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## AI Coding Costs Soar

New Delhi, June 24: The rapid adoption of artificial intelligence in software development could significantly increase operational expenses for businesses, with AI-assisted coding costs expected to surpass the average salary of a software developer by 2028, according to a new report released by research and advisory firm Gartner. The report warns that as organisations move beyond pilot projects and begin deploying AI coding agents at scale, they may face unexpectedly high expenses driven by the grow-

ing consumption of large language model (LLM) tokens and a shift from fixed subscription pricing to usage-based billing models. AI coding assistants rely on tokens—the basic units of text processed by generative AI systems—to generate, review and optimise code. As developers increasingly depend on these tools for everyday programming tasks, token usage is expected to rise sharply, pushing costs higher. Gartner Senior Principal Analyst Nitish Tyagi said many organisations are underestimating

the financial implications of large-scale AI adoption. According to him, developers naturally prioritise speed and convenience over cost efficiency, making governance and oversight essential to prevent runaway expenses.

*The report notes that many AI coding vendors are replacing traditional seat-based licensing with consumption-based pricing, where charges depend on the volume of tokens processed.*

This creates unpredictable cost structures and makes budgeting more challenging for enterprises. Another con-

cern highlighted in the report is the lack of transparency in how vendors calculate and bill token consumption. Without clear visibility into usage patterns, organisations may struggle to forecast spending or evaluate whether the productivity gains justify the investment. Gartner also observed that many companies lack mature frameworks to measure the return on investment from AI-assisted software development. As a result, technology budgets could be exhausted sooner than anticipated while delivering uncertain business outcomes. The study further cautions that unrestricted use of autonomous AI agents, oversized context windows, and inefficient

workflows can inflate token consumption and significantly increase costs. Without disciplined engineering practices and governance mechanisms,

**Rising Large Language Model (LLM) token consumption**

organisations risk seeing AI-related expenditure rise faster than the pro-

ductivity benefits these tools provide. To address these challenges, Gartner recommends that enterprises adopt a use-case-driven strategy for deploying AI coding tools, match AI models to the complexity of development tasks, implement context engineering techniques to reduce unnecessary token usage, and establish robust governance and cost-control measures. As AI becomes more deeply integrated into software engineering, experts believe that balancing innovation with financial discipline will be critical for organisations seeking sustainable returns from generative AI technologies.

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## S&P Cuts India Forecast

New Delhi: Global ratings agency S&P Global Ratings has projected that India's economic growth will moderate to 6.6% in FY2026-27, citing energy market pressures, expectations of a below-normal monsoon, and slowing global demand. The estimate aligns with the Reserve Bank of India's forecast but marks a decline from the 7.7% growth recorded in FY2025-26. According to the agency, rising geopolitical tensions affecting energy supplies and weaker rainfall conditions could increase inflationary pressures and dampen overall economic activity. India's dependence on imported crude oil leaves it vulnerable to fluctuations in global prices, which could raise production costs and widen the import bill. S&P also warned that reduced monsoon

rainfall may affect agricultural output and push up food prices. With the rainfall deficit widening in June, authorities have prepared contingency crop plans for states likely to experience inadequate precipitation. The report noted that higher fuel and fertilizer costs are expected to lift consumer inflation to around 5.1% during the fiscal year, reducing household purchasing power and weighing on consumption.

### India-US Trade Talks Gain Momentum

Even as growth concerns persist, India and the United States have moved closer to concluding an interim bilateral trade agreement. Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal held extensive discussions with Jamieson Greer in

New Delhi to finalize the first phase of the proposed trade pact before the expiry of temporary U.S. tariff measures in July. The negotiations focused on improving market access, strengthening supply chains, reducing non-tariff barriers, and enhancing cooperation in strategic sectors. Both governments reiterated their commitment to reaching a balanced agreement that benefits businesses, farmers, workers, and consumers in both countries. Officials indicated that the talks have made significant progress and could culminate in a landmark interim deal aimed at boosting bilateral trade and investment. Following the U.S. discussions, Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal is scheduled to visit the United Kingdom from June 25 to 27.



