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Revanth Reddy Calls for Grassroots Unity, Trust-Based Politics

KARIMNAGAR, Feb 5 | TPN Bureau

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Wednesday urged Congress candidates and party workers to treat the upcoming local body elections as a true test of grassroots strength, stressing that these are "workers' elections, not leaders' elections." Addressing a meeting in Choppadandi of Karimnagar district, the Chief Minister underlined that the party can grow stronger only when dedicated workers are given due recognition and responsibility.

Revanth Reddy said every candidate must take the elections seriously and work in coordination with all sections of the party. He acknowledged that in a ruling party, it is natural for many aspirants to seek tickets, but securing the Congress B-form was itself a matter of fortune. Emphasising the importance of unity, he said even a single vote could decide victory or defeat, and candidates should carry along those who did not receive tickets to ensure collective success.

Highlighting the achievements of the Congress government over the last two years, the Chief Minister said several welfare schemes had already reached the people, while much more development work remained to be done. He pointed out that despite



eligibility, ration cards were not issued during the previous government's decade-long rule, whereas the present government has provided ration cards to all eligible beneficiaries. He also listed the supply of fine rice to the poor, 200 units of free electricity, interest-free loans to women's self-help groups, Indiramma housing for the underprivileged, and free bus travel for women in RTC services as key welfare initiatives.

Revanth Reddy advised candidates to clearly communicate these achievements at

the grassroots level, especially in urban areas. "There is no need to tell lies in politics. What we have done should be told honestly to the people," he said, adding that elections are won not with money but with public trust. According to him, building confidence among voters is the only sustainable path to victory.

Later, the Chief Minister laid foundation stones for major development projects in the region. These included the establishment of an Advanced Technology Centre at Ramadugu in Karimnagar district

with an outlay of 45.15 crore, and the construction of a Government Degree College at Madhuranagar in Gangadhara mandal at a cost of 5 crore.

The programme was attended by Ministers Tummala Nageswara Rao, Sridhar Babu, Ponnam Prabhakar and Adhuri Laxman Kumar, along with MLAs, MLCs and senior party leaders. The Chief Minister reiterated that winning all local body seats would not only strengthen the party organisation but also accelerate Karimnagar district's development.

Harish Rao Slams CM Revanth Reddy Over "Derogatory Language"

Hyderabad, February 5 | TPN Bureau

Former Minister and BRS MLA T. Harish Rao launched a sharp attack on Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Wednesday, accusing him of lowering the dignity of the constitutional post by using what he termed as "derogatory and uncivil language." Addressing a press conference at Telangana Bhavan, Harish Rao said the Chief Minister's recent remarks reflected a "disturbing mindset" and were unbecoming of a leader holding the state's highest executive office.

Harish Rao stated that political criticism was natural in a democracy, but there were clear limits to language and conduct, especially for a Chief Minister. He expressed anguish over Revanth Reddy's comments made after his recent US visit, alleging that such statements had hurt the sentiments of Telangana society. "A Chief Minister is expected to uphold cul-

ture, values, and dignity. Unfortunately, the language being used today is tarnishing the image of Telangana," he said.

The BRS leader alleged that Revanth Reddy was unable to accept the respect and recognition accorded to former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao by the people of the state. He asserted that KCR was widely regarded as the architect of Telangana's statehood and development, and that the public continued to honour him for delivering landmark welfare and infrastructure initiatives. Harish Rao listed schemes such as Rythu Bandhu, Rythu Bima, 24-hour free power supply to agriculture, expansion of pensions, and strengthening of residential schools as examples of KCR's governance. Targeting the present government, Harish Rao claimed that the Congress administration had failed to deliver any significant achievement even after nearly two and a half years in power. He alleged that instead of addressing pressing public issues, the Chief

Minister was resorting to provocative language to divert attention from administrative failures. "There is silence on unemployment, job calendars, farmers' distress, student deaths in hostels, fee reimbursement delays, pensions, and employees' PRC issues," he said. Harish Rao further remarked that every Chief Minister occupies a place in history based on their governance and conduct. He warned that Revanth Reddy risked being remembered not for development, but for controversial remarks that undermined the stature of the office. Calling upon intellectuals, civil society members, and the public, Harish Rao urged them to speak out against what he described as a steady erosion of political decorum. He concluded by stating that protecting Telangana's self-respect and democratic values was a collective responsibility, and emphasized that leadership must be rooted in trust, dignity, and accountability rather than confrontation and rhetoric.



Revanth Reddy Stresses Minority Rights and Inclusive Development

Hyderabad, February 5 | TPN Bureau :

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Wednesday underscored the historic role of Jamiat Ulema e Hind in India's freedom struggle and reiterated the Congress party's long standing commitment to unity, secularism, and minority welfare. Addressing a gathering at a Jamiat Ulema e Hind organisational meeting, the Chief Minister said the institution has consistently worked to bring together minorities and the majority community to move the nation forward in harmony.

Revanth Reddy recalled that Jamiat Ulema e Hind actively participated in the country's independence movement, just as the Congress party fought relentlessly for freedom. He said national progress is possible only when people of all communities walk together, stressing that unity and mutual respect form the foundation of India's democracy.

Sharing personal political experiences, the Chief Minister said Jamiat Ulema e Hind had voluntarily extended support to him during the Malkajgiri Lok Sabha elections. "From traveling lanes to reaching Delhi, Jamiat stood by me. Hindus and Muslims together elected me and sent me to Parliament,"



he said. He added that in the Lok Sabha, he fought alongside Rahul Gandhi against Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah.

Revanth Reddy asserted that the Congress government in Telangana was formed with the strong backing of minority communities. He recalled historical struggles against the Nizam, citing leaders like Shoabullah Khan, and said the Congress has always provided opportunities to minority leaders at the national and state levels. He mentioned senior leaders such as Salman Khurshid and Ahmed Patel as examples of minorities rising to prominent positions within the party.

At the state level, he noted that leaders like Mohammed Azharuddin and Shabbir Ali were given Assembly tickets, and wherever possible, minorities were accommo-

dated in leadership roles. He said eight corporations were entrusted to minority representatives and highlighted that Azharuddin was made an MLC and minister despite losing an election.

The Chief Minister urged minority leaders to take responsibility for ensuring the victory of candidates given party tickets, particularly in upcoming municipal elections. He announced that the state government plans to introduce legislation in the next Assembly session to curb hate speeches, stressing the urgent need to prevent divisive rhetoric.

Revanth Reddy said peace and law and order are essential for attracting investments and ensuring development, adding that no single individual can build the nation alone or remain in power forever. He recalled that former Chief Minister Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy had introduced

four per cent reservations for minorities and said the matter is currently before the Supreme Court.

He stated that minority population data collected during the caste census would be submitted to the court to strengthen the case and assured that the Congress government would continue efforts to ensure implementation of the four per cent reservations. He also urged minorities to prioritize education, noting that reservations introduced by Congress governments have helped many secure jobs.

Referring to claims that minority reservations would be scrapped, Revanth Reddy challenged Union Home Minister Amit Shah to come to power in Telangana if he had the courage to do so, asserting that such decisions would not be allowed under the Congress rule.

Bhatti Questions Removal of Gandhi's Name from Employment Scheme

Hyderabad, February 4, 2026 | TPN Bureau :

Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu on Thursday strongly criticised the BJP-led Union government for removing Mahatma Gandhi's name from the Employment Guarantee Scheme, asking what "sin" the Father of the Nation had committed to deserve such an act. Addressing a massive public meeting in Chennai, he said the move reflected an attempt to dilute both the spirit and substance of one of India's most important welfare legislations.

