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Molten Iron Blast Kills 9 at Vizag Steel Plant

Visakapatnam, June 8: Nine workers lost their lives and 11 others sustained injuries in a devastating industrial accident at the state-run Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (VSP) in Andhra Pradesh's Anakapalle district on Monday evening. The tragedy occurred in the Continuous Casting Department of Steel Melting Shop-1 when a ladle carrying molten iron reportedly exploded during a lifting operation. The vessel, containing liquid metal at nearly 1,600 degrees Celsius, ruptured and released a massive stream of molten iron, engulfing workers stationed nearby. The intense heat and fire left the bodies of the deceased severely

charred, making identification difficult. Panic spread across the facility as employees rushed to safety. Emergency sirens were activated, and rescue teams, fire personnel, and ambulances were immediately deployed to the site. The deceased have been identified as Apparao, Prabhakar Rao, Krishna, Ramana, Trinath, Gold Kumar, Appalaraju, Bhanukumar and Ramana. Six were permanent employees of the steel plant, while three were contract workers. The injured were shifted to nearby hospitals, with several reported to be in critical condition. Union Minister of State for Heavy Industries Bhupathi-

raju Srinivas Varma termed the incident unfortunate and said preliminary reports suggested a blast occurred while transporting molten steel. However, he stressed that the exact cause would be known only after a detailed investigation. Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu expressed deep grief and directed officials to ensure immediate rescue, relief and medical assistance. Prime Minister Narendra Modi also conveyed condolences to the bereaved families and announced an ex gratia of ₹2 lakh from the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund for the next of kin of each deceased worker and ₹50,000 for every in-

jured person. Workers' representatives demanded a comprehensive inquiry into the accident, raising concerns over industrial safety standards. The incident has once again highlighted the risks associated with heavy industrial operations and the need for stringent safety measures in steel manufacturing facilities. Visakhapatnam Steel Plant, currently undergoing a revival programme backed by substantial central government funding, remains one of the country's major steel production units. Authorities have launched an investigation to determine the precise cause of the blast and assess accountability.

1 Lakh Homes Planned: Revanth

Hyderabad, June 8: Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Monday announced that the state government will construct one lakh houses for Low Income Group (LIG) and Middle Income Group (MIG) families across Hyderabad. The housing project will be developed on the lines of the Rajiv Swagraha scheme. The announcement came during the foundation-laying ceremony for development works worth ₹1,678 crore in Miyapur and additional projects valued at ₹13.40 crore in the Serilingampally constituency.

Welfare Is BJP's Core Agenda: Modi

New Delhi: As the BJP-led NDA government completed 12 years at the Centre and two years of its third consecutive term, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the welfare of the poor has remained the guiding principle of his administration. He stated that the government's development model has focused on ensuring that the benefits of growth reach the most vulnerable sections of society. Highlighting flagship schemes such as Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana, Direct Benefit Transfer, Swachh Bharat Mission, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Jal Jeevan Mission, and Ayushman Bharat, Modi



said these initiatives have improved access to banking, housing, sanitation, health-care and drinking water for millions of citizens. The Prime Minister emphasized that technology has played a crucial role in transforming welfare delivery. Through

digital platforms and direct transfers, government assistance is reaching beneficiaries without intermediaries, helping reduce corruption, leakages and delays. He said this has strengthened public trust in governance and improved efficiency.

Pre-Marital Relationship Not a Character Flaw: SC

New Delhi: The Supreme Court has ruled that a consensual physical relationship between two unmarried adults cannot, by itself, be viewed as a reflection of bad character or moral misconduct. A Bench comprising Justices Manmohan and Manoj Misra made the observation while setting aside the cancellation of a Telangana police constable candidate's appointment. The candidate's selection had been withdrawn due to a criminal case linked to a relationship that did not culminate in marriage. The Court stressed that there is no law preventing two consenting unmarried adults from entering into a relationship of their choice. It further noted that not every relationship ends in marriage and the failure of a relationship cannot automatically lead to the conclusion that one party deceived or cheated the other. The case involved a candidate whose appointment was cancelled after authorities cited a past criminal complaint alleging a false promise of marriage. The matter had earlier been settled before a Lok Adalat, and the complainant had chosen not to pursue the case further. The Supreme Court observed that modern social realities must be taken into account while assessing such issues. It noted that long-term relationships between consenting adults generally carry a presumption of valid consent unless there is clear evidence to the contrary. The Bench also held that employers cannot deny appointments merely on the basis of allegations from a concluded criminal case. Authorities must possess concrete material showing both the commission of an offence and the individual's involvement in it before arriving at an adverse conclusion. Finding no evidence of coercion, force or wrongdoing in the case, the Court restored the candidate's right to appointment and reaffirmed that personal relationships between consenting adults should not automatically become a basis for questioning a person's character or suitability for public service.