## EDITORIAL

Cooperative  
Federalism Needed

Cooperative federalism is one of the defining features of India's constitutional framework. It is based on the principle that the Union and the states should function as partners rather than rivals, working together to achieve national development while respecting the autonomy guaranteed by the Constitution. In a diverse country with varying regional priorities, effective Centre-State relations are essential for balanced governance and inclusive growth. In recent years, cooperation between the Union and state governments has become increasingly important in areas such as infrastructure development, public health, education, agriculture, disaster management, and digital governance. National initiatives often require active participation from state governments for successful implementation, while states depend on the Centre for financial assistance, policy coordination, and technical support. Institutions such as the GST Council and NITI Aayog demonstrate how dialogue and consensus-building can strengthen federal governance. The COVID-19 pandemic also highlighted the need for coordinated action, where both levels of government had to share responsibilities and resources to address an unprecedented crisis.

At the same time, tensions over taxation, fiscal transfers, centrally sponsored schemes, the role of Governors, and the use of investigative agencies occasionally test the spirit of cooperative federalism. Political differences should not overshadow the larger objective of serving citizens. Constructive engagement, transparent communication, and respect for constitutional boundaries are vital to maintaining trust between the Centre and the states. Financial federalism deserves particular attention. States require adequate fiscal autonomy and predictable resource flows to design policies suited to local needs. Equally, accountability in the utilisation of public funds is essential to ensure efficient governance and sustainable development. Technology and data-sharing can further strengthen Centre-State collaboration by improving policy implementation, monitoring outcomes, and delivering public services more effectively. Joint planning and evidence-based decision-making can reduce duplication and encourage innovation across regions. Ultimately, India's progress depends not on competition between the Centre and the states but on their ability to work together. Cooperative federalism is not merely a constitutional concept; it is a practical necessity for addressing complex economic and social challenges. A partnership built on consultation, mutual respect, and shared responsibility will reinforce democratic institutions and help realise the nation's long-term development goals.

## When Democracy Fell Silent

On the night of June 25, 1975, India witnessed one of the most defining and controversial moments in its constitutional history. The proclamation of the Emergency marked a period when democratic institutions, civil liberties, and press freedom came under unprecedented strain. Though officially justified as a response to threats to national stability, the 21-month Emergency became a stark reminder of how concentrated power can weaken the foundations of democracy. Even five decades later, its lessons remain deeply relevant. The strength of a democracy lies not merely in holding elections but in protecting dissent, safeguarding fundamental rights, and ensuring institutional accountability. During the Emergency, many of these pillars were severely tested. Political opponents were detained, public protests were curtailed, and constitutional freedoms guaranteed to citizens were significantly restricted. The atmosphere of fear that prevailed discouraged open criticism and narrowed the space for democratic debate. Perhaps no institution felt the impact more acutely than the media. Newspapers and magazines faced pre-publication censorship, forcing editors to submit content for official scrutiny before publication. Reports critical of government actions were withheld or altered, and journalists found themselves operating under intense pressure. The role of the press as the "fourth pillar of democracy" was fundamentally challenged. The famous observation often attributed to veteran journalist and editor Lal Krishna Advani captures the mood of that period: "When asked to bend, they crawled." While the remark



remains debated in context, it reflects a broader concern that fear and censorship led many institutions to surrender their independence more readily than expected. At the same time, numerous journalists, editors, and publications quietly resisted restrictions, preserving the spirit of free expression under difficult circumstances. The Emergency also demonstrated the vulnerability of constitutional rights when checks and balances weaken. Preventive detention laws were widely used, judicial review faced limitations, and the balance among the executive, legislature, and judiciary came under scrutiny. For ordinary citizens, this translated into uncertainty and diminished legal protections. Families were affected by arrests, political workers spent months in prison without trial, and many careers and personal lives were disrupted. One of the lasting consequences of the Emergency was its effect on public trust. Democracy thrives when citizens believe that institutions will protect their freedoms irrespective of who holds power. The events between 1975 and 1977 highlighted the need for independent courts, a vigilant civil society, a robust opposition, and an uncompromised media. These are not obstacles to

governance but essential safeguards against the misuse of authority. The period also prompted significant introspection after democracy was restored. Constitutional and legal reforms sought to make it more difficult for future governments to impose similar restrictions without greater accountability. More importantly, the experience strengthened public awareness about the importance of civil liberties and institutional independence. For the media, the Emergency remains both a warning and an inspiration. It exposed how censorship can suppress truth, but it also showcased the courage of journalists who continued to uphold professional ethics despite immense pressure. In today's era of digital communication and social media, the methods of control may differ, but the principle remains unchanged: a democracy requires an informed citizenry, and an informed citizenry depends on a free and responsible press. The legacy of June 25 should not be viewed solely through partisan lenses. It is a constitutional lesson that transcends governments and generations. Every democracy faces moments when security concerns, political conflict, or national crises test the resilience of its institutions. The true measure of

