



India-EU trade deal unveils emerging silhouette of post-US world order: Report

New Delhi: The EU-India free trade agreement (FTA) -- touted as "mother of all deals" -- unveils the emerging silhouette of a post-US world order amid relentless threats to territorial sovereignty, punitive tariffs and the weakening of multilateral institutions, according to a recent report in The Guardian. The trade deal announced recently by President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Council, Antonio Costa, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi promises to bring together about two billion consumers and a quarter of the world's GDP.

Ravinder Kaur, professor of Asian studies at the University of Copenhagen, writes that the wide scope of the evolving India-



EU partnership "suggests a move towards greater convergence in terms of the commitment to multilateral institutions, and cooperation in a range of areas of security and defence, research, mobility and connectivity, including enhanced engagement in the Indo-Pacific region". As the US withdraws to the western hemisphere, the Indo-Pacific region -- once central to US engagement in Asia -- is now

more open to collaboration with the EU, she adds.

"The post-US world is already taking shape", and the massive EU-India trade deal is one such example.

Brussels recently concluded a trade deal with the South American Mercosur trade bloc, with several more in the pipeline. According to the report, India has made agreements with the UK and New Zealand in the last few months.

"While ratification and implementation take time, and may even hit a roadblock or two (like the delay in the EU-Mercosur deal), it suggests a shift that is unmistakable," write Kaur, adding that the "world, many outside the west have long

dreamed about -- of multipolarity, strategic autonomy, even de-dollarisation -- is taking shape, first slowly and now rapidly".

Meanwhile, India's FTA concluded with the European Union last month, which could have pushed the US to make the trade deal with India, according to a South Asia expert at the Asia Society in New York.

"Though India-US trade negotiations were on for a while, the deal with the EU could have served as an impetus for the US to push forward", Farwa Aamer, the director of South Asia Initiatives at the Asia Society Policy Institute (ASPI), said. "The timing is interesting as the deal comes straight after the EU-FTA", she added.

Telangana CM Revanth Reddy casts vote in Municipal Elections



Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy cast his vote at Kodangal ZP High School in Vikarabad district during the municipal elections. After voting, he left for Hyderabad and is scheduled to reach Shamshabad Airport before departing for Delhi.

Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka voted at the 9th ward polling station under Madhira Municipality. Meanwhile, Minister Vivek cast his ballot at polling booth number 227 in Hitech City, Mancherla.

The leaders participated in the electoral process as voting across various wards continues in the region.

Bhakta Kannappa Dhvajaroohanam marks beginning of Maha Sivaratri

Tirupati: The Maha Sivaratri Brahmothsavams began in a grand and devotional atmosphere at the famous Sri Kalahasti Devasthanam on Tuesday. The annual festival started with the traditional Ankurapnam and Bhakta Kannappa Dhvajaroohanam, performed as per Vedic rituals. Dhvajaroohanam ceremony took place in a colourful and spiritual manner, drawing a large number of devotees. As per long-standing tradition, the ritual is performed to invite the Ashta Dikpalakas, gods, sages, and divine beings to attend the Brahmothsavams of Lord Sri Kalahasteswara, worshipped as Vayu Lingeshwara. Bhakta Kannappa, the great devotee of Lord Siva, is believed to sym-



bolically extend this invitation from Mount Kailasa. Special first prayers were offered to Bhakta Kannappa, marking the formal beginning of the annual celebrations. Earlier, the Bhakta Kannappa Utsava Murthy was beautifully decorated at the Alankara Mandapam inside the Sri Kalahasteswara Temple, where special pujas were performed. Later, temple officials,

Vedic scholars, priests, and archakas carried puja materials and silk clothes in a traditional procession to the Bhakta Kannappa shrine located on Kailasa Giri hill near the temple. The Utsava Murthy of Bhakta Kannappa was placed on a palanquin and taken in a grand procession accompanied by music, drums, and chants, creating a festive atmosphere. At the Bhakta Kannappa

Temple, the idol was ceremonially seated and offered all rituals. The procession then reached the Dwajasthambam, where special pujas were conducted. Amid Vedic chants by scholars, the sacred flag was hoisted on the flagstaff, marking the successful completion of the event. Thousands of devotees participated in the event, filling the surroundings with chants of "Om Namah Shivaya," which echoed in all directions. Among those present were Sri Kalahasti MLA Bojjala Venkata Sudhir Reddy, Temple Chairman Kotte Sai Prasad, BJP State Vice President Kola Anand Kumar, Executive Officer T Bapi Reddy along with Devasthanam board members, officials, leaders, party workers, and others.

AP assembly sessions: Governor Abdul Nazeer Highlights State's Progress and Challenges

Governor Justice Abdul Nazeer addressed both houses of the Andhra Pradesh Assembly during the opening of the budget session, reflecting on the state's development since bifurcation. He stated that Andhra Pradesh has undergone significant changes, with the previous government working towards long-term development despite limited resources.

The Governor expressed concern that the change in government in 2019 had hampered progress, citing systemic governance failures, stalled development, and economic stress. He highlighted setbacks in infrastructure, power, and irrigation sectors. He noted that over the past 19 months, the current government has shifted from recovery to progress, implementing schemes like Super-6



and other welfare initiatives. Emphasising transparency, the government released seven white papers and made key policy amendments. The Governor also outlined ten principles aimed at balancing welfare with development, with the Swarnandhra Vision providing a clear economic roadmap to foster sustainable growth and wealth creation.

AP Assembly Budget Session Dates Finalised by BAC

Amaravati, 10 February -- The Business Advisory Committee (BAC) of the Andhra Pradesh Assembly has announced key dates and decisions for the upcoming Budget Session. The BAC has scheduled daily meetings from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm until 7 March. The budget discussion will take place on 14 March, with subsequent sessions on 17 and 18 March, the latter featuring Finance Minister Payyavula Keshav's explanation of the state accounts. Holidays are planned for 15 and 16 March. The BAC will review demands and grants over eight working days starting from 19 March. The Assembly will also hold sessions as usual on Saturday, 28 February.



Further, the Assembly has designated 1 to 3 March as holidays, with budget discussions resuming on 6 and 7 March. The BAC will decide on extending the session duration based on requirements. It has also been decided to hold a Zero Hour every day during the Assembly proceedings.

Postponement of travel to America is passionate about the right to vote.



**Kodada February 11
Metro Morning**

Samineni Chandra vadan, son of Kodada's former municipal chairperson Samineni Pramila, stood as an example of the value of the right to vote. Postponing his trip to America, he reached the town to vote in the municipal elections. He exercised his right to vote at the 4th ward polling center in Tammara on Wednesday. Speaking on this occasion, he said that vote is the most powerful weapon in democracy and he prefers to vote as a citizen of the country than to travel abroad...