32 Killed in Quake

New Delhi: At least 32 people were killed and more than 130 injured after a powerful 7.8-magnitude earthquake struck Sarangani province in the southern Philippines on Monday. The quake triggered building collapses, landslides and widespread panic across several regions. Authorities reported that most deaths were caused by falling debris, structural failures and landslides. Several people remain missing as rescue operations continue. A school building collapsed in General Santos City, raising fears that students may be trapped inside. The earthquake also damaged commercial establish-

ments, shattered windows and disrupted public services. Schools in affected areas were ordered shut, impacting thousands of students. General Santos International Airport temporarily suspended, leading to multiple flight cancellations. The tremor struck offshore near Mindanao at a depth of 33 kilometres. Tsunami alerts were briefly issued by Philippines, Japan and Indonesia but were later withdrawn after assessments showed no major threat. Emergency teams deployed across the affected areas as authorities assess full extent of damage and continue rescue and relief operations.

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Monsoon Arrives in Telangana

Hyderabad, June 8: The Southwest Monsoon officially entered Telangana on Monday, bringing the season's first organized spell of rainfall and offering much-needed relief from the intense heat that prevailed during May and early June. According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), the monsoon has advanced into parts of the state, and favourable conditions are expected to help it spread across the remaining districts within the next two to three days. Senior weather scientist Y.V. Rama Rao of the Telangana Development Planning Society (TGDPs) said the monsoon has already covered Jogulamba Gadwal, Narayanpet and Wanaparthy districts. He noted that the current monsoon surge is likely to continue until June 15, after which rainfall activity may temporarily weaken. Several districts witnessed significant rainfall over the past 24 hours. Mattam-



pally in Suryapet district recorded 8 cm of rain, while Maheshwaram in Rangareddy district received 7 cm. Khammam reported the highest rainfall on Monday with 17.7 mm, followed by Suryapet with 16.2 mm and Rangareddy with 11.5 mm. Despite the arrival of the monsoon, temperatures remained high in parts of northern Telangana.

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EDITORIAL

Strategic Autonomy
Under Test

Recent remarks by Russian President Vladimir Putin on the durability of India–Russia relations come at a time when global geopolitics is undergoing sharp realignments. As power blocs harden around competing interests—especially between the United States, China, and Russia—India finds itself navigating an increasingly complex strategic landscape where old alignments are being questioned and new partnerships are constantly tested. India and Russia share a long-standing relationship rooted in defense cooperation, energy security, and geopolitical trust that dates back to the Cold War era. Even today, Russia remains a key supplier of military hardware to India, while India has continued to maintain energy and trade ties with Moscow despite Western sanctions following the Ukraine conflict. However, the nature of this relationship is no longer insulated from global pressures. The evolving world order has transformed bilateral ties into a balancing act within a broader multipolar competition.

Putin's reaffirmation of ties with India underscores Russia's need to diversify partnerships amid Western isolation. For India, however, the challenge is more nuanced. New Delhi's foreign policy is increasingly defined by strategic autonomy—engaging with multiple power centers without being constrained by rigid alliances. This approach allows India to cooperate with the United States in the Indo-Pacific, maintain economic engagement with Europe, and simultaneously preserve its historic partnership with Russia. Yet, this balancing act is not without risks. Growing Russia–China proximity complicates India's strategic calculations, especially given unresolved border tensions with China. At the same time, Western expectations on India's position regarding the Ukraine war have introduced diplomatic friction. India's continued oil imports from Russia have been both defended as economic necessity and criticized as indirect support for Moscow's war effort.