democratic maturity lies in responding to such challenges without abandoning fundamental freedoms. Remembering the Emergency is therefore not an exercise in revisiting old political battles but in reaffirming enduring democratic values. Freedom of speech, judicial independence, electoral integrity, and media autonomy are not privileges granted by those in power—they are safeguards that protect citizens from the excesses of power. As India continues to evolve as the world's largest democracy, the events of June 25, 1975, serve as a lasting reminder that constitutional rights require constant vigilance. Democracies rarely collapse overnight; they erode gradually when accountability weakens and dissent is silenced. The Emergency stands as a historical caution that the preservation of liberty depends not only on laws and institutions but also on the collective resolve of citizens, journalists, judges, and public leaders to defend democratic principles. The enduring message of June 25 is simple yet profound: the health of a democracy is measured not by the power of its rulers, but by the freedom of its people to question them.



- Sumanth Pendem,  
Abvp South Central Zone  
Social Media Convener

## Crude Slips as Tensions Ease

hovering near four-month lows as easing geopolitical tensions in West Asia and progress in US-Iran peace talks reduced fears of supply disruptions. International benchmark Brent crude fell more than 1 per cent to trade near \$76 per barrel, while West Texas Intermediate (WTI) declined around 1.5 per cent to approximately \$72 per barrel. Oil prices have dropped by more than 20 per cent over the past month as concerns over prolonged disruptions in supplies through the strategically significant Strait of Hormuz have eased. Reports indicating that oil tankers stranded in the Gulf are preparing to resume normal movement have further improved market sentiment. Diplomatic engagement involving the United States, Iran and regional stakeholders has also helped calm fears over global crude supply, contributing to the recent decline in prices. The softer crude prices are expected to benefit India, one of the world's largest importers of crude oil. Lower oil prices could help reduce import costs, ease inflationary pressures and improve the country's macroeconomic outlook. Market experts believe the correction in crude prices has removed a major external risk for the Indian economy.

New Delhi, June 24: Global crude oil prices remained under pressure on Wednesday, with benchmark rates

## SIR Exercise to Begin in Hyderabad from June 25

Hyderabad: The Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of Electoral Rolls will commence across all 15 Assembly constituencies in Hyderabad district from June 25, with election authorities launching a large-scale drive to verify and update voter records. As part of the exercise, 4,062 Booth Level Officers (BLOs) will conduct door-to-door visits at an equal number of polling stations between June 25 and July 24, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., to distribute enumeration forms and verify voter details. The revision aims to ensure that the electoral rolls remain accurate and up to date by confirming the details of eligible voters. During the verification process, electors will be required to provide correct information and establish their status as genuine voters. According to officials, voters who do not receive the enumeration form from BLOs can obtain it by using the 'Book a Call' facility through the BLO contact details available on the official websites or by downloading the form from the Chief Electoral Officer, Telangana portal or the ECINET mobile application. As of June 10, Hyderabad district had 47,36,669 registered electors, including 23,99,880 men, 23,36,448 women, and 341 third-gender voters. Election authorities noted that by May 26, around 22,09,647 electors had already been mapped, accounting for 46.65 per cent of the electorate. During the field visits, BLOs will distribute pre-printed enumeration forms in duplicate. Voters are required to fill in the relevant details and return the forms. They can also verify their information online through the official election portals. To facilitate the process, help desks have been established at all 15 Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) offices, as well as at the offices of the District Election Officer (DEO) and GHMC Commissioner.

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## Revanth Warns Congress Leaders