The meeting was organised following a padayatra led by the Tamil Nadu Pradesh Congress Committee to protest changes made to the Employment Guarantee Scheme and the removal of Mahatma Gandhi's name from it. Bhatti Vikramarka attended the programme as the chief guest.

The Deputy Chief Minister said the Mahatma Gandhi Employment Guarantee Scheme, introduced during the UPA regime, was a "silent revolution" that transformed the lives of crores of agricultural labourers across the country. He alleged that the BJP government had brought in a



new law with the intention of slowly erasing the scheme altogether by altering its core provisions. "Not only has Mahatma Gandhi's name been removed, but even the guarantee of employment for rural labourers is being weakened," he said.

Recalling the circumstances before the scheme was introduced, Bhatti Vikramarka said that every agricultural season earlier witnessed agitation, police lathi-charges and bloodshed for wage hikes of even 50 paise. With a humane outlook, UPA Chairperson Sonia Gandhi and then Prime Minister Manmohan Singh enacted the Mahatma Gandhi Employment Guarantee Act, 2005, ensuring 100 days of work as a legal right for rural labourers. This, he said, brought

livelihood security to millions without violence or prolonged struggles.

He alleged that the BJP government was systematically undermining this historic legislation and questioned what wrongdoing of agricultural labourers had committed to face such hardship. He announced that at the call of AICC President Mallikarjun Karge, Sonia Gandhi and Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi, Congress workers across the country were launching protests under PCC leaderships in defence of the scheme.

Bhatti Vikramarka asserted that Congress leaders and workers would continue their fight until the Employment Guarantee Act was fully restored in its original spirit. He

praised Tamil Nadu for once again standing at the forefront whenever ordinary people faced injustice.

Drawing parallels from history, he recalled Mahatma Gandhi's return to India in 1915, his leadership of mass movements against British rule, and India's eventual independence and Constitution under Dr B.R. Ambedkar. "The powerful British Empire could not touch Gandhi, but communal forces within our own country shot him dead," he said.

He concluded by invoking the legacy of Gandhi, Periyar, Kamaraj and Annadurai, stating that protecting that legacy by securing a dignified future for coming generations was both a moral duty and historical responsibility of the Congress.

Seethakka Condemns Murder of Young Woman Lawyer

Hyderabad, Feb. 5 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Minister Seethakka on Wednesday expressed deep shock and anguish over the brutal murder of a young woman lawyer in Kethireddypally village of Moinabad mandal, reportedly triggered by a property dispute. Describing the incident as deeply disturbing, the minister said the crime reflected a tragic erosion of human values and family bonds in society.

In a statement, Seethakka noted that disputes over property and financial matters were increasingly tearing apart blood relations, leading

to violence and even murder. "It is heart-breaking that sacred relationships such as those between siblings are being reduced to conflicts over assets. The loss of human sensitivity and moral values is one of the most painful realities our society is facing today," she said.

The minister said the killing of a young woman who had chosen the legal profession to serve society was particularly distressing. "A young lawyer, who aspired to uphold justice and contribute positively to the community, becoming a victim of such brutality is extremely painful.



This incident has shaken the collective conscience," Seethakka remarked.

Strongly condemning the murder, the minister extended her heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family. She assured them of the government's full support and said all necessary steps would be taken to ensure justice. "The government stands with the victim's family in this hour of grief. We will ensure that the perpetrators are brought to justice and that the family receives all possible assistance," she said.

Seethakka warned against the growing per-

ception that violence was an acceptable solution to property disputes. She stressed that such conflicts should be resolved through dialogue and legal mechanisms rather than through force. "The idea that violence can resolve disputes is extremely dangerous. Differences related to property or finances must be addressed through discussions, mediation, and the legal system," she emphasized.

Calling for introspection, the minister urged people to recognize the importance of human values and family relationships. She appealed

to society to prioritize compassion, understanding, and respect over material gains. "No amount of property can replace a human life. Every individual must remember the value of relationships and the responsibility we share in preserving peace and harmony," Seethakka said.

The incident has sparked widespread concern, with calls from various quarters for stricter action against crimes arising out of domestic and property disputes, and for greater awareness about peaceful conflict resolution.

Ponnam Prabhakar Campaigns for Congress in Huznabad Ward No. 7



Huznabad, Feb. 5 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Minister Ponnam Prabhakar on Wednesday intensified the Congress party's campaign in Huznabad, seeking support for Ward No. 7 Congress candidate Chittari Padma Ravinder as part of the ongoing municipal elections. The minister participated in door-to-door campaigning and public interactions, highlighting the welfare schemes and development programmes implemented by the Congress-led Praja Palana government.

The campaign witnessed large participation from women and party workers, who accompanied the minister as he went from house to house explaining the government's initiatives and urging voters to ensure the victory of Congress candidates across all wards in Huznabad. Ponnam Prabhakar appealed to voters to repose their trust in the Con-

gress, stating that the party was committed to inclusive development and people-centric governance.

Addressing a corner meeting later, the minister urged voters to cast their ballots in favour of Chittari Padma Ravinder by voting for the Congress party's hand symbol. He called upon the people to ensure that Congress candidates win in all 20 wards of Huznabad, asserting that a clean sweep would accelerate the town's overall development.

Ponnam Prabhakar criticised the previous BRS government, alleging that despite being in power for 10 years, it had failed to fulfil key promises. He said the Congress had struggled and led movements for projects like Gouravelli even when it was not in power, while the earlier regime failed to provide even a single double-bedroom house during its tenure. "Within our very first

year in power, we have sanctioned 3,500 Indiramma houses," he said.

The minister highlighted that eligible beneficiaries were now being issued ration cards, unlike in the past when no new ration cards were given. He said fine rice was being distributed in the public distribution system, replacing coarse rice, and added that 200 units of free electricity were being provided to households. He also pointed out that women were benefiting from free bus travel in RTC services.

Detailing development works, Ponnam Prabhakar said a four-lane road was being constructed from Karimnagar to Huznabad and that Elamma Cheruvu was being developed as part of urban beautification efforts. He said women were being empowered through skill training programmes under SETWIN, distribution of

sewing machines, and access to interest-free loans for self-employment.

Looking ahead, the minister promised further development if Congress candidates were elected. He announced plans for a 250-bed hospital and a postgraduate medical college in Huznabad, along with the development of Elamma Cheruvu, Kotha Cheruvu, and Palle Cheruvu. He urged voters to elect Padma Ravinder for a third term, assuring that ward-level issues would be resolved effectively.

Calling upon party workers to focus on every vote until polling day, Ponnam Prabhakar urged them to take the government's achievements to every household. "Only if Congress wins all seats will Huznabad's reputation grow further and development gain momentum," he said.

Revanth Reddy Government Expands Agricultural Education with New College in Nizamabad

Hyderabad, Feb. 5, 2026 | TPN Bureau

The Telangana government has taken a significant step towards strengthening agricultural education and boosting farm-sector development by deciding to establish agricultural colleges in every erstwhile district of the state. As part of this initiative, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy will lay the foundation stone for a new agriculture college in Nizamabad district on Thursday, Agriculture Minister Thummala Nagewara Rao announced.

Addressing the media, Minister Thummala said the government was committed to expanding agricultural education with the twin objectives of farmer welfare and long-term agricultural growth. He stated that the Chief Minister had approved the establishment of a modern agriculture college in Nizamabad as part of a broader vision to create a strong institutional backbone for the farm sector.

The new agriculture college will be constructed on 120 acres of land within the Telangana University campus limits at Suddapalli and Nadapalli villages in Nizamabad district. The land falls under Survey Numbers 265/1, 277 and 334. The institution will function under the aegis of Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University and is expected to become a major centre for agricultural education, research, training and farmer outreach in North Telangana.

