



FM Sitharaman set to table revised Income Tax Bill 2025 in Parliament

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman was all set to introduce revised Income Tax Bill 2025 in the Lok Sabha on Monday. New Delhi: Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman was all set to introduce revised Income Tax Bill 2025 in the Lok Sabha on Monday. The updated Income Tax Bill 2025 incorporates 285 suggestions from the Parliamentary Select Committee. The new legislation aims to simplify tax processes and address previous shortcomings, potentially reshaping the income tax landscape in the country. Last week, the Income Tax Bill, 2025, which was introduced in the Lok Sabha on February 13 to replace the existing Income Tax Act, 1961, was formally withdrawn by the government. A new version of the Income Tax Bill, incorporating most of the recommendations made by the Select Committee chaired by BJP MP Baijayant Jay Panda, will now be introduced in Parliament. To avoid confusion by multiple versions of the Bill and to provide a clear and updated version with all the changes incorporated, the new version of the Income Tax Bill will be introduced for the consideration of the House. According to Panda, who chaired the Parliamentary



Select Committee responsible for reviewing the legislation, the new law, once passed, will simplify India's decades-old tax structure, cut down legal confusion, and help individual taxpayers and MSMEs avoid unnecessary litigation. "The current Income Tax Act of 1961 has undergone more than 4,000 amendments and contains over 5 lakh words. It has become too complex. The new bill simplifies that by nearly 50 per cent -- making it far easier for ordinary taxpayers to read and understand," according to Panda. He further stated that the greatest beneficiaries of this simplification would be small business owners and MSMEs who often lack

the legal and financial expertise to navigate complicated tax structures. Advertisement The new measures will play a significant role in creating a fair and equitable system of direct taxation that ensures no additional burden of direct taxes on the working and middle-class population of the country. Slabs and rates have been changed across the board to benefit all taxpayers. The new structure substantially reduces the taxes of the middle class and leaves more money in their hands, boosting household consumption, savings and investment, according to the government. The Finance Act, 2025, has increased the income threshold for claiming a tax rebate under section 87A of the Income Tax Act, 1961 for resident individual taxable under the new tax regime under section 115 BAC of the Act from Rs 7 lakh to Rs 12 lakh, and the maximum rebate amount has been raised from Rs 25,000 to Rs 60,000. Marginal relief as provided earlier under the new tax regime is also applicable for income marginally higher than Rs 12,00,000, as per the Finance Ministry. The new income tax bill will make filing taxes easier for common citizens and small businesses.

Rahul Gandhi, INDIA bloc MPs to protest at EC .. over electoral roll allegations



New Delhi: Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, will lead a protest march of around 300 MPs from the INDIA bloc to the Election Commission of India (ECI) headquarters in New Delhi on Monday. The march, set to begin at 11:30 a.m. from Parliament House, will cover approximately one kilometre to the Election Commission office. The demonstration is being held to oppose the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Bihar and to raise concerns over alleged electoral malpractices. Joining Rahul Gandhi in the march will be other senior leaders and MPs from the opposition alliance. The INDIA bloc has accused the ruling BJP government of attempting to manipulate voter rolls in its favour, thereby undermining the democratic process. The protest aims to pressure the ECI into taking transparent action and ensuring the integrity of voter lists. Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge will host a dinner meeting for INDIA bloc MPs later on Monday. Meanwhile, on Sunday, the Congress launched an online campaign to mobilise public support against what it has termed as "vote chori" (vote theft). Rahul Gandhi shared a post on his X handle, urging citizens to register on a newly launched web portal — votechori.in/ecdemand, or give a missed call to 9650003420 to support the cause. "Vote Chori is an attack on the foundational idea of 'one man, one vote'. A clean voter roll is imperative for free and fair elections. Our demand from the EC is clear - be transparent and release digital voter rolls so that people and parties can audit them," Rahul Gandhi wrote on X. "This fight is to protect our democracy," he added. In a related development, the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of Karnataka has written to Rahul Gandhi, seeking evidence to back his claim that a voter had cast her ballot twice during the previous Lok Sabha elections.