Hyderabad, June 24: Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has cautioned Congress leaders against showing negligence in the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) campaign, warning that strict action will be taken against those who fail to actively participate in the exercise aimed at protecting genuine voters' rights. Addressing party leaders through a Zoom meeting on Wednesday, the Chief Minister expressed concern over reports that some leaders were not giving adequate importance to the campaign despite the possibility of eligible voters' names being removed from electoral rolls. Calling the issue "very serious," Revanth Reddy said he had already reviewed district-wise reports on SIR awareness programmes and would not tolerate laxity that could adversely affect the party or voters. He directed Ministers, Members of Parliament, MLAs and constituency in-charges to intensify awareness drives and ensure greater public participation in the voter verification process. The Chief Minister also assigned in-charge ministers additional responsibility to oversee the effective implementation of SIR-related activities in their respective districts. Emphasising the importance of safeguarding the voting rights of ordinary citizens, particularly the poor, Revanth Reddy said deletion of voter registrations could have wider implications, including affecting access to welfare schemes and government services. The Chief Minister made it clear that all party functionaries must strictly follow organisational directives and warned that constituency in-charges who fail to carry out their responsibilities could be replaced. He further stated that the performance of party leaders would be closely monitored over the next ten days and that any negligence or lack of commitment would invite disciplinary action. Revanth Reddy also appealed to Congress sarpanches to organise awareness programmes at the village level and educate people about the voter enrolment and verification process under the Special Intensive Revision campaign.

## People Want KCR's Gov Back: KTR



Khammam, June 24: Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) on Wednesday launched a scathing attack on the Congress government in Telangana, alleging that it had failed to deliver on its promises and had disappointed farmers, students, youth, women and weaker sections of society. Addressing a meeting of key party workers in Sathupalli, Khammam district, KTR claimed that growing public dissatisfaction with the Congress administration was prompting people across the state to look towards BRS president K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) for leadership once again. He alleged that the Congress government had failed to honour assurances made before the Assembly elections and said the governance model implemented during the BRS regime continued to enjoy public support. Questioning Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's handling of agricultural issues, KTR accused the government of failing to ensure timely crop procurement and of not effectively implementing the Rythu Bharosa scheme. He also alleged that shortages of fertilisers had added to the hardships faced by farmers. Highlighting the BRS government's record, KTR said that nearly ₹73,000 crore had been transferred to around 72 lakh farmers under the Rythu Bandhu investment support scheme during its tenure. He contrasted this with what he described as the Congress government's inability to secure meaningful benefits for Telangana despite repeated engagements with the Centre. The former minister also raised concerns over pending fee reimbursement dues and alleged that students and unemployed youth were facing uncertainty because the government had not fulfilled its commitments. KTR further accused the Congress administration of weakening welfare and development initiatives launched under the previous BRS government. Referring to irrigation infrastructure, including the Seetharama project, he claimed that progress achieved over the past decade was being reversed. On organisational matters, KTR urged party workers to closely monitor the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls to ensure that no eligible voter's name was removed. He also appealed to party cadres to actively support the BRS digital membership campaign. Reaffirming his commitment to the party's grassroots workers, KTR said they were the backbone of the BRS and assured them of his continued support and protection.

# Boss Message Is Scam

Hyderabad, June 24: The Telangana Cyber Security Bureau (TGCSB) has issued a public alert warning citizens, government departments, public sector undertakings, private companies, and business organisations about a rapidly growing cyber fraud known as the "Boss Scam" or CEO Impersonation Fraud, which is being used by cybercriminals to steal money and sensitive information. According to TGCSB Director Shikha Goel, the warning follows an advisory issued by the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C), which has reported more than 300 complaints from across the country within just 20 days, indicating a sharp rise in such attacks. In this scam, fraudsters impersonate senior executives, government officials, or business leaders by sending deceptive emails or WhatsApp messages containing malicious ZIP or RAR files disguised as urgent compliance documents, regulatory notices, or official communications. Once the attachment is opened, malware is secretly installed on the victim's device. The malicious software can gain unauthorised access to active web sessions, including WhatsApp Web, allowing cybercriminals to monitor communications and impersonate top officials. They then send fake but convincing instructions to employees, finance teams, or associates, demanding urgent fund transfers or confidential business information. TGCSB warned that messages



marked with phrases such as "urgent compliance," "immediate action required," or "confidential financial instruction" should be treated with caution, especially if they request bypassing established approval procedures or insist on immediate action without verification. To protect against such attacks, the bureau has advised organisations and individuals to independently verify all financial instructions through direct phone calls or trusted official channels before acting. Users

should avoid opening suspicious attachments from unknown or unverified sources, regularly review active WhatsApp Web sessions, enable multi-factor authentication wherever possible, and strictly follow internal approval mechanisms for financial transactions. The bureau also emphasised the importance of regular cyber awareness training for employees to help identify evolving fraud techniques. In case of suspicion, TGCSB recommends that recipients do not respond to the message or open the attachment, immediately verify the request through a trusted source, inform their organisation's IT or cybersecurity team, preserve relevant evidence, and report the incident to the appropriate authorities without delay. Officials stressed that vigilance, verification, and adherence to cybersecurity best practices remain the most effective defence against increasingly sophisticated impersonation scams targeting organisations across the country.