Naidu resorting to diversion politics to hide failures: YSRCP



Anantapur: Former MLA and YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) Anantapur district president Anantha Venkata Ramireddy on Tuesday accused Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu of indulging in diversionary politics to cover up governance failures and unfulfilled election promises. Addressing a press conference at the YSRCP district office in Anantapur, Ramireddy said that despite serving four terms as Chief Minister, Naidu was today gripped by political insecurity. He alleged that several assurances made during the elections, including monthly financial assistance to women and unemployment allowance, remained unimplemented even after 20 months in office. He accused the TDP-led government of attempting to divert public attention by making baseless allegations ranging from spurious liquor to the Tirumala laddu issue. Anantapur: Former MLA and YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) Anantapur district president Anantha Venkata Ramireddy on Tuesday accused Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu of indulging in diversionary politics to cover up governance failures and unfulfilled election promises. Addressing a press conference at the YSRCP district office in Anantapur, Ramireddy said that despite serving four terms as Chief Minister, Naidu was today gripped by political insecurity. He alleged that several assurances made during the elections, including monthly financial assistance to women and unemployment allowance, remained unimplemented even after 20 months in office. He accused the TDP-led government of attempting to divert public attention by making baseless allegations ranging from spurious liquor to the Tirumala laddu issue. He said claims of animal fat or chemical adulteration in laddu prasadam were proven false by NDRA and NDDDB laboratory reports, yet false propaganda was continuing. Ramireddy alleged that the Chief Minister, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, and coalition leaders had hurt the sentiments of crores of devotees by politicising sacred prasadam. He said even after the SIT report cleared the allegations, attempts were being made to seek fresh inquiries to suit political narratives. He further alleged that the government had failed on all fronts, incurred massive borrowings in 20 months, and was using religious sentiments as a shield to escape accountability.

The Gadium 6th Edition Telangana State Open Sub-Junior Badminton Championship -2026 concluded with flying colours

**Hyderabad, February:11,
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The Gadium 6th Edition Telangana State Open Sub-Junior Badminton Championship -2026 concluded on Tuesday. In this tournament held from the 7th to the 10th, Match Point Badminton Academy players Narra Harshini and Sanvi Cheluri won the silver medal with a brilliant game in the Under 11 Girls Doubles category. In the quarterfinals, Gopichand Academy players Hanvita and Sprabha Kelkar won the pair with a score of 15/04, 15/02. In the semi-final match, Night Train Academy players Nithya Pullagura and Bhavya won the pair with a score of 15/07, 15/04 and reached the finals. In the finals, Andhra Pradesh players fought till the end against the pair of Adhya Reddy and Sheena Sri and emerged as the tournament runners-up with a score of 21/19, 15/13. In the match that lasted for 37 minutes, the match point pair finally settled for the silver medal. The match point pair of Narra Harshini and Sanvi Cheluri, who entered the tournament as title favorites, entertained with their excellent play. On this occasion, International badminton player and India's top seed player Satwik Reddy presented the winning players with certificates, trophies and cash awards. Nearly 800 players from Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and



Telangana participated. Speaking on the occasion, Match Point Founder and Chairman Venu Muppala said that their academy

coaching staff has provided training with great discipline and that more players are ready to showcase their talent from Match

Point in the coming days. He congratulated Narra Harshini and Sanvi Cheluri.

ECORWWO & ECORSA JOINTLY ORGANISE SPORTS MEET FOR WOMEN STAFF OF WALTAIR DIVISION

In a spirited initiative to promote fitness, teamwork, and fellowship among women employees, the East Coast Railway Women's Welfare Organisation (ECORWWO) under the guidance of the President ECORWWO Smt Jyotsna Bohra in association with the East Coast Railway Sports Association (ECORSA) organised a Sports Meet for the women staff of Waltair Division.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from around 130 women staff members from various departments of the division. The sports meet featured a variety of athletic and recreational events catering to different age groups, encouraging inclusivity and active participation.

The competitions included, 100 metres run, 50 metres run for women staff above 50 years of age, Three-legged race, Tug of war, Cricket, Archery and



Several fun games

The atmosphere was vibrant and filled with enthusiasm as participants showcased their sporting spirit and teamwork. The event not only encouraged physical fitness but also strengthened bonding and morale among the women employees.

Winners and runners-up in various events were awarded medals by Smt Jyotsna Bohra in recognition of their outstanding performances. In addition, all participants were pre-



sented with T-shirts and encouragement. participation gifts as a token of appreciation and

Ruling govt using religious sentiments for political gains unfortunate: YSRCP



Alur: A fresh political controversy has surfaced in Alur constituency of Kurnool district, with strong allegations leveled against Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu for allegedly exploiting religious sentiments for political advantage. On Tuesday, the speakers at the event claimed that the Chief Minister has been repeatedly raising the issue of Tirupati laddu adulteration despite the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) clearly stating in its chargesheet that no adulteration had occurred.

They alleged that reviving the issue amounts to misleading the public and hurting the sentiments of Hindu devotees for political gains. The criticism further intensified with allegations that a similar narrative is now being extended to Srisailem as well, once again centering political discourse around temple prasadam. Leaders termed this approach as "unfortunate" and "irresponsible," stating that dragging sacred religious practices into political battles undermines public faith and damages the sanctity of revered temples. They emphasized that when investigative agencies have already clarified the matter, continuing such claims only creates unnecessary confusion among devotees.

Meanwhile, the silence of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders, who project themselves as protectors of Sanatana Dharma, was described as deeply disappointing.

The speakers also took aim at Jana Sena Party chief Pawan Kalyan, alleging that he echoes the statements of Chandrababu Naidu without independent thought.

They accused him of making unfounded allegations against former chief minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy while invoking Sanatana Dharma, and remarked that such actions reflect political opportunism rather than genuine concern for religion or public welfare.

Over 21,700 booked in a week for wrong-side driving

Hyderabad Traffic Police in a special drive against wrong-side driving has booked more than 21,700 cases in a week, as the traffic police step up efforts to improve road safety in Hyderabad and reduce fatal accidents.

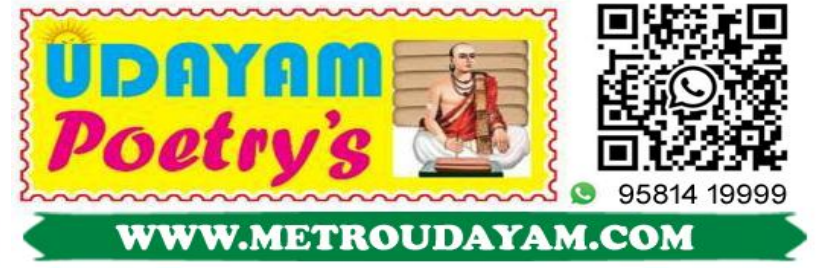
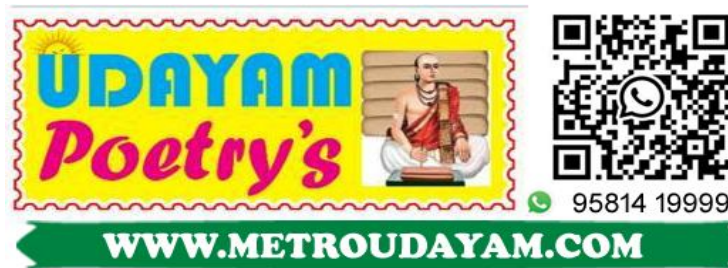
According to traffic police, in addition to regular traffic regulation and enforcement, the Hyderabad Traffic Police has been undertaking special drives to make the city's roads safer for commuters and to reduce fatalities resulting from road accidents.

From February 2 to 9, a total of 21,713 cases were booked against violators. Violators are being penalised under the relevant provisions of the Motor Vehicles (MV) Act.