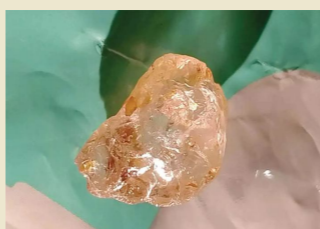
Telangana Weather Alert: Heavy Rain in Many Districts, Hyderabad to See Showers

Telangana Weatherman says big rains will fall from afternoon to midnight in many districts — Rangareddy, Vikarabad, Sangareddy, Mahabubnagar, Nagarkurnool, Wanaparthy, Narayanpet, Gadwal, Nalgonda, Yadadri, Mahabubabad, Khammam, Hanamkonda, Bhadradi, Mulugu. Hyderabad: No rain till 1-2 pm. After that, medium to heavy rain in many areas. Some places may get 25-55 mm rain.



52-carat diamond reportedly found in Paritala

Nandigama (NTR district): A 52-carat diamond has reportedly been discovered in the Paritala area of Nandigama of Kanchikacherla mandal in NTR district. The discovery was made by individuals searching for diamonds near the Paritala tank. According to diamond traders, the precious stone could fetch up to Rs 4 crore in the open market. Unconfirmed reports suggest that the diamond was sold for Rs 2.2 crore. Paritala has a historical connection to the Nizam rule, and this historical background has long drawn diamond prospectors to the area in the hope of finding hidden treasures.



While building new residences for MPs, homes for poor through PM Awas Yojana also built, says PM Modi

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said the 21st-century India is moving forward to become 'viksit (developed)' while also keeping in mind the needs of every section of society, from parliamentarians to the poor. He said this during the inauguration of the 184 newly constructed Type-VII multi-storey flats for Members of Parliament at Baba Kharak Singh Marg in New Delhi on Monday. Addressing the gathering, PM Modi said, "The India of the 21st century is as eager to become 'viksit' as it is sensitive. Today, the country builds Kartavya Path and Kartavya Bhavan, while also fulfilling its duty of delivering piped water to millions of citizens." "Today, when the country builds new residences for its parliamentarians, it also does a 'grah pravesh (house warming)' celebration for the poor through PM Awas Yojana. While building new residences for MPs, the country is also constructing hundreds of new medical col-



leges. The benefits of all this are reaching every class and every community," he added. Praising the sustainable approach taken while developing the new housing complex for the parliamentarians, the Prime Minister said that this is part of the government's "pro-environment and pro-future safe initiatives", adding that the country is

"continuously advancing" the focus on sustainable development. The new flats, according to the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), feature "environmentally sustainable" elements aimed at promoting energy conservation, renewable energy generation, and efficient waste management. Built with an emphasis on sustainability,

it incorporates green technology, adheres to the GRIHA 3-star rating standards, and complies with the National Building Code (NBC) 2016, the PMO said in a statement. PM Modi also called on the parliamentarians from different parts of the country to live in harmony and celebrate their culture with everyone here. "Today, I request you all to hold occasional celebrations of regional festivals of different parts of the country, as the MPs from across India would be residing in this complex. You can call the people from your region here and celebrate these festivals and also teach each other different languages and dialects," he said. Stressing the importance of cleanliness, the Prime Minister said, "I hope we will all work as a team, and our efforts will become a role model for the nation. I would also request the ministry and your housing committee to consider organising cleanliness competitions between the different MP housing complex-

es, two or three times a year. Then it could be announced which block was found to be the cleanest. After a year, we could also decide and declare which is the best and which is the worst." The PMO noted that the project was initiated to address the shortage of adequate housing for MPs. With limited land availability, the emphasis has been on vertical housing to optimise land use and reduce maintenance costs. Each unit spans approximately 5,000 square feet of carpet area, offering space for both residential and official purposes. The flats include five rooms, two guest rooms, two servant rooms, and dedicated office spaces. "When I first went to see these flats... they gave me a tour, and I was surprised as they are big enough. I don't think you will be able to fill up all the rooms. I hope that you bring them to good use and your professional and personal life flourishes here," he concluded.