## Colombia Seal Knockout Berth

Colombia advanced to the FIFA World Cup 2026 knockout stage with a hard-fought 1-0 victory over DR Congo in Group K on Tuesday. Defender Daniel Muñoz scored the match-winning goal in the 76th minute when his shot took a deflection and beat goalkeeper Lionel Mpasí, who had kept DR Congo in the contest with a series of outstanding saves. The victory moved Colombia to the top of Group K with six points from two matches, securing qualification for the round of 16. Despite dominating much of the game through players like James Rodríguez and Luis Díaz, Colombia had to wait until the closing stages to break the deadlock. DR Congo nearly equalised in stoppage time, but goalkeeper Camilo Vargas produced a crucial save to preserve the lead. Colombia will face Portugal in their final group-stage match, while DR Congo still retains a chance of advancing depending on other results.

## Separate Room For Sooryavanshi

New Delhi, June 24: Fifteen-year-old batting prodigy Vaibhav Sooryavanshi will use a separate dressing room during India's upcoming tour of Ireland and England due to safeguarding regulations for players under 16 in the United Kingdom. According to reports, the young opener will still attend team meetings and remain with the squad during matches but must change in a separate room or at a different time from his teammates. Similar arrangements will be followed during India's T20Is in Belfast and throughout the England tour. The England and Wales Cricket Board confirmed that the measures are part of international safeguarding protocols. The player's parents are expected to accompany him throughout the tour, with the travel expenses being covered by the Board of Control for Cricket in India. Despite being only 15, Sooryavanshi has already represented his state team, the Rajasthan Royals, and India A. If selected, he will become the youngest player to debut for India's men's team, surpassing the long-standing record held by Sachin Tendulkar.



## Axar Backs Pant's Return



New Delhi, June 24: Delhi Capitals captain Axar Patel has welcomed Rishabh Pant back to the franchise ahead of IPL 2027, assuring the wicketkeeper-batter that he will have complete freedom to play without pressure. Pant is set to rejoin Delhi Capitals after a high-profile trade from Lucknow Super Giants, while spinner Kuldeep Yadav will move in the opposite direction. Speaking in a team video, Axar said he shares a strong understanding with Pant and believes mutual trust, rather than authority, has always defined their relationship. He added that Pant should simply enjoy his cricket and play with confidence. "Form is temporary, class is permanent," Axar said, expressing confidence that Pant will return to his best. Pant previously spent nine seasons with Delhi Capitals, becoming the franchise's most-capped player and serving as captain from 2021 to 2024 before his move to Lucknow.



Sonam Kapoor

## Priyanka Says Barriers Are Falling



Global star Priyanka Chopra Jonas has said that the entertainment industry is becoming more accessible for aspiring creators, crediting digital platforms and changing audience preferences for breaking down long-standing barriers in Hollywood. Speaking at the Cannes Lions International Festival of Creativity conference, Priyanka highlighted how innovative ideas can now find global recognition regardless of budget or background. Referring to the low-budget horror film *Obsession*, she said its success demonstrates that compelling storytelling can emerge from anywhere. "I feel like if you have an idea, shoot it, put it on YouTube, and it can become *Obsession*. It's a wonderful time to be in the entertainment business because ideas are your true currency," she remarked. The actress explained that one of the reasons she established her own production company was to support promising filmmakers who possess strong ideas but lack access to influential industry networks. "I wanted to create opportunities for storytellers who may not have the ability to open doors that I might be able to help unlock," she said. Discussing her career trajectory, Priyanka observed that while she has worked with many acclaimed filmmakers and actors in Indian cinema across multiple genres, she still hopes to expand the scope of her English-language projects. "In my Hindi-language career, I've had the privilege of telling diverse stories with some of the best talent in the industry. In Hollywood and my English-language work, I still feel there is much more I want to explore," she noted.

