

Deal not final: Trump

Changes tune on Tehran ■ Threatens to drop bombs

EVIAN-LES-BAINS

JUST as things were looking up for the peace efforts in the Middle East, US President Donald Trump on Wednesday crushed hopes again, with fresh warnings to Iran. During his remarks at the G7 Summit in France, Trump said that no deal had been finalised with Iran and warned he would resume "dropping bombs" and go back to shooting if Tehran did not abide by its obligations.

Trump clarified that only a memorandum of understanding was in the works, and that no deal had been



finalised. "If I don't like it, we will go back to shooting at them," Trump said, adding: "If they don't behave, we'll go right back to dropping bombs right smack in the middle of their head." He made the remarks sitting alongside Egyptian President

Abdel Fattah al-Sisi.

Trump further trained guns at Islamic Republic of Iran for "misbehaving for 47 years". The sentiment Trump expressed in his latest remarks was much harsher than what he earlier said at the same G7 gathering. He had called the potential deal a very "powerful document", announcing that its content could be out "pretty soon".

His remarks come just days ahead of an agreement expected to be signed in Switzerland on Friday. Vice President JD Vance and Iran's parliament speaker, Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf are reportedly set to attend.

Uddhav Sena stares at split

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Late on Tuesday, Sena (UBT) parliamentary party leader Arvind Sawant wrote to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, requesting him not to entertain any claim seeking recognition of a separate group or a merger with another political party by the defecting MPs. Sawant said the party's claim that Shiv Sena (UBT) represents the "real Shiv Sena" remains sub judice before the Supreme Court and that his letter was being written without prejudice to that claim. He was responding to reports that certain MPs elected on the Sena (UBT)'s symbol had either approached, or were contemplating approaching, the Speaker seeking recognition as a separate group or merger with another political party within the Lok Sabha.

'If India is attacked, we will be there for Modi'

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I can tell you this: without even having a contract - we don't have a formal [mutual defence] contract; you have to have the right contract - but if they were attacked, we would be there to help." In a light-hearted remark, Trump later said the United States would be there to support India under PM Modi's leadership and then later joked and said that the situation might be different under a different leader.



India's defence production surges to Rs 1.78 lakh cr in 2025-26

NEW DELHI: India's annual defence production touched an all-time high of Rs 1.78 lakh crore in the financial year 2025-26, the defence ministry said on Wednesday. The milestone represents a 15.6 per cent growth over the previous fiscal year's output of Rs 1.54 lakh crore and a staggering 110 per cent increase since 2020-21 when the figure was Rs 84,643 crore, it said. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said the "remarkable rise" in India's defence production in recent years is the result of the collective efforts of the Department of Defence Production and all other stakeholders. "This upward trajectory is a clear indicator of the country's expanding defence industrial base," he said. "With sustained policy support, several new initiatives, increased private sector participation, and growing export capabilities, the defence production sector is poised for continued acceleration in the years ahead," he said.

Telegram moves Delhi HC against govt curbs

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As the matter came up before a vacation bench of Justice Tejas Karia, Telegram's counsel claimed the curbs were illegal, but Solicitor General (SG) Tushar Mehta defended the government action, saying the platform was being misused and he would reveal "something shocking" on Thursday. The court adjourned the hearing to Thursday and issued notice to the Centre. During the hearing, Telegram's counsel questioned the legality of the

government order blocking the platform.

He said that over 150 million users had been affected by the Centre's action on Tuesday. SG Mehta sought an adjournment, saying that he had not put several things on record. "If the court posts the matter for Thursday, then there is something shocking I can show. One channel starts, it is prohibited, and then another is started. And with a QR code, you can make a payment. This is continuous," he said.