According to the minister, the college has been designed to integrate advanced agricultural education with practical training and farmer-centric services. Planned infrastructure includes a five-acre academic and administrative block, 10 state-of-the-art laboratories spread across two acres, hostels accommodating up to 1,000 students on two acres, and a one-acre library. In addition, extensive facilities will be created for research and hands-on learning.

The campus will feature 50 acres of research and seed



farmers, 20 acres dedicated to student practical training, and 10 acres each for a model farm and farmer training block. A science museum and botanical garden will be developed over 10 acres, while an eight-acre sports complex with an indoor stadium, a three-acre auditorium with seminar halls, residential quarters for faculty and staff, and a health centre will also be part of the project.

Minister Thummala expressed confidence that the college would significantly benefit students and farmers alike by providing access to modern farming techniques, research innovations, seed development, and training in advanced cultivation practices. He said the institution would play a key role in increasing agricultural productivity and attracting youth towards agriculture as a viable and modern profession.

The minister also recalled his

long association with agricultural education, noting that he had initiated efforts to establish an agriculture college in Ashwaraopet nearly three decades ago. Drawing on that experience, he said he had proposed the expansion of agricultural education to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, who readily approved the plan, recognising agriculture as a priority sector.

Welcoming the decision, university professors and farmer organisations have expressed satisfaction, stating that the new college would mark a milestone in Telangana's agricultural development. Minister Thummala appealed to farmers and agricultural students to participate in large numbers in the foundation stone-laying ceremony, which he said would usher in a new chapter in the state's agricultural education and progress.

TGSRTC Tarnaka Hospital Secures NABH Entry-Level

Hyderabad, February 5, 2026

The TGSRTC Hospital at Tarnaka has achieved a significant milestone by receiving Entry-Level accreditation from the National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Healthcare Providers (NABH). This recognition marks an important step in the hospital's ongoing efforts to enhance healthcare quality, patient safety, and service standards for TGSRTC employees and their eligible dependents.

The NABH accreditation acknowledges the hospital's sustained initiatives over the past few years to upgrade infrastructure, strengthen clinical services, and implement standardised medical protocols. Hospital authorities stated that this achievement reflects a strong commitment to ethi-

cal medical practices, patient-centred care, and continuous quality improvement.

As part of its modernisation drive, the Tarnaka RTC Hospital has introduced several advanced medical facilities. These include well-equipped emergency and critical care services, modular super-specialty operation theatres, and a fully functional catheterisation laboratory (Cath Lab). The availability of these facilities has enabled the hospital to deliver timely, safe, and specialised treatment, particularly in critical and emergency situations.

In addition to clinical care, the hospital has placed equal emphasis on education and training. A 100-seat BSc Nursing College and a vocational education college have been established to



strengthen the healthcare workforce. Furthermore, DNB postgraduate programmes in General Medicine, Orthopaedics, and Surgery have been launched, providing advanced training opportunities for young doctors and contributing to the overall improvement of medical services.

The NABH Entry-Level certification signifies adherence to essential healthcare quality benchmarks, including patient safety norms, infection control practices, medico-legal compliance, and effective hospital management systems. Officials noted that this accreditation would enhance institutional credibility and help streamline internal processes, while also laying the foundation for achieving higher levels of NABH accreditation in the future.

TGSRTC Vice Chairman and Managing Director Y. Nagi Reddy congratulated the entire medical and administrative team for attaining this recognition. He appreciated the dedication and teamwork of Hospital Superintendent and Chief Medical Officer Dr. Shailaja Murthy, Medical Administrator Dr. P. Srinivas, and the supporting staff. He emphasised the need to sustain and further improve healthcare standards.

Expressing her happiness, Dr. Shailaja Murthy said the NABH certification was a proud moment for the hospital and the result of collective effort. She added that the accreditation would strengthen quality systems and inspire the team to continue delivering safe, reliable, and patient-focused medical services.

Ponnam Prabhakar Campaigns in Auto for Huzurabad Municipal Polls

Huzurabad, Feb. 5 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Minister Ponnam Prabhakar intensified the Congress party's campaign for the Huzurabad municipal elections on Wednesday, personally taking part in an energetic roadshow aimed at mobilising voters and boosting the morale of party workers. In a unique outreach effort, the minister drove an auto-rickshaw himself as part of the election campaign, drawing attention and enthusiasm from the public.

The campaign began at the revered Peddamma Temple in Huzurabad and continued up to the Ellamma Temple in Ward No. 6. By choosing to personally drive the auto through residential localities and busy streets, Ponnam Prabhakar sought to connect directly with voters and convey the Congress party's message in a simple and relatable manner.

Party leaders said the minister's decision to take the driver's seat symbolised the Con-



gress leadership's commitment to grassroots politics and its focus on staying close to the people. Residents along the route gathered to watch and greet the minister, while party workers and supporters followed the auto-rickshaw, raising slogans and appealing to voters to support Congress candidates in the municipal elections.

Addressing party cadres during the campaign, Ponnam Prabhakar urged voters to

elect Congress candidates to ensure transparent governance and accelerated development in the municipality. He said municipal bodies played a crucial role in addressing everyday civic issues such as sanitation, drinking water, roads, and public services, and stressed the need for dedicated representatives who would work sincerely for the welfare of citizens.

The minister said the Congress party was

committed to strengthening urban local bodies and empowering local representatives to deliver effective administration. He appealed to the people of Huzurabad to give the Congress a clear mandate in the municipal polls, assuring them that the party would prioritise development works and address long-pending civic problems.

Ponnam Prabhakar's hands-on campaigning style infused fresh en-

thusiasm among party workers, many of whom described the initiative as inspiring. "Seeing the minister drive the auto himself has energised the cadre and strengthened our resolve to work harder for the party's victory," a local Congress leader said. The auto-rickshaw campaign also attracted significant public attention, with many residents stopping to interact with the minister and share their concerns. Party sources said such direct engagement was aimed at understanding local issues at the grassroots level and reinforcing the Congress party's image as people-centric.

As the Huzurabad municipal elections draw closer, Congress leaders are stepping up their outreach efforts through innovative campaign methods. The party hopes that such visible and personal involvement by senior leaders will translate into increased support for its candidates and a strong performance in the polls.

Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy Slams KTR Over Remarks

Bhongir, Feb. 5 | TPN Bureau

Bhongir Lok Sabha Member Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy launched a sharp attack on Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) working president K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) on Wednesday, accusing him of resorting to cheap rhetoric and irresponsible language on social media instead of addressing public issues.

Reacting strongly to KTR's recent posts on X (formerly Twitter), the Congress MP said the BRS leader was indulging in what he described as "Twitter theatrics" and writing objectionable and trivial comments. Chamala Kiran Reddy alleged that KTR had no moral authority to lecture others on language, claiming that abusive and uncivil discourse had been normalised by the BRS leadership itself.

Taking a swipe at the former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR), the MP said that if one searched online for leaders associated with abusive political language, KCR's name would prominently appear. He challenged KTR to revisit videos of his father's past speeches on YouTube to understand the kind of language he had used in public life.

Chamala Kiran Reddy defended Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, stating that his language and approach varied depending on the context and the people he was addressing. He said Revanth Reddy communicated in a manner that ordinary people could understand and relate to, and that when dealing with leaders like KTR, speaking in their "own language" was sometimes necessary to make a point clear.

The MP said the people of Telangana had already delivered a strong verdict against the BRS. He recalled that the party was decisively defeated in the 2023 Assembly elections due to public anger over corruption, misgovernance,



and the burden of debt imposed on the state. He added that the message was reinforced in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, where the BRS drew a blank, and in subsequent by-elections in Cantonment and Jubilee Hills, as well as in local body polls.

