical Health Officer

Vijayawada, July 15 | TPN Bureau

Vijayawada Municipal Corporation (VMC) Commissioner Dhyanaachandra on Wednesday lauded the services of Dr. K. Arjuna Rao, Chief Medical Health Officer (CMHO), describing his contribution to the city's public health administration as exemplary.

Dr. Arjuna Rao, a Civil Surgeon, has been transferred as Joint Director (Communicable Diseases Control Programme) in the Andhra Pradesh Department of Medical, Health and Family Welfare as part of routine administrative transfers.

To mark the occasion, Commissioner Dhyanaachandra felicitated Dr. Arjuna Rao with a shawl at his chamber in the Municipal Corporation headquarters and extended his best wishes for his new assignment.

Speaking at the event, the Commissioner said the Public Health Department serves as the back-



bone of the city's administration and noted that Dr. Arjuna Rao had provided efficient leadership during his tenure as its head. He appreciated the officer's dedication and commitment in strengthening public health services across Vijayawada.

Dhyanaachandra particularly praised Dr. Arjuna Rao's efforts in improving urban sanitation, implementing effective mosquito control measures, enhancing public health services, and successfully executing various special health programmes aimed at

safeguarding the health of city residents.

Expressing gratitude for the recognition, Dr. Arjuna Rao thanked the Commissioner, fellow officials, and the staff for their support during his tenure. He said the collective efforts of the Public Health Department had contributed significantly to improving civic health standards and expressed confidence that the department would continue its dedicated service to the people under the corporation's leadership.

Kalyan Krishna Takes Charge as ACA Director of Cricket Operations

Vijayawada, July 14 | TPN Bureau

Former IPL player Doddapaneni Kalyan Krishna has taken charge as the Director of Cricket Operations of the Andhra Cricket Association (ACA), with a vision to strengthen Andhra cricket and produce more players for the IPL and the national team.

Kalyan Krishna assumed charge at the ACA Administrative Office in Vijayawada on Tuesday. He thanked ACA President Keshineni Shivnadh (Chinni), Secretary Sana Satish Babu and Treasurer Dandamudi Srinivas for placing their trust in him and assigning him the responsibility.

Kalyan Krishna represented the



Andhra team for a long period from 2001 to 2011. He was also part of the inaugural Indian Premier League season in 2008 and played in prestigious domestic tournaments, including the Duleep Trophy and Deodhar Trophy for six seasons. He later served as a bowling coach for the Andhra Cricket Association.

Speaking after taking charge, Kalyan Krishna said he would work towards identifying and nurturing

talented cricketers from Andhra Pradesh. "I aim to create more opportunities for players from Andhra to represent the IPL and the national team," he said.

He stated that his focus would be on improving game development, promoting cricket at all levels, enhancing player facilities, strengthening selection processes and providing better coaching support.

Kalyan Krishna also appreciated the Andhra Premier League (APL), stating that the recently conducted tournament was organised on par with major leagues like the IPL. He said such platforms would help discover talented players and improve the performance of Andhra's senior and junior teams.

Mudragada Padmanabham Cremated with State Honours

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from various political parties attended the funeral. BJP State President P.V.N. Madhav also paid floral tributes. Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and BRS President K. Chandrasekhar Rao expressed condolences and described his demise as a major loss to public life. A tense situation arose when Mudragada's daughter Kranthi arrived to pay her last respects. Family members reportedly prevented her from approaching the mortal remains, leading to emotional scenes. Police later escorted her away.

Kirlampudi witnessed a massive gathering as supporters chanted "Mudragada Amar Rahe" while paying homage. Former MLA and former RUDA Chairman Rautu Surya Prakasa Rao, former MLA Jakkampudi Raja, Nakka Nagesh, Cable Hari and several other leaders offered floral tributes.

Ministers Kandula Durgesh and Vasamsetti Subhash, Bandaru Satyananda Rao, Tummalapalli Ramaswamy, Thota Narasimham, Dwarapudi Chandrasekhara Reddy and Davuluri Dorababu also paid respects and conveyed condolences to Mudragada's son Giribabu and family members.

Jagan Pays Tributes to Padmanabham

Bhimavaram: Former Chief Minister and YSRCP President YS Jagan Mohan Reddy on Wednesday paid floral tributes to the portrait and mortal remains of former Minister and senior YSRCP leader Mudragada Padmanabham in Bhimavaram.

Before attending a meeting with aqua farmers, Jagan paid homage to Mudragada Padmanabham in the presence of party leaders, workers, and supporters, recalling his contributions to public life and the YSRCP.

Later, Jagan visited the residence of the late leader and consoled his wife and son, Mudragada Giribabu, offering support and strength to the bereaved family.

Jagan remained present until the completion of the final rites and participated in the funeral procession. He also carried the bier as a mark of respect and shared his close association with Mudragada Padmanabham.

Pawan Kalyan Discharged After Shoulder Surgery

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weeks after the surgery as part of his rehabilitation. They said the therapy is essential to restore strength and mobility to the operated shoulder. The medical team stated that complete recovery is expected to take around four months. They advised the Deputy Chief Minister to follow the prescribed

treatment plan, including adequate rest, physiotherapy and regular medical supervision, to ensure full healing. Doctors expressed confidence that, with proper rehabilitation and adherence to medical advice, Pawan Kalyan is expected to regain normal shoulder function over the coming months.

Jagan Vows Agitation for Aqua Farmers' Justice

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companies controlling aqua seed, feed supply, and procurement was dictating terms at the expense of farmers, with support from the TDP leadership. He said aqua farmers were facing severe losses as their production cost was around Rs 275 per kg, while the market price was only Rs 230 per kg. He alleged that companies were increasing feed prices and reducing purchase prices, making it difficult for farmers to recover their investments. He claimed that aqua feed prices had increased by Rs 16 per kg in four months, while the reduction announced by the government was only Rs 2. Jagan said his government had enacted the Andhra Pradesh State Aquaculture Development Authority Act to regulate the sector and ensure

fair prices for farmers. He recalled that during the YSRCP government, aqua farmers were provided electricity at Rs 1.50 per unit, with Rs 3,306 crore subsidy extended in five years, besides clearing Rs 401 crore in pending dues.

He said integrated laboratories were established in 35 aqua regions and personnel were deployed through RBKs to guide farmers. He also alleged that the present government had neglected farmers by delaying power connections, transformers, and increasing charges. Jagan claimed that shrimp and prawn production and exports had grown during the YSRCP regime but were now declining due to government policies. He assured that YSRCP would continue its fight for aqua farmers and all farming communities.

Madhav Reaffirms BJP's Commitment to Dalit Rights and Constitutional Values

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social justice principles. Garikimukku Subbayya, President of SC/ST Rights Association, Senior Journalist Sai and physician Dr. Vamsi Tilak also spoke on protecting Ambedkar's vision. Several resolutions were adopted on Dalit welfare, social equality and constitutional safeguards.

Meanwhile, former MLA Chinnam Ramakotayya joined the BJP in the presence of PVN Madhav. BJP State General Secretary Nagothu Ramesh Naidu, NTR District President Adduri Sri Ram, Eluru District President Vikram Kishore, BJP spokesperson Shaik Baji and others participated.

CPM Opposes 'Forced' Land Acquisition in Amaravati

Amaravati, July 15 | TPN Bureau

The CPI(M) has strongly opposed the alleged forcible acquisition of farmers' lands in the Amaravati capital region, describing the exercise as unjust and illegal. CPM State Secretariat member Chigurupati Baburao, along with party leaders, visited farmers whose lands are being acquired in Undavalli and later addressed

a press conference on Wednesday. Baburao alleged that the CRDA and the State government were using bulldozers and police force to acquire land for the Seed Access Road without proper consultation with farmers. He claimed that compensation offered was far below prevailing market values and accused the government of going back on earlier assurances given to landowners.



Govt Launches Swift Rescue Operations After Fishing Boat Accident

Amaravati, July 15 | TPN Bureau

The state government responded on a war footing to the fishing boat accident off the Visakhapatnam coast and stood by the affected families, State Fisheries Commissioner Ramashankar Naik said on Wednesday.

Addressing the media at the State Secretariat publicity wing along with Prakhar Jain, Director of Disaster Management and CEO of RTGS, and Gopinath Jetti, Inspector General of Police, Visakhapatnam Range and Coastal Security, he said rescue operations were launched immediately after receiving information.

A mechanised fishing boat (IND-AP-MM-V5-83) carrying seven fishermen met with an accident on July 4 due to adverse weather conditions and strong winds. While one fisherman Kari Chinna was rescued by a commercial vessel,

five others went missing. Search operations involving the Fisheries Department, district administration, Indian Coast Guard, Indian Navy, Marine Police and Disaster Management Department continued for over 72 hours.

Ramashankar Naik said the government provided immediate financial assistance of 10 lakh each to the families of six affected fishermen, totalling 60 lakh, and sanctioned 50,000 to the survivor for medical needs. Additional ex-gratia and insurance benefits of 10 lakh each would be provided after completion of formalities.

Gopinath Jetti said the Marine Police received information about the missing boat around 10:30 PM on July 4 and alerted all concerned agencies. The government is also reviewing maritime safety measures to strengthen future emergency response systems.

Govt Committed to Film Industry Growth, Says Durgesh at ‘Lenin’ Event



Guntur, July 15 | TPN Bureau

Minister for Tourism, Culture and Cinematography Kandula Durgesh on Wednesday said the coalition government is committed to the growth of the film industry by creating world-class infrastructure and introducing industry-friendly policies across the State.

Speaking as the chief guest at the 'Lenin Blockbuster Celebration' held at Bhashyam Grounds in Guntur, Kandula Durgesh congratulated the cast and crew of the film, starring Akhil and directed by Murali Kishore. The film, jointly produced by Akkineni Nagar-

juna and Suryadevara Naga Vamsi, has emerged as a box-office success.

The Minister praised Akhil's performance, saying his dedication and hard work were evident on screen. He also appreciated the performances of Brahmaji, Eswari Rao, Shivaji and Getup Srinu.

Kandula Durgesh said the government, under the leadership of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, is developing film infrastructure from Visakhapatnam to Tirupati, providing single-window clearances for film shootings and preparing a comprehensive Government Order to further promote the

industry.Producer Suryadevara Naga Vamsi thanked Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan and Kandula Durgesh for extending continuous support to the film industry and ensuring smooth filming operations in Andhra Pradesh.

During the event, Kandula Durgesh, Akhil, members of the film unit and Cultural and Creative Committee Chairperson Tejaswi Podapati unveiled the poster for the 'Amaravati Chitra Kalaveedhi' event, scheduled to be held in Guntur on August 8 and 9.The celebration was attended by members of the film fraternity, dignitaries and a large number of fans.



Ravindra Assures Ramagiri Gold Mine to Resume Operations Soon

Anantapur, July 15 | TPN Bureau

Mines, Mineral Resources and Excise Minister Kollu Ravindra said the Ramagiri Gold Mine in Anantapur district would soon be revived by auctioning mining blocks and restarting production. He inspected the mine area in Ramagiri Mandal along with MLA Paritala Sunitha, Paritala Sriram, TDP District President MS Raju and RTC Chairman Poola Nagaraju.

Ravindra said Andhra Pradesh has vast mineral resources and the government is working to develop the mining sector as a major contributor to the state economy. He said gold mining at Ramagiri, which dates back to the British period, stopped after the lease of Bharat Gold Mines Limited expired. An inquiry has been ordered into allegations of un-

authorised removal of 4.60 lakh tonnes of dump material from the mine area.

He said exploration activities are being accelerated with support from GSI and MECL, adding that gold production has already begun at Jonnagiri in Kurnool district.

Later, addressing Chaman Saab's birth anniversary programme, Ravindra paid tributes to the late leader, describing him as an inspiration for young political leaders. He said Chaman Saab dedicated his life to public service and welfare of weaker sections.

Adviser to Andhra Pradesh Government on Minority Affairs M.A. Sharif highlighted the coalition government's focus on industrial growth, investments and employment generation. The programme was attended by Paritala Sriram, Pula Nagaraju and others.

Kambala Kanuka to Benefit 50,000 Women During Sravana

East Godavari, July 15 | TPN Bureau

BJP leader, spiritualist, social worker and Vishwa Hindu Dharma Parirakshana Rama Sena President Kambala Srinivasa Rao has launched an ambitious welfare initiative to distribute 50,000 silk sarees and gold pendants to women during the auspicious month of Sravana. The programme, titled "Kambala Kanuka - Vanitala Veduka", will be conducted across 22 villages from July 11

to August 19.

As part of the initiative, Kambala Srinivasa Rao will distribute 50,000 silk sarees worth around 1 crore. Of these, 25,000 sarees will be presented to women, while another 25,000 will be gifted to women teachers during Guru Puja Utsavam in recognition of their contribution to society.

In addition, arrangements have been completed to distribute Gold Varalakshmi Medallions worth approximately 2 crore to women on the occa-



sion of Varalakshmi Vratam. The programme, being organised for the fourth consecutive year, has received widespread appreciation from the public for its scale and social outreach.