A senior traffic police officer said that wrong-side driving has become a common and dangerous practice in Hyderabad. It not only causes traffic congestion but also poses a serious threat to the safety of both the violators and other road users. "Wrong-side driving is a



grave traffic violation and one of the major causes of road accidents, as it creates confusion and obstruction for law-abiding motorists." To prevent such incidents and improve overall road discipline, the Hyderabad



अगर कोई व्यक्ति अपनी वासनाओं का दास भी हो और अपने आपको आरिफ (ईश्वर की पहचान रखने वाला) भी कहता हो तो वह सच्चा नहीं हो सकता। ... (शकील उवाव - ६१४)

इंसान को अपने सृष्टिकर्ता पालनहार परमात्मा के व्यापारिक किसी और की भक्ति, आराधना, उपासना नहीं करना चाहिए। लेकिन आदर सम्मान सभी का करना चाहिए। आदर - सम्मान और भक्ति - आराधना यह दोनों बातें अलग हैं। इन दोनों बातों की सत्यता को जो जानता है वही सभी आदरणीय लोगों का आदर - सम्मान भी करता है और एक ईश्वर की भक्ति - आराधना भी करता है। ना ही वह कभी सभी को ईश्वर मानता है और ना ही ईश्वर को सब मानता है।



ईश्वर सत्य है, उसके व्यतिरिक्त कोई उपासक और आराध्य नहीं है। वह एक ही है अनेक नहीं हो सकता। और वही ईश्वर सत्य है जो हमारे कल्पनाओं के आधार पर जन्मा हुआ ना हो। जो भी व्यक्ति ईश्वर के बारे में और उसके मारिफत (पहचान) के बारे में सत्य और धर्म को छोड़कर केवल व्यक्तिगत दृष्टिकोण और अपने कपोल कल्पनाओं पर विश्वास करता है तो वह जरूर जरूर पथभ्रष्ट हो जाता है। सत्य और धर्म से दूर हो जाता है। और सीधे रास्ते से हट जाता है। ऐसे गुमराह व्यक्ति के लिए सभी उसके सभी सरल काम भी कठिन हो जाते हैं।

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ज्ञान की इतनी अहमियत है तो हर व्यक्ति को ज्ञान प्राप्त करना चाहिए। लेकिन ज्ञान किसे प्राप्त होता है? श्रीमद्भगवद्गीता अध्याय ०४ श्लोक ३९ में ज्ञान किसे मिलता है? इस बारे में श्रीकृष्ण जी कहते हैं कि, "श्रद्धावैल्लभते ज्ञानं तत्परः संयतेन्द्रियः। ज्ञानं लब्ध्वा परं शान्तिमचिरेणाधिगच्छति।" याने जो भी श्रद्धावान, जो अपने मन और इंद्रियों को वश में रखता (जितेंद्रिय) है और पूरी तरह से समर्पित है, वही ज्ञान प्राप्त करता है। ज्ञान प्राप्त करने के बाद, वह शीघ्र ही परम शांति को प्राप्त करता है।

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याने वास्तव में अगर कोई व्यक्ति अपनी रखाइशात का गुलाम (वासनाओं का दास) भी हो और अपने आपको आरिफ (याने खुदा की मारिफत, ईश्वर का ज्ञान और ईश्वर की पहचान रखने वाला) भी कहता हो तो वह सच्चा नहीं हो सकता। इल्म आकांक्षाओं का अनुकरण और अनुसरण करने का मतलब अपने आप को ईश्वर से दूर कर देना है। अपने नफस (स्वयं, आत्मा) को पाक पाकीजा (पवित्र) किये बगैर कोई भी ईश्वर का ज्ञान नहीं हो सकता। और अपने ईश्वर को न जानना ही अज्ञानता की परकाष्ठा है।

-डॉ. मोहम्मदशकील ताजमोहम्मद जाफरी (शकील मंवर), मंवर, पुणे (महाराष्ट्र) भारत

GATHERS NO MASS!

We come accross certain people!
With over confidence, never hear any!
With no stability of mind!
Knows not what their goal!



Gathers more and more!
Rely not on particular one!
Compares one with other!
Apply start and leave process!

Really they are kites in sky!
Flying with wind. No direction!
Like a stone in blind's hand!
Always full serach in vain!

That's why for this category!
A noted proverb is well defined!
Ever remain like jack of all trades master in none!
"A ROLLING STONE GATHERS NO MASS."
Is it not?

Composed by:
B. Satyanarayana Rao,
(Ba. Sa. Raa)
Vijayawada.

A vote is like a diamond weapon.

Telangana State Lorry Association Chairman
Ramineni Srinivasa Rao



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Telangana State Lorry Association Chairman Ramineni Srinivasa Rao urged that the right to vote is the most powerful in democracy and everyone should exercise their vote and elect capable leaders. He voted along with his wife Sridevi in the Kodada municipal elections on Wednesday. Later he said that the 'Sannabiyam' scheme introduced by the Congress government under the leadership of Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy is getting a lot of support for satisfying the hunger of the poor. He expressed confidence that the welfare schemes will bring the Congress party to victory in this election.

Traffic Police has been conducting special drives against motorists indulging in 'wrong-side driving' driving against the direction of traffic flow.

The Hyderabad Traffic Police continues to organise various traffic education and awareness programmes to educate commuters about traffic rules and road safety. Citizens are also being sensitized through social media platforms to promote responsible driving behavior.

The traffic police urged all motorists to avoid driving on the wrong side of the road, as it endangers not only their own lives but also those of fellow commuters.

Vigilant citizens are requested to report traffic violations to the Hyderabad Traffic Police through our official social media handles Facebook, X (Twitter) or via the Traffic Helpline 9010203626 and e-Challan helpdesk 8712661690.

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While the investigation into the phone tapping case is ongoing, the Congress government is still suspecting that phone tapping is still going on. Congress government has been suspecting that the BRS leaders still have the phone tapping devices with them. Revenue, Housing, Information and Public Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy on Tuesday said that phone tapping in the state is not limited to the past and is continuing even now, adding that the government is taking the issue very seriously.

Addressing a media conference at the SR Convention Hall in Khammam, the minister said an investigation is underway to identify where the phone tapping equipment was installed. He warned that strict action would be taken against those responsible once the inquiry is completed.

"Many people are saying that phone tapping has



happened and is still happening. This is absolutely true. Even now, some individuals are indulging in these illegal activities," Ponguleti said. "The government is conducting a detailed inquiry. Who are the masterminds? Where were the devices placed? Everything will be uncovered, and the law will take its course."

Responding to a question, the minister said there was nothing wrong in requesting employees to vote, clarifying that he had done so on behalf of his party.

Expressing confidence ahead of the municipal

elections to 116 municipalities and seven corporations scheduled for Wednesday, Ponguleti said the Congress party is poised to win more than 80 per cent of the seats.

"We have fulfilled every promise made over the last two years and taken our work directly to the people. That is why Congress will secure a massive victory," he said.

He added that opposition leaders were unable to accept this reality and pointed out that voters had already rejected BRS in the Jubilee Hills by-election. "The same verdict will be

repeated in the municipal elections," he asserted.

Criticising the previous government, Ponguleti said Telangana was burdened with a debt of Rs.8.19 lakh crore when Congress came to power. "Despite paying nearly Rs.6,300 crore every month towards debt repayment, we ensured that welfare schemes were not halted," he said.

He alleged that during the previous regime, the poor were neglected and 62,000 double-bedroom houses were left incomplete. "Our government has sanctioned 4.5 lakh Indiramma houses," he added.

Stating that the current administration is farmer-friendly, the minister said the era of suppressing farmers was over and that bonuses were being provided, along with large-scale rice distribution. He concluded by saying that the people would deliver a fitting response to former ministers through their votes.