Khelo India, Asmita Womens Taekwondo League -2025 Compition



Hyderabad, August: 10, Metroodayam

Khelo India and Asmita Womens Taekwondo League-2025 computations held at Saroor Nagar Indoor Stadium in Hyderabad Approximately 300 Womens players participated and succeeded, the chief guest of the event Akula Srivani, Saroomnagar Corporater attended and started the sports Event.Gifts, Medals, presented to those who succeeded,Executive Presidents Gurram Krishna, Executive Secretary Mrs. Sarab Santoshi, General Secretary Mir Vahaj Hali Khan, Treasurer, Maruti Varaprasad, Technical Committee Chairman Narasimha, Education Committee Chairman Soma Vijay Kumar,Ravikumar, Krishna and others were Participated in this event

Dr. Gorasa Jaya to be conferred with honorary doctorate..



Hyderabad, August:10, Metroodayam

Prominent social worker Dr. Gorasa Jaya has been receiving an honorary doctorate from the Dayspring Theological University of Texas America University for her social services, distributing essential commodities to the poor, sarees to the elderly, and free education to students in the Manikonda area of

Hyderabad during the difficult times of Corona. She has created a special place for herself in the society and will receive awards. She has undertaken many service programs for the unfortunate and orphans in both the states and in the regions of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. In the recent past, she has helped the people by organizing food distribution programs and helping the flood

victims. In recognition of her social services, a rare honor was presented to her by various university professors at the Mahasadas held on the 8th of this month. Speaking on the occasion, Jaya expressed her gratitude for recognizing her services and conferring an honorary doctorate.



Gokulashtami fete at SV Gosala on Aug 16



Hyderabad August:11 (Metro udayam)

Today, Himayat Nagar Division Corporator Mahalakshmi Raman Goud toured the Boyabasti in Division.On this occasion, they were aware of the problems and ordered the authorities to resolve it immediately. Senior Congress leaders G Raman Goud, Mahesh, Zaki and Jaipal were present at the event.



Tirupati: The TTD will organise grand Gokulashtami celebrations at Sri Venkateswara Go Samrakshanashala on August 16. On the occasion, special programmes including Go Puja and other cultural events will be held. Devotees visiting the Gosamrakshanashala will have the special opportunity to feed the cows with jaggery, rice, and fodder themselves as in Hindu Dharma, the cow is revered as 'Gomata' — the embodiment of all deities — and feeding cows is believed to bestow immense spiritual merit. Also Read - 'Krishnam Vande Jagadgurum' celebrated at NSU Several special programmes have been lined up on August 16 and from 10:30 am – 11:00 am, Go Puja and Harati to Sri Venugopalaswami followed by the devotional cultural programmes, darshan of Sri Venugopalaswami and prasadam distribution. From 6 pm to 8 pm: Harikatha programme under the aegis of TTD Hindu Dharma Prachara Parishad, will be observed.




It's close to all guns blazing, says David on Australia's plan of quick scoring in T20Is

Darwin: After striking a blistering 83 in Australia's 17-run win over South Africa in the T20I series opener, big-hitting batter Tim David said the side's rapid-fire starts in the shortest format is close to their new-found approach of going all guns blazing in lead-up to next year's T20 World Cup. In the game at Marrara Stadium, Australia smacked 71 runs in the Powerplay, though they lost four wickets. "It's obviously not the team plan to be four down within six overs, but that happens at times. We've got what we believe is a great calibre of batters in our batting order, and we back each guy to make the right decisions. "We've been playing together as a group now for a while, so there's not a great deal of instruction from the coaches. They trust the players. We trust ourselves to go out there and we understand the game situation and we make decisions on the fly, because that's the nature of T20 cricket. "I think if you'd watched our guys bat over



the last period, wherever they bat around the world and when they play for the Australian team, it's close to all guns blazing. So, yeah, you can probably expect to see that a little bit from our team. That's how we think we play best," David was quoted as saying by ESPNcricinfo on Monday. Australia lead the three-match series 1-0, with the second T20I scheduled for Tuesday in Darwin. David's 83 off 52 balls has now taken his tally to 215 runs in his past three T20I knocks, a sequence that includes a 37-ball century against the West Indies in St Kitts a fortnight ago. "That's not part of the plan for me. To be honest, the things I've been building towards is the T20 World Cup next year and the major tournaments that are leading up to that. Honestly, I don't operate much further than the next day ahead. But it's a nice problem to have, because if I wasn't scoring any runs, then you wouldn't be asking that question," added David.