Accusing the KCR family of nepotism, Chamala Kiran Reddy alleged that while promising "one job per family" to the people, the former ruling family ensured multiple positions for members within their own household. He urged the people of Telangana to closely observe and assess the actions of the KCR family.

The Congress MP appealed to the public not to be misled by what he termed as the BRS's "cheap talk" in the run-up to the municipal elections. He called on voters to repose faith in the Congress party to ensure the development of municipalities and corporations.

Stressing that democracy ultimately rested with the people, Chamala Kiran Reddy said that public verdicts, whether today or five years later, would continue to hold leaders accountable. He concluded by asserting that social media posts and online noise would neither help the BRS regain credibility nor change ground realities.

MLC Dasoju Shraavan Launches Scathing Attack on CM Revanth Reddy



Hyderabad, Feb. 5, 2026 | TPN Bureau

BRS MLC Dr. Dasoju Shraavan Kumar on Wednesday issued a strongly worded press statement sharply criticising Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, accusing him of undermining the dignity of the constitutional office through what he described as abusive language, authoritarian behaviour, and political intolerance.

In his statement, Dasoju Shraavan alleged

that Revanth Reddy, despite occupying the Chief Minister's chair, was behaving like a "street-level bully" rather than a responsible statesman. He said the Chief Minister's repeated use of derogatory and offensive language reflected a lack of political culture and moral restraint. "Power has intoxicated him, but authority does not grant a licence to abandon decency," the MLC remarked.

The BRS leader took

strong exception to what he termed as disrespectful remarks made by Revanth Reddy against former Chief Minister and Leader of the Opposition K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR). Dasoju said that KCR, a 72-year-old constitutional authority and the leader who spearheaded the Telangana statehood movement, deserved basic human and constitutional respect. He argued that personal attacks against such a leader amounted not only to political impropriety but also to a violation of democratic norms and fundamental rights.

Dasoju Shraavan further accused the Chief Minister of attempting to reduce KCR's legacy to narrow social identities for electoral gains, calling it an act of betrayal against Telangana's identity itself. He warned that stoking divisions and provoking

social sentiments for votes was dangerous and unforgivable, and said the people of Telangana would soon deliver a fitting response.

Questioning Revanth Reddy's political credentials, the MLC alleged that despite spending public money and claiming exposure to global institutions, the Chief Minister had failed to demonstrate statesmanship or administrative competence. He claimed that corruption, poor governance, and verbal aggression had become defining features of the present administration.

Dasoju also alleged that the Congress government had turned Telangana into a centre of "abusive politics," eroding the culture of respectful debate that once defined the state. He said that criticism in a democracy must be rooted in reason and

facts, not vulgarity and intimidation. "The Chief Minister's conduct is an insult to the office he holds and to the people of Telangana," he said.

Warning of political consequences, Dasoju Shraavan said arrogance born out of power would ultimately lead to downfall. He asserted that occupying a high office did not automatically bestow dignity, and that respect had to be earned through conduct. "The people of Telangana are watching closely. This style of politics will not be forgiven," he cautioned.

Concluding his statement, the MLC said that Telangana's democratic ethos and cultural values were being tarnished, and warned that continued disregard for decorum would invite strong public and political backlash in the days to come.

Harish Rao Launches Sharp Attack on CM Revanth Reddy, Reasserts KCR's Legacy



Gajwel, Feb. 5 | TPN Bureau

Former minister and BRS Deputy Floor Leader T. Harish Rao on Wednesday mounted a fierce political attack on Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy while strongly projecting former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) as the architect of Telangana and the driving force behind the state's development. He was addressing a massive roadshow at Pragnapur in Gajwel Assembly constituency as part of the municipal election campaign.

Harish Rao said Telangana was achieved only due to KCR's sacrifices and fast unto death, calling him the "undisputed father of the Telangana nation." He alleged that while KCR symbolised development and welfare, the present Chief Minister was known only for abusive language and unfulfilled promises. Accusing Revanth Reddy of political immaturity, Harish Rao said that holding the constitutional post of Chief Minister demanded responsibility and restraint, which he claimed was lacking.

The BRS leader strongly criticised the

Congress government for failing farmers, particularly over the delay in Rythu Bandhu assistance. He alleged that two installments had already been skipped and warned that the third installment was also being withheld. "All three installments must be released together immediately. If necessary, we are ready to approach the Election Commission ourselves. If the amount is not credited by February 11, farmers will respond decisively," he warned.

Recalling the transformation of Gajwel under KCR's leadership, Harish Rao asked people to compare the constituency's past with its present. He said earlier the local hospital was in a deplorable condition, whereas today Gajwel boasts a 250-bed hospital providing quality healthcare to the poor. He also cited the establishment of the RDO office, railway connectivity, underground drainage, lake rejuvenation, and uninterrupted drinking water supply to every household.

Harish Rao highlighted major welfare initiatives launched during the BRS re-

gime, including Rythu Bandhu, Kalyana Lakshmi, Shaadi Mubarak, KCR Kits, enhanced pensions, free rice distribution, and residential educational institutions for SC, ST, BC and minority students. He said even during the Covid-19 crisis, KCR ensured uninterrupted welfare delivery by supplying rice and medicines directly to households. Targeting the Congress, he alleged that several poll promises remained unfulfilled, including pension hikes and financial assistance to women. He also claimed that the suspension of schemes like Dalit Bandhu, sheep distribution, and fisheries support had pushed the state into uncertainty. Appealing to voters, Harish Rao urged people to support BRS candidates in the municipal elections by voting for the car symbol. "Councilors elected now will serve for five years. In two years, KCR will return as Chief Minister. To protect Telangana's pride and Gajwel's dignity, BRS must win," he asserted, calling on voters to stand by those who had worked consistently for their welfare.

Etela Rajender Slams Government Over Delay in Double Bedroom Houses

Cantonment, February 5 | TPN Bureau

BJP MP Etela Rajender on Wednesday came down heavily on the state government for failing to allot Double Bedroom houses to eligible beneficiaries in Marredpally, stating that he was "hanging his head in shame" as a public representative due to continued inaction.

Etela Rajender participated in a dharna held in support of residents who have been protesting for the allotment of houses that were completed several years ago but remain unoccupied. Addressing the gathering, he said it was deeply shameful that the government had been unable to resolve the issue even after more than one-and-a-half years. "As an MP, I feel embarrassed by the helplessness of this administration," he said.

Launching a sharp attack on the ruling government, Etela de-

scribed it as inefficient, insensitive, and arrogant. He alleged that the government had no respect for people or elected representatives and accused officials of behaving irresponsibly. "This is a shameful and heartless government that toys with the lives of the poor and remains unmoved by their tears," he remarked.

The MP recalled that the Double Bedroom houses were completed in 2017 and were meant to be allotted to poor families who had earlier been given land with a clear promise of housing. "This government does not have the will or courage to fulfil that promise," he alleged. Etela said he had repeatedly approached the district Collector, concerned department officials, and even the in-charge minister, but no concrete action was taken. Stating that he had never seen such a directionless government in his 25 years of political life, Etela ac-



cus the administration of harassing the poor and neglecting their basic needs. He warned that if the government continued to remain indifferent, it would face serious consequences. "If there is no urgency or movement in governance, how can people trust

such a system?" he questioned. Demanding immediate allotment of the houses, Etela urged the government to act without further delay. He appealed to the protesters to remain patient for the time being, assuring them that he would take up the matter with senior officials.

He said further steps would be decided if the assurances were not honoured. The dharna was organised under the leadership of Mondamarket Division Corporation Konatham Deepika Naresh, with several BJP leaders and local representatives participating.