The distribution drive will cover villages in and around Gokavaram, Rajanagaram, Korukonda, Seethanagaram, Srirangapatnam, Addateegala, Rampachodavaram, Polavaram, Jaggampeta and Kakinada mandals. Kambala Srinivasa Rao, who has been organising free saree distri-

bution annually, said the initiative was aimed at supporting women and honouring teachers while preserving the cultural traditions associated with the Sravana festival. He invited women from the selected villages to participate in the celebrations and receive the gifts.

The programme has generated enthusiasm across East Godavari, with many residents praising Kambala Srinivasa Rao's continued commitment to social service and community welfare.

Manohar Announces Janasena Discussion Forums in Every Constituency

Kaikaluru, July 15 | TPN Bureau

Janasena Party Political Affairs Committee (PAC) Chairman and State Minister for Food and Civil Supplies Nadendla Manohar on Wednesday announced that the party will organise "Janasena Discussion Forums" in every Assembly constituency across Andhra Pradesh to strengthen its grass-roots network and improve co-ordination with party workers.

Addressing the media after participating in the Janasena Discussion Forum in Kaikaluru, Nadendla Manohar said the initiative, conceived by Janasena President and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, aims to facilitate direct interaction with party cadres and gather first-hand feedback on issues at the village and Mandal levels. He said the programme would help the party connect more effectively with the public and address local challenges promptly.

The Minister said minor differences of opinion were natural in an alliance and urged party workers to immediately report any shortcomings in the implementation of development and welfare schemes. He announced that coordination committees would soon be



formed at the district, constituency and Mandal levels in line with the directions of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan to ensure better coordination among alliance partners.

Nadendla Manohar said feedback received during the Kaikaluru forum highlighted drinking water, drainage, farm and aqua farmer issues across the constituency. He assured party workers that he would undertake a field visit along with the local MLA and District Collector to review the problems and ensure early reso-

lution. He added that the drinking water issue would also be taken up with Pawan Kalyan and the Panchayat Raj and Rural Water Supply departments for a permanent solution.

The Minister said Pawan Kalyan, who was recently discharged from a Mumbai hospital after undergoing shoulder surgery, is expected to reach the party's central office in Mangalagiri within two or three days to resume party activities.

Alleging that several administrative systems had deteriorated during the previous YSRC government, Nadendla

Manohar said the coalition government was committed to restoring governance and accelerating development.

Legislative Council Whip Pidugu Hari Prasad, Assembly Whip Bommidu Nayakar, MLC Jayamangala Venkataramana, MLA Patsamatla Dharmaraju, Police Housing Corporation Chairman Kalyanam Siva Srinivas, Joint West Godavari District Party President Kotikalapudi Govinda Rao, Krishna District Party President Bandreddi Ramakrishna, Chennai-malla Chandrasekhar and other party leaders attended the programme.

Police Nab Mobile Thief Who Targeted Showrooms After Google Searches



Tenali, July 15 | TPN Bureau

Tenali II Town police arrested a 36-year-old man for allegedly stealing mobile phones from showrooms by posing as a customer and distracting sales staff with smooth conversation.

Circle Inspector (CI) Ravindra Babu and Sub-Inspector (SI) Lalith Kumar disclosed the details at a press conference held at the Tenali II Town Police Station on Wednesday. The accused was identified as Murali from Nellore.

Police said a mobile phone

was stolen from a showroom in Tenali a few days ago and the theft was captured on CCTV cameras. After details of the accused were circulated among mobile shop owners through WhatsApp groups, he was identified at another showroom on Tuesday. Police were alerted and took him into custody.

According to police, Murali had earlier worked in a private company in Hyderabad but later developed a lavish lifestyle and turned to theft. His modus operandi involved searching Google to locate mobile show-

rooms, visiting them as a customer, asking to check expensive phones, diverting staff attention, and escaping with the devices.

Police said 15 cases have been registered against him across Andhra Pradesh and he had been jailed several times. The accused allegedly sold stolen phones and spent the money on hotel stays and travel to cities like Hyderabad, Bengaluru, and Chennai.

Police recovered three stolen mobile phones, including those taken from Tenali, worth around 2.50 lakh.

Home Minister Launches ‘Abhaya’ for Women’s Safety

Nakkapalli, July 15 | TPN Bureau

Home Minister V. Anitha on Wednesday launched 'Abhaya', a women-centric safety initiative aimed at preventing crimes against women and en-

suring faster support for victims in Anakapalli district. District Collector Vijaya Krishnan, Superintendent of Police Tuhin Sinha and senior officials attended the programme.

The initiative includes

awareness campaigns, an enhanced Shakti Beat system, counselling for victims, surveillance of habitual offenders, monitoring of social media abuse and identification of unsafe public spaces. Addressing the gathering, V. Anitha

urged women to report harassment without fear, assuring full police support. Complaint boxes, emergency helpline numbers 112, 181, 1098, 1930, and a dedicated WhatsApp helpline 7993485111 were also launched.



Editorial

Can India Take Back POK?

The renewed unrest in Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir (POK) has once again brought an old national question into focus: can India reclaim the territory that legally belongs to it? While the issue is deeply rooted in history, the changing political and social situation in POK has opened fresh discussions on the possibility of a long-term solution.

It is a well-established fact that India considers the entire former princely state of Jammu and Kashmir, including POK, as an integral part of its sovereign territory. Over the decades, India has repeatedly accused Pakistan of using the region as a launch pad for cross-border terrorism, infiltration, and anti-India activities. The presence of terrorist infrastructure in the area has remained a major security concern for New Delhi.

Recent reports of protests and public dissatisfaction in POK indicate growing resentment among sections of the local population over governance, economic neglect, and political representation. The appointment of leaders perceived to be imposed from Pakistan has reportedly intensified public anger, leading to demonstrations in several areas. If these grievances continue to grow, Pakistan may find it increasingly difficult to maintain stability in the region without relying heavily on its security forces.

However, reclaiming POK is far more complex than taking advantage of internal unrest. Any attempt to alter the status quo through military means would carry enormous diplomatic, strategic, and humanitarian consequences, particularly given that both India and Pakistan are nuclear-armed neighbours. Therefore, any lasting solution must balance national interests with regional peace and international realities.

The developments in POK undoubtedly deserve close attention from India. If the aspirations of the local people genuinely move towards greater democratic rights and closer ties with India, they will carry significant political weight. At the same time, India must continue to strengthen its diplomatic position, safeguard its national security, and expose terrorism at every international forum. The ultimate objective should not merely be reclaiming territory, but ensuring lasting peace, stability, and prosperity across the entire region of Jammu and Kashmir.

Editor

Voyager 1: The 4-Watt Miracle

1970s probe challenges modern science

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The simultaneous rise of AI and Quantum Computing is driving an unprecedented surge in energy demand. Training large AI models requires massive data centres running thousands of power-hungry GPUs around the clock, while quantum computers rely on energy-intensive cryogenic cooling systems to keep processors near absolute zero.

It is the case with all new space machines that try to decode the mysteries of the unseen world. At present, almost all space missions end before their intended lifespan due to design complications.

Right now, roughly 15 billion miles from Earth, a machine the size of a large refrigerator is navigating a region of the cosmos where no human-made object has ever gone. It is fundamentally challenging the scientific models we built to understand our universe. This is Voyager 1, an engineering marvel that defied its humble origins to become our only set of eyes in interstellar space, even though it was not expected.

When we think of space exploration today, we picture infinitely complex machines driven by supercomputers and cutting-edge software. Voyager 1, by contrast, is an ancient machine. Launched in September 1977, it was built before the internet or even home computers existed. Today, its remaining scientific instruments run on a meagre four watts of power—less than a small LED lightbulb.

Yet, this underpowered craft has survived nearly 50 years in

the harshest environment known to science. While billion-dollar modern satellites require constant software patches just to survive Earth's orbit, Voyager 1 relies on analog coding technology that engineers cannot physically repair. When a single memory chip failed in 2023 and corrupted the spacecraft's data, NASA had to perform remote "brain surgery" across a 15-billion-mile void. Every command took 22 hours to reach the craft, with another 22 hours required to receive a response. Miraculously, the team successfully relocated the code, proving that the brilliance of Voyager's simple, robust engineering continues to outclass the fragility of modern digital complexity.

Voyager 1's current location was never part of the original blueprint. Its mission brief was remarkably modest: a five-year trip to swing past Jupiter and Saturn, take some close-up photographs, and quietly shut down around 1981.

But Voyager never stopped. After slingshotting past the gas giants, it kept accelerating into the void. In 2012, it achieved something unprecedented—it crossed the heliosphere. This is the boundary where the protective bubble of solar wind generated by our Sun finally gives way to the pressure of interstellar space.

For decades, mathematical models predicted that the space between stars would be a quiet, sparse vacuum. But when Voyager 1 pierced the heliopause, it discovered a cosmic storm.

Instead of a calm transition, the probe encountered a "wall of



fire" where charged particles collided at temperatures approaching 30,000°C. Even more baffling, Voyager discovered that the Sun's magnetic field and the broader galactic magnetic field were physically connected through magnetic reconnection, transferring energy in ways no theoretical model had predicted.

Starting in 2017, Voyager 1 began detecting something completely unexplained: a continuous, narrowband emission humming through the interstellar plasma. This persistent signal revealed that interstellar space is highly textured and dynamic. Scientists are still debating the

cause, unable to definitively determine whether it stems from thermally excited plasma oscillations or a new physical mechanism called quasi-thermal noise.

Voyager 1 is finally running out of time. Its nuclear power source loses about four watts of output every year. To keep the mission alive, engineers have painstakingly shut down non-essential instruments one by one, even though they know that restarting those functions is nearly impossible.

On November 18, 2026, Voyager 1 will cross an unprecedented threshold: it will be exactly one light-day away from Earth. It is

estimated that by the early 2030s, the power will drop too low, and its transmissions will permanently cease. But even in silence, Voyager 1 will keep moving at 38,000 miles per hour into the darkness. Bolted to its frame is the Golden Record, a message in a bottle for the cosmos—if any living beings or unknown worlds discover it, it will tell them that humans once set out to explore and understand the universe beyond their own world.

Voyager 1 stands as a testament to an era of audacious engineering, proving that sometimes the simplest designs are the ones that touch eternity.

Tagore and the Bhagavad Gita: Two Voices of Freedom

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Rabindranath Tagore's prayer in Gitanjali, "Where the mind is without fear...", is more than a poem. It is a vision of a nation and a human being awakened into truth. Though written over 5000 years earlier, the Bhagavad Gita echoes the same longing. One speaks in the language of poetry and national aspiration. The other speaks in the language of yoga and inner discipline. Yet both point to the same heaven of freedom.

Where the mind is without fear, and the head is held high; Tagore begins with fearlessness. He dreams of people who can stand upright, not bowed by tyranny, orthodoxy, or doubt.

The Gita addresses this directly:

du khe v anudvigna-man sukhe u vigata-sp ha
"One whose mind is not disturbed by distress, free from craving, fear, and anger" BG 2.56

Fearlessness in Tagore is social. In the Gita it is psychological and spiritual. But both agree: a free society can only be built by free minds. When the inner world is steady, the outer world reflects that steadiness.

Where knowledge is free; Tagore wanted knowledge to flow across all walls of privilege.

Krishna affirms: na hi jñ nena sad a pavitram iha vidyate
"There is nothing in this world as purifying as knowledge" BG 4.38

Knowledge, for the Gita, is not information. It is the light

that burns ignorance. When knowledge is free, people can see themselves and each other clearly. Tagore's "free knowledge" and Krishna's "purifying knowledge" meet at the same point — education as liberation.

Where the world has not been broken up into fragments by narrow domestic walls; This line is Tagore's sharpest critique of division — by religion, caste, language, and nation.

The Gita gives the divine perspective on unity: samo 'ha sarva-bh te u
"I am equal to all beings" BG 9.29

From the highest view, there are no fragments. The wise see a learned person, a labourer, an animal, with equal vision BG 5.18. Tagore pleads for it politically. The Gita grounds it metaphysically. Together they call us to move from division to wholeness.

Where words come out from the depth of truth; A free society needs truthful speech. Tagore asks for words that are not hollow slogans.

The Gita defines it as a discipline: anudvega-kara v kyam satyam priya-hitam ca yat
"Speech that is truthful, pleasing, beneficial, and does not cause distress" BG 17.15

Truth alone is not enough. It must also be kind and useful. Depth comes when truth is spoken with responsibility. Both Tagore and Krishna want communication that heals rather than divides.

Where tireless striving stretches its arms towards perfection; Tagore does not ask for com-



fort. He asks for aspiration. The Gita calls this abhy sa-yoga: abhy sa-yoga-yuktena cetan n nya-g min
"With a mind trained in constant practice, not wandering elsewhere" BG 8.8

Perfection is not given. It is earned through steady effort. Whether it is building a nation or mastering the self, the path is the same — daily, focused striving without distraction.

Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way into the dreary sand of dead habit;

Tagore feared that tradition without thought becomes habit. The Gita warns: "Attachment and aversion reside in the senses. One should not come under their sway" BG 3.34

When we act mechanically, reason dries up. The "clear stream" Tagore wants is the Gita's buddhi — discriminating intelligence that stays awake. This requires watching the mind, not being ruled by impulse.

Where the mind is led for-

ward by thee into everwidening thought and action This is the climax of Tagore's prayer — surrender to a higher guidance.

The Gita answers:

vara sarva-bh t n h d-de e 'rjuna ti hati"The Lord dwells in the heart of all beings and directs their wanderings" BG 18.61

Widening thought is not chaos. It is expansion under guidance. When action is aligned with dharma and offered to the Divine, it stops being narrow

self-interest and becomes service. Into the heaven of freedom, my Father, let my country awake.Tagore wrote for a colonized nation seeking political freedom. The Gita was spoken on a battlefield where Arjuna sought freedom from confusion. Different contexts, same question: what does it mean to be truly free?

Together they answer: Freedom is not just the absence of external chains. It is the presence of inner clarity. It is a mind without fear, knowledge

without walls, speech without falsehood, striving without laziness, reason without habit, and action without ego — all guided by a higher principle.

Tagore gives us the dream. The Gita gives us the method. One inspires us to imagine "that heaven of freedom." The other teaches us how to walk toward it, one disciplined step at a time.Let us awaken. Not just as citizens, but as human beings. Because when the individual soul rises, the nation rises with it.

India-UK FTA Comes Into Effect

The India-United Kingdom Free Trade Agreement (FTA) has officially come into effect, marking a significant milestone in bilateral economic relations between the two countries. Prime Minister Narendra Modi described the agreement as a new chapter that will further strengthen trade, investment and economic cooperation between India and the UK.

PM Modi said the trade pact would deepen economic connections between the two nations

and create new opportunities for businesses, industries and consumers. He highlighted that the agreement reflects the growing strategic partnership between India and the UK and will contribute to long-term economic growth. The FTA is expected to provide greater market access for exporters from both countries by reducing trade barriers and improving business opportunities. Indian industries, particularly sectors such as textiles, engineering goods, pharmaceu-

ticals, food products and services, are expected to benefit from improved access to the UK market.

For the UK, the agreement is seen as an opportunity to expand trade with one of the world's fastest-growing major economies. British businesses are expected to gain better access to India's expanding consumer market, creating possibilities for increased investment and collaboration. The agreement also focuses on strengthen-

ing cooperation in areas such as technology, innovation, education and professional services. Officials from both sides believe the pact will encourage companies to explore new partnerships and increase investment flows.

The India-UK trade relationship has grown steadily in recent years, with both countries aiming to significantly expand bilateral trade. The FTA is considered a key step towards achieving those ambitions by creating a more predictable and

business-friendly environment.

Government officials have emphasized that the agreement balances the interests of both economies while supporting job creation and economic development. Businesses on both sides are expected to benefit from reduced costs, improved market access and stronger supply chain links.

The implementation of the FTA comes at a time when India is actively pursuing deeper economic partnerships with global



markets. The agreement with the UK is expected to play an important role in India's broader strategy to boost exports, attract investments and strengthen its position in international trade.

With the pact now operational, both countries are looking ahead to expanding cooperation and building a stronger economic partnership in the years ahead.



Please Seeks Medical Care for Wangchuk

A plea has been filed in the Delhi High Court seeking urgent medical intervention for activist Sonam Wangchuk, who is on an indefinite hunger strike. The petition has requested authorities to provide immediate medical assistance, including force-feeding if necessary, citing concerns over his deteriorating health condition.

The plea was filed after concerns grew over Wangchuk's prolonged fast and declining physical condition. The petitioner claimed that his health had worsened significantly and warned that his condition could become critical if immediate medical attention was not provided.

According to the petition, Wangchuk has reportedly experienced significant weight loss during the hunger strike. The petitioner argued that authorities have a responsibility to ensure his safety and provide necessary medical support to prevent any serious health consequences.

The plea has sought directions to shift Wangchuk to a hospital and provide essential medical care, including fluids, nutrients, vitamins and other required treatment. It also requested au-

thorities to take steps to protect his life while respecting the circumstances surrounding his protest. Wangchuk's hunger strike has drawn attention due to the issues he has raised through his protest. His supporters have stated that the demonstration is aimed at highlighting public concerns and demanding action from authorities.

The matter has triggered a debate over the balance between the right to peaceful protest and the responsibility of the state to safeguard an individual's health and life. While supporters argue that hunger strikes are a legitimate democratic form of expression, others have raised concerns about the risks associated with prolonged fasting.

The Delhi High Court's involvement has brought the issue into focus, with attention now on the response of government authorities and the next steps in the case.

As the hunger strike continues, concerns remain over Wangchuk's health condition. The case has also renewed discussions about the legal and ethical challenges involved when individuals use fasting as a method of protest and face serious health risks.

Delhi Moves Against File Delays

The Delhi government is considering a new legislative measure aimed at making officials more accountable for delays in clearing government files. Under the proposed Bill, officers responsible for unnecessary delays in processing files could face financial penalties.

The move is aimed at improving administrative efficiency and ensuring that government decisions are taken within a fixed timeframe. The proposed framework seeks to address complaints that delays in file movement often slow down important decisions and affect public services.

According to the proposal, responsibility for delays will be fixed on the concerned officer or department. If a file remains pending beyond the permitted period without valid reasons, the official responsible may face action, including monetary penalties.

The government believes that introducing accountability measures will reduce unnecessary delays and improve transparency in administration. Officials handling important files would be encouraged to complete procedures within deadlines rather than allowing matters to remain pending for long periods.

The issue of delayed government services and file approvals has been a long-standing concern in administrative systems. Previous reforms in Delhi have also focused on fixing responsibility on officials for delays in delivering citizen services and improving time-bound governance. Supporters of the proposed Bill argue that delays in government offices often affect citizens, businesses and development pro-



jects. They believe strict accountability can improve decision-making and make the administration more responsive.

However, questions have also been raised over how the system will differentiate between intentional delays and cases where files are pending due to legal procedures, lack of information or approvals required from multiple departments. The proposed legislation is expected to include mechanisms to review delays and determine whether an officer was responsible before imposing any penalty. This is intended to ensure that genuine administrative challenges are not treated as negligence.

The move comes as governments increasingly focus on digital governance, faster service delivery and reducing bureaucratic hurdles. By linking accountability with official responsibilities, authorities hope to create a more efficient administrative system.

If implemented, the Bill could bring a significant change in the way government files are handled in Delhi. The proposal highlights the growing emphasis on transparency, timely decision-making and greater responsibility among public officials.

Supriya Sule Rules Out NDA Shift

Nationalist Congress Party (Sharad Pawar faction) leader Supriya Sule has rejected speculation that her party could join the NDA, while stating that the final decision on the proposed Delimitation Bill will be taken only after internal discussions.

Sule's comments came amid political discussions over the party's possible stand on the Centre's proposed legislation related to the delimitation of parliamentary constituencies. However, she made it clear that there is no question of the NCP (SP) changing its political alliance at this stage.

The NCP (SP) leader said that issues involving constitutional changes require detailed discussions within the party and with alliance partners. She indicated that the party has not yet announced a final position on the Delimitation Bill.

The proposed legislation has become a major political issue,



with parties debating its possible impact on the distribution of Lok Sabha seats among states. Supporters argue that delimitation is necessary to ensure representation based on population changes, while critics have raised concerns about its possible impact on states that have successfully controlled population growth.

Sule also dismissed reports suggesting that the NCP (SP) could move closer to the BJP-led NDA. She reiterated that the party continues to remain part of the opposition alliance and that reports about a possible po-

CAG Flags Maharashtra Borrowings

The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) has raised concerns over Maharashtra government's financial management, pointing out issues related to underreported borrowings, off-budget liabilities and the state's fiscal deficit. The audit report highlighted that certain financial obligations were not fully reflected in official accounts, raising questions over transparency.

According to the CAG findings, Maharashtra's actual liabilities were higher than those presented in regular budget documents due to borrowings made through various government-backed entities. Such off-budget financing methods can make it difficult to accurately assess the state's overall debt position.

The auditor noted that all government borrowings and liabilities should be properly recorded to ensure financial transparency and allow effective monitoring by the legislature. The report emphasized the importance of following fiscal responsibility guidelines while managing public finances.

Maharashtra, one of India's largest and economically strongest states, has witnessed increasing financial pressure



due to rising expenditure commitments, welfare schemes and development projects. The CAG observed that growing liabilities could impact the state's long-term fiscal stability if not managed carefully.

The report also raised concerns over the management of government funds outside the regular treasury system. According to the audit observations, such practices can affect the accurate tracking of public money and create challenges in maintaining clear financial records. Financial experts have pointed out that borrowing is often necessary for infrastructure development and economic growth, but maintaining a balance between expenditure and debt management is essential. Excessive dependence on loans without proper accounting could create future financial challenges. The Maharashtra government has maintained

that its financial position remains under control and that borrowings are being used for development activities and public welfare programmes. Officials have defended the state's financial decisions while emphasizing economic growth and infrastructure expansion.

The CAG report has triggered a discussion on fiscal discipline, accountability and the need for stronger financial monitoring. With increasing responsibilities on state governments, maintaining accurate reporting of liabilities and ensuring responsible borrowing practices have become crucial.

The observations by the auditor have placed Maharashtra's financial management under greater scrutiny. The state will now face the challenge of balancing development priorities with the need to maintain fiscal stability and financial transparency in the coming years.

Custodial Death Controversy Puts Vijay Under Fire from DMK

A fresh political controversy has erupted in Tamil Nadu after the DMK targeted actor-turned-politician Vijay over an alleged custodial death case. The party questioned why Vijay, who had earlier raised concerns over custodial violence, has remained silent on the latest incident.

The controversy began after the death of Sabari Varman, a 35-year-old differently abled man, who died while in judicial custody at a sub-jail in Kanniyakumari district. He had been arrested in connection with allegations related to the sale of banned tobacco products.

The victim's family alleged that he was assaulted during custody, leading to demands for a detailed investigation and strict action against those responsible. The incident has triggered concerns over prison safety, police accountability and the treatment of detainees.

The DMK used the issue to launch a political attack on Vi-



jay, questioning his response and demanding clarity from the government. Party leaders argued that any allegation of custodial violence requires immediate action and transparency from those in power.

The party also pointed to Vijay's earlier statements on custodial deaths during previous governments, accusing him of maintaining a different stance after entering politics and gaining power. The DMK said that leaders must uphold the same principles while in opposition as well as in government.

The controversy has put pressure on the administration, with authorities facing questions over the circum-

stances surrounding the death. Action has reportedly been initiated against officials linked to the case as investigations continue. The incident has once again brought the issue of custodial deaths into Tamil Nadu's political spotlight. Questions over police reforms, prison management and protection of citizens' rights have become central points in the ongoing debate.

For Vijay, who has emerged as a major political figure in Tamil Nadu, the controversy presents a significant challenge. His response to the issue is being closely watched as rivals attempt to question his consistency on matters of public concern.

The clash has added another dimension to the political rivalry between the DMK and Vijay's Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK). With both sides preparing for future electoral battles, issues involving governance and accountability are expected to remain key topics in Tamil Nadu politics.



NDA Faces Two-Thirds Majority Test

The upcoming Monsoon Session of Parliament is expected to witness a major political numbers game, with the ruling NDA working to secure the required two-thirds majority for passing key constitutional amendment bills.

Constitutional amendments require a special majority, meaning the government cannot rely only on its existing alliance strength. It needs additional support from other parties or independent members to reach the required numbers in both the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha.

The focus is likely to remain on important legislative proposals, including bills linked to electoral reforms, delimitation and political accountability. These issues have already triggered debates among political parties over their possible impact on India's democratic and federal structure. In the Lok Sabha, the NDA has a strong position but still needs additional backing to comfortably cross the special majority mark. The government is expected to reach out to smaller parties, regional groups and parties outside the main opposition alliance to strengthen its numbers.

Recent political developments have added new dimensions to the calculations. Differences among opposition parties and the possibility of some regional players taking independent positions could influence the voting dynamics during the session. The proposed Delimitation

Bill is expected to be one of the most debated issues. Supporters argue that restructuring constituencies is necessary to reflect population changes and improve representation. However, several parties have raised concerns about its possible impact on states that have successfully implemented population control measures.

The Rajya Sabha remains another key challenge for the government. Although the NDA has improved its strength in the Upper House, achieving the required majority for constitutional changes will require support from additional parties. Political strategists are also closely watching the role of abstentions and absences during voting. Since the two-thirds majority requirement depends on the number of members present and voting, changes in attendance can significantly affect the final numbers.