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Cell phone band with Misunderstanding

Nowadays most People habituated To make use of cell From the waking up From the bed ends In the going to bed While birds wake up From nest and rest In the evening

While cell cell is with us, World is in our hand Make use of for better Progressive and Development our needs To achieve our goal which Are essential in our life

Children,youth addict To drugs ganja alcohol Spoiling their golden lives By watching videos in YouTube And some-times Harassing in the home As well as attack on public Sometimes committing Suicides due to Pressure,stress Anxiety Depression

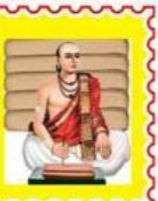
Cell phone not only Wasting our valuable Time but also spoil our Mind and nervous system Creating physical Psychological Problems,decrease Sleep,memory power also

Better to use cell For good activities Information for a while We shouldn't allow it For ever but use for Some particular time For entertainment Listing melodious Sweet songs,mythological Stories concerned to Morality,spiritual thoughts Which field we require For competitive exams to Get knowledge in concerned Field,how the farmers Cultivate land to get more Heavy crops...

- Renukuntla Murali Lfihm Rtd., International English Poet, Writer&Author Counseling Psychologist, Spoken English,Life Skills Trainer &EFT practitioner



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The Temple of Quiet

Close your eyes, and the World rearranges itself.
The streets fold away like paper maps,
and you are carried down a corridor of light
into the temple that is always there
built from breath,
lit by the slow lantern of your own heartbeat.

The air here is thick with silence,
but not an empty silence
this one hums,
like bees moving inside a golden jar,
like stars whispering to each other
through the velvet skin of night.

Your mind, restless as a flock of sparrows,
will try to scatter.
Let it.

The true teacher waits beneath their flight,
a shadowless figure
whose voice is the sound of rivers
flowing through your bones.

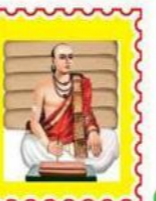
Here, you do not need to ask questions.
You do not even need words.
The answers arrive like moonlight
sliding into an open palm,
like a scent you know but cannot name
drifting through an old wooden door.

Remain.
Drink from the well where
your Soul is born.
When you rise,
carry the taste of it with you
the reminder that you are
not the noise,
but the listener,
the deep ear of the
Universe
turning inward to hear
itself breathe.

Smt. Latha Murthy



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Karmayogi- Indias Pride

The name gives honour to our nation on this globe

The philosophy provides power
To fight against oppression
The voice has an amazing strength
To unite crores of people
The thoughts give birth to lots of theories
To move the people forward
The weapons non violence, satyagraha have
the greatest power on this earth
To change the minds of mighty powers
The mindset has the power of positivity
To show the right path to millions of minds
The life has the fragrance of spirituality
To get the solutions for many problems on the
basis of practical idealism
The vision has an excellent ideology
To move towards the economic self sufficiency
and sustainable human development
The principles are immortal
To transform the individual and society
The term Gandhism has radiant energy
To build ones own future in a perfect way
The person with an extraordinary powers came
to this land

To pierce the darkness
and to give strength to
mankind
Mahatma Gandhi is a
man with flesh and
blood with devine pow-
ers born
To establish justice in
the human world