## Akshay Backs Multi-Starrers

Bollywood star Akshay Kumar has expressed concern that many young actresses are reluctant to take creative risks, particularly when it comes to starring in multi-starrer films, and has urged the new generation of actors to embrace collaborative projects for the benefit of the film industry. Speaking during an interaction ahead of the release of his upcoming comedy *Welcome to the Jungle*, directed by Ahmed Khan, Akshay reflected on his experience of working with actresses from different generations. The actor said that while performers from various eras have all displayed professionalism and talent, today's actresses generally enter the industry with greater preparation and technical knowledge than earlier generations. "They are all professional, talented and beautiful. The main difference is that today's actresses come into the industry much better prepared. They have learned a lot before beginning their careers," Akshay observed.



## Rajinikanth's Next Titled 'Dharman'

The makers of Superstar Rajinikanth's much-awaited upcoming film, previously referred to as #Thalaivar173, have officially announced its title as "Dharman", creating excitement among fans across the country. The title was unveiled on Wednesday by veteran actor and producer Kamal Haasan, whose production banner Raaj Kamal Films International is backing the project. Sharing the first-look title poster on social media, Kamal Haasan accompanied it with the phrase, "Dharmame Vellum" (Dharma will prevail), hinting at the film's central theme. The striking poster depicts Rajinikanth standing inside what appears to be an operating theatre, holding a surgical scalpel while looming over the body of a slain gangster. The imagery has fuelled speculation that the superstar could be portraying a doctor with an action-packed and morally driven role in the film. The title announcement coincided with the film's grand launch ceremony, where a traditional pooja was conducted before principal photography. The project will be directed by Ashwath Marimuthu, who gained widespread recognition for directing the blockbuster film *Dragon*. His appointment confirms months of speculation after multiple changes behind the scenes.



## Pooja Debuts Short Hair

Actress Pooja Hegde has unveiled a fresh new look, revealing a stylish short haircut through a video shared on her social media accounts. Taking to Instagram, the actress posted a clip of herself playfully running her fingers through her newly cropped hair and captioned it, "I'm a short hair girlie now," accompanied by a smiling emoji. The makeover quickly drew praise from fans, with many flooding the comments section with compliments. Admirers described her new hairstyle as "gorgeous," "stunning," and said that she looked equally beautiful with both long and short hair. Pooja has been actively sharing glimpses of her personal life and fitness routine on social media. Recently, she posted a video from the gym showing herself confidently walking backwards on a treadmill while recording the moment on her phone. She sported an orange athleisure outfit consisting of a crop top and matching shorts. On the professional front, Pooja was last seen in "Hai Jawani Toh Ishq Hona Hai," a romantic comedy directed by David Dhawan. The film featured Varun Dhawan and Mrunal Thakur in lead roles, with an ensemble cast including Mouni Roy, Chunky Panday, Manish Paul, Jimmy Shergill, Rakesh Bedi, and Ali Asgar. Produced by Ramesh Taurani under the Pits banner.

## Cocktail 2 Crosses ₹106 Crore

Romantic comedy "Cocktail 2" has emerged as a commercial success at the box office, with its worldwide gross collections surpassing ₹106.61 crore, making it one of the year's notable hits. Produced on an estimated budget of ₹100-110 crore, the film had already recovered a significant portion of its investment through digital streaming, satellite television, and music rights before its theatrical release. With worldwide ticket sales now crossing the ₹100 crore mark, the film has moved firmly into the profit zone. Industry observers attribute the film's strong performance to favourable audience response, positive word of mouth, and repeat viewership, particularly among younger moviegoers. The sustained theatrical run has helped the film maintain momentum across domestic and international markets. The success of "Cocktail 2" also reinforces the popularity of the romantic comedy genre and adds another commercially successful title to the portfolio of Maddock Films, which has consistently delivered box-office performers in recent years. The film features Shahid Kapoor, Kriti Sanon, and Rashmika Mandanna in the lead roles, presenting a story that explores modern relationships, friendship, and romance.

## Hansika Seeks Tirumala Blessings

Actress Hansika Motwani paid a visit to the revered Sri Venkateswara Temple on Wednesday, offering prayers and seeking the blessings of Lord Sri Venkateswara Swamy. Dressed in traditional attire, Hansika was seen participating in temple rituals with devotion and humility. The actress wore an elegant white ethnic outfit complemented by red bangles and opted for a simple, minimal-makeup look. Visuals from the temple premises showed her with folded hands as she prayed at one of the country's most sacred pilgrimage sites. Known for maintaining a strong spiritual connection, Hansika's visit comes at a time when several film personalities have been visiting prominent temples ahead of their upcoming projects and personal milestones.