Students Shine at International Karate Championship

Uppal, February 5 | TPN Bureau

Students of Champion Shotokan Martial Arts Academy from Kushaiguda and Charlapalli put up a remarkable performance at an International Karate Championship held on Friday in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, winning multiple medals across categories and earning top honours for their team.

The students showcased outstanding talent, discipline, and competitive spirit in both Kata and Kumite events. In the Kata category, the team secured an impressive four gold medals, two silver medals, and three bronze medals. In the Kumite division,



they added five silver medals to their tally. With this consistent and high-level performance, Karate Master Ravikumar Goud was awarded the prestigious "Best

Team" trophy, a recognition of excellence in coaching and team achievement.

Budige Ravikumar Goud, Founder and President of Champion Shotokan Martial Arts Academy, said the success was the result of rigorous training, discipline, and unwavering commitment shown by the students. He expressed pride in their achievements and noted that competing and winning at an international level would motivate young martial artists to aim higher.

In the Kata events, Sreesanth Goud, Vishnu, Prabhav, and Manaswini won gold medals with technically strong and confident perfor-

mances. Rudra and Srihitha claimed silver medals, while Manaswini, Srinish, and Udayasri earned bronze medals, contributing significantly to the academy's overall success.

In the Kumite category, which emphasizes speed, strength, and tactical combat skills, Sreesanth Goud, Vishnu, Srihitha, Udayasri, and Rudra secured silver medals. Bronze medals were won by Srinish, Prabhav, Manaswini, and Manavishri, further strengthening the academy's medal count.

The prize distribution ceremony was attended by Visakhapatnam West MLA and Government Whip P.G.V.R. Naidu as

the chief guest, along with Karate Organisation Secretary Tajuddin and other dignitaries. On the occasion, Karate Master Ravikumar Goud was felicitated with a shawl and presented with a memento in recognition of his contribution to martial arts and youth training. Medals and certificates were distributed to the winning students.

The achievement has brought pride to Uppal and surrounding areas, highlighting the growing prominence of karate and martial arts training among young students and reinforcing the academy's reputation as a center of excellence.

Drone Flown Over MLC Shambipur Raju's Residence Triggers Security Concerns

Bowrampet, February 5, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Tension prevailed in Bowrampet on Wednesday after unidentified individuals allegedly flew a drone over the residence of Legislative Council Member (MLC) Shambipur Raju and carried out aerial videography without authorization. The incident raised serious security concerns, prompting immediate police action and a demand for a thorough investigation.

According to sources, staff members at the MLC's residential premises noticed a drone hovering suspiciously over the compound for some time. Sensing a potential security threat, they promptly alerted the local police. Acting swiftly on the complaint, police teams rushed to the spot and managed to detain the individuals involved in operating the drone. The drone equipment was also seized for examination. Police officials stated that preliminary questioning is underway to

ascertain the identity of the persons involved, the purpose behind flying the drone, and whether any footage of a sensitive nature was recorded. Authorities are also verifying whether the drone operation violated aviation and security regulations, especially those related to flying drones over residential areas and the homes of public representatives. MLC Shambipur Raju took the incident very seriously and expressed deep concern over what he described as a direct threat to his personal security. He said that flying a drone over the residence of an elected public representative without permission was a grave and irresponsible act. Such incidents, he warned, could set a dangerous precedent and pose risks not only to individuals but also to public order and democratic institutions. "The safety and privacy of public representatives cannot be taken lightly. This kind of activity raises many unanswered questions and



creates unnecessary fear," the MLC reportedly said, urging the authorities to treat the matter with utmost seriousness. He further demanded that the police conduct a comprehensive investigation and take strict legal action against those responsible, in accordance with the law. The MLC also appealed to the government to strengthen monitoring mechanisms and enforcement of drone regulations to prevent similar incidents in the future. Police officials confirmed that a detailed probe is ongoing.

DC and Traffic ACP Step In to Ease Traffic Woes on Gandhi Maisamma-Medchal Road

Quthbullapur, February 5 | TPN Bureau:

In a concerted effort to tackle chronic traffic congestion on the busy Gandhi Maisamma-Medchal Road, senior police and civic officials on Wednesday conducted a detailed field inspection and ordered immediate remedial measures. The initiative was led by Dundigal Circle Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) N. Venkateshwar Naik, along with Traffic Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) R. Venkat Reddy.

The stretch from Gandhi Maisamma junction to Medchal Road, which comes under the jurisdiction of the Dundigal Circle, has been witnessing persistent traffic bottlenecks for several months. Heavy vehicular movement, roadside encroachments, and poor road conditions have caused frequent delays, particularly during peak commuting hours. Acknowledging the mounting inconvenience faced by motorists and pedestrians alike, the senior officials undertook a ground-level assessment to identify the root



causes of the problem. During the inspection, officials found that pedestrian footpaths along the corridor had been severely encroached upon by vendors and unauthorized constructions. As a result, pedestrians were being forced to walk on the main carriageway, aggravating traffic congestion and increasing the risk of accidents. The DCP and Traffic ACP directed the concerned departments to remove all encroachments immediately and restore footpaths for exclusive pedestrian use. The officials also observed that uncontrolled growth of wild plants, shrubs, and roadside vegetation had narrowed the effective width of the road at several locations. They instructed municipal authorities to clear

overgrown bushes and tree branches on both sides of the road to reclaim lost road space and improve visibility for drivers. Another major issue identified was the presence of several small potholes and damaged road patches, which were slowing down traffic flow and posing safety hazards to commuters. The engineering wing was instructed to conduct a detailed survey of the stretch and take up immediate repair and resurfacing works. Highlighting the need for inter-departmental coordination, DCP N. Venkateshwar Naik stated that traffic management is not limited to enforcement alone and requires active cooperation between police, municipal, and engineering departments.

Traffic ACP R. Venkat Reddy added that once encroachments are cleared and road conditions improve, traffic regulation and flow management would become significantly more effective. The inspection was attended by Dundigal Circle Town Planning ACP Srinivas, Engineer Surender Naik, and municipal staff, who were directed to implement the instructions without delay. Residents and daily commuters welcomed the initiative and expressed hope that the measures would bring lasting relief from congestion on this crucial traffic corridor. Officials assured that follow-up inspections would be conducted to ensure sustained improvements.

20-Crore Development Works to Transform Uppal Nalla Cheruvu

Uppal, February 5 | TPN Bureau

The Uppal Nalla Cheruvu is set to undergo comprehensive development and beautification at an estimated cost of 20 crore, aimed at restoring the lake and enhancing the surrounding environment. HYDRA Commissioner A.V. Ranganath announced the major initiative during an inspection visit to the lake on Thursday.

The Commissioner visited the site along with Uppal Assembly constituency Congress in-charge Mandumula Parameshwar Reddy and Uppal Corporator Mandumula Rajita Parameshwar Reddy. During the visit, officials reviewed the current condition of the lake and discussed the scope of proposed development and conservation measures.

Speaking on the occasion, Commissioner Ranganath said the project would focus on complete rejuvenation and beautification of Nalla Cheruvu, making it an ecological asset for Uppal residents. He directed the concerned departments to ensure that all development works are completed within the stipulated timeline without compromising on quality standards.

The Commissioner also made it clear that all illegal encroachments in and around the lake would be removed as part of the project. He stressed that protecting water bodies is a priority for the government and warned that no leniency would be shown towards encroachments that threaten the lake's existence and water-holding capacity.

Corporator Rajita Parameshwar Reddy welcomed the initiative and said the long-pending demand of local residents for the development of Nalla Cheruvu was finally being addressed. She stated that once completed, the project would significantly improve groundwater levels, enhance the local climate, and provide a clean and pleasant recreational space for the public.



Congress leader Mandumula Parameshwar Reddy noted that the development of Nalla Cheruvu is part of a broader effort to protect urban lakes and promote sustainable development in Uppal. He added that such projects reflect the government's commitment to balancing infrastructure growth with environmental conservation.