With the Monsoon Session approaching, negotiations between parties are expected to intensify. The government's ability to manage alliances and secure support beyond its traditional partners will be crucial for the passage of major constitutional amendments.

The session is likely to become a test of both the NDA's floor management strategy and the opposition's ability to maintain unity on key national issues. Every vote is expected to play an important role in shaping the outcome of the proposed legislative changes.

Nair Leader Targets Kerala CM

A fresh political controversy has erupted in Kerala after a prominent Nair community leader criticised Chief Minister V.D. Satheesan, triggering a debate over the role of community organisations in the state's political affairs.

The remarks have brought renewed attention to the relationship between influential social organisations and political leadership in Kerala. The community leader accused the Chief Minister of not giving adequate importance to the concerns raised by such organisations and questioned the government's approach towards community representation.

The Nair Service Society (NSS) has traditionally played an important role in Kerala's social and cultural landscape. Over the years, its views on political and social issues have often drawn attention due to its influence among sections of the population.

The latest criticism comes amid wider discussions over governance, representation and the role of community groups in public affairs. Leaders of such organisations have frequently raised issues related to social welfare, education, cultural identity and community interests.

The controversy has also given opposition parties an opportunity to question the government's handling of various issues. Political observers believe that statements



from influential community organisations can impact public discussions and influence political narratives in Kerala.

The debate has once again raised questions about the balance between elected governments and social organisations. Supporters argue that community groups provide a platform for addressing public concerns, while critics believe that policy decisions should primarily remain within the framework of elected institutions.

The Kerala government is expected to handle the issue carefully, as maintaining a dialogue with influential social groups is considered important in the state's complex political environment. Any escalation could have wider implications for political equations and public sentiment.

The clash highlights the continuing influence of community organisations in Kerala's political landscape. As discussions around representation and governance continue, the issue is likely to remain a major topic in the state's political circles.

Iran Threatens Key Shipping Route

Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) has warned that the strategically important Bab el-Mandeb Strait could become a potential target if military tensions with the United States continue to escalate. The warning comes amid growing instability in the Middle East following recent US military actions against Iranian-linked targets.

The Bab el-Mandeb Strait, located between Yemen and the Horn of Africa, is one of the world's busiest maritime

chokepoints. It connects the Red Sea to the Gulf of Aden, serving as a crucial passage for global trade and energy shipments traveling between Europe, Asia and the Middle East. Any disruption in this route could have far-reaching consequences for international commerce and shipping.

Iranian officials indicated that if pressure from the United States increases, Tehran could consider expanding the scope of its response beyond the Strait of Hormuz, another critical oil transit route. The

latest remarks suggest that Bab el-Mandeb could also become part of Iran's broader strategic calculations in any future confrontation.

The warning has heightened concerns among global shipping companies and energy markets. A disruption at Bab el-Mandeb could force cargo vessels to take much longer routes around the southern tip of Africa, significantly increasing transportation costs, fuel consumption and delivery times.

Security analysts note that

nearly 10% of global seaborne trade and a substantial share of the world's oil and liquefied natural gas shipments pass through the Bab el-Mandeb Strait. Any military escalation in the region could therefore impact global supply chains, commodity prices and inflation.

The latest developments come amid heightened tensions involving Iran, the United States and regional allies. The conflict has already affected maritime security in the Red Sea, where several com-

mercial vessels have faced attacks or disruptions over the past year, prompting increased naval patrols by multiple countries.

Experts believe that while Iran's comments are intended to signal its strategic capabilities, any attempt to disrupt major international shipping routes would likely trigger a strong international response. Many nations have a direct economic interest in ensuring the uninterrupted flow of trade through these waterways.



Global markets are now closely monitoring developments in the region, as any escalation could affect crude oil prices, shipping insurance costs and international trade. Governments and shipping operators are also reviewing contingency plans to minimize the impact of potential disruptions.

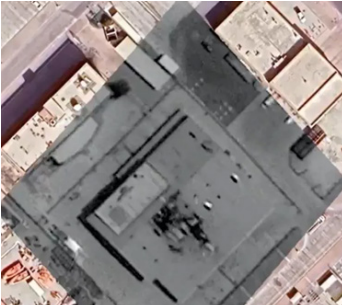
Although no immediate action has been taken, the latest warning underscores the fragile security situation in the Middle East. As diplomatic efforts continue alongside military posturing, the safety of key maritime routes such as the Bab el-Mandeb Strait is expected to remain a major concern for the global economy.

Iran Warns of Missile and Drone Strikes on US Bases

Iran has issued a strong warning that it could launch missile and drone attacks on US military bases across the Middle East if tensions with Washington continue to escalate. The warning comes amid rising regional instability and growing fears of a broader conflict involving several countries.

Iranian officials stated that American military installations in countries such as Qatar, Bahrain and Jordan could become potential targets if the United States carries out further military action against Iran or its interests. The remarks reflect Tehran's strategy of signaling its ability to respond across multiple fronts in the region.

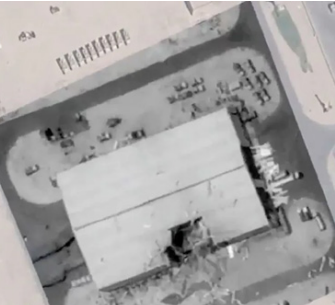
The warning follows recent military developments that have intensified tensions between the two sides. Iranian leaders have repeatedly maintained that any direct attack on the country would be met with a decisive response, including



strikes on US assets stationed throughout the Middle East.

Alongside the military threat, Iran has once again raised the possibility of disrupting the Strait of Hormuz, one of the world's most strategically important maritime routes. Nearly a fifth of global oil supplies pass through the narrow waterway, making it a critical artery for international energy trade.

Security experts caution that any attempt to block or disrupt shipping through the Strait of Hormuz could trigger a sharp rise in global crude oil prices and severely impact interna-



tional trade. Such a move would also likely prompt a strong military response from the United States and its allies, who have long maintained a naval presence in the Gulf to ensure freedom of navigation.

The latest warning has added to concerns about stability in the Middle East, where geopolitical tensions have remained high due to ongoing conflicts and regional rivalries. Military analysts believe that while Iran's statements are intended to deter further US action, the risk of miscalculation remains significant.

Countries across the Gulf

have strengthened security measures around key military installations and energy infrastructure as they closely monitor developments. International shipping companies are also watching the situation carefully, as any escalation could affect commercial shipping routes and insurance costs.

Global markets remain sensitive to developments in the region, particularly because any disruption to energy supplies could influence fuel prices and inflation worldwide. Investors are also keeping a close eye on diplomatic efforts aimed at preventing further escalation.

While both sides continue to exchange strong warnings, analysts believe diplomacy remains the most effective path to avoiding a wider regional conflict. For now, the situation remains tense, with governments, businesses and global markets closely monitoring every new development in one of the world's most strategically important regions.

Ukraine Drones Hit Russian Shipping

The ongoing Russia-Ukraine war has created a new maritime challenge for Moscow, with drone attacks targeting shipping activity in the Sea of Azov. The strikes have disrupted vessel movement, affecting grain shipments, fuel transportation and other key logistics operations in the region.

The Sea of Azov has become an important area of conflict as Ukraine continues targeting Russian-linked maritime infrastructure. Reports indicate that drone attacks have affected several vessels operating in the region, including cargo ships and fuel-related transport networks.

The attacks have created uncertainty around one of Russia's important maritime routes. The Sea of Azov plays a crucial role in transporting agricultural products, particularly grain, from southern Russian regions. Due to growing security concerns, Russia is now looking at alternative routes through other ports to maintain export activity.



The disruption has raised concerns in global grain markets, as Russia remains one of the world's leading exporters of wheat and other agricultural commodities. Any prolonged impact on shipping operations could increase transportation costs and create uncertainty for countries that depend on Russian grain supplies.

Fuel transportation has also faced challenges, particularly in areas connected to Russian-controlled territories and Crimea. Analysts believe that continued attacks on maritime networks could complicate fuel movement, forcing Russia to

depend more on alternative transport methods such as rail and road networks.

Russia has strongly criticized the attacks, accusing Ukraine of targeting commercial shipping and critical infrastructure. Moscow has said it will take steps to strengthen security around its maritime assets and ensure that trade operations continue despite the challenges.

Ukraine, meanwhile, considers attacks on Russian logistics networks as part of its broader military strategy. By using drones, Kyiv aims to target important supply routes

and infrastructure while reducing risks to its own forces.

The latest developments highlight how the Russia-Ukraine conflict has expanded beyond traditional battlefields. Ports, shipping routes, energy facilities and supply chains have increasingly become key targets as both sides attempt to weaken each other's capabilities.

The situation in the Sea of Azov could have wider consequences for regional security and global commodity markets. Any further escalation may affect shipping costs, food supplies and energy markets, adding pressure to an already uncertain global economic environment.

As the war continues, international observers are closely monitoring developments in the region. The Sea of Azov has now emerged as another major front in the conflict, with maritime security becoming an increasingly important factor in the future course of the war.

UK Imposes Teen Social Media Curfew

The United Kingdom government has announced new online safety measures for 16 and 17-year-olds, including default restrictions on late-night social media usage. Under the proposed rules, teenagers in this age group will face a mid-night to 6 AM social media curfew, aimed at reducing excessive screen time and protecting young users from online risks.

The new measures are part of the UK's broader effort to create a safer digital environment for children and teenagers. Social media platforms will be required to introduce settings that limit access during late-night hours, while users will have the option to adjust certain restrictions based on their preferences.

Along with time-based controls, the government plans to address features that encourage prolonged usage, such as infinite scrolling and autoplay videos. Officials believe these features can contribute to excessive screen time, affecting teenagers' sleep patterns, concentration and overall well-being.

The move comes amid grow-



ing concerns about the impact of social media on young people's mental health. UK officials argue that late-night scrolling can disrupt sleep routines, while excessive exposure to online content may increase risks related to harmful material, misinformation and unhealthy digital behaviour.

The announcement follows earlier efforts to strengthen online protections for children. The government has emphasized the need for better age verification systems and stronger safety measures to ensure that young users are not exposed to inappropriate or harmful content.

However, the proposed re-

strictions have also sparked debate. Some experts argue that teenagers may find ways to bypass these controls, while others question how effectively social media companies can enforce such measures. Concerns have also been raised about balancing online safety with young people's freedom to access digital platforms.

Technology companies have maintained that social media platforms can offer several benefits for teenagers, including education, communication and creative opportunities. They have called for solutions that protect young users while allowing them to continue using digital platforms

responsibly.

The UK government has clarified that the aim of the reforms is not to completely restrict teenagers from using social media but to encourage healthier online habits. Authorities also plan to improve digital education, helping students understand issues such as misinformation, artificial intelligence and responsible technology use.

The new rules reflect a growing global debate over how governments should regulate social media platforms and protect younger users. Several countries are exploring similar approaches as concerns increase over screen addiction, online safety and the influence of digital platforms on children.

With these measures, the UK hopes to create a safer online environment while encouraging teenagers to develop a more balanced relationship with technology. The success of the policy will depend on how effectively platforms implement the restrictions and how users adapt to the new digital safety framework.

Global Oil Prices Jump as US-Iran Tensions Raise



Global crude oil prices climbed sharply after escalating tensions between the United States and Iran raised fresh concerns about the stability of energy supplies from the Middle East. The increase followed reports of military strikes and growing fears that the conflict could disrupt oil production and key shipping routes.

Brent crude and US benchmark crude both recorded strong gains as traders reacted to the possibility of a wider regional conflict. Investors worry that any prolonged military escalation could affect the flow of oil from one of the world's most important energy-producing regions.

The Middle East accounts for a significant share of global crude oil exports, and any disruption to production or transportation can have an immediate impact on international energy markets. Analysts say the latest rise in prices reflects growing uncertainty rather than an actual supply shortage at this stage.

One of the biggest concerns is the Strait of Hormuz, a nar-

row waterway through which nearly one-fifth of the world's oil supply passes. Any threat to shipping through this route could delay exports, tighten global supplies and push fuel prices even higher.

Energy analysts believe markets are also factoring in the possibility of retaliatory actions that could involve oil infrastructure, shipping vessels or military installations in the Gulf region. Such developments could increase volatility in commodity markets over the coming weeks.

The rise in crude prices has also renewed concerns about inflation. Higher oil prices typically increase transportation and manufacturing costs, which can eventually lead to higher prices for consumers. Countries that depend heavily on imported crude may face additional pressure on fuel prices and trade balances.

Financial markets responded cautiously, with investors shifting towards safer assets while monitoring geopolitical developments. Analysts say energy stocks could benefit from

sustained higher oil prices, while sectors heavily dependent on fuel costs may face increased pressure.

Despite the recent surge, experts point out that oil markets remain highly sensitive to diplomatic developments. Any signs of de-escalation or successful negotiations between the United States and Iran could ease supply concerns and stabilize prices.

Governments and international agencies are closely monitoring the situation to ensure that global energy supplies remain uninterrupted. Strategic petroleum reserves and coordinated diplomatic efforts may help reduce the impact if tensions continue to rise.