Jana Nayagan Censor Issue: Madras High Court Allows Producer to Withdraw Case

The Jana Nayagan censor issue involving actor Vijay's upcoming film has taken a new turn after the Madras High Court update on February 10, 2026. The court allowed the producer of the Vijay-starrer to withdraw a writ petition related to the movie's certification. This development has become major Tamil cinema news and part of ongoing entertainment legal news.

The producer, KVN Productions LLP, had earlier approached the court seeking a direction to the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) to issue a U/A 16+ certificate quickly. However, the production house later agreed to accept the CBFC chairman's decision to send the film to a revising committee. Following this, Justice P.T. Asha dismissed the petition as withdrawn.

The film's release was delayed after a censor board row Tamil movie controversy. Initially, the CBFC examining committee suggested a U/A 16+ certificate if certain scenes were removed. The producer made the required edits and resubmitted the film. However, the process was paused after a complaint claimed the film had army references without an expert review. This led to the movie being sent to a revising committee.

Earlier court orders had temporarily supported the producer, but later decisions by the Division Bench and the Supreme Court changed the situation. After these developments, the producer chose not to continue the Tamil movie court case.

This Vijay film legal case highlights the challenges of film certification issues in India. The Vijay new movie controversy is now expected to move forward through the revising committee, bringing a fresh Jana Nayagan update for fans and adding to Kollywood latest news.

Telangana's 42% BC reservation proposal reaches President



The issue of enhancing Backwards Classes (BC) reservations in Telangana was discussed in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday, following a question raised by BJP MP Eatala Rajender. He sought clarity on whether the Centre had received proposals from the Telangana government to increase BC reservations to 42% across education, employment and local body elections.

Responding to the query, Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment BL Verma confirmed that two Bills have been received from the Secretary to the State Legislature of Telangana. These Bills, aimed at raising the reservation quota, have been forwarded for the consideration and assent of the President.

The Minister stated that both Bills are currently under examination, and the process of review is ongoing. This disclosure marks a significant step in Telangana's efforts to expand opportunities for Backward Classes, though the final decision rests with the President's approval.

The proposal has drawn attention as it seeks to substantially increase the reservation percentage, potentially reshaping access to education and employment for BC communities in the state. The Centre's confirmation in Parliament underscores the importance of the issue and signals that the matter is being given due consideration at the highest level.

'Fake and fraudulent': BJP attacks Rahul Gandhi amid Naravane book row

New Delhi: Amid the controversy surrounding the unpublished book 'Four Stars of Destiny' by former Army Chief Gen. M.M. Naravane, the BJP asserted on Wednesday that the Lok Sabha Leader of Opposition, Rahul Gandhi, along with other 'fake' leaders, is deceiving the nation by disseminating falsehoods.

Speaking to IANS, BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh said, "To please foreign powers, Rahul Gandhi and other fake leaders are misleading the country by lying. The one who wrote that book and the one who is publishing that book are clearly saying that the book has not been published. But fake leader Rahul Gandhi, to get cheap popularity through a foreign toolkit, is repeating filmy drama, which is far from reality. Rahul Gandhi should publicly apologise to the whole nation."

BJP MP Damodar Agrawal said, "The matter is very clear. The book has not been published. The Defence Minister has clearly stated this in the House. But if someone insists otherwise, then they themselves should clarify that it is published. After that, there will be action as per the law."

C.R. Kesavan, the BJP



National Spokesperson, also attacked the Congress and said, "Mr Rahul Gandhi's fake and fraudulent book bomb has now been totally busted. The deception of the Congress party's dirty tricks department has also been completely exposed by the former Army chief's tweet reiterating the publisher's stand that the said book has not been published."

On the other hand, CPI(M) MP Amra Ram questioned the government's handling of the issue. "Whether this actually happened or not, check with Naravane. You spoke to the Defence Minister and Home Minister in 2023. The way the government is acting, it seems they are not willing to listen to the people's voice. The Leader of Opposition is not being

allowed to speak," he said.

Amra Ram also said, "I have been in the Rajasthan Assembly for 20 years. The Leader of Opposition and even the Defence Minister have no time restrictions. Whenever they want to raise an issue, they have the opportunity to respond and present the opposition's voice."

Eight days after his unpublished memoir triggered a political firestorm that continues to rage, former Army chief General (retired) Manoj Mukund Naravane on Tuesday broke his silence on the controversial autobiography. He endorsed his publisher's stand that the book has not been published and that no copies were "printed, distributed, sold or otherwise made available to the public" either in print or digital

form.

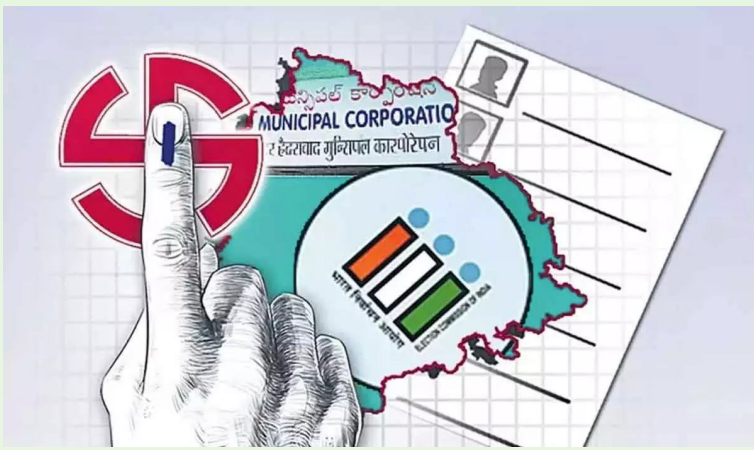
Congress MP Rahul Gandhi responded on Tuesday to Penguin Random House India's note about the memoir, which has become the focus of a sharp political confrontation in Parliament between the ruling BJP and the opposition.

Penguin Random House India on Tuesday confirmed that it holds exclusive publishing rights and that the manuscript has not been published in any form so far. The publishing house said it wished to make its position clear in light of reports suggesting that unauthorised copies were being circulated.

The controversy has sparked intense debate in Parliament, with the BJP accusing the Congress party of spreading misinformation, while opposition leaders have demanded clarity on the contents and circumstances related to the book.

Naravane served as the Army Chief from December 31, 2019, to April 30, 2022 -- a period marked by heightened military activity in eastern Ladakh in the backdrop of the standoff along the contested Line of Actual Control (LAC).

Telangana municipal elections: Polling continues peacefully despite minor altercations



Polling for the municipal elections in Telangana commenced at 7 am on Wednesday and will continue until 5 pm. The process was marred by minor tensions and reports of clashes, sloganeering, and attempted vote rigging in several districts, including Mahabubabad, Nizamabad, Medak, and Sangareddy.

In Mahabubabad town, minor clashes erupted at polling booths 32 and 33 between activists of the Congress and BRS contesting in ward 14. Both sides accused each other and engaged in scuffles, leading to heightened tensions.

Allegations surfaced that BRS activists attacked Congress supporters, prompting a heavy police presence to disperse both groups and restore order. Authorities have deployed a large police force in Ward 14 and around the affected polling stations to maintain peace.

Officials confirmed that, despite the incidents, polling is currently proceeding peacefully across the state. Security measures remain stringent to prevent any further untoward incidents.