Paidi kailasa Rao



Six days after Uttarkashi cloud- burst, 9 Army sol- diers still missing

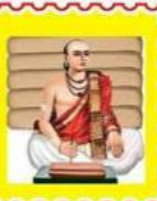
Uttarkashi: Six days after a devastating mudslide struck an Indian Army camp in Harsil in the aftermath of a cloudburst in Dharali, there is still no sign of the nine soldiers who went missing while engaged in search and rescue operations. The Indian Army has confirmed that the missing personnel include one Junior Commissioned Officer and one Non-Commissioned Officer. In a post on X, the Surya Command of the Indian Army stated, "One Junior Commissioned Officer, one Non Commissioned Officer and seven soldiers of the Indian Army, while carrying out Search & Rescue for victims of the flash flood at Dharali on 05 Aug 2025, were struck by a second mudslide and are still feared missing." The tragedy occurred on August 5 when a cloudburst in Uttarkashi's Dharali triggered a flash flood that swept away an entire village, leaving several missing. The disaster occurred just 4 kilometres from the Army camp in Harsil. The Indian Army, acting as the first responder, mobilised 150 personnel to the disaster site within 10 minutes to initiate rescue and relief operations. However, a subsequent mudslide struck the Harsil camp soon after, sweeping away the area and the nine soldiers. The Army expressed hope for their safe return, adding, "They went to



save lives with selfless courage and devotion to duty. We pray with folded hands for their safe return to their families, brothers and the Nation they serve." Advertisement Despite their own men being missing, the Army has remained deeply involved in relief efforts in the affected region. A total of 1,273 stranded people have been airlifted from Dharali to safer locations. The Indian Air Force and Army aviation units deployed Chinook, MI-17, and ALH helicopters for evacuation missions and to deliver essential relief supplies, including food, medical kits, fuel, solar lights, blankets, and hygiene items, to remote and affected communities. Electricity and telecom services were restored by August 8, with wireless emergency communication systems set up in inaccessible areas. Road clearance work

and the construction of a Bailey bridge at Limchagad were prioritised to restore crucial connectivity. The Indian Army's Bengal Engineers Group (BEG), including the police and State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), worked tirelessly in challenging conditions and heavy rainfall to build the Bailey bridge. Search, medical, and communication teams also joined the mission, leading to the completion of the 90-foot Bailey bridge at 5 P.M. on Sunday. The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) and Army engineers constructed the bridge, which stands on the Gangotri National Highway, spanning the Limchagad between Gangnani and Dharali. With a load capacity of nearly 50 tonnes, it has provided a significant boost to ongoing relief and rescue operations in the difficult Himalayan terrain.

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फ़ातिमा ज़हरा सलामुल्ला अलैहा इस्लाम में आस्था रखने वाले संसार की समस्त स्त्रीयों के लिए एक आदर्श है। ज्ञान, भक्ती और कौटुंबिक कर्तव्य निर्वाह में उनका आदर्शजीवन प्रलय तक मार्गदर्शन करते रहेगा। ...

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इस्लामी जगत में फ़ातिमा ज़हरा सलामुल्ला अलैहा का नाम बहुत ही पवित्रता का प्रतीक है। फ़ातिमा ज़हरा सलामुल्ला अलैहा पैगंबर साहब मोहम्मद (स्व.) और ख़ातीजा सलामुल्ला अलैहा की इकलौती बेटी, इमाम अली अलैहिस्सलाम की धर्मपत्नी, इमाम हसन और इमाम हुसैन अलैहिस्सलाम की मां हैं। और इन्हीं पांचों को पंजेतन पाक कहा जाता है। फ़ातिमा ज़हरा सलामुल्ला अलैहा को इस्लामी इतिहास में बहुत ही आदरणीय स्थान प्राप्त है।

जिन्हें ज़हरा (दीप्तिमान), सिद्दीका (सच्ची), ताहि़रा (पवित्र) जाकिरा (ईश्वर की स्तुति करने वाली), राज़िया (संतुष्ट), मरज़िया (ईश्वर द्वारा स्वीकृत, प्रशंसनीय), मुहदेसा (हदीस याने पैगंबर के कथनों की ज्ञाता), उम्मे अबीहा (पिता की मां), ताहि़रा (शुद्ध) और बतूल (पवित्र और सांसारिक सुखों से विरक्त) जैसे सैकड़ों उपाधियां हैं। फ़ातिमा ज़हरा सलामुल्ला अलैहा धर्मशास्त्र की बहुत ही बड़ी ज्ञाता है।