In this shifting environment, India's foreign policy must evolve from reactive balancing to proactive shaping of multipolarity. Strengthening domestic manufacturing in defense, diversifying energy sources, and expanding diplomatic engagement with the Global South are crucial steps. The India–Russia partnership will likely persist, but its character is changing—from a privileged strategic alliance to a more transactional, interest-driven engagement. Ultimately, the emerging world order does not allow fixed loyalties. India's challenge is to preserve its strategic autonomy while ensuring that its core national interests are not compromised amid great-power rivalries.

When Success Forgets Its Roots

The issue of some children neglecting their parents after achieving social and economic success is no longer merely a private family matter. It reflects profound social, economic, psychological, and cultural transformations taking place in contemporary society. In India, where parents have traditionally been regarded with the reverence embodied in the principles of "Matru Devo Bhava" and "Pitru Devo Bhava," instances of parental neglect raise serious concerns about changing values and family relationships. Many parents spend their lives making extraordinary sacrifices for their children. Fathers work long hours as laborers, farmers, or daily wage earners, while mothers endure hardship, poverty, and personal sacrifice to ensure their children receive education and opportunities they themselves never had. Yet, after attaining higher education, prestigious careers, and financial prosperity, some children become embarrassed by the visible signs of their parents' poverty and struggle. They may avoid introducing them to colleagues, exclude them from social gatherings, or maintain emotional distance. This behavior cannot be understood solely as an individual failing. Sociologists point to broader forces such as modernization, urbanization, consumer culture, and social mobility. When individuals move from poverty to prosperity, some begin to perceive their achievements as entirely self-made. The sacrifices of their parents are viewed as routine obligations rather than acts of extraordinary devotion. Gratitude gradually diminishes, replaced by a desire to distance themselves from reminders of their difficult past. Research on elder abuse in India highlights the seriousness of this issue. A 2014 review titled "Elder Abuse in India" found that approximately 11 percent of people aged sixty and above experienced some form of abuse, while around 5.2 percent reported direct neglect. Sons were frequently identified as the primary perpetrators. Other studies suggest elder neglect rates may range between 9.6 percent and 61.7 percent depending on regional and social conditions. These findings indicate that elder neglect is neither isolated nor insignificant.

Psychologists describe part of this behavior as a form of social identity conflict or social distancing syndrome. Individuals who enter higher social circles may feel pressure to conceal aspects of their former identity. Rural backgrounds, poverty, limited education, and traditional lifestyles become sources of embarrassment rather than pride. In some

cases, parents themselves become symbols of a past that successful individuals wish to leave behind. Urbanization has intensified these challenges. Earlier generations often lived within joint family systems where multiple generations shared responsibilities and emotional bonds. Today, employment opportunities increasingly require migration to cities or foreign countries. Physical separation can gradually evolve into emotional separation. Some children assume that sending money or arranging accommodation is sufficient, overlooking the emotional needs of aging parents. The problem is not confined to financial support. Studies consistently show that loneliness and emotional neglect often cause greater suffering than economic hardship. Many elderly parents report that what they desire most is affection, companionship, and respect rather than material assistance. A simple conversation, a visit, or involvement in family decisions often matters more than financial support alone. Changing social identities further complicate family relationships. Individuals who once lived in villages and attended government schools may later work in multinational corporations and reside in luxury apartments. While such progress is admirable, forgetting one's roots remains troubling. The cracked hands of a mother who labored in fields and the weathered face of a father who spent decades working for his family should symbolize honor and sacrifice. Yet, for some, these become sources of discomfort. Globalization and individualism have also contributed to changing priorities. Contemporary culture often emphasizes personal achievement, career advancement, and self-fulfillment. Concepts such as "my success" and "my goals" sometimes overshadow collective family responsibilities. Whereas previous generations frequently prioritized family honor and communal well-being, modern society increasingly measures success through income, status, and lifestyle.