Telangana municipal elections: Polling continues peacefully in Karimnagar



Municipal polling is progressing peacefully across Karimnagar district. Karimnagar Corporation recorded 9.18 per cent, Dharmapuri 16.42 per cent, Jagityala 13.23 per cent, Huzurabad 11.71 per cent, Sultanabad 15.75 per cent, Peddapalli 11.12 per cent, Jammikunta 7.74 per cent, Choppadandi 12.47 per cent, Manthani 15.01 per cent, Raikal 12.97 per cent, Vemulawada 14.10 per cent, and Korutla 10.38 per cent.

Voting is underway smoothly, with security arrangements in place to ensure a peaceful process. The polling process continues until 5 pm today, with citizens participating actively in the democratic exercise to elect their local representatives. The election results will be announced after counting, scheduled for February 13. Meanwhile, as of 9 am, the overall polling percentage in the state reached 11.2 per cent.

Mahashivaratri Brahmotsavams progress with special pujas

Srisailem: As part of the grand Mahashivaratri Brahmotsavams being conducted at the sacred Srisailem Devasthanam, special religious rituals were performed on the third day of the eleven-day celebrations on Tuesday.

Observed with Navahnika Deeksha, the Brahmotsavams have been held in a spiritually vibrant atmosphere. On this occasion, elaborate special pujas were performed to Swamy and Ammavarlu in accordance with traditional Agama Shastra practices.

Later, special pujas were offered to Chandiswara Swamy at the Yagasala, followed by chanting, parayanas, and sacred rituals aimed at universal welfare.



Mandaparadhanas, Panchavarana Archana, Shiva Panchakshari japa, Nitya Homas, Rudra Homam, and Chandi Homam were conducted with utmost devotion and precision as prescribed by the scriptures.

These rituals witnessed the participation of temple priests and devotees, enhancing the sanctity of the celebrations. The Devasthanam authorities informed that

Pradosha Kala pujas, japa anushtanas, Rudra Parayanas, and homas were also performed in the evening as part of the daily religious schedule of the Brahmotsavams.

These spiritual activities are drawing devotees from various parts of the state, who are thronging the temple town to seek divine blessings during the auspicious Mahashivaratri period.

As part of the Vahana Sevas, the Hamsa Vahana Seva has been held in the evening.

The Utsava Moortis of Swamy and Ammavarlu have been adorned and seated on the sacred Hamsa Vahanam at the Akkamahadevi Alankara Mandapam, followed by special pujas.

Subsequently, a grand Gramotsavam was conducted along the main streets of Srisailem, featuring a rich display of traditional and folk art forms including Nadaswaram, Kolatam, Chekka Bhajana, royal guard performances, Kerala Chandi Melam, tribal Chenchu dances, Dolu performances, folk drum ensembles, and various classical and regional dance forms, offering a visual and cultural feast to devotees and visitors.

BRS petitions SEC over poll code violations in Gadwal

A delegation of BRS leaders on Tuesday lodged a formal complaint with the State Election Commission (SEC), accusing Congress ministers, MLAs, and party leaders of openly violating the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) and misusing official power. The group, led by K Vijay Kumar and other senior representatives, met with SEC Commissioner Rani Kumudini to submit a representation highlighting specific instances of electoral misconduct.

The primary allegation centres on Gadwal MLA Bandla Krishna Mohan Reddy, who the BRS claims violated the mandatory silence period by campaigning within 48 hours of polling. According to statutory Election Commission instructions, all forms of direct or indirect canvassing must cease two days before the vote to ensure a free and fair electoral



process. However, the BRS alleged that in blatant disregard of these democratic principles, the MLA toured multiple wards in Gadwal town, including Ward No 17, where he reportedly conducted meetings and gathered voters in a clear attempt to influence the outcome during the

restricted period.

The BRS delegation argued that the impact of such violations extends beyond simple procedural lapses, striking at the very foundation of democratic principles. They stated that when a sitting MLA openly flouts established norms, it destroys the level playing field and

grants an unfair advantage to the ruling party. Furthermore, they contended that such actions erode public trust in the neutrality of the electoral system, intimidate ordinary citizens, and weaken the credibility of the Commission and the rule of law. It sets a dangerous precedent, they warned, encouraging lawlessness during elections.

The BRS has urged the SEC to take immediate notice of these repeated violations and has called for a time-bound, independent inquiry. This requested probe includes the examination of video footage, official records, and field reports. They further demanded the immediate cessation of all unlawful political activities by the MLA and his agents, alongside stringent penal action under applicable election laws, including potential prosecution and censure.

DMK Confident Of Solo Victory, Stalin Signals No Power Sharing With Congress Ahead Of 2026 Polls

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin on Wednesday expressed strong confidence that the DMK would return to power on its own in the 2026 Assembly elections, even as the party continues its alliance with the Congress. Speaking at the India Today Tamil Nadu Roundtable, Stalin dismissed speculation of a fall-out with the Congress and underscored that the question of power sharing did not arise at this stage. Calling his relationship with Congress leader Rahul Gandhi a "brotherly attachment," Stalin sought to play down alliance tensions while making it clear that the DMK was well-positioned to

secure a mandate independently. He said the DMK-Congress alliance remained intact for the upcoming polls and would contest together, but governance decisions would be addressed only after the elections. The DMK chief recalled the party's 2021 performance, when it won 133 of 234 seats and formed the government without coalition support, despite the Congress winning 18 seats as an ally. He maintained that the DMK was confident of expanding its footprint further this time. Stalin also launched a sharp attack on the NDA, dismissing the BJP's "double engine" pitch as hollow and branding it a

"dabba engine," or an empty vessel. He accused the NDA of spreading divisive politics and attempting to polarise voters through misinformation, hate and communal rhetoric. According to him, such strategies would fail in Tamil Nadu, where people would deliver a decisive setback to the alliance. His remarks came amid efforts by the BJP to strengthen its presence in the state by bringing parties such as the AIADMK, AMMK and PMK into the NDA fold. Stalin, however, asserted that Tamil Nadu would reject what he described as provocative and exclusionary politics, reiterating his confidence in the



DMK's return to power.

Google Bets on the Next Century with 100-Year Bond to Power Its AI Future

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Google has not yet turned 30, but it is already thinking a hundred years ahead.

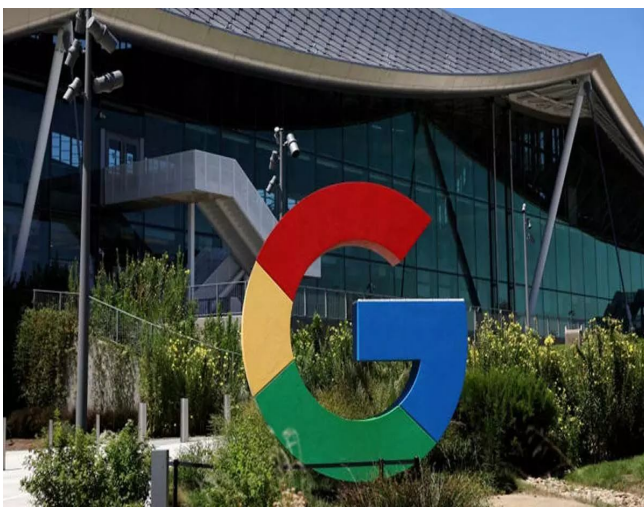
In a bold financial move that reflects both confidence and ambition, Alphabet — Google's parent company — has issued bonds that will not mature until 2126. The rare century-long debt offering is aimed at funding the company's aggressive expansion into artificial intelligence infrastructure, signaling that Google sees itself playing a leading role in technology for decades, if not generations, to come.