Meta starts charging for Instagram, Facebook & WhatsApp

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These business plans are being tested in Saudi Arabia, Morocco, Thailand and Bangladesh first. Importantly, none of this replaces the existing Meta Verified subscription. According to the experts, subscriptions could bring in \$20 billion of high-margin revenue annually by 2030. Deutsche Bank notes subscriptions could deliver as much as \$15.6 billion of additional revenue next year. According to company data, 97.6% of Meta's revenue last year came from advertising, an alarming sign of the lack of progress it's made in growing beyond its core business in the last two decades since its founding.

TPS will instil confidence in public edu system: CM

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The Chief Minister affirmed that the government would establish a TPS in every Assembly constituency to provide quality education and train students in sports to produce India's talented sports persons in the future. Addressing a public meeting after inaugurating the maiden Telangana Public School at Arutla in Manchal mandal of Rangareddy district on Wednesday, the Chief Minister asserted: "Telangana's future does not lie in glass-embellished palaces or colourful walls. We firmly believe it lies within the classrooms." "We are strengthening government schools based

Keep Hormuz open: Modi

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"We met in Washington last time... since then we've been moving forward together. It is a joy for us that our teams are working together, we're moving forward at a fast pace," Modi said. Trump described the meeting as "great" as heaped praise on Modi. "I think India plays a big role in everything as long as he (PM Modi) is the leader. India is going to play a big role," Trump said in response to a question on whether New Delhi has a role to play in West Asia. "As long as I am at the White House, India has a friend in the US," he said, answering a question on the strain in India-US

ties. Responding to a question on the Indian seafarers killed in the conflict zone, Trump said he had been briefed about the incident and added that efforts were underway to address the issue. "I heard about that. It is a rough profession. We (PM Modi and him) are reworking it at it," he said.

India had protested the attacks after the vessels carrying the Indian crew was attacked thrice within a week as ministry of external affairs had summoned US envoy in Delhi.

India has been pressing the United States for months for a Trump trip, potentially as part of a meeting including Japan and Australia.

Samajwadi split next?

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"A major split is going to happen in the Samajwadi Party. Ram Gopal Yadav has submitted a letter to Union Home Minister Amit Shah ji. Everyone in Uttar Pradesh knows who the mastermind behind the mining scam and Gomti River Front scam is. As the noose tightens, the SP is getting anxious," the post in Hindi stated. Forget Maharashtra and Bengal—the entire SP is sitting ready to join the BJP, Rajbhar added

in the post. Responding to the claims, Samajwadi Party supreme took a sharp dig at the Uttar Pradesh minister, questioning his statements and motives. BJP engineered splits in many parties, poached SP MLAs, MLCs in Uttar Pradesh before, Akhilesh Yadav reportedly said. On Rajbhar's remark, Akhilesh Yadav said, "Dana aur gana kab tak chalega yeh afsana (how long will their 'benefits and songs' continue)".

'A total killer, a tough trader'

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"As long as I am President, they (India) have a great friend in the White House... Everyone here loves India, and they have tremendous respect for this (PM Narendra Modi) man," he added. "People say he's such a nice man. I said he's very tough. He's a tough trader, and he loves the Indian people, but he also loves the USA. We had 'Howdy Modi' in Houston. The stadium was full... We'll be going to India sometime in the future," Trump said. In a potent remark, Trump, putting on display his bonhomie with the Indian leader, said his country would come to India's help should any country attack it. He, however, put a condition: PM Modi should be the leader. "I think it is a great relationship... If they were attacked, we would be there to help them... If anybody attacks that man, we are going to be there... If they are attacked and he (PM Modi) is the leader, we are going to be there to help," he said.