The aging process itself creates additional challenges. As parents grow older, they often face declining health, reduced mobility, memory-related illnesses, and emotional vulnerability. During this stage of life, they require greater patience, understanding, and care. Unfortunately, some children perceive these needs as



burdens rather than responsibilities. Organizations working with elderly populations consistently identify neglect by family members as one of the most painful experiences faced by older adults. At the same time, it is important not to generalize. Millions of successful children continue to care for, respect, and support their parents throughout their lives. This discussion is not a condemnation of an entire generation but an examination of an emerging social trend that deserves attention. India's elderly population is growing rapidly. The population aged sixty and above was approximately 104 million in 2011, exceeded 130 million by 2021, and is expected to surpass 300 million by 2050. As this demographic expands, ensuring dignity and well-being for older adults will become one of India's most significant social challenges. Experts emphasize that behavioral values are transmitted across generations. Children who grow up witnessing respect for grandparents are more likely to display similar attitudes toward their own parents in the future. Conversely, neglect and disrespect can also become learned behaviors. A person who humiliates or ignores aging parents may unknowingly teach the same pattern to their children. Educational institutions therefore have a crucial role to play. Education should extend beyond examinations, careers, and economic advancement. Values such as gratitude, empathy, social responsibility, and family ethics deserve equal importance. Students should understand the sacrifices that made their achievements possible. Media organizations, literature, cinema, religious institutions, and community groups also share responsibility. Public discussions on elder care, family values, and intergenerational respect should be encouraged. While laws protecting senior citizens are important, legislation alone cannot solve a problem rooted in attitudes and values. The decline of joint families and the rise of nuclear households have further contributed to the isolation of elderly individ-

uals. Many parents now spend their later years alone while their children live in distant cities or countries. However, responsibility for strengthening relationships does not rest entirely on younger generations. Differences in values, expectations, communication styles, and life experiences can create misunderstandings. Mutual respect, empathy, and open communication are essential from both sides.

Ultimately, parental sacrifice remains one of the most selfless forms of human devotion. Mothers suppress their own needs to care for children. Fathers sacrifice dreams, savings, and opportunities to secure a better future for their families. Most do so without expecting material rewards. They seek only love, respect, and companionship in return. A society's treatment of its elderly reflects its moral character. Technological advancement, economic growth, and social progress are important, but they remain incomplete if family bonds weaken. Behind every successful individual stand parents who endured hardship, made sacrifices, and provided unwavering support. Forgetting them represents not only a personal failure but also a cultural and moral one. True success cannot be measured solely by wealth, position, or fame. It must also be measured by gratitude, humanity, and the ability to honor those who laid the foundation for that success. Wealth and status are temporary, but parental love remains among the most enduring forces in human life. A person who cannot value that love remains spiritually impoverished regardless of material achievements. Therefore, genuine development requires more than economic growth. It requires the growth of humanity. Alongside technological progress must come moral responsibility. Every successful son and daughter should remember the sacrifices of the parents who transformed their dreams into reality. Respecting parents is not merely a family duty; it is a measure of character, a symbol of culture, and a foundation of a humane and civilized society.



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Iran Halts Military Operations

Tehran: Iran has announced the suspension of its military operations against Israel while issuing a stern warning that any future aggression would be met with a far stronger response. The announcement was made by Iran's Khatam al-Anbiya Central Headquarters, the country's main military command. According to Iranian authorities, the operations were conducted in support of Lebanon following Israeli strikes in southern Lebanon and Beirut's southern suburbs. The mil-

itary command stated that any renewed attacks by Israel, including actions targeting Lebanon, would provoke a "severe and crushing" retaliation. Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian emphasized that Tehran remains committed to both diplomacy and national defense. In a message posted on social media, he said Iran would safeguard its national interests and security while continuing diplomatic efforts, stressing that the country has not withdrawn from ei-

ther the battlefield or negotiations. Meanwhile, Israeli media reports suggested that Israel paused its operations at the request of Donald Trump. Reports also indicated that Israel warned it could target Hezbollah strongholds in Beirut if attacks on Israeli territory continue. The latest escalation followed missile strikes launched by Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) against several Israeli military installations, including the Ramat David, Nevatim

and Tel Nof air bases. In response, Israeli forces reportedly carried out airstrikes on multiple targets inside Iran, including energy and industrial facilities. Despite the current halt in operations, tensions remain high across the region, with both sides maintaining strong military postures. Iranian officials have reiterated that while military operations have been suspended for now, Tehran remains prepared to respond forcefully to any future attacks.