The decision places Google among a small and exclusive group of institutions willing to borrow money over such an extended period. Traditionally, century bonds have been associated with universities, trusts, or legacy corporations with long, stable histories. For a relatively young tech giant to make the same commitment is unusual — and telling.

According to reports, Alphabet is raising \$20 billion across several currencies, including the US dollar and Swiss franc. The fundraising is structured in multiple parts, with one of the most notable being the 100-year bond.

So why take on debt that stretches into the next century?

The answer lies in artificial intelligence. Alphabet is planning a massive \$185 billion investment to strengthen its AI



capabilities, from data centers and chips to research and computing infrastructure. The company, along with rivals like Microsoft, Meta, and Amazon, sees AI as a once-in-a-generation technological shift that could redefine industries and unlock enormous economic value.

By choosing such a long borrowing window, Alphabet appears to be expressing strong faith not only in AI's long-term payoff but also in its own ability to remain relevant and profitable well into the future.

And investors seem to share that belief. Reports suggest demand for the bonds has been strong, with roughly \$100 billion worth of orders placed for the overall fundraising package. While not all of that demand is specifically for the 100-

year portion, the interest underscores confidence in Alphabet's financial strength.

At present, that confidence appears well-founded. Alphabet reported record revenue of \$400 billion in 2025 and holds cash reserves of about \$127 billion. The company had already raised \$17.5 billion through debt last November, further reinforcing its strong balance sheet.

Still, century bonds are rare — especially in tech.

Historically, only a handful of organisations have issued similar debt. The University of Oxford,

the Wellcome Trust, and French energy giant EDF have all offered 100-year sterling bonds. Disney famously issued its "Sleeping Beauty" century bonds in 1993. In contrast, most technology firms have avoided such long-term commitments, particularly after the dotcom crash of the late 1990s.

Google's relatively short history makes the move even more striking. Founded in 1998, the company is barely 28 years old — a fraction of the lifespan it is now betting on.

Whether Google will still exist in 2126 is impossible to predict. But by issuing a bond that stretches that far into the future, Alphabet is making one thing clear: it intends to try.

People with obesity 70% more likely to be hospitalised, die



People with obesity could be 70 per cent more likely to be hospitalised or die from an infectious disease, including flu, COVID-19 and pneumonia, according to a study published in The Lancet journal.

In 2023, obesity was linked to one in ten infection-related global deaths, researchers said, even as they said estimates of obesity's global impact should be interpreted with caution. Researchers from the UK and Finland said that people with obesity were seen to have a higher risk of being hospitalised or dying due to SARS-CoV-2 infection during the COVID-19 pandemic.

However, there was a lack of evidence of whether the link exists for infectious diseases in general, they said. The team analysed data from the UK Biobank and Finnish cohorts, amounting to over 540,000 people. Body mass indices (BMI) of the participants were noted at the time of enrollment, who were then followed up for an average of 13-14 years.

"(The) study of over 540,000 people suggests people with obesity are 70 per cent more likely to be hospitalised or die from an infectious disease; people with the most severe obesity face three times the risk," the researchers said. Extrapolating the findings globally, the team said that obesity may have been a driving factor in 0.6 million out of 5.4 million deaths (10.8 per cent) from infectious diseases in 2023.

"Our findings suggests that people living with obesity are significantly more likely to become severely ill or to die from a wide range of infectious diseases. As obesity rates are expected to rise globally, so will the number of deaths and hospitalisations from infectious diseases linked to obesity," author Solja Nyberg, from the University of Helsinki in Finland, said.

There is an urgent need for policies that help people stay healthy and support weight-loss, such as access to affordable healthy food and opportunities for physical activity, Nyberg said.

Ananya Panday shares why she loves shooting with 'bestie' Farah Khan

Mumbai: Bollywood actress Ananya Panday has given fans a glimpse into a light-hearted shoot with filmmaker and choreographer Farah Khan, explaining why she enjoys working with her close friend.

Taking to Instagram Stories, Ananya shared a video in which Farah Khan is seen serving her famous Yakhni pulao to the actress and her team during what appeared to be a shoot. The clip, filmed amid vanity lights, captured Farah chatting casually while plating the dish, adding to the relaxed atmosphere on set.

Sharing the moment, Ananya wrote, "Love shooting with my bestie @farahkhan," expressing her fondness for the filmmaker. Farah later reposted the video on her own Instagram, responding with, "N I love getting food for my #bff @ananyapanday #callmebae."

The hashtag "Call Me Bae" sparked interest among fans, as it appears to



hint at their upcoming collaboration for the second season of the comedy-drama series. Call Me Bae is written by Ishita Moitra, Samina Motlekar and

Rohit Nair, and directed by Colin D'Cunha. The series also features Vir Das, Gurfateh Pirzada, Varun Sood, Vihaan Samat, Muskaan Jaferi, Niharika Lyra Dutt, Lisa Mishra and Mini Mathur.

The show follows Bella, a former heiress who is forced to rebuild her life after losing her wealth. As she navigates the competitive world of Mumbai newsrooms, she discovers that her true strengths lie not in luxury, but in resilience and street-smart confidence.

Ananya Panday, daughter of actor Chunky Panday, was last seen in the romantic comedy Tu Meri Main Tera Main Tera Tu Meri, directed by Sameer Vidwans, alongside Kartik Aaryan. Her upcoming project includes Chand Mera Dil, a passionate love story directed by Vivek Soni, which was announced in November last year.

Love stories set for a big contest at BO this Valentine's week

Tollywood began 2026 on a massive high, with the Sankranti season delivering strong profits for trade circles. Four out of the five festival releases emerged as clean hits, making it one of the most successful festive windows in recent times. Chiranjeevi's MSG led the charge by smashing multiple box-office records, while the other releases also posted impressive numbers despite intense competition. However, the momentum failed to continue after the festival. The post-Sankranti phase has so far remained largely dull, with recent releases struggling to make any meaningful impact at the ticket counters. Even with multiple films hitting theatres last Friday, trade analysts have expressed disappointment over



the muted audience response and weak footfalls. Now, hopes are firmly pinned on the Valentine's Day weekend,

which is shaping up to be a crucial period for the industry. The weekend will witness a three-way clash between notable films

that have been steadily building positive buzz through aggressive and effective promotional campaigns.

Vishwak Sen's Funky appears to have a clear early advantage. The fun-filled romantic entertainer has generated strong anticipation following its rib-tickling trailer, which connected well with audiences due to its witty humour and sharp dialogues. Director K.V. Anudeep's signature comedy style is expected to be the film's biggest strength.

Another promising release is Santosh Sobhan's Couple Friendly, a youthful drama centered on live-in relationships. Despite receiving an 'A' certificate, the film has caught the attention of young audiences,

thanks to its contemporary theme and the fresh on-screen pairing of Santosh Sobhan and Manasa Varanasi.

Adding to the competition is veteran actor Arjun Sarja's Seetha Payanam, a feel-good film that marks his return to direction and introduces his daughter Aishwarya Sarja in the lead. With a compelling trailer and strong supporting cast including Prakash Raj and Sathyaraj, the film has generated healthy pre-release buzz.

With three contrasting genres colliding, the Valentine's Day weekend is expected to play a decisive role in reviving Tollywood's box-office momentum.

Should You Take Creatine Every Day or Only on Workout Days?

Creatine online is one of the most popular supplements that everyone in your workout space is aware of. Some people are used to it, some might be unsure, and may be confused about how it should be used. Creatine supplementation tends to raise the common question, "Do you need to take it every day, or is it needed only on workout days?"