For now, uncertainty remains the dominant factor driving oil markets. Investors, businesses and policymakers will continue to watch developments in the Middle East closely, as any further escalation could have significant consequences for global energy prices, inflation and economic growth.

Carroll Wins \$5.6M From Trump

Writer E. Jean Carroll has received more than \$5.6 million from U.S. President Donald Trump, bringing one chapter of their long-running legal battle to a close after the U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear Trump's appeal in the case.

The payment relates to a 2023 civil lawsuit in which a New York jury found Trump liable for sexual abuse and defamation involving Carroll. The jury originally awarded Carroll \$5 million in damages, with the final amount increasing to more than \$5.6 million after interest accrued during the appeals process.

The money had been held in a court-managed escrow account while Trump pursued multiple legal appeals. After the Supreme Court refused to review the case, a federal judge ordered the funds to be released, allowing Carroll to receive the compensation.

Trump has consistently denied Carroll's allegations and has maintained that the case was politically motivated. His legal team made several attempts to overturn the verdict and delay the payment, but those efforts were ultimately unsuccessful.

Carroll's legal team confirmed that the payment had been received, marking the conclusion of a lengthy legal



process that began with her allegations regarding an incident that allegedly took place in a New York department store during the mid-1990s.

Although this payment resolves one part of the legal dispute, Trump's legal battle with Carroll is not yet over. A separate 2024 defamation verdict, in which a jury ordered Trump to pay \$83.3 million for additional defamatory statements, is still under appeal and remains pending before the courts.

The case has drawn significant international attention because of Trump's political prominence and the broader legal issues surrounding the lawsuits. Legal experts note that the Supreme Court's de-

cision not to hear the appeal effectively leaves the lower court's ruling intact, bringing the first case to a formal close.

The outcome is viewed as a significant legal victory for Carroll after years of litigation. At the same time, Trump continues to deny all allegations and is expected to continue contesting the remaining defamation judgment through the legal system.

With the first payment now completed, attention is likely to shift to the ongoing appeal in the second case, which involves a substantially larger financial award. The final outcome of that case could have further legal and financial implications for both parties.

Sensex, Nifty End Higher After Volatile Trade

Indian benchmark equity indices ended Wednesday's trading session with modest gains after witnessing sharp intraday volatility. The BSE Sensex closed around 130 points higher, while the Nifty 50 settled above the 24,050 mark, recovering from the previous day's weakness despite giving up a large part of its early gains.

The market opened on a strong note, supported by positive global cues and buying interest across key sectors. During early trade, the Sensex surged by more than 590 points, while the Nifty crossed

the 24,200 level. However, profit booking in the second half erased much of the rally, resulting in a relatively subdued finish.

Banking, capital goods, consumer durables and oil & gas stocks were among the top performers, providing support to the broader market. On the other hand, selling pressure in metal, information technology and FMCG shares limited the overall gains. The mixed sectoral performance reflected investors' cautious approach amid global uncertainties.

Market breadth remained

positive, with advancing stocks outnumbering declining ones on the exchanges. Analysts noted that domestic investors continued selective buying in fundamentally strong sectors despite concerns over rising crude oil prices and geopolitical developments.

Positive global signals also contributed to the upbeat opening. Softer-than-expected inflation data from the United States strengthened expectations that the US Federal Reserve could consider interest rate cuts in the coming months. Gains in major Asian markets

also boosted investor sentiment and supported Indian equities during the early hours of trading.

Despite the recovery, market experts believe equities may continue to trade in a narrow range over the near term. Technical analysts see 24,000 as an important support level for the Nifty, while resistance is expected around the 24,300 mark. A decisive move beyond either level could determine the market's next major direction.

Investors are also keeping a close watch on the ongoing cor-

porate earnings season, which is expected to play a crucial role in shaping market sentiment. Quarterly results from leading companies, along with foreign institutional investor activity, crude oil prices and global economic developments, are likely to influence trading in the coming weeks.

Although the benchmarks ended the session in positive territory, the day's price action highlighted the cautious mood among investors. Strong buying in the morning was followed by widespread profit booking later in the day, indi-



cating that traders remain selective while balancing optimism over India's economic outlook with concerns about global market conditions.

With several major earnings announcements and global economic events scheduled over the next few weeks, market participants are expected

to remain focused on company fundamentals and international developments. Analysts believe volatility may persist, but they remain optimistic that strong domestic economic indicators and continued investor interest could provide support to the markets in the medium term.

Kusumgar Shares Jump 44% After Listing

Shares of Kusumgar Ltd. extended their impressive listing gains on Wednesday, rising nearly 44% from the IPO price as strong investor demand continued to fuel buying interest. The stock also hit its upper circuit during the trading session, reflecting the positive sentiment surrounding the company's market debut.

The company made a stellar debut on the stock exchanges after its initial public offering (IPO) received an overwhelming response from investors. Listed at a premium of nearly 37% over its issue price of 419 per share, the stock continued its upward momentum during the day's trade, reaching fresh highs and rewarding IPO investors with substantial gains.

Kusumgar operates in the engineered fabrics segment, manufacturing specialized products used in industries such as aerospace, defence, automotive and industrial applications. The company has established a strong presence in this niche sector through advanced manufacturing capabilities and technical



expertise, creating significant entry barriers for competitors.

Despite the strong post-listing performance, market experts are urging investors to remain cautious. While the company's long-term growth prospects appear encouraging due to increasing opportunities in the defence and aerospace sectors, analysts believe the sharp rally has already factored in much of the near-term optimism.

Experts also point out that the company has faced challenges in recent years, including fluctuations in revenue growth, earnings and profitability. They suggest that investors should closely

monitor the company's financial performance over the coming quarters to ensure that growth remains consistent and sustainable.

Another aspect highlighted by analysts is that the IPO was entirely an Offer for Sale (OFS), meaning the proceeds from the issue went to existing shareholders rather than the company itself. As a result, the IPO did not provide fresh capital for business expansion or debt reduction, making future operational performance even more important for investors.

For investors who received shares through the IPO, analysts

recommend holding the stock while considering partial profit booking after the sharp rally. This approach allows investors to lock in some gains while continuing to participate in any future upside if the company delivers strong financial results.

Fresh investors, however, are advised not to chase the stock at elevated levels. Experts believe it would be more prudent to wait for the share price to stabilize or undergo some consolidation before considering a new investment.

The company's successful listing highlights the strong appetite for quality IPOs in the current market environment. However, analysts emphasize that disciplined investing and careful evaluation of valuations remain crucial, especially after significant post-listing gains.

While Kusumgar's business fundamentals and sector outlook remain promising, investors are encouraged to take a balanced approach and focus on the company's long-term growth trajectory rather than short-term price movements.

AI Drives Rally in Water Sector Stocks

The rapid expansion of artificial intelligence (AI) and data centres is creating a new investment theme in the Indian stock market, with water-related companies emerging as unexpected beneficiaries. As AI infrastructure grows at a record pace, the demand for water used in cooling large data centres has increased significantly, pushing several water-sector stocks sharply higher.



Over the past year, a number of water infrastructure companies have delivered impressive returns, with some stocks gaining as much as 45%. Investors are increasingly betting that the growing need for water management, treatment and recycling solutions will create long-term business opportunities for companies operating in this space.

Modern AI data centres require enormous quantities of water to cool thousands of high-performance servers that operate continuously. As global technology companies continue investing billions of dollars in AI infrastructure, the demand for efficient water supply, wastewater treatment and recycling systems is rising rapidly.

In India, the government's continued focus on improving water infrastructure, urban development and industrial sustainability has further strengthened the sector's growth prospects. At the same time, India's emergence as a preferred destination for data centre investments is creating fresh opportunities for compa-

panies involved in water engineering and infrastructure.

Among the key listed players attracting investor attention are VA Tech Wabag, Enviro Infra Engineers, Indian Hume Pipe Company, and Denta Water and Infra Solutions. These companies operate in areas such as water treatment, desalination, wastewater recycling, pipeline construction and integrated water management projects.

Industry experts estimate that India's water sector offers an annual business opportunity worth 25,000-30,000 crore, driven by increasing investments from both the government and private sector. Rising industrial demand, stricter environmental regulations and the rapid expansion of AI-powered data centres are expected to fuel sustained growth in the years ahead.

Analysts believe companies with strong execution capabilities, healthy order books and expertise in advanced water treatment technologies are likely to benefit the most from this long-term structural

trend. However, they also caution that the recent rally in water stocks has pushed valuations higher, making careful stock selection essential.

Experts advise investors to focus on businesses with consistent earnings growth, strong balance sheets and diversified project portfolios rather than chasing stocks solely because of recent price gains. A disciplined, long-term investment approach is considered more appropriate given the sector's evolving opportunities.

As artificial intelligence continues to reshape industries across the globe, the supporting infrastructure behind it is becoming increasingly important. Along with semiconductors, electricity and digital connectivity, water management is emerging as a critical component of the AI ecosystem. This shift is expected to create significant opportunities for companies providing sustainable water solutions, making the sector an increasingly attractive space for long-term investors.

Advit Jewels Soars 61% Above IPO Price

Shares of Advit Jewels Ltd. continued their remarkable post-listing rally on Wednesday, touching a fresh all-time high after the stock was moved out of the Trade-to-Trade (T2T) segment. The development boosted investor sentiment, helping the stock surge nearly 61% above its IPO price within just 15 days of listing.

During intraday trade, the stock climbed to a record high of 222 per share before witnessing some profit booking. Even after trimming gains, the share ended the session with a healthy rise, reflecting sustained buying interest among investors.

Advit Jewels made a strong debut on the stock exchanges on July 1 after receiving an overwhelming response to its initial public offering (IPO). The issue was subscribed multiple times across investor categories, highlighting strong confidence in the company's business model and future growth prospects.

The IPO was priced at 138 per share, and the stock listed at a significant premium.



Since its market debut, it has continued to attract strong investor demand, delivering impressive returns within a short period.

The company's exit from the T2T segment is considered a positive development by market participants because it allows greater trading flexibility. In the T2T category, every transaction requires compulsory delivery of shares, limiting speculative trading. Once a stock exits this segment, trading volumes often improve as investors gain more freedom to buy and sell shares.

Advit Jewels is engaged in

the manufacturing and sale of traditional and contemporary handcrafted fine jewellery. The company markets its products under the "Rambhajo" brand and specializes in Kundan, Polki, diamond and studded jewellery, catering to both domestic and premium customers.

The company's strong post-listing performance reflects continued investor interest in quality businesses within the jewellery sector. Positive market sentiment, coupled with strong demand for newly listed companies, has played a key role in supporting the stock's impressive rally.

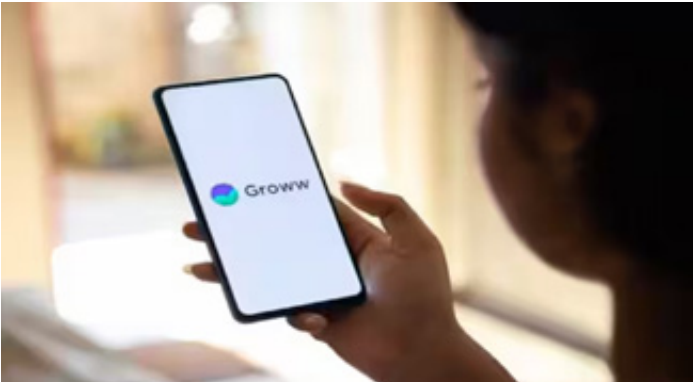
Despite the sharp gains, market experts advise investors to remain cautious after such a rapid rise. While the company's business fundamentals and brand recognition remain encouraging, analysts recommend avoiding aggressive buying at elevated price levels. Instead, investors may consider waiting for the stock to consolidate before making fresh investments.

The rally in Advit Jewels also highlights the strong enthusiasm in India's primary market, where several recently listed companies have generated attractive returns for investors. However, experts stress that long-term investment decisions should be based on the company's financial performance, earnings growth and valuation rather than short-term price movements alone.

With investor confidence remaining high and the company attracting increased market attention, Advit Jewels is likely to remain on the radar of both retail and institutional investors in the coming weeks.

Groww Eyes Wealth Management Expansion

Online investment platform Groww is preparing for its next phase of growth by expanding beyond stock trading and positioning itself as a full-fledged wealth management company. The company's leadership says the focus over the coming years will be on helping customers manage their entire financial lives through a wider range of investment and financial products.



Speaking about the company's long-term strategy, Groww Co-founder and CEO Lalit Keshre said the platform's first decade was dedicated to making investing simple and accessible for retail investors. The next phase, he said, will focus on offering comprehensive wealth management solutions rather than functioning solely as a trading platform.

As part of this transformation, Groww plans to introduce a broader portfolio of financial products, including bonds, credit solutions, international investments, mutual funds and AI-powered advisory services. The company believes these offerings will help customers build and manage wealth more effectively through a single platform.