India Sweeps Yogasana Worlds

Ahmedabad: India delivered a historic performance at the inaugural World Yogasana Championships 2026, finishing with an astounding 114 medals, including 102 golds, to dominate the competition at EKA Arena. With athletes competing across multiple age categories, India outclassed all rivals and completed a remarkable clean sweep. Japan finished a distant second with three gold medals, while Argentina secured

third place thanks to the outstanding performance of its lone competitor. A total of 522 athletes from 79 countries participated in the five-day championship, with 31 nations winning at least one medal. Nepal emerged as one of the most successful teams, collecting 52 medals, while Uzbekistan finished with 25 medals. The event marked a major milestone for Yogasana's transformation into a global competitive sport and strengthened

its bid for future Olympic recognition. World Yogasana President Swami Ramdev described the championship as the beginning of a global movement, expressing confidence that Yogasana would one day find a place in the Olympic Games. The championship, supported by India's sports and AYUSH ministries, showcased the country's leadership in promoting yoga as both a cultural heritage and an international sporting discipline.

India Demolish Afghan; Suthar Stars



Mullanpur, June 8: India registered the biggest innings victory in their Test history, crushing Afghanistan by an innings and 300 runs in the one-off Test at Mullanpur on Monday. While the result was largely expected, the match will be remembered for the arrival of a promising new spin sensation — Manav Suthar. The 23-year-old left-arm spinner from Rajasthan announced himself on the international stage with a magnificent 6 for 33 in Afghanistan's first innings, eventually finishing with seven wickets in the match. His performance not only dismantled the visitors' batting line-up but also sparked conversations about India's future spin attack in the post-Ravindra Jadeja era. Afghanistan, after being bowled out for 152 in the first innings, fared even worse in their second attempt, collapsing for just 112. Washington Sundar claimed four wick-

ets while Kuldeep Yadav chipped in with three as India's spinners completely dominated proceedings. For India, the biggest take-away was not merely the scale of victory but the emergence of Suthar. His ability to repeatedly land the ball in threatening areas, generate sharp turn and extract bounce even from an otherwise placid surface showcased qualities rarely seen in a debutant. More importantly, he displayed the temperament and control required to succeed at the highest level. With Ravichandran Ashwin having retired and Jadeja entering the twilight phase of his illustrious Test career, India have been searching for the next long-term spin leader. Suthar's debut performance suggests that answer may have finally arrived. Afghan's batting, meanwhile, lacked both experience and discipline. Several batters fell victim to poor shot selec-

tion, gifting wickets to Indian spinners. Sediqullah Atal top-scored with 42, while Rahmanullah Gurbaz and Rahmat Shah failed to convert starts into substantial contributions. Though only a modest crowd witnessed the action on the third morning, those present saw a significant moment in Indian cricket. Suthar became only the 10th Indian bowler and seventh spinner to claim a five-wicket haul on Test debut. The challenge ahead will be tougher. A potential tour of Sri Lanka will provide a sterner examination against a stronger batting unit. Yet, after three days in Mullanpur, Indian cricket appears to have found a spinner capable of carrying forward the rich legacy built by generations of match-winning slow bowlers. For now, India's emphatic victory belongs to one man — Manav Suthar, the newest star in the country's spinning galaxy.

Sindhu Leads India's Australian Open

Sydney: Two-time Olympic medallist PV Sindhu will spearhead India's 24-member contingent at the Australian Open 2026, which begins on Tuesday in Sydney. With defending champion Lakshya Sen opting out and former champion Kidambi Srikanth also absent, the spotlight will firmly be on Sindhu as India aims for a strong showing in the BWF Super 500 tournament. In women's singles, Sindhu will be joined by Malvika Bansod, Anmol Kharb, Tanvi Sharma, Isharani Baruah, Aakarshi Kashyap and Tanya Hemnath. India's men's singles hopes rest on HS Prannoy, Ayush Shetty and Kiran George, all of whom will be looking to bounce back after early exits at the Indonesia Open. The men's doubles challenge has been weakened by the absence of Asian Games gold-medal winning pair Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty due to injury. The responsibility now falls on MR Arjun and Hariharan Amsakarunan to carry India's hopes. In mixed doubles, the experienced duo of Dhruv Kapila and Tanisha Crasto will lead the country's campaign. The Australian Open presents another opportunity for Indian shuttlers to regain momentum and secure valuable ranking points ahead of a busy international season.