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युद्ध भूमि में भी फ़ातिमा ज़हरा सलामुल्ला अलैहा ने जख्मी पिता और पती के सुश्रुषा के साथ साथ, रोटियां बनाकर खिलाने और पानी पिलाने जैसी सेवाएं इतिहास में दर्ज हैं। फ़ातिमा ज़हरा सलामुल्ला अलैहा शहीद सेनानियों के परिवार की सहायता के लिए हमेशा तत्पर रहती और उनके परिवारजनों की हिम्मत (धैर्य) बंधने का काम बखूबी करते रहती। पैगंबर साहब मोहम्मद (स्व.) जब कभी फ़ातिमा ज़हरा सलामुल्ला अलैहा को आते हुए देखते तो अपने आसान छोड़कर उठ खड़े होते और उन्हें अपने आसन पर बिठाया करते।

पैगंबर साहब मोहम्मद (स्व.) के बाद मुनाफिकों (पाखंडियों) द्वारा सताए जाने की बात भी इतिहास में दर्ज है। कुछ पाखंडियों ने उनके दरवाजे को जलाकर गिराया जिस से दीवार और दरवाजे के बीच दबने से पेट में मोहसिन (अ.) नाम का बच्चा शहीद होगया। इस हमले में उनकी फसलियां भी टूटी थी। फिर भी इस वीर वनिता ने कभी विचलित नहीं हुई। सत्य और धर्म का कभी त्याग नहीं किया। जीवन भर अपने का ढाढस बनकर रही।

पैगंबर साहब मोहम्मद (स्व.) ने अपने जीवन में फदक नाम का एक खजूर का बाग अपनी बेटी फ़ातिमा ज़हरा सलामुल्ला अलैहा को दिए थे लेकिन पैगंबर साहब (स्व.) के स्वर्गवास के बाद शासकों द्वारा उस बाग को छीन लिया गया। अन्याय और अत्याचार को न सहने का पाठ उन्होंने अपने अमल से दिया। अपने हक के लिए फ़ातिमा ज़हरा सलामुल्ला अलैहा को दरबार में जाना पड़ा। उन्होंने दरबार में दिया हुआ खुतबा (प्रवचन) खुतबा ए फ़दक के नाम से इतिहास में आज तक सुरक्षित है।

फ़ातिमा ज़हरा सलामुल्ला अलैहा द्वारा दिए गए इस प्रवचन में परमात्मा की मारिफत (ईश्वर का ज्ञान), पैगंबर साहब की पहचान, अली अलैहिस्सलाम की इस्लामी जगत के लिए किए गए सेवाएं, धर्म कर्तव्य और अपने हक के दावे के दलील पवित्र कुरआन से साबित किया। बड़े अफसोस की बात यह है कि फिर भी उन्हें उनका हक न देकर जुल्म किया गया। पैगंबर साहब (स्व.) के बाद फ़ातिमा ज़हरा सलामुल्ला अलैहा केवल 90 दिन तक ही जीवित रहीं। इमाम अली अलैहिस्सलाम के द्वारा "मेरा सबसे बड़ा समर्थक व सहयोगी को आज मैंने खो दिया" कहना उनकी महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका को दर्शाने के लिए पर्याप्त होगा।

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Bank Holidays in India: August 13-17, 2025 – State-Wise List

August has arrived and there are a few days similar to other months, where banks will remain closed in India. People who do financial transactions frequently will always keep a close watch on bank holidays.

Here let us see the holidays list this week in August. The closures are due to festivals and national events. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has released the holiday list. Dates may change from state to state. Always check with your local branch before visiting. August 13 (Wednesday): Patriot's Day. Banks closed in Imphal, Manipur. August 15 (Friday): Independence Day, Parsi New Year (Shahenshahi), Janmashtami. Banks closed across India. August 16 (Saturday): Janmashtami (Shravan Vad-8) / Krishna Jayanthi. Banks closed in Gujarat, Mizoram, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Uttarakhand, Sikkim, Telangana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Meghalaya, Jammu & Kashmir, and Andhra Pradesh. August 17 (Sunday): Weekly holiday. Banks closed nationwide.