Modi flags concerns over impact of West Asia crisis

EVIAN-LES-BAINS: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday proposed a framework to boost connectivity and trade by combining the strengths of the G7 nations, India and the Global South even as he flagged concerns over long-lasting consequences of the West Asia crisis on developing countries. The Prime Minister floated the proposal for setting up the International Mobilisation Partnership for Accelerating Connectivity and Trade (IMPACT) while speak-

ing at an outreach session of the G7 summit in this French commune. Modi emphasised that modern economic growth cannot be measured solely by trade volume or GDP numbers and that the true value of progress lies in its direction, and who ultimately benefits from it. The impact of the West Asian crisis on fuel, fertiliser, and food supply chains will have long-lasting consequences for the Global South, Modi said, adding the most vulnerable countries should

not bear the burden of geopolitical crises. "If we truly want to strengthen international solidarity, the most vulnerable countries should not bear the burden of these crises alone," he said. "Our international financial institutions must create support mechanisms that help developing countries absorb these shocks and maintain their economic resilience," Modi said. The Prime Minister said the new framework to help the Global South can be modelled on the ambitious

IMEC or India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor initiative. "Drawing inspiration from the IMEC vision, we can work on connectivity projects with countries in Africa, Latin America, and the Pacific Islands," he said. Combining the capital of the G7, India's talent, and the ownership of countries in the Global South, we could consider creating the International Mobilisation Partnership for Accelerating Connectivity and Trade, or IMPACT, he said.



TG govt braces for de-siltation of irrigation projects

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For, the Irrigation Department has belatedly found that delay in de-siltation poses a big threat to the projects during heavy inflows in the monsoon season. So, the Irrigation wing will undertake a detailed study of de-siltation models being implemented in other states and examine best practices that could be adapted to Telangana's conditions. A study of the national framework and guidelines issued by the central government on reservoir de-siltation and sediment management would also be done before the start of the works. At a high-level meeting, Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy observed that the cost of delayed action could be enormous. He pointed out that severe flooding in Punjab last year inundated 16 of the state's 22 districts, forcing the government to spend nearly Rs 2,000 crore on flood-related damages and compensation. A substantial portion of such expenditure could have been avoided through timely preventive measures, including systematic de-siltation and restoration of drainage and storage capacities, he opined.

'We're most famous couple'

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While the audio isn't very clear, PM Modi appeared to refer to their popularity on social media to Meloni. To this, the Italian Prime Minister said, "Yes, we are the most famous couple on Instagram".

This came nearly a month after PM Modi, during his trip to Rome, gifted Meloni a packet of Parle's Melody toffee - in reference to the viral 'Melody' term. Sharing the video of PM Modi's 'sweet' gesture on her social media accounts, Meloni wrote, "Thank you for the gift".

The post featured both PM Modi and Meloni holding a packet of the popular Indian candy, known by its 'very,

very chocolaty' tagline, as they laughed over the cheerful internet trend. In the clip, the Italian Prime Minister says, "Prime Minister Modi brought as a gift a very, very good toffee." "Melody," then said PM Modi. 'Melodi' - a blend of Meloni and PM Modi's names - began as an internet joke after their bilateral meeting in 2023. The term, often used in many viral clips and memes depicting warm, unscripted moments between the two leaders at multilateral summits, has racked up millions of views.

Meloni had used the term in a post first in 2024, along with a selfie with PM Modi. "Hi friends, from #Melodi," she had

posted on X. In June 2025, she posted a selfie video with PM Modi from their G7 Summit interactions and captioned it as: "Hello, from the Melodi team." Since then, similar interactions at global events have reinforced the perception of a warm personal chemistry between the two leaders.

However, the PM Modi-Meloni bond is not a mere photo opportunity; it is a foreign policy in motion. Italy has emerged as India's most consequential global partner, with both nations working towards the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC) that anchors Rome as Europe's gateway to the Indo-Pacific.