SKY Stars

Mumbai: Suryakumar Yadav produced a captain's knock of 72 not out off 36 balls after pacer Sylvester Dsouza claimed the season's first 5-wicket haul to guide Triumph Knights MNE to a comfortable six-wicket victory over MSC Maratha Royals in the T20 Mumbai League 2026. Dsouza's brilliant spell of 5/21 helped bowl out the Royals for 152 in 19.5 overs. Despite a fighting partnership between Maxwell Swaminathan (36) and Chinmay Sutar (32), the Royals suffered a late collapse, losing their final wickets for just 15 runs. In reply, Triumph Knights stumbled early at 36/2 before Suryakumar and Nutan Goel steadied the chase with a match-winning 103-run stand. Goel struck a fluent 56, while Suryakumar dominated the bowling attack with 13 boundaries and a six.

Karimnagar Cricketer Bags TG20 Contract

Karimnagar: Young cricketer Yellala Vidhyananda Reddy from Paruvelli village in Ganneruvaram mandal has earned a place in the prestigious TG20 Cricket Tournament. The talented player has been selected to represent the Khammam franchise, which signed him for ₹1.7 lakh. His selection has brought pride and excitement to his family, vil-

lage, and cricket enthusiasts across Karimnagar district. Currently training at a cricket academy in Hyderabad, Vidhyananda Reddy's dedication and hard work have paid off with this major opportunity on the state cricket stage. Local residents and sports lovers have congratulated the youngster,



expressing confidence that he will make the district proud with his performances in the upcoming tournament.



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Nagarjuna Returns for Bigg Boss Telugu 10

Hyderabad: Veteran actor Nagarjuna Akkineni is set to return as the host of Bigg Boss Telugu, marking another chapter in one of Telugu television's most popular reality shows. The makers officially announced the new season through a promotional video featuring Nagarjuna, hinting at major changes in the format. The teaser introduced the theme "Bigg Boss Dhasavatharam", suggesting multiple twists, new challenges, and a revamped gameplay experience for contestants and viewers alike. Sharing the announcement on social media, the makers stated that the game is evolving and that this season will bring a fresh approach unlike previous editions. The teaser has already generated significant excitement among fans eagerly awaiting the show's launch. The reality show is being produced by Endemol Shine India, a part of Banijay Entertainment. Under the leadership of Deepak Dhar, the production house has delivered several successful television and digital projects across India. Having successfully hosted multiple seasons, Nagarjuna remains one of the key attractions of the franchise. His hosting style, sharp interactions, and ability to manage high-pressure situations



inside the house have helped make Bigg Boss Telugu a ratings success over the years. With the makers promising a transformed format and bigger surprises, Bigg Boss Telugu Season 10 is expected to be one of the most anticipated television events of the year.

Shilpa Is My Strength: Shamita

Actress Shamita Shetty penned an emotional birthday tribute to her elder sister Shilpa Shetty, describing her as the "blueprint for strength and grace" and her "forever blessing." Sharing a series of heartfelt photographs on social media, Shamita celebrated the bond she shares with Shilpa, highlighting the actress's influence and support throughout her life. The pictures included candid moments of the sisters together, reflecting their close relationship and family memories. In her message, Shamita affectionately addressed Shilpa by her family nickname "Munki" and wrote that her sister has always been a source of inspiration and guidance. She thanked Shilpa for being her "guiding light" and expressed gratitude for having her in her life.



Geethu Mohandas Steers 'Toxic'

The makers of Yash-starrer Toxic have released a special behind-the-scenes video celebrating director Geethu Mohandas on her birthday. The footage offers a glimpse into the filmmaker's creative process and showcases her leadership on one of Indian cinema's most ambitious projects. The video captures Geethu directing large-scale action sequences, coordinating crew members, and guiding actors with precision. It highlights her hands-on approach and ability to manage a massive international production while maintaining a clear creative vision. Toxic: A Fairytale for Grown-Ups stars Yash alongside Nayanthara, Kiara Advani, Huma Qureshi, Rukmini Vasanth and Tara Sutaria. The film's release has been postponed to allow for a wider international rollout following a strong response at CinemaCon.