BANK HOLIDAY

War 2' Advance Bookings Open in India, Earn Over ? 2 Crore on Day One Despite Limited Telugu Screenings



On Sunday, Hrithik Roshan confirmed that War 2 advance bookings have begun in all over India. Audiences can watch the film from Thursday, August 14. A decent prediction for War 2 On Sunday, as per Sacnilk.com, at 9pm the advance booking War 2 box office collection figure crossed ₹2.24 crore. War 2 is expected to release in nearly 9,000 shows in Hindi across 2D, IMAX, Dolby, 4DX and other formats, along with around 100 and 115 War 2 shows in Tamil and Telugu, respectively. Telugu War 2 ticket sales, which features popular star Jr NTR, have been lower than anticipated. While the number is looking decent, Bollywood movie War 2 will also have to battle a mammoth to get the larger eyeballs in the theatres. Coolie, Rajinikanth's upcoming project, will release in theatres the same day. The Sacnilk report further stated that with 'block seats' the number is nearing ₹7.6 crore. Screens typically reserve blocks of seats for last-minute bookings or allocation to the studio, distributors, below-the-line buyers, and other trade types who promote the film. Some are also held back for special offers and in-house promotions. On Sunday, YRF released a short video on the advance bookings of War 2. The caption on the Instagram post read, "War's in motion. Brace yourselves. Carnage is coming to cinemas on August 14. Book your tickets in advance to experience the carnage in its entirety. The madness begins worldwide in Hindi, Telugu and Tamil." YRF also declared the start of advance bookings for War 2." A day after the US pre-sales for War 2 went live, the Telugu version showed some traction, while the War 2 India release was facing some issues. Sources familiar with the matter and data from major ticketing platforms said the Hindi version hasn't seen any big-ticket sales for most large auditoriums that are screening the film for Wednesday premieres. Trade reports, however, say YRF is releasing the Hindi version in about 900 screens in the United States for paid previews, with only about 1,600 tickets sold on most Sunday mornings. Many auditoriums have reported being significantly undersold.

'Mayasabha' ... A gripping political drama

Deva Katta makes a powerful comeback with Mayasabha, a bold and layered political web series that dives deep into the turbulent world of Andhra Pradesh politics. Now streaming on Sony LIV and OTTplay Premium, the nine-episode first season is a slow-burn that gradually erupts into a compelling, high-stakes drama. With stellar performances from Aadhi Pinisetty and Chaitanya Rao, and a daring yet balanced narrative, Mayasabha proves to be a standout addition to Telugu OTT content. Inspired by the real-life political journeys of Nara Chandrababu Naidu and YS Rajasekhara Reddy, though presented as fictional, Mayasabha chronicles the rise of two ambitious young men—Krishnama Naidu and Rami Reddy—from student politics to positions of immense power. The show focuses not just on their ideological clashes, but



also their personal sacrifices, friendships, and the deeply entrenched caste politics that shaped Andhra's past. Deva Katta's storytelling is backed by extensive research, evident in the attention to period detail—from college campuses of the 80s to political rallies and pressrooms. The first few episodes focus on character-building and social context, setting the stage for a dramatic turn in the second half. The pacing may feel measured

early on, but patience is rewarded with powerful confrontations and gripping sequences that highlight both emotional depth and political strategy. Aadhi Pinisetty delivers a career-best performance as the stammering yet strong-willed Krishnama. His internal battles and transformation are portrayed with authenticity and nuance. Chaitanya Rao surprises with an intense, charismatic turn as Rami Reddy, mastering the Rayalaseema dialect

and owning every frame he appears in. Together, their dynamic forms the emotional and political core of the show. The supporting cast elevates the series even further. Sai Kumar, as a character resembling NTR, and Nasser as a media magnate inspired by Ramoji Rao, bring gravitas and nostalgia. Divya Dutta, Tanya Ravichandran, and Srikanth Iyengar round out a solid ensemble. Technically, Mayasabha impresses with sharp cinematography, detailed production design, and well-crafted dialogues. The show doesn't shy away from controversial topics like caste-based politics, yet handles them with surprising maturity and balance. Ending on a tantalizing cliffhanger, Mayasabha sets the tone for what promises to be an even more explosive second season. For anyone intrigued by political history or powerful storytelling, this is a must-watch.