One of the key initiatives is the launch of US stock investing through GIFT City. Groww has already received the necessary regulatory approvals and is currently testing the platform. The company expects to roll out the service in the coming months, allowing Indian investors to access US equities

before gradually expanding to other international markets based on customer demand.

Artificial intelligence is expected to play a central role in Groww's future strategy. Instead of relying heavily on traditional relationship managers, the company plans to use AI-driven tools to provide personalized investment guidance and wealth management services at scale. Human advisors will continue to support customers, but technology will be the primary driver of the advisory experience.

The strategy also reflects a conscious effort to diversify the company's revenue streams. While equity derivatives have historically contributed a significant share of Groww's income, the company expects that dependence to gradually decline as newer businesses such as bonds, wealth management, margin funding and international investing gain traction.

Industry experts believe the move aligns with the changing preferences of Indian inves-

tors, who are increasingly looking for integrated financial solutions rather than standalone trading platforms. Rising financial awareness, higher disposable incomes and growing interest in global investment opportunities are creating demand for comprehensive wealth management services.

Groww's expansion also highlights the intensifying competition in India's fintech sector, where companies are rapidly evolving from discount brokerages into complete financial ecosystems. By combining technology, artificial intelligence and a wider range of investment products, Groww aims to strengthen customer engagement and build long-term relationships beyond stock trading.

With millions of users already on its platform, the company hopes this strategic shift will position it as one of India's leading digital wealth management providers while supporting its next phase of sustainable growth.

Gulf Lloyds IPO Opens July 20

Gulf Lloyds (India) Ltd. is set to launch its Initial Public Offering (IPO) for public subscription on July 20, offering investors an opportunity to participate in the company's growth journey. The IPO will remain open until July 22, and the company plans to raise 18.19 crore through the issue.

The IPO is entirely a fresh issue of 18.19 lakh equity shares, meaning the funds raised will go directly to the company rather than existing shareholders. The shares are being offered at a fixed price of 100 per share, making it a fixed-price SME IPO.

Under the share allocation, 8.64 lakh shares each have been reserved for retail investors and non-retail investors, while 91,200 shares have been earmarked for the market maker to ensure adequate liquidity after listing.

Gulf Lloyds operates in the inspection, auditing, certification, testing and training (IACT) ser-



vices segment. The company provides quality assurance and compliance-related services to a wide range of industries, including oil and gas, infrastructure, engineering and manufacturing. Its services help clients meet regulatory standards and maintain product quality and operational safety.

According to the company, the proceeds from the fresh issue will be used for capital expenditure, repayment of unsecured loans, meeting working capital requirements, and general corporate purposes. These investments are

expected to strengthen the company's operations and support its future expansion plans.

Following the closure of the IPO on July 22, the basis of allotment is expected to be finalized on July 23. Successful applicants are likely to receive shares in their demat accounts shortly after the allotment process, while the company's shares are scheduled to be listed on the BSE SME platform on July 27.

The SME IPO segment has witnessed strong investor participation in recent months, with sev-

eral issues receiving encouraging responses. Gulf Lloyds will be hoping to benefit from this positive market sentiment as it seeks to raise funds for business growth.

Market experts, however, advise investors to carefully assess the company's financial performance, business model, industry prospects and valuation before subscribing to the IPO. While SME issues can offer attractive growth opportunities, they may also carry higher risks compared to larger, more established companies.

With increasing fundraising activity in the SME space, Gulf Lloyds' public issue adds to the growing pipeline of companies looking to tap the capital markets. Investors interested in the offering are expected to closely monitor the subscription figures and the company's long-term growth potential before making their investment decisions.

From Layoff to New Job in Two Weeks

A software professional who lost his job unexpectedly has turned his personal setback into an inspiring success story after securing a new role in just 15 days. His experience, shared on social media, has resonated with thousands of job seekers navigating today's highly competitive employment market.

The techie revealed that being laid off came as a shock, but instead of dwelling on the disappointment, he decided to approach the situation with discipline and urgency. He focused entirely on finding a new opportunity, treating the job search like a full-time responsibility.

According to his post, the first step was updating his resume to highlight relevant skills, measurable achieve-

ments, and recent work experience. He also refreshed his LinkedIn profile, ensuring it reflected his latest accomplishments and career goals. This made it easier for recruiters to discover his profile and understand his expertise.

Networking played a major role in his successful job hunt. He reached out to former colleagues, friends, mentors, and industry contacts, informing them that he was actively looking for opportunities. He emphasized that many interviews and referrals came through personal connections rather than direct job applications.

The software engineer also stressed the importance of applying strategically instead of sending out hundreds of generic applications. He tailored



his resume for different roles, carefully matched his skills

with job descriptions, and wrote personalized messages

whenever possible. This approach significantly improved

his response rate from employers.

Preparing for interviews was another key factor. He spent time revising technical concepts, practicing coding problems, and improving his communication skills. Mock interviews helped him gain confidence and perform better during the recruitment process.

Reflecting on the current employment landscape, he described the market as "brutal," acknowledging that many talented professionals are struggling to find suitable positions. However, he encouraged job seekers not to lose confidence, reminding them that persistence, consistency, and preparation can eventually lead to success.

His story quickly gained at-

tention online, with many users congratulating him on the quick turnaround. Others appreciated his willingness to share practical advice instead of simply celebrating his achievement. Several people also shared their own experiences of layoffs, lengthy job searches, and eventual success, creating a broader conversation about resilience in today's technology industry.

The techie's journey serves as a reminder that while layoffs can be emotionally and financially challenging, they do not define a person's career. With a focused strategy, continuous learning, strong networking, and determination, professionals can improve their chances of landing new opportunities even in a difficult job market.

Nvidia Launches GeForce NOW in India

Nvidia has officially launched its GeForce NOW cloud gaming service in India, marking a major milestone for the country's rapidly growing gaming community. The platform allows gamers to play high-end PC games on a wide range of devices without investing in expensive gaming hardware.

GeForce NOW works by streaming games directly from Nvidia's cloud servers, eliminating the need for powerful graphics cards or high-performance gaming PCs. Users can enjoy AAA titles on laptops, desktops, smartphones, tablets, Macs, supported smart TVs, and handheld gaming devices, provided they have a stable internet connection.

One of the biggest advantages of the service is that gamers do not have to repurchase games. Instead, GeForce NOW connects to existing digital game libraries from platforms such as Steam, Epic Games Store, Xbox, Ubisoft Connect,



and other supported services. Players can simply log in with their existing accounts and stream eligible games they already own.

The public launch follows a three-month beta testing phase and removes the earlier waitlist, making the platform available to all users across India. Nvidia says the service is designed to deliver low-latency gameplay with advanced graphics technologies, including ray tracing and AI-powered enhancements, depending on the

selected subscription plan.

To cater to different types of gamers, Nvidia has introduced multiple subscription options. Monthly memberships begin at Rs 999, while users who want to try the service before committing can opt for 24-hour day passes starting at Rs 399. The company has also enabled UPI payments, making subscriptions more convenient for Indian customers. Early beta users are also eligible for promotional discounts on recurring plans. The launch

comes at a time when cloud gaming is gaining momentum worldwide. Instead of relying on costly gaming hardware, players can stream graphically demanding titles from remote servers, making premium gaming more affordable and accessible. This approach is expected to attract students, casual gamers, and professionals who want a high-end gaming experience without purchasing dedicated gaming PCs.

Industry experts believe Nvidia's entry into India's cloud gaming market could significantly boost the adoption of game streaming services. With faster internet connectivity, expanding 5G networks, and a rapidly growing gaming community, cloud gaming is becoming a practical alternative to traditional PC gaming. GeForce NOW is expected to make premium gaming more accessible than ever, allowing users to enjoy top-quality titles across multiple devices without the need for expensive hardware.

Russian Model Finds Fame as Haaland Lookalike

A Russian model has become an overnight social media sensation after people noticed her striking resemblance to Norwegian football star Erling Haaland. The unexpected comparison has transformed her life, bringing millions of views, thousands of new followers, and fresh career opportunities.

The model, Anastasia Kostromitina, said the sudden attention feels "like a dream." Although she had heard occasional comments about looking like Haaland in the past, she never imagined the resemblance would make her famous across the world.

Her rise to fame began when she started posting light-hearted videos recreating Haaland's iconic celebrations, facial expressions, and poses. The clips quickly spread across Instagram and other social media platforms, with one of her videos attracting well over 100 million views. As football fans continued to share the content, her online popularity skyrocketed.

Interestingly, Anastasia admitted she was never a football fan before going viral. It was her friends who first pointed out how much she resembled the Manchester City and Norway striker. Encouraged by them, she decided to embrace the comparison and



create entertaining content inspired by the football star.

The viral success has dramatically changed her social media presence. Her follower count has surged, and she has begun receiving collaboration offers from brands eager to work with the internet's newest viral personality. What started as a fun social media experiment has now opened new professional opportunities in the fashion and influencer industries.

Despite the constant comparisons, Anastasia says she doesn't mind being associated with one of football's biggest stars. Instead, she views the attention positively and appreciates the support she has received from people around the world. She also hopes that fans enjoy her content for its humor and creativity rather than simply because of the resemblance. The timing of her

viral fame coincides with Haaland's impressive performances on the international stage, which has further fueled online discussions and memes about the pair's uncanny similarity. Social media users continue to joke that the two could easily pass as siblings or twins.

Anastasia's story highlights how social media can instantly transform an ordinary moment into a global phenomenon. A simple resemblance to a famous athlete has turned her into an international talking point, proving once again that viral fame can arrive from the most unexpected situations. While Haaland continues to make headlines with his performances on the football field, his Russian lookalike is carving out her own place in the spotlight through creativity, humor, and the power of the internet.

Police Stop Woman From Filming Reel Inside Temple



A video showing a young woman being stopped by a police officer while allegedly filming a dance reel inside a temple has gone viral on social media, triggering a widespread debate over appropriate behaviour at religious places and the growing trend of creating social media content in public spaces.

The clip, which has been widely shared across platforms, shows the woman dressed in traditional attire, seemingly preparing to record a dance performance within the temple premises. Moments later, a police officer approaches her and asks her to stop. The interaction appears calm, with the officer instructing her not to continue filming inside the temple.

The incident quickly caught the attention of social media

users, with opinions sharply divided. While many praised the police officer for enforcing discipline and preserving the sanctity of the temple, others argued that the woman was not causing any disturbance and questioned whether such restrictions were necessary.

Supporters of the police action stressed that temples are places of worship and spiritual reflection, not venues for creating entertainment content. They said that recording dance reels inside religious spaces could distract devotees and undermine the atmosphere of reverence expected in such locations. Several users called for stricter guidelines to regulate content creation in temples and other places of worship.

On the other hand, some social media users defended the

young woman, pointing out that there was no indication she was disrespecting the temple or disturbing visitors. They argued that if photography and videography are not explicitly prohibited, individuals should be allowed to capture memories or create content responsibly. A section of users also questioned whether similar standards are applied consistently across different public spaces.

The video has reignited a broader discussion about the influence of social media on public behaviour. With platforms encouraging short-form videos and viral trends, many people have increasingly chosen iconic landmarks, tourist destinations and religious sites as backdrops for their content. This has often led to concerns about main-

taining decorum and respecting the purpose of such places.

Authorities in several parts of the country have previously issued advisories discouraging the filming of dance reels or other entertainment videos inside temples and heritage sites, particularly when such activities interfere with visitors or violate local rules.

As the video continues to circulate online, the incident has become another example of the ongoing debate between personal freedom to create digital content and the need to respect the cultural and religious significance of public spaces. The discussion has once again highlighted the importance of balancing social media creativity with responsible conduct in sensitive locations.

Tyrannosaurus rex Fossil Sells for Record \$50.1 Million

A 67-million-year-old Tyrannosaurus rex fossil has made history by becoming the world's most expensive dinosaur skeleton ever sold at auction. Nicknamed "Gus," the exceptionally well-preserved fossil fetched an incredible \$50.1 million (around 430 crore) during a fierce bidding war at a Sotheby's auction in New York, setting a new global record.

The auction lasted for nearly 10 minutes, with seven bidders competing intensely before an anonymous buyer secured the prized fossil through a telephone bid. Auction experts had initially estimated the skeleton would sell for between \$20 million and \$30 million, but the competitive bidding drove the final price well beyond expectations.

"Gus" is considered one of the largest and most complete Tyrannosaurus rex fossils ever discovered. The dinosaur stands approximately 12.5 feet tall and measures nearly 38 feet in length. It consists of 183 fossil bones, making it about 61% complete by bone count. Its skull is particularly remarkable, with more than 80% of the original skull bones preserved—an exceptionally rare feature for a fossil of this age.

The fossil was excavated between 2021 and 2023 in South



Dakota, United States, on privately owned land. It was named after ranch owner Gary "Gus" Licking, whose property yielded the extraordinary discovery. Recovering and preserving the massive skeleton took nearly three years and required the expertise of a dedicated team of paleontologists.