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH FORM NOVI (A)
[Under the Act the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 (Act No.30 of 2013) and Act No.22 of 2018 of Andhra Pradesh]
PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION
Rc.No. 332/2026 Dt: 27-05-2026

Whereas it appears to the District Collector, Sri Sathya Sai District, Puttaparthi that, the lands situated in Brahmanpalli Village of Puttaparthi Mandal, Sri Sathya Sai District, Puttaparthi and specified in the schedule below are needed for establishment of Industrial park in Brahmanpalli Village of Puttaparthi Mandal, notice to that effect is hereby given to all to whom it may concern in accordance with the Act the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 (Act No. 30 of 2013) and Act No.22 of 2018 of Andhra Pradesh. The Zonal Manager, APIIC, Sri Sathya Sai District, Puttaparthi has submitted requisition in Form-A (1) seeking exemption of the provisions of Chapter-II and Chapter-III under Section 10A of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2018 (Act No.30 of 2018) for the proposed land acquisition for APIIC for establishment of Industrial park in Brahmanpalli Village of Puttaparthi Mandal. Accordingly, the Collector & District Magistrate, Sri Sathya Sai District, Puttaparthi in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 10A of the said Act, has issued orders in Form-A(2) exempting the provisions of Chapter-II and Chapter-III of the Act for the proposed land acquisition for establishment of Industrial park in Brahmanpalli Village of Puttaparthi Mandal, vide District Gazette No.20/SSSD/2026, dated. 08.04.2026. Hence, the provisions selecting to Social impact Assessment are not applicable to the present acquisition. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 12 of the Act, (30/2013), the District Collector, Sri Sathya Sai District, Puttaparthi hereby, designates the Revenue Divisional Officer, Puttaparthi, his staff and workmen to exercise the powers conferred under the Act the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 (Act No. 30 of 2013) and Act No.22 of 2018 of Andhra Pradesh. Under section 11(4) of the Act, (30/2013), no person shall make any transaction or cause any transaction of land i.e., sale / purchase etc., or create any encumbrances on such land and from the date of this notification without the prior approval of the Collector, Sri Satya Sai District Puttaparthi. Objections to the acquisition, if any, may be filed by the person(s) interested within 60 (sixty) days from the date of publication of this Notification as provided under Section 15 of the Act before the Revenue Divisional Officer, Puttaparthi, Sri Satya Sai District. The persons interested may submit their willingness for settlement of the proceedings by negotiation in Form-E-I (Land Owners); and in Form-E-II by the persons interested other than the land owners to the Revenue Divisional Officer, Puttaparthi.

SCHEDULE

Mandal: Puttaparthi					Village: Brahmanpalli				
Sl. No	Sy.No	Total Extent (Acres)	Extent under Acquisition (Acres)	Name and Address of the Person Interested	Boundaries				Trees, Structures ect.,
					North (S.No)	South (S.No)	East (S.No)	West (S.No)	
1	1-2A2	2.23	2.23	Title Not Confirmed	Road	1-2B	2	4	-
2	116	13.74	1.78	B.H. Hemadri Reddy S/o Narayana Reddy	4	Beedu palli Village	4	Beedu palli Village	Neem Tree-1
3			1.79	B. Guru Prasad Reddy S/o Narayana Reddy	4	Beedu palli Village	4	Beedu palli Village	Neem Tree-4 Pipe Line-480 Meters
4			2.35	K. Sambhi Reddy S/o K. Seetha Rami Reddy	4	Beedu palli Village	4	Beedu palli Village	-
5			1.41	K. Nagi Reddy S/o K. Muni Reddy	4	Beedu palli Village	4	Beedu palli Village	-
6			0.62	Seethana Jagannath Reddy S/o Seethana Pakkara Reddy	4	Beedu palli Village	4	Beedu palli Village	-
7			0.8	Veluri Venkata Chakravarthi Naidu S/o Veluri Hanumantha Naidu	4	Beedu palli Village	4	Beedu palli Village	-
8			1.42	K.Nagi Reddy S/o K.Muni Reddy	4	Beedu palli Village	4	Beedu palli Village	-
Total			12.40						

Palce: Puttaparthi **Sd/- District Collector**
Date: 27.05.2027 **Sri Sathya Sai District, Puttaparthi**
RC.No. LA/APIIC/C-32831/2025 Dated: 08.06.2026