The proposed works include lake desilting, strengthening of bunds, improvement of inlets and outlets, landscaping, walking tracks, green spaces, and other beautification components. Officials said the project would also help prevent waterlogging in nearby residential areas

during the monsoon season.

Several local leaders and party representatives were present during the inspection, including Eega Anjaiah Mudiraj, Lingampally Ramakrishna, Tummalala Devireddy, Alugula Anil Kumar, Manda Murali Krishna Reddy, Janagama Ramakrishna, Sunku Shekhar Reddy, Gorige Mahesh, Alwala Bhaskar, Mahankali Raju, Ramana, Pratap Reddy, Ram Reddy, Basireddy, Nallavelli Mahender, Tummalala Rajender Reddy, Delhi Chandrashekhar Reddy, Katapalli Vijay Kumar, CS Naresh, Rangula Shekhar Mudiraj, Prashanth Reddy, Satyam, Pilakala Ram Reddy, MD Afzal, Mohan, Mohan Naik, Chintakindi Srinivas, Shiva Goud, Ravi, Harish Reddy, Bacharam, and others.

Residents expressed hope that the 20-crore project would transform Nalla Cheruvu into a model urban lake and significantly improve the quality of life in Uppal.

Young Man Falls Victim to Mental Stress; Tragic Incident in Jeedimetla

Quthbullapur, February 5 | TPN Bureau:

A tragic incident was reported from the Jeedimetla police station limits on Thursday morning, where a young man was found dead under suspicious circumstances, sending shockwaves through the local community. The deceased has been identified as Gubbala Sai Kiran (32), who, according to preliminary information, is believed to have been under severe mental stress stemming from family-related issues.

Police officials stated that initial findings suggest the youth may have taken the extreme step after experiencing prolonged psychological pressure due to domestic disputes. However, they clarified that the exact cause of death would be ascertained only after a thorough investigation and receipt of the postmortem report.

Upon receiving information about the incident, Jeedimetla police rushed to the spot and conducted a detailed inspection of the scene. Based on a complaint lodged by the deceased's mother, Padma, the po-



lice registered a case and initiated an investigation from all possible angles to rule out any foul play.

The body was shifted to a government hospital for postmortem examination as per standard procedure. Police officials said that the postmortem report would play a crucial role in confirming the cause of death and would help investigators arrive at a final conclusion.

Speaking on the occasion, Jeedimetla Circle Inspector Gaddam Mallesh said that cases involving mental stress and personal struggles are on the rise and require greater social awareness. "Many individuals silently suffer

from emotional and psychological pressure. It is important for people facing such challenges not to isolate themselves but to seek support from family members, close friends, or professional counselors," he advised. The CI also urged families to remain attentive to behavioral changes in their loved ones and to address issues through communication and timely intervention. "Early support and understanding can prevent such unfortunate incidents," he added.

The incident has sparked concern among local residents, who expressed grief over the loss of a young life and called for increased awareness about mental

health issues. Neighbors described Sai Kiran as a quiet individual and said the tragedy has left the community deeply shaken. Police reiterated that further details would be disclosed once the investigation is completed and the postmortem report is received. Meanwhile, authorities emphasized the importance of mental health awareness and encouraged those experiencing emotional distress to seek timely help rather than suffer in silence.

If you or someone you know is struggling with mental stress, reaching out to trusted individuals or mental health professionals can make a critical difference, officials noted.

Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy Urges Congress Cadre to Target Municipal Victory

Kothagudem, Feb. 5 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Revenue, Housing and Information & Public Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy on Thursday asserted that only the Congress government had the authority and capacity to deliver development, calling upon party workers to work with unwavering commitment for victory in the upcoming Kothagudem Municipal Corporation elections.

Addressing election meetings held across several divisions of Kothagudem Corporation as part of the campaign, the minister said, "The government is ours, power is with us, and development will also be done by us." He criticised the opposition, questioning how they could promise development without being in power. Ponguleti said there was no need to pay attention to what he described as the "empty rhetoric" of rival parties, as the Con-



gress alone possessed the will and strength to carry out comprehensive development.

The minister participated as the chief guest in an extensive campaign covering Sujathanagar, divisions 20 to 23, Post Office Centre divisions 24 to 28 and 50, Singareni Main Hospital Centre divisions 10 to 13 and 49, Hanuman Shop Centre, and Gajula Rajam Basti divisions 55 to 60. The campaign was aimed at ensuring the victory of Congress and its ally CPI(M) candidates in the municipal

elections scheduled for February 11.

During his address, Ponguleti cautioned voters against independent candidates, alleging that some were approaching people by claiming personal proximity to him. "They are not close to anyone. For all of us, there is only one symbol — the Congress hand," he said, urging voters to cast their precious votes in favour of Congress and CPI(M) candidates and ensure their victory with a strong majority.

Calling upon party cadres to work like

"brave soldiers" over the remaining four days of campaigning, the minister said every worker should make it their goal to ensure a Congress win. He appealed to women to see themselves as "Indiramma" and asked every worker to act with the dedication of leaders like Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and himself to hoist the Congress flag over Kothagudem Corporation.

Ponguleti highlighted the welfare initiatives introduced by the Congress government since

coming to power two years ago with public blessings. He listed schemes such as Indiramma housing for the poor, fine rice distribution, 200 units of free electricity, free bus travel for women, Aarogyasri medical coverage up to 10 lakh, Rythu Bhara, and farm loan waivers up to 2 lakh.

The minister announced that a new phase of Indiramma housing sanctions would begin from April and assured that orders for housing allotments in the region would be issued immediately after the election code was lifted. "I am the minister who gives houses and house sites. Because we are in power, we have the opportunity to fulfil every promise we make," he said.

He concluded by promising to return soon for a Congress victory celebration meeting, during which he would announce more initiatives for the people of Kothagudem.

Bandi Sanjay Promises 500 Crore for Huzurabad Development if BJP Wins Municipality



Huzurabad, February 5 | TPN Bureau:

Union Minister for State for Home Affairs and BJP leader Bandi Sanjay Kumar on Thursday vowed to secure 500 crore in central funds for Huzurabad's development if the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) wins the upcoming municipal elections. Making the announcement during a campaign rally here, Sanjay appealed to voters to support the BJP, asserting that only his party can bring meaningful progress and resources to the region.

Addressing a gathering of party workers and local residents, the Union minister highlighted the release of 259 crore from the Central government to Gram Panchayats in Telangana as the first instalment under the 15th Finance Commission. He said this funding was the result of sustained efforts by him and senior party leaders, and stressed that further central support would follow if the BJP emerged victorious in the municipal polls.

Sanjay criticised the lack of development in Huzurabad over the past decade, claiming that despite

repeated election promises by the ruling Congress party, little substantive progress has been seen on the ground. He alleged that Congress leaders had failed to fulfil their commitments and accused the state government of neglecting key sectors such as healthcare staffing and civic infrastructure even when equipment and funds were available.

"We have brought hundreds of crores from the Centre, but the state government is not even appointing the necessary staff in government facilities," Sanjay said, urging citizens to reject unfulfilled promises and instead back the BJP for a future of tangible development. In his pitch to voters, Sanjay emphasised that a BJP win would unlock access to larger funds from New Delhi, with the first 500 crore earmarked to kickstart major municipal projects in Huzurabad. He also promised that a mini stadium would be constructed as part of efforts to enhance local sports infrastructure.

The minister took aim at the opposition, dismissing Congress pledges—such as assurances of additional housing under state

schemes—as empty and unlikely to materialise. He contrasted these with central schemes like the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, under which he said real houses have been delivered to beneficiaries in the state.