If you ever stand confused holding a scoop of creatine in your hand and wondering if you should take it or skip it, you should not worry about it. A majority of this confusion comes from comparing creatine, pre-workouts, and energy supplements.

It is important to understand that creatine plays a different role in the body. It might not offer an instant boost or a sudden rush of energy. Its effects start slowly over time. The effects usually depend on how regularly you use the creatine supplement. This is why timing and consistency are important factors.

How Creatine Actually Works in the Body

To understand how creatine should be taken, it helps to know what it actually does inside your body.

Creatine is stored mainly in your muscles. When you lift weights, sprint, or do any short burst of high-intensity activity, your body needs quick energy. This energy comes from a molecule called ATP. Creatine helps your body produce ATP faster. This is why it supports strength, power, and repeated efforts during training. However, your muscles can only hold a certain amount of creatine at a time. Once those muscle stores are full, they need to be maintained. This is where regular intake becomes important.

If you keep supplying your body with small, consistent amounts of

creatine, your muscles stay saturated. This allows creatine to continue supporting training performance, recovery, and muscle function day after day.

Creatine's benefits build gradually as your muscle stores fill and remain stable. Creatine works by building and maintaining muscle saturation. When you skip creatine for several days in a row, those muscle levels slowly start to drop. Over time, this can reduce the consistency of its benefits, especially if training is irregular.

Should You Take Creatine Every Day?

Taking creatine every day is the most reliable way to keep your muscle creatine levels steady. When those levels stay full, your training performance and recovery tend to stay more consistent as well.

This doesn't change based on how often you work out. You might be training five days a week, three days a week, or taking occasional breaks due to travel, illness, or recovery. Your muscles still benefit from having creatine available.

Your body doesn't empty its creatine stores just because you skipped a workout. Muscles continue to use creatine outside the gym, too.

When creatine is taken daily, muscle stores remain topped up. This makes it easier to maintain strength levels, support recovery between sessions, and avoid the ups and downs that can happen when intake is irregular.

Skipping creatine on non-training days may seem harmless. However, over time, it can lead to lower muscle creatine levels, especially if workouts are not perfectly consistent. Daily intake removes that risk and keeps things simple.

Why Daily Creatine Intake is Better

1. Creatine Is Not a "Workout-Only" Supplement

One of the biggest reasons people misuse creatine is by treating it like a pre-workout. Pre-workouts are designed to be taken only before training because their effects are immediate. Creatine does not work that way.

Creatine builds up in your muscles slowly. Its real value comes from keeping those muscle stores full over time. When you take creatine every day, your muscles maintain a steady level. This allows the supplement to support strength and performance consistently.

With daily intake, muscle creatine levels remain stable, strength gains are easier to hold on to, and training sessions feel more consistent over time.

When creatine is taken only on workout days, muscle levels can fluctuate. This becomes more noticeable if you train fewer days a week or take breaks often. Over time, this inconsistency can reduce how effective creatine feels.

2. Recovery Happens on Rest Days Too

People often think that creatine only matters when you work out.

Your muscles keep recovering long after your workout is over. Your body is busy fixing muscle tissue, getting your energy back, and getting you ready for the next workout on rest days. Creatine helps with this process by keeping muscles hydrated and making more ATP.

Taking in the supplement regularly on rest days can help keep muscle cells hydrated, help restore energy, and make you feel less tired when you start training again. This is why a lot of people who take creatine every day see an overall improvement in the quality of their workouts. They feel more ready to go back to the gym.



3. Daily Intake Makes Creatine Easier to Stick With

Taking creatine every day removes complications. You just take it and move on with your day.

With a daily routine, there is no need to track workout days, dosing stays the same, and you are less likely to skip it.

This is also why many people choose formats that fit easily into their lifestyle. Sachets are convenient for travel or busy days. At the same time, unflavoured powder mixes easily with water or protein shakes without changing the taste.

When creatine becomes part of your daily habit, it is much easier to use consistently.

Best Time to Take Creatine If You're Using It Daily

Creatine does not act instantly. Therefore, there is no single "perfect" time that makes or breaks its effectiveness.

On workout days, many people

prefer taking creatine after training. Mixing it with a meal or a protein shake can be convenient, especially since it becomes part of an existing post-workout routine. You can also take it earlier in the day to help your body use it to maintain muscle stores.

You can take creatine with breakfast, lunch, or other daily supplements on days when you don't work out. You don't need to change your dose or when you take it just because you're not working out. Even on days when you don't work out, your muscles keep healing and using stored creatine. The most important thing is to pick a time that works well with your day.

Conclusion

Creatine is about supporting your muscles day after day. If you want steady strength gains, better recovery, and fewer performance dips, daily creatine intake is the smarter choice. Workout-only use may work short-term, but it has beno nefits in the long run.

Ravi Babu-starrer 'Razor' shooting wrapped up

Hyderabad: The makers of actor-director Ravi Babu's upcoming grim, action drama 'Razor' on Tuesday announced that the unit had wrapped up the film's shooting.

To announce the wrapping up of filming, the makers unveiled a poster along with a special glimpse video.

In the video that was released, Ravi Babu appears in a brutal, violent avatar, killing a villain with a car engine valve cover- establishing the film's raw and savage tone. The teaser features some really violent scenes that include decapitation. The film has a tagline that reads "Justice will be brutal."

'Razor' not only features Ravi Babu in the lead, it is also being directed by him.

The storyline promises to be a first-of-its-kind attempt in Telugu cinema. For the unaware, Ravi Babu, who has always carved his own path in Telugu cinema, constantly reinventing himself as a filmmaker, technician, and actor, is known for his offbeat ideas and fearless experimentation.

His upcoming film 'Razor' marks a sharp shift from the light-hearted tone of his previous film 'Enuguthondam Ghatikachalam'. 'Razor' appears to be set in a world of tension, violence, and psycho-



logical intensity.

Backing the film as its presenter is well known producer Suresh Babu, continuing his long-standing association with Ravi Babu under the prestigious Suresh Productions banner. The film is being produced by a production house called Flying Frogs.

On the technical front, the film has cinematography by Madhavaneni and music by SS Rajesh. Action sequences for the film have been choreographed by Satish Poloju.

It may be recalled that the makers had earlier unveiled a title glimpse, which drew a terrific response, especially from thriller lovers.

Sources close to the unit of the film say that post-production work is progressing at a brisk pace, and that the makers have reiterated that 'Razor' will hit theatres this summer.

Tamil film 'Mayilaa' earns NETPAC nomination at IFFR 2026

Director Semmalar Annam's Tamil film Mayilaa has achieved a significant international recognition after being nominated for the prestigious NETPAC Award at the 2026 International Film Festival of Rotterdam (IFFR), where the film had its world premiere earlier this month. The NETPAC Award, presented by the Network for the Promotion of Asian Cinema, honours outstanding Asian films that showcase creativity, cultural depth, and cinematic excellence.

Mayilaa, which offers a deeply intimate and grounded portrayal of a young working woman's journey towards dignity, self-respect, and independence, received a warm and positive response from festival audiences at its Rotterdam screening. The nomination now marks a major milestone in the film's growing global festival journey.