The record-breaking sale surpasses the previous auction record held by "Apex," a Stegosaurus skeleton that sold for \$44.6 million in 2024. It also overtakes the famous T. rex fossil "Stan," which was sold for \$31.8 million in 2020. The soaring prices highlight the increasing demand for rare dinosaur fossils among wealthy collectors, museums, and institutions worldwide.

While the auction has marked a major milestone in the fossil market, it has also re-

ignited debate within the scientific community. Many paleontologists worry that historically significant fossils may become inaccessible for research if they are purchased by private collectors. Scientists have emphasized the importance of preserving such discoveries for education and research, urging the new owner to consider placing "Gus" on public display or loaning it to a museum.

The record-setting sale once again demonstrates the fascination that prehistoric creatures continue to hold for people around the world. Millions of years after roaming the Earth, Tyrannosaurus rex remains one of history's most iconic predators, with fossils like "Gus" serving as valuable windows into the planet's ancient past.



Porro Caps Stunning Spain Team Goal

Spain produced one of the finest team goals of the FIFA World Cup 2026 as Pedro Porro finished off a breathtaking move against France, leaving fans and football experts applauding the quality of their attacking football.

The goal showcased Spain's trademark possession-based style, with a series of quick, accurate passes slicing through the French defence. The move involved several players exchanging the ball with remarkable precision before Pedro Porro calmly applied the finishing touch to complete a spectacular team effort.

France struggled to cope with Spain's fluid movement and intelligent positioning throughout the sequence. The defenders were repeatedly pulled out of shape as Spain's midfield dictated the tempo, creating gaps that ultimately allowed Porro to score.

The goal quickly went viral on social media, with many football fans describing it as one of the best team goals of the tournament. Analysts praised Spain's patience, technical excellence and collective understanding, calling it a perfect example of modern attacking football.

Spain's midfield once again

played a decisive role, controlling possession and ensuring the ball moved swiftly through different areas of the pitch. Their ability to retain possession under pressure prevented France from regaining defensive shape, making the attack almost impossible to stop.

Pedro Porro showed excellent composure in front of goal, timing his run perfectly before confidently finishing the move. While he received the final touch, the goal was widely celebrated as a collective masterpiece built on teamwork rather than individual brilliance.

France, known for its physi-

cality and defensive organization, appeared unusually vulnerable during the move. The sequence exposed gaps in the defensive structure as Spain's rapid passing and constant movement disrupted the backline.

Football experts highlighted the goal as a reminder of Spain's enduring football philosophy, where teamwork, technical ability and intelligent movement take precedence over direct play. The move reflected years of emphasis on ball control, quick passing and positional awareness.

The victory further

strengthened Spain's reputation as one of the strongest contenders in the tournament. With a balanced squad featuring experienced players and exciting young talent, the team continues to impress with its attractive style of football.

As the World Cup progresses, Spain's stunning team goal against France is likely to be remembered as one of the standout moments of the competition. Pedro Porro's finish may have completed the move, but the build-up will be celebrated as a brilliant example of collective football at its very best.

Mbappe Says France Deserved World Cup Exit

France captain Kylian Mbappe did not hold back in his assessment of his team's performance after their FIFA World Cup 2026 campaign came to a disappointing end. Following the defeat, the star forward admitted that France simply did not play well enough and deserved to be eliminated from the tournament.

Speaking after the match, Mbappe said the team had failed to meet the standards expected at a World Cup. He acknowledged that France lacked consistency, intensity and quality in crucial moments, adding that their performances throughout the competition were not good enough to justify a place in the semi-finals.

The striker stressed that the players must accept responsibility for the disappointing campaign instead of searching for excuses. He said the team fell short in several key areas, including decision-making, finishing and defensive organization, which ultimately proved costly against top-quality opposition.



Mbappe also praised the opponents for producing the better performance on the day. He admitted that France struggled to cope with their rivals' tactical discipline and attacking quality, making it difficult to gain control of the match.

The defeat marked an unexpected end to France's World Cup journey, especially considering they entered the tournament as one of the strongest favourites. Despite boasting a squad filled with experienced stars and talented youngsters,

the team was unable to deliver its best football when it mattered most.

Throughout the tournament, France showed flashes of brilliance but also displayed inconsistency. Injuries, missed opportunities and defensive lapses affected the team's momentum, preventing them from building the rhythm needed to challenge for the title.

Mbappe's honest assessment has drawn widespread attention, with many praising the captain for taking accountability rather than shifting blame.

Football analysts believe his comments reflect the high standards he expects from both himself and his teammates.

The French Football Federation is now expected to review the team's World Cup campaign as attention gradually shifts towards rebuilding for future international competitions. Questions are likely to be raised about tactics, squad selection and the overall direction of the national team.

Despite the disappointing exit, Mbappe remains one of the world's leading footballers and is expected to play a central role in France's future. His leadership and willingness to openly acknowledge the team's shortcomings have reinforced his status as one of the game's most influential figures.

France will now look to learn from the setbacks of this World Cup and begin preparations for the next major international tournament, hoping to return stronger and reclaim their place among football's elite.

ICC Revamps ODI and T20 World Cup Formats

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced sweeping changes to the formats of the Men's ODI World Cup and T20 World Cup, introducing new competition structures aimed at making global tournaments more competitive, exciting and meaningful.

One of the biggest changes comes in the 2027 ODI World Cup, which will feature a 14-team tournament with a new three-stage format. After the initial group stage, the top-performing teams will advance to a newly introduced Super Series round. From there, the best teams will move into a Super 7 stage before the knockout rounds. The ICC believes this structure will reduce dead-rubber matches and ensure every game has greater significance.

The revamped format is designed to keep more teams in contention for longer, increasing competition throughout the tournament while providing fans with more high-profile contests between the world's leading cricket nations.



The 2028 T20 World Cup will also undergo a significant overhaul. While the tournament will continue to feature 20 teams, the existing format will be replaced with a new structure that includes a Super 10 stage followed by Eliminator matches before the semi-finals and final. This new format is expected to create additional high-pressure contests and make the race to the knockout stages even more intense.

Another key objective of the changes is to provide Associate nations with more meaningful opportunities to compete at the highest level. The revised qualification pathway is expected to strengthen global participation while maintaining a high standard of competition in ICC events.

According to the ICC, the changes have been introduced after extensive discussions on improving tournament competitiveness, fan engagement and commercial appeal. Officials believe the new formats will deliver more closely contested matches, greater excitement and a better viewing experience for cricket fans around the world.

The revised structures also aim to reduce the number of

low-stakes matches that have drawn criticism in previous editions of ICC tournaments. By introducing additional qualifying stages, every victory is expected to carry greater importance throughout the competition.

Cricket experts believe the revamped formats will test teams more consistently, as they will need to perform across multiple stages instead of relying solely on early group-stage success. The changes are also expected to increase the importance of strategic planning, squad depth and consistency over the course of the tournaments.

With these reforms, the ICC hopes to make its flagship events more competitive, entertaining and globally appealing. The new formats are expected to usher in a fresh era for international cricket, offering fans more high-stakes clashes while giving emerging teams a stronger platform to challenge the sport's traditional powerhouses.

Brook's Emotional Farewell to McCullum

England Test captain Harry Brook delivered an emotional tribute to Brendon McCullum after the New Zealand great stepped down as England's Test coach, bringing an end to one of the most influential coaching tenures in the team's recent history.

Speaking after McCullum's departure, Brook praised the former coach for transforming England's approach to Test cricket and helping create a fearless, attacking style of play that earned admiration across the cricketing world.

Brook acknowledged that McCullum's impact extended far beyond tactics and match preparation. He credited the former coach with creating a positive dressing-room environment where players were encouraged to express themselves freely and play with confidence, regardless of the situation.

Under McCullum's leadership, England embraced an aggressive brand of cricket that became popularly known as



"Bazball." The philosophy emphasized attacking intent, positive decision-making and playing without fear of failure. The approach not only produced memorable victories but also changed the team's mindset in red-ball cricket.

Reflecting on his time under McCullum, Brook admitted that the coach played a significant role in his own development as an international cricketer. He said McCullum's trust and encouragement helped him grow both as a batter and as a leader within the squad.

Brook became emotional while thanking McCullum for the confidence he instilled in the players. He described the former coach as someone who always backed his team, even during difficult phases, and inspired everyone to believe in their abilities.

McCullum's tenure saw England register several remarkable Test victories, including successful run chases and series wins against top-ranked opponents. His partnership with the team management reshaped England's fortunes and

restored excitement around the Test side. Players and cricket experts have widely praised McCullum for changing England's cricketing culture. His emphasis on freedom, self-belief and attacking cricket helped several young players flourish while also reviving the careers of experienced members of the squad.

Although McCullum has stepped away from the role, many believe his influence will continue to shape England's Test team for years to come. The principles he introduced have become deeply embedded in the team's playing style and overall philosophy.

As England prepares for the next chapter, Harry Brook's heartfelt tribute reflected the respect and admiration McCullum earned during his time with the team. His departure marks the end of a memorable era, but the legacy of fearless cricket and positive leadership he leaves behind is expected to remain a defining feature of England's Test setup.

Team India Coach Doeschate Likely to Move On

India's assistant coach Ryan ten Doeschate is reportedly set to part ways with the national team after the ongoing Test series against England, bringing an end to a short but closely watched stint with the Indian coaching setup.

According to reports, the decision is not linked to the team's recent performances but is believed to be influenced by a personal commitment that the former Netherlands international had made before taking up the role with Team India. The report states that Doeschate had initially agreed to work with the Indian team for a limited period and is now expected to honour that commitment.

Ryan ten Doeschate joined the Indian coaching staff as part of Gautam Gambhir's support team. His appointment was widely appreciated due to his vast coaching experience in franchise cricket and his deep understanding of the modern game. During his tenure, he worked closely with the batting group and contributed to the team's preparations across different formats.

Before joining Team India, Doeschate had built a strong coaching reputation through his association with several T20 franchises around the



world. He was also a key member of the coaching staff at the Kolkata Knight Riders, where he worked alongside Gautam Gambhir during the team's successful IPL campaign.

Reports suggest that Doeschate had informed the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) about his prior commitment before accepting the national coaching role. As a result, his departure is understood to be part of a pre-planned arrangement rather than an unexpected exit.

Although there has been no official confirmation from either the BCCI or Ryan ten Doeschate, the reports have sparked discussions about who could replace him in the Indian coaching setup. Any changes to the support staff are expected to be announced after the conclusion of the England series.

The Indian coaching team

has undergone significant changes in recent months following Gautam Gambhir's appointment as head coach. The support staff has focused on building a fresh approach while preparing the team for an important international calendar that includes major ICC tournaments and bilateral series.

If the reports prove accurate, Ryan ten Doeschate's departure will mark another transition for Team India's coaching unit. However, his contribution during his time with the squad is expected to be remembered, particularly for his role in mentoring players and supporting the team's preparations.

For now, the focus remains on the ongoing England tour, with an official announcement regarding the coaching staff likely only after the series concludes.

Gill Closes in on ODI No. 1 Ranking



India's star opener Shubman Gill has moved one step closer to becoming the world's No. 1 ODI batter after his outstanding performance in the first One-Day International against England. His latest innings has significantly boosted his rating points, putting him within touching distance of the top spot in the ICC Men's ODI batting rankings.

Gill continued his remarkable consistency by playing a match-winning knock that anchored India's innings and guided the team to a convincing victory. His composed yet aggressive batting once again highlighted why he is regarded as one of the finest young players in world cricket.

The latest rankings show Gill closing the gap on the current No. 1-ranked batter. With several matches still remaining in the series, the Indian opener has a strong opportunity to overtake the top-ranked player if he maintains his current

form.

Over the past few years, Gill has established himself as a key member of India's batting lineup across formats. His ability to combine elegant stroke play with consistency has earned him praise from cricket experts and former players alike.

The 26-year-old has enjoyed an exceptional run in ODI cricket, scoring heavily against both strong and emerging teams. His impressive average, ability to convert starts into big scores and calm temperament under pressure have made him one of the most dependable batters in international cricket.

Gill's rise in the rankings also reflects India's growing batting strength ahead of major international tournaments. Alongside experienced players and an exciting group of young talents, he has become one of the pillars of India's top order.

Former cricketers believe Gill's technical soundness and

adaptability make him a complete ODI batter. Whether chasing a target or setting one, he has consistently delivered impactful performances in different conditions around the world.

If Gill continues his rich vein of form during the remainder of the England series, he is well placed to claim the coveted No. 1 position in the ICC ODI batting rankings. Achieving the milestone would further strengthen his reputation as one of the premier batters in world cricket.

With confidence at an all-time high and his game continuing to evolve, Shubman Gill appears ready to scale new heights. Fans and cricket experts will now be watching the remaining matches closely to see whether the Indian opener can complete his climb to the summit of ODI batting rankings and add another significant milestone to his rapidly growing international career.