Sanjay's campaign remarks reflect the BJP's broader strategy of positioning itself as a development-oriented alternative to both the ruling party and regional rivals. With municipal elections around the corner, political activity has intensified across constituencies like Huzurabad, seen as pivotal in shaping future electoral fortunes. As part of his outreach, Sanjay encouraged party workers to mobilise voters and underscored the importance of local governance in shaping development outcomes. He also hinted that more central funds could be channelled into the region if the BJP secures a strong mandate.

The municipal polls are scheduled to take place in the coming days, with parties gearing up for a high-stakes contest that could influence political dynamics in Telangana ahead of larger state and national elections.

Common Devotees Are the Real VIPs: MLA GMR Reviews Maha Shivaratri Jathara Arrangements at Beeramguda



Ameenpur, February 5 | TPN Bureau:

Patancheru MLA Gudem Mahipal Reddy (GMR) has directed officials of all concerned departments to work in close coordination to ensure the smooth and successful conduct of the Maha Shivaratri Jathara at the renowned Beeramguda Sri Bhramaramba Mallikarjuna Swamy Temple. Emphasising that common devotees should be treated as VIPs, the MLA stressed that no incon-

venience should be caused to pilgrims in the name of special or VIP darshan. A review meeting was held on Thursday morning at the temple premises, with the MLA attending as the chief guest. The meeting was organised in connection with the Maha Shivaratri festivities, which will be conducted over five days at the temple located in the Beeramguda Division, one of the most prominent Shaiva pilgrimage centres in the state.

Addressing the officials, the MLA instructed that the Maha Shivaratri Jathara, scheduled to be held from February 14 to 18, should be organised in a grand and well-planned manner. He said that based on previous experience, more than three to four lakh devotees from Telangana and neighbouring states are expected to visit the temple during the festival. In view of the heavy footfall, he urged officials to make foolproof

arrangements to ensure a smooth darshan experience for all devotees.

The MLA ordered the removal of all encroachments on the Beeramguda hill within 24 hours and warned of strict action against any negligence. He also instructed that queue lines should be set up strictly based on the expected number of devotees and that priority must be given to the general public rather than VIPs.

To manage the large crowds, officials were directed to set up an Integrated Control Room for three days during the peak of the festivities. Continuous surveillance through 50 CCTV cameras and the use of modern technology to regulate crowds and prevent congestion were also recommended. The police department was asked to maintain round-the-clock vigilance to ensure law and order. For the convenience of devotees, the MLA announced that special RTC bus services would be operated during the festival period to facilitate easy transportation to and

from the temple. He also instructed departments to ensure adequate drinking water, sanitation, lighting, medical facilities, and traffic management arrangements.

Temple Executive Officer Shashidhar informed the meeting that all departments would work together throughout the festival period. Another review meeting has been scheduled for February 12, and the MLA directed officials to complete all preparations before that date.

The meeting was attended by former Zilla Parishad Vice Chairman Prabhakar, former Ameenpur Municipal Chairman Panduranga Reddy, former MPP Devanandam, former ZPTC Sudhakar Reddy, former Vice Chairman Narasimha Goud, Temple Committee Chairman Sudhakar Yadav, Tahsildar Venkatesh, Ameenpur Deputy Commissioner Pradeep Kumar, CI Naresh, temple officials, committee members, former public representatives, and officials from various departments.

Congress Set for Municipal Clean Sweep, Says Uttam Kumar Reddy

Kodad-Huzurnagar, February 5 | TPN Bureau

State Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister Captain N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Thursday expressed confidence that the Congress party would register a clean sweep in the ongoing municipal elections across Telangana, asserting that public sentiment had decisively turned in favour of the ruling party. Addressing party leaders, cadre, and the media during an extensive tour of Huzurnagar, Kodad, and Nereducharla municipalities, the minister said the Congress government's performance over the past two years had earned widespread public approval.

Uttam Kumar Reddy described the Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) as a "sinking boat," cautioning voters that every

vote cast for the party would go waste. He alleged that a decade of BRS rule had severely weakened Telangana, undoing the aspirations with which the state was formed. In contrast, he said, the Congress government was focusing on transparent governance, inclusive development, and welfare-driven administration.

The minister said the state government had prepared a clear roadmap for urban development, keeping in mind the growing population in towns and cities. He stressed that special attention was being paid to strengthening basic infrastructure and civic amenities. Uttam Kumar Reddy also called upon Left parties and friendly allies to become active partners in the state's development process, stating that collective participation was essen-

tial for sustainable progress. Highlighting welfare initiatives, the minister said the free distribution of fine rice to the poor was a revolutionary step taken by the Congress government. He noted that 85 percent of the state's population was benefiting from this scheme, unlike the previous regime where coarse rice distribution led to dissatisfaction and alleged irregularities. The decision to distribute quality rice, he said, was taken keeping the dignity and health of beneficiaries in mind, and it was fitting that the initiative was launched from Huzurnagar.

Uttam Kumar Reddy also claimed credit for issuing white ration cards to all eligible poor families across the state. He criticised the previous government for failing not only to issue new



ration cards but even to update family member details on existing ones.

Speaking separately about Huzurnagar, the minister reiterated his commitment to placing the constituency at the top in terms of development. He said that within two years of Congress rule, significant progress had been achieved, including construction of modern buildings for junior and degree colleges at a cost of 12 crore, roads and buildings department infrastructure worth 8 crore, and an irrigation depart-

ment building costing 7 crore. Improvements to the government hospital, including a dialysis centre and diagnostic facilities, drainage works, internal roads, and the establishment of an agricultural college were cited as key achievements. He assured that houses would be allotted to all eligible applicants and announced plans to set up a mutton market in Huzurnagar after the municipal elections, reinforcing the government's commitment to comprehensive urban development.

Medaram Jatara Hundi Counting Begins in Hanamkonda

Hanamkonda, February 5 | TPN Bureau:

The counting of hundi collections from this year's Medaram Maha Jatara began on Thursday at the TTD Kalyana Mandapam in Hanamkonda, marking an important post-festival process following one of the largest tribal religious gatherings in the country. The counting was formally inaugurated by Telangana Minister Konda Surekha, who symbolically broke a coconut to commence the exercise.

The Medaram Maha Jatara, dedicated to tribal deities Sammakka and Saralamma, concluded recently after witnessing an unprecedented influx of devotees from across Telangana and neighbouring states. Held once every two years, the festival is globally renowned for its scale and the deep faith of lakhs of pilgrims who throng the forest shrine to offer prayers and fulfil vows.

After the conclusion of the four-day festival, hundreds of hundis containing cash offerings, coins, and other valuables were carefully transported to Hanamkonda under tight security. Officials stated that due to the large number of hundis and the volume of offerings, the counting process is expected to take around ten days to complete.

Speaking on the oc-



casion, Minister Konda Surekha said the hundi offerings reflect the unwavering devotion of the people towards Sammakka and Saralamma. She expressed hope that this year's collections would surpass previous records, considering the massive turnout witnessed during the jatara. In the previous edition, hundi collections had crossed 13 crore, and authorities are optimistic of a higher figure this time.

Endowment department officials have made elaborate arrangements to ensure complete transparency and accuracy during the counting process. Special teams comprising officials, staff, and volunteers have been deployed to open and count the hundis in a systematic manner. CCTV surveillance, strict monitoring, and standard accounting procedures have been put in place to prevent any discrepancies.

Officials explained that once the counting is completed, the total amount will be officially announced

and the funds will be deposited as per established norms. The revenue generated through hundi offerings is generally utilised for the development and maintenance of the Medaram shrine, improvement of facilities for devotees, and welfare activities in surrounding tribal areas.