The film is presented by acclaimed filmmaker Pa. Ranjith and produced by



Newton Cinema, founded by Anto Chittilappally. P. Melody Dorcas leads the cast, delivering a powerful performance, while V. Shudar Kodi plays a key supporting role. The technical team includes cinematographer Vinoth Janakiraman, editor A. Sreekar Prasad, music composer Nandhan Kalaivanan, sound designer Anand Krishnamoorthi, and sync sound recordist Amrith Shankar.

Reacting to the honour, director Semmalar Annam described the nomination as a meaningful recognition for

the entire team, adding that the film was made with honesty and care. Producer Anto Chittilappally called the journey from the world premiere to the NETPAC nomination "deeply rewarding," while Pa. Ranjith noted that Mayilaa's socially rooted and emotionally sincere voice deserved international attention.

With strong critical appreciation and global recognition, Mayilaa is set to continue its festival run with more international screenings in the coming months, further strengthening its presence on the world cinema stage.

we need to improve with the ball after New Zealand thrashed them by 10 wickets

Chennai: The United Arab Emirates (UAE) skipper Muhammad Waseem admitted his team fell short and emphasised the need to improve with the ball after New Zealand thrashed them by 10 wickets.

Tim Seifert and Finn Allen produced a world record opening partnership of 175 runs as New Zealand thrashed the United Arab Emirates (UAE) by 10 wickets in a Group C match at the MA Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai.

He acknowledged that a better bowling performance was crucial on a surface that provided plenty of assistance.

"As I told you earlier. We were short 15-20 runs. We need to step up as a bowling unit. Surface was very good. We need to be smarter with our execution with the ball. Which balls need to be bowled to which batter and when makes a lot of difference," he said. The UAE will next play



Canada on Friday at the Arun Jaitley Stadium as Waseem urged his team to be smarter in their execution and to quickly shift their focus to the upcoming clash with Canada.

"We will be looking forward to that Canada game coming up. We need to put this loss behind us and look forward."

Waseem then joined hands with Alishan Sharafu and

led the UAE's batting with a notable second-wicket partnership. They put together 107 runs, which is now the second-highest second-wicket stand for the UAE in T20Is.

UAE finished the Power-play at 50/1, which is now their highest Power-play score in T20 World Cups. Their previous highs were 46/1 against Ireland in Sylhet in 2014, 31/2 versus

Zimbabwe in Sylhet in 2014, and 31/0 against the Netherlands in Geelong in 2022. Rising to the occasion against a Test-playing nation, Sharafu scored a fantastic half-century with a six off his 39th delivery.

Kiwi captain Mitchell Santner provided the breakthrough with a moment of brilliance on the field. The dismissal happened thanks to excellent tag-fielding at the midwick-et fence. Mark Chapman managed to keep the ball in play before passing it to Daryl Mitchell as Sharafu departed on 55.

He also highlighted the positives from Alishan Sharafu's talent, expressing confidence that the young player would keep performing well despite the setback. "Alishan is a very talented player. I spoke about him at the conference, and I said the same about him. Very talented."

Mohsin Naqvi Refutes India Talks Push, Says Govt Reversed Boycott after ICC -Accepted Bangladesh Injustice



Mohsin Naqvi, chairman of the Pakistan Cricket Board, clear out that no personal demands were pushed for during the meeting with the ICC delegation held in Lahore on Sunday. The meeting aimed to "get respect for Bangladesh." This statement came after the speculation that Pakistan had sought the continuation of two-sided cricket ties with India, including fixtures within the World Test Championship cycle.

As per the announcement made last Monday, Pakistan had placed some conditions before the ICC to withdraw its boycott threat. One demand is the resumption of bilateral series against India for the first time after the 2012-13 game.

According to the Mohsin Naqvi statement, "We did not discuss anything apart from Bangladesh". Their only purpose was to bring respect for Bangladesh and highlight the injustice done to them. They also accepted the demands made by Bangladesh.

Naqvi added, "We had no personal interest in the meeting. Our task was purely related to Bangladesh". When their demands were accepted, and it was recognized that injustice was done to them, we finalized to play.

In a brief press release issued for cricket diplomacy news on Monday, just minutes before Pakistan confirmed its participation. The ICC termed Bangladesh's absence from the World Cup as "unfortunate". They assured that the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) would not face any sanctions.

The governing body also validated that Bangladesh would be awarded hosting rights for an ICC event during the 2028-31 cycle, sooner than the men's Under-19 World Cup.

National Powerlifting C'ship: TG's Surineni Vanisha bags three gold



Surineni Vanisha, a 52 kg weight category powerlifter from Telangana, brought laurels to the state by winning three gold medals at the National Powerlifting Championship held in New Delhi under the aegis of WPC-India. A first-year Intermediate student of ISTA College, Vanisha delivered an outstanding performance against strong competition from across the country.

She dominated all three events—Squat, Bench Press and Deadlift—with remarkable composure and strength. Vanisha lifted 100 kg in the squat, 40 kg in the bench press and an impressive 110 kg in the deadlift, finishing with a total lift of 250 kg to secure gold medals in each discipline. Coaches and officials praised her technical excellence, discipline and fighting spirit, stating that her achievement was the result of months of rigorous training and dedication. Her success has brought pride to her family, college and Telangana.

CCOB, Hubli shine at Valluvar Nagar Football Challenge

Members of CCOB and Hubli Football Team celebrate with their trophies at the Valluvar Nagar Football Stadium, Kapra. CCOB emerged champions in the U-15 category with Valluvar Nagar Football Club finishing runners-up, while Hubli clinched the Senior title, relegating Hyderabad Sporting Club to second place, in the three-day Valluvar Nagar Football Challenge Prize Money Tournament 2026 held from February 6 to 8 under floodlights.

The event was graced by chief guest G P Palguna, Secretary, Telangana Football Association and AIFF Executive Committee member, along with former footballer Rajender,



President, Ranga Reddy District Football Association, and guest of honour Sivamani, Corporator, Kapra Division.

Samuel Vasanth Kumar Memorial Basketball tournament: YMCA Hyderabad rally past Devraj on inaugural day

YMCA Hyderabad launched their campaign on a winning note with a hard-fought 67-61 victory over Devraj in the 6th Samuel Vasanth Kumar Memorial Basketball Tournament, organised by the Sports Writers Association of Telangana (SWAT) under the technical guidance of the Hyderabad District Basketball Association, at YMCA Secunderabad here on Tuesday. Devraj made a confident start, with Amit, Suraj and Tribhuvan combining effectively to score 19 points, including three three-pointers, to take a 19-15 lead at the end of the first quarter. YMCA relied heavily on Sumith, who waged a lone battle by scoring 10 of his team's 15 points. Devraj maintained their momentum in the second quarter, adding 16 points through Tribhuvan's dominance in the paint, while Agni provided support for YMCA. Devraj went into the halftime break leading 35-29.

Pakistan beat USA by 32 runs

Colombo: Pakistan defeated the United States of America by 32 runs in their Group A T20 World Cup match here on Tuesday. Riding on opener Sahibzada Farhan's 73 off 41 balls and a late cameo from Shadab Khan (30 off 12), Pakistan posted 190 for 9 after being asked to bat. Pacer Shadley van Schalkwyk (4/25) was once again the pick of bowlers for USA. Brief Scores: Pakistan 190 for 9 in 20 overs (Sahibzada Farhan 73, Babar Azam 46; Shadley van Schalkwyk 4/25) beat USA 158 for 8 in 20 overs (Shayan Jahangir 49, Shubham Ranjane 51; Usman Tariq 3/27, Shadab Khan 2/26) by 32 runs.