Mass Jathara Teaser: Ravi Teja's 75th Film with Srileela to Release August 27

Ravi Teja and Srileela are coming together in Mass Jathara, the 75th film of Ravi Teja's career, directed by Bhanu Bhogavarapu. Shooting is complete, and post-production is in progress. The movie will release on August 27, as a Vinayaka Chavithi treat. The teaser, released on August 11, shows Ravi Teja as a powerful railway police officer and Srileela as a student. It opens with a murder case in a college, followed by Ravi Teja's mass entry line, "Single... no back-



ground." The teaser highlights his comedy timing, mass attitude, and energetic performance. Director Bhanu has blended action and humor, promising fans a feast, especially in scenes between Ravi Teja and Srileela. A witty dialogue at the end, where Ravi Teja responds to a negative comment about the teaser with a Swiggy joke, adds to the fun.

OTT line-up shines bright with action, thrills and animated fun

The second week of August 2025 is set to thrill OTT audiences with a diverse slate of releases across genres and platforms. From DreamWorks Animation's light-hearted Dog Man on Jio Hotstar to Netflix's espionage-packed Saare Jahan Se Accha, viewers can expect everything from animated comedy to high-stakes spy drama. Sci-fi horror takes center stage with Alien: Earth on Jio Hotstar, while ZEE5's Tehran delivers tense international intrigue. ETV Win rounds out the week with Constable Kanakam, a gritty small-town cop drama headlined by Varsha Bollamma. Jio Hotstar Dog Man-August 11 DreamWorks Animation's Dog Man, an animated superhero comedy based on Dav Pilkey's beloved graphic novels, has charmed audiences worldwide. Directed and co-written by Peter Hastings, the Captain Underpants spin-off features voices from Pete Davidson, Lil Rel Howery, Isla Fisher, Lucas Hopkins Calderon, and Ricky



Gervais. Produced by Karen Foster, Dog Man blends slapstick humor with heart, proving a hit for kids and nostalgic fans of Pilkey's universe alike. Alien: Earth-August 13 FX is set to unleash Alien: Earth, a highly anticipated American science fiction horror series from creator Noah Hawley, on August 12, 2025. Serving as a prequel to Ridley Scott's 1979 classic Alien, the series is set in

2120—two years before the events of the original film. Starring Sydney Chandler, Timothy Olyphant, Alex Lawther, Samuel Blenkin, Essie Davis, and Adarsh Gourav, the story follows the crew of the space vessel Maginot after it crash-lands on Earth. A young woman and a team of tactical soldiers make a shocking discovery that brings humanity face-to-face with its deadliest threat. Netflix

Saare Jahan Se Accha-August 13 Netflix is set to release Saare Jahan Se Accha, a Hindi-language action thriller series created by Gaurav Shukla, in 2025. The show follows a resilient Indian spy who faces off against his formidable counterpart across the border in a tense game of wits and trade-craft, aiming to sabotage a dangerous nuclear program. Promising a gripping blend of espionage, strategy, and suspense, the series will delve into the covert world of intelligence operations, with high emotional stakes and a race against time. It marks Netflix's latest addition to its growing lineup of original Indian thrillers. Zee 5 Tehran-August 14 Tehran, an upcoming Hindi-language action thriller, is set to debut on ZEE5 on August 14, 2025. Directed by Arun Gopalan and produced by Dinesh Vijan, Shobhna Yadav, and Sandeep Leyzell, the film features John Abraham, Neeru Bajwa, and Manushi Chhillar in pivotal roles.

Inspired by the 2012 attacks on Israeli diplomats, Tehran weaves a gripping tale of espionage, international intrigue, and high-stakes action. The film promises to deliver a tense, fast-paced narrative as it explores the shadowy world of covert operations against a volatile geopolitical backdrop. ETV Win Constable Kanakam-August 14 Directed by Prasanth Kumar Dimmala, Constable Kanakam marks a significant departure for actress Varsha Bollamma, who steps into her first serious role after a career in romantic and family dramas. The film's music is composed by Suresh Bobbili, with cinematography by Sriiram Mukkupati. The story follows a determined small-town female cop who cracks a challenging case using her intelligence and perseverance. Rajeev Kanakala plays a pivotal role, while the film is produced by Kovelamudi Satya Saibaba and Veturi Hemanth Kumar on a modest budget.