The commencement of hundi counting has drawn significant attention, with devotees and the general public keenly awaiting the final figures. Many believe the collections will mirror the growing popularity and spiritual significance of the Medaram Maha Jatara.

Authorities reiterated their commitment to conducting the entire process with utmost integrity and said the results would be made public after the completion of counting, further underlining the transparency of the management of one of Telangana's most revered religious events.

The Rising Spectre of a 'Greater Balochistan': Why Pakistan Is Losing Sleep Over a New Internal Challenge

In one of the most dramatic escalations of the long-running Baloch insurgency, Pakistan was shaken by a large-scale, coordinated militant offensive in Balochistan that exposed deep cracks in the country's internal security framework. The operation, carried out by the Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA), involved dozens of near-simultaneous attacks across multiple districts, including high-security zones and urban centres such as Quetta. For Pakistan's military and political leadership, the scale, coordination, and audacity of the attacks marked a troubling shift in the nature of the insurgency — from sporadic strikes to a more organised and strategic challenge.

While the state quickly claimed that the situation was under control and that the attackers had been neutralised, the episode left behind uncomfortable questions. How could such a widespread operation take place in one of Pakistan's most heavily militarised provinces? And more importantly, what does it say about Islamabad's decades-old strategy of managing Balochistan primarily through force?

A Province on the Margins

Balochistan has long occupied a paradoxical position within Pakistan. It is the country's largest province by area and one of its most resource-rich regions, endowed with natural gas, minerals, and a strategically vital coastline along the Arabian Sea. Yet it remains its poorest and most underdeveloped province. For many Baloch, this disparity is not accidental but the result of systematic political neglect and economic exploitation.

Since Pakistan's creation, relations between the central government and Baloch leaders have been marked by mistrust. Repeated dismissals of elected provincial governments, the marginalisation of local political voices, and dis-



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putes over resource sharing have fuelled a sense of alienation. Several insurgencies have erupted over the decades, each suppressed militarily but never fully resolved politically. The latest wave of violence suggests that the underlying grievances remain not only unaddressed but intensifying.

Militarisation and Its Limits

Pakistan's response to dissent in Balochistan has overwhelmingly relied on security operations. The province is dotted with military checkpoints, cantonments, and intelligence networks. Human rights organisations and local activists have long alleged enforced disappearances, extrajudicial killings, and collective punishment, claims the state routinely denies or

downplays. Rather than crushing the insurgency, this approach appears to have radicalised it. Groups like the BLA have adapted, modernised their tactics, and broadened their operational reach. The recent coordinated attacks demonstrated a level of planning and intelligence that challenges the notion that the insurgency is merely a fringe or fading threat.

For ordinary residents, life is increasingly squeezed between militants and the state. Civil administration functions under fear, development work is sporadic, and trust in institutions remains thin. This environment has created fertile ground for insurgent recruitment, particularly among disaffected youth who see little future in existing political arrangements.

In the aftermath of the attacks, Pakistan's establishment reverted to a familiar explanation: foreign interference. Officials and commentators accused hostile intelligence agencies of orchestrating the violence, with India frequently named as the primary culprit. Other narratives went further, suggesting involvement by Western powers or regional rivals seeking to destabilise Pakistan.

While external support for insurgent groups cannot be entirely ruled out, the heavy emphasis on foreign conspiracies serves a political purpose. It shifts focus away from internal failures and reinforces a siege mentality that discourages introspection. By framing the Baloch

insurgency as an externally manufactured problem, the state avoids confronting uncomfortable truths about governance, inclusion, and accountability.

This pattern mirrors Pakistan's broader strategic culture, where internal unrest is often explained through the lens of external sabotage rather than domestic discontent.

The Fear of a 'Greater Balochistan'

What has particularly alarmed policymakers in Islamabad is the growing discussion around the idea of a "Greater Balochistan." This concept envisions a transnational Baloch entity that could encompass Baloch-populated areas of Pakistan, Iran, and Afghanistan. While largely theoretical at present,

the idea carries symbolic power and strategic implications that deeply unsettle the region's states.

Across the border in Iran's Sistan-Baluchistan province, Tehran faces its own resurgence of violent intimidation rooted in ethnic and sectarian grievances. Though the Pakistani and Iranian Baloch movements differ in ideology and objectives, they share ethnic ties, smuggling routes, and a porous border. Periodic cross-border attacks and retaliatory strikes have already strained relations between Islamabad and Tehran.

For Pakistan, the nightmare scenario is a convergence of these movements, amplified by regional rivalries and global geopolitics. Even if the prospect of a unified Baloch state remains remote, the fear of sustained

cross-border instability is very real.

Development Without Inclusion

Mega-projects such as the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) were promoted as game-changers for Balochistan. Gwadar port, highways, and energy projects promised jobs, infrastructure, and integration into global trade networks. Yet for many locals, these projects have reinforced feelings of dispossession rather than opportunity.

Land acquisitions, demographic anxieties, limited local employment, and heavy security around Chinese interests have deepened resentment. Development that bypasses local communities or treats them as security risks rather than stakeholders risks becoming another flashpoint rather than a solution.

A Choice Pakistan Can No Longer Avoid

Pakistan today stands at a crossroads in Balochistan. The continued reliance on force may suppress violence temporarily, but it has consistently failed to produce lasting peace. Each cycle of repression seems to generate a more determined and sophisticated insurgency.

A sustainable solution would require a fundamental shift: meaningful political dialogue with credible Baloch representatives, fair resource-sharing mechanisms, respect for human rights, and genuine provincial autonomy. Such steps would demand political courage and a willingness to rethink long-held security doctrines.

The alternative — doubling down on militarisation while blaming foreign hands — risks turning Balochistan into a perpetual conflict zone. As the spectre of a "Greater Balochistan" looms larger in strategic debates, Pakistan's greatest threat may not be external at all, but the unresolved contradictions within its own borders.

How Old Mafia Shadows Return: Bollywood's Underworld Past and the Rohit Shetty Firing Incident

The sudden firing outside the home of celebrated Bollywood filmmaker Rohit Shetty has shocked India's film industry and reignited fears of a dark chapter many believed long buried — the era when organised crime once wielded real influence over Bollywood. The incident has forced a reluctant reckoning with how the underworld, in its earlier guise as mafia syndicates, once controlled the fates and finances of filmmakers, and whether a newer generation of gang influences is trying to reassert itself.

A Startling Incident in Mumbai

In the early hours of a quiet Sunday morning, shots were fired at the residence of Rohit Shetty, one of Hindi cinema's top directors and producers. Several rounds were discharged at his home in Mumbai's Juhu area. Fortunately, no one was injured, but the incident sent shock waves through Bollywood. Security around Shetty's home and film sets was promptly tightened, with additional protection assigned to him personally.

Initial police investigations uncovered that the bullets fired were from a high-powered rifle, indicating a premeditated act rather than a stray accident. Soon after, the notorious Lawrence Bishnoi gang — an organised criminal network with roots in extortion and violent crime — was linked to the incident, and a social media post purportedly from the group claimed responsibility, issuing chilling warnings about future violence if its warnings went unheeded.

The connection of this at-

tack to a gang known for terror acts — including past threats and violence against high-profile targets — has amplified fears within the film community. It suggests that Bollywood, which many believed had moved beyond its underworld era of the 1980s and '90s, may once again be vulnerable to outside intimidation.

Echoes of the Underworld's Golden Age

To understand why this firing has stirred such deep unease, it is important to revisit the history of Bollywood's relationship with organised crime. In the late 20th century, particularly during the 1980s and 1990s, Mumbai's underworld — led by gangsters such as Dawood Ibrahim, Chhota Rajan, Abu Salem, and Arun Gawli — exerted substantial