Triptii Explains the Power of Humour



Actress Triptii Dimri believes comedy is one of the most effective ways to communicate important messages. Speaking about her latest Netflix release Maa Behen, the actress said people are more likely to remember ideas presented through humour than through serious lectures. According to Triptii, comedy allows audiences to lower their guard and absorb deeper truths without feeling pressured. She noted that while serious conversations may be heard, humorous storytelling often stays in people's minds for much longer. The actress added that laughter creates a connection that helps important social messages reach a wider audience. Triptii is currently enjoying the success of Maa Behen and is also preparing for her upcoming film Spirit, directed by Sandeep Reddy Vanga and starring Prabhas.

TN Eases Rules, 5 Shows for New Films



The Tamil Nadu government has amended cinema regulations to allow theatres to screen five shows a day for newly released Tamil films during their first seven days in theatres. The revised rule, effective from May 22, 2026, also permits five daily shows on weekends, public holidays and local festival days without requiring special permission from authorities. The decision follows requests from the film industry and aims to boost box-office collections by meeting high audience demand during a film's opening week. The move is expected to benefit producers, distributors and theatre owners across the state.

Big B Reflects on Simpler Times

Veteran actor Amitabh Bachchan has shared nostalgic memories of growing up in an era when everyday conveniences such as telephones, refrigerators and air-conditioners were considered luxuries. In a heartfelt blog post, the legendary actor reflected on witnessing the extraordinary technological transformation that has taken place over the decades. Bachchan noted that younger generations may find it difficult to understand the excitement people once felt when encountering new inventions for the first time. He said that many of today's conveniences were beyond imagination during his childhood, making each technological advancement feel remarkable. Despite his age, the actor expressed a strong desire to keep learning and adapting to modern innovations. He believes that every generation eventually experiences surprise.

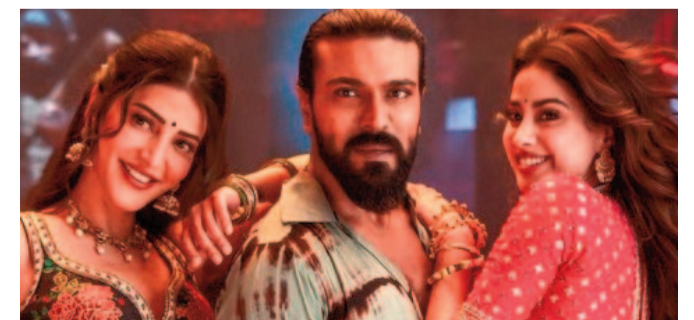
From Pain to Power

Sreeja Konidela, daughter of Megastar Chiranjeevi and sister of actor Ram Charan, has shared an emotional account of her mental health struggles and personal transformation. In a video posted on social media, Sreeja revealed that for years she viewed herself through the lens of pain, setbacks, and difficult experiences. She admitted that she often questioned why life kept presenting her with challenges and hardships. However, she said a period of self-reflection helped her move beyond a victim mindset and understand that she has the power to shape her own future. Sreeja explained that while her past struggles remain a part of her story, they no longer define her identity. She described the process of discovering her strengths and hidden layers as one of the most meaningful experiences of her life.



Peddi Nears ₹300 Crore Mark in Four Days

Ram Charan's much-awaited sports action drama Peddi has emerged as a massive box-office sensation, crossing ₹292.5 crore gross worldwide within just four days of its release. The film is enjoying a phenomenal theatrical run across domestic and international markets, making it one of the biggest hits of 2026. The makers attributed the film's success to the overwhelming response received for its songs, trailer, and extensive promotional campaign ahead of release. Positive word-of-mouth and strong audience appreciation have further boosted collections during the opening weekend. Directed by Buchi Babu Sana, Peddi has impressed viewers with its emotional storytelling, powerful performances, and high production values. Critics and audiences alike have praised Ram Charan's intense portrayal, while Jaahvi Kapoor, Shiva Rajkumar, Divyendu Sharma, and Jagathi Babu have also received appreciation for their roles. The film's technical excellence has been another major highlight. The music composed by A.R. Rahman, cinematography by R. Rathnavelu, production design by Avinash Kolla, and editing by Naveen Nooli have drawn widespread acclaim. Produced by



Venkata Satish Kilaru under the Vriddhi Cinemas banner, the film is presented in association with Mythri Movie Makers, Sukumar Writings, and IVY Entertainment, with Ishaan Saxena serving as co-producer. Released worldwide on June 4, Peddi continues to attract packed houses and is now eyeing the prestigious ₹300-crore milestone.