Peddi Storms Netflix, Ranks No. 3

Ram Charan's blockbuster sports drama Peddi is continuing its winning streak even after its theatrical run, making a powerful impact on OTT. The film has emerged as one of Netflix's most-watched titles shortly after its digital premiere and is currently trending at the No. 3 spot on the streaming platform.

After enjoying a successful run at the box office, Peddi recently began streaming on Netflix in multiple languages, excluding Hindi. The film has quickly attracted viewers across regions, proving that its popularity has carried over from cinemas to digital platforms.

Directed by Buchi Babu Sana, Peddi is a pan-Indian sports drama that blends emotional storytelling with action-packed sports sequences. The film has received an enthusiastic response from OTT audiences, with viewers praising its engaging narrative, high production



values and strong performances.

Ram Charan's portrayal of the title character has once again become a major talking point among fans. His intense performance, combined with the film's emotional depth and inspiring sports backdrop, has helped the movie gain widespread appreciation on Netflix.

The film also features an impressive supporting cast, including Janhvi Kapoor, Shiva Rajkumar, Divyendu Sharma, Jagapathi Babu, and Boman Irani, all of whom have been praised for their impactful performances.

One of the biggest highlights of Peddi is its technical excellence. Academy Award-winning

composer A.R. Rahman has delivered a memorable soundtrack that enhances the emotional and dramatic moments throughout the film. Cinematographer R. Rathnavelu has also received appreciation for capturing the film's rural backdrop and sports sequences with striking visuals.

The strong OTT performance

reflects the growing trend of blockbuster Telugu films finding a second wave of success on streaming platforms. Fans who missed the film in theatres are now discovering it on Netflix, while many who watched it on the big screen are revisiting it online.

Industry observers believe Peddi's impressive digital reception further strengthens Ram Charan's position as one of Indian cinema's biggest stars. The film's success across theatrical and OTT platforms demonstrates its wide appeal among audiences in different languages and regions.

With Peddi continuing to trend among Netflix's top titles, the film is expected to remain a favourite for some time. Its blend of emotional storytelling, sports drama, memorable music and stellar performances has helped it become one of the platform's standout releases, extending its successful journey well beyond the box office.



RISING STAR

Chandini Pandey



Priyanka Teases Epic Action in Varanasi

Priyanka Chopra has shared an exciting update about her much-awaited film Varanasi, directed by acclaimed filmmaker S.S. Rajamouli and starring Mahesh Babu in the lead. The actress recently offered fans a glimpse into the scale of the ambitious project, revealing that the film features several spectacular action sequences.

During a recent appearance on the Hey Jonas podcast, hosted by the Jonas Brothers, Priyanka spoke about her experience working on the film. While keeping the story under wraps, she hinted that audiences can expect plenty of thrilling moments, saying she performs "many amazing slow-motion jumps" in the movie.

The actress revealed that she has been working on the project for nearly 14 months, explaining that Rajamouli is known for taking his time to perfect every aspect of his films. She praised the filmmaker's vision and expressed her excitement about being part of what she described as a grand cinematic adventure.

Priyanka also described Varanasi as an epic adventure that travels across the world and different timelines, hinting at the film's massive scale and unique storytelling. However, she stopped short of revealing any details about her character or the plot, saying that the slow-motion action sequences were all she could share for now.

The film marks Priyanka Chopra's return to Indian cinema after a long gap and her first collaboration with Mahesh Babu. It also reunites her

with S.S. Rajamouli, whose global reputation soared following the success of Baahubali and RRR. The project is already being hailed as one of the biggest Indian films currently in production.

Apart from Mahesh Babu and Priyanka Chopra, the film also stars Prithviraj Sukumaran in a pivotal role. Although the makers have kept the storyline under wraps, reports suggest that the movie is a globe-trotting action adventure with a unique narrative that spans different locations and timelines.

The project has generated tremendous excitement among movie lovers ever since it was announced. Rajamouli's reputation for delivering visually spectacular films, combined with Mahesh Babu's pan-India appeal and Priyanka Chopra's global popularity, has made Varanasi one of the most anticipated Indian films in recent years. Priyanka's latest comments have further fueled anticipation, with fans eagerly waiting to see her in an action-packed role alongside Mahesh Babu. Her playful remark about performing several slow-motion jumps has become a talking point on social media, adding to the buzz surrounding the film.

Expected to hit theatres in April 2027, Varanasi promises a blend of breathtaking visuals, large-scale action, emotional storytelling and Rajamouli's trademark cinematic grandeur. As production continues, audiences are eagerly awaiting the first teaser and more official updates from the makers.

Basil Joseph Hints at Allu Arjun Film

Malayalam actor-director Basil Joseph has set social media buzzing after seemingly confirming his long-rumoured collaboration with Telugu superstar Allu Arjun. Although there has been no official announcement from the makers, Basil's latest social media activity has convinced many fans that the much-anticipated project is finally moving forward.

For several months, reports have suggested that Allu Arjun and Basil Joseph would join hands for a large-scale fantasy film. While the speculation continued, neither the actor nor the filmmaker had publicly confirmed the project, leaving fans eagerly waiting for an official update.

The excitement intensified after Basil Joseph shared a picture of a cap featuring the word "ICON" on his Instagram. The post became even more intriguing because he used the popular song "Ringa Ringa" from Allu Arjun's blockbuster Arya 2 as the background music. The combination of the "ICON" reference—widely associated with Allu Arjun—and the hit song immediately sparked widespread speculation among fans.

Within minutes, social media platforms were flooded with reac-



tions, with many interpreting the post as a subtle confirmation that the collaboration is indeed happening. Fans celebrated the possible union, expressing excitement about seeing Allu Arjun work with one of Malayalam cinema's most innovative filmmakers.

Basil Joseph enjoys a strong reputation for delivering unique and entertaining films. He earned nationwide recognition with the superhero blockbuster Minnal Murali, which was praised for its fresh storytelling, emotional depth and impressive visual effects. His distinctive filmmaking style has made audiences curious about what he could create with a pan-India star like Allu Arjun.

If the project materialises, it is expected to be one of the most anticipated films in Indian cinema. Industry insiders believe the

combination of Allu Arjun's massive fan following and Basil Joseph's creative vision could result in a visually spectacular fantasy entertainer with nationwide appeal.

At present, Allu Arjun is busy with multiple high-profile commitments, and the proposed collaboration is expected to begin only after he completes his ongoing projects. While details regarding the cast, storyline and production schedule remain under wraps, the latest social media hint has significantly raised expectations.

Despite the growing excitement, fans will have to wait for an official announcement from the production team. Until then, Basil Joseph's cryptic post has successfully fueled speculation and added another exciting chapter to the growing buzz surrounding Allu Arjun's future lineup.

Pooja Reveals Why She Calls Ranveer 'Pammy Aunty'

Actress Pooja Hegde has finally revealed the amusing reason behind her unique nickname for Bollywood star Ranveer Singh. The actress recently recalled her experience of working with Ranveer and explained why she fondly refers to him as "Pammy Aunty," leaving fans entertained.

Pooja and Ranveer shared screen space in Rohit Shetty's comedy entertainer Cirkus, and during the film's promotions, their fun-filled off-screen chemistry caught everyone's attention. Speaking about her co-star, Pooja said Ranveer is one of the most energetic and entertaining people she has ever worked with.

Explaining the nickname, Pooja said Ranveer always knows everything happening around him. Whether it's industry gossip, behind-the-scenes updates or the latest happenings on film sets, he is constantly aware of everything. According to her, this habit reminds her of a typical "Pammy Aunty," who always has the latest infor-



mation and enjoys sharing it with everyone.

The actress added that Ranveer is a bundle of energy who keeps the atmosphere lively wherever he goes. His cheerful personality, spontaneous humour and ability to entertain everyone on set made working with him a memorable experience.

Pooja also praised Ranveer for making everyone feel comfortable during the shoot. She said the atmosphere on the sets of Cirkus was always positive and fun, thanks to Ranveer's infectious enthusiasm and Rohit Shetty's friendly working style.

The nickname has since become a favourite among fans, with many finding it both hilarious and affectionate. Social

media users have often joked about the title, especially considering Ranveer's outspoken personality and his love for interacting with everyone around him.

Ranveer Singh has long been known for his vibrant fashion choices, high energy and lively interactions with colleagues, making him one of Bollywood's most entertaining personalities. Pooja's playful description perfectly matches the image fans have of the actor.

Meanwhile, both actors continue to remain busy with their respective projects. Pooja Hegde has several films lined up in multiple languages, while Ranveer Singh is preparing for his upcoming big-budget releases.

Pooja's light-hearted revelation has once again highlighted the warm friendship the two actors share. Her humorous explanation has delighted fans, proving that the camaraderie between the Cirkus co-stars extends well beyond the film and continues to entertain audiences off-screen as well.

Jana Nayagan Gets Release Date

The wait is finally over for Thalapathy Vijay fans. The makers of Jana Nayagan, one of the most anticipated Tamil films in recent years, have officially announced the movie's theatrical release date, ending months of speculation and excitement.

The film is set to hit theatres on July 23, 2026, with the announcement accompanied by a brand-new promotional video that has thrilled fans across social media. The surprise promo offers fresh glimpses of Vijay's powerful screen presence, stylish action sequences and the film's grand production values, further raising expectations.

Directed by H. Vinoth, Jana Nayagan is widely believed to be Vijay's final film before he fully transitions into active politics. This has made the project even more special for his fans, who have been eagerly following every update since the film was announced.

The release date announcement comes after the movie faced a few delays during its production and release planning. With the official confirmation now in place, fans are relieved that the film is finally ready for its grand worldwide theatrical release.

The film features a star-studded cast, including Pooja Hegde as the female lead, alongside Bobby Deol, Mamitha Baiju, Prakash Raj, Priyamani, Gautham Vasudev Menon, and Narain in key roles. Music for the film has been composed by Anirudh Ravichander, whose

soundtrack is already creating strong buzz among music lovers.

The newly released promotional video showcases Vijay in a larger-than-life avatar, packed with action, emotion and his trademark mass appeal. Although the makers have not revealed much about the storyline, the visuals promise a complete commercial entertainer with high production values.

The announcement has sparked massive excitement on social media, with fans celebrating the release date and sharing the promo widely. Hashtags related to Jana Nayagan quickly began trending, reflecting the enormous anticipation surrounding the film.

Industry experts believe Jana Nayagan has all the ingredients to become one of the biggest box-office hits of the year. Vijay's huge fan base, H. Vinoth's directorial style and the emotional significance of what is expected to be Vijay's final film before entering politics have all contributed to the growing hype.

As the countdown to release begins, the makers are expected to intensify promotional activities in the coming weeks with trailers, songs and promotional events. With its official release date now locked, Jana Nayagan is shaping up to be one of the most awaited Indian films of the year, and fans are eagerly looking forward to witnessing Vijay's grand farewell on the silver screen.



Rukmini Vasanth in Talks for Rajinikanth's Dharman

Kannada actress Rukmini Vasanth is reportedly in talks to join the star-studded cast of Dharman, the upcoming film starring Superstar Rajinikanth. While the makers are yet to make an official announcement, industry buzz suggests that she is being considered for a key role in the much-awaited project.

Directed by Ashwath Marimuthu, who earned acclaim for films like Oh My Kadavule and Dragon, Dharman recently went on floors and has already generated massive excitement among movie lovers. The film is be-

ing produced by Raaj Kamal Films International, making it one of the most anticipated Tamil films currently in production.

The movie already features an impressive ensemble cast that includes Simran, Raashii Khanna, and Yogi Babu in prominent roles. If the reports prove true, Rukmini Vasanth's addition would further strengthen the cast and bring fresh energy to the project.

Rukmini has established herself as one of the most promising young actresses in South Indian cinema.

With several critically acclaimed performances and a growing fan base, she has become a sought-after name across multiple film industries. Her ability to portray emotionally rich characters has earned her widespread appreciation from audiences and filmmakers alike.

If she officially comes on board, Dharman will mark her first collaboration with Rajinikanth, making it a significant milestone in her career. Sharing screen space with one of Indian cinema's biggest icons is expected to further elevate her profile.



Expectations surrounding Dharman are already sky-high. The combination of Rajinikanth's unmatched

screen presence, Ashwath Marimuthu's storytelling style and a strong supporting cast has created

tremendous anticipation among fans. The film is expected to be a complete commercial entertainer packed with action, emotion and Rajinikanth's trademark mass moments.

Although the makers have not revealed the storyline, they have maintained secrecy around the project, adding to the curiosity among fans. More updates regarding the remaining cast, shooting schedule and promotional plans are expected in the coming months.

Meanwhile, Rukmini Vasanth

continues to build an impressive lineup of projects across different languages, further cementing her position as one of the rising stars of South Indian cinema.

For now, her association with Dharman remains unconfirmed, but the reports have already created a buzz on social media. If the collaboration becomes official, it is likely to be one of the most exciting additions to Rajinikanth's upcoming blockbuster, making the film an even bigger attraction for audiences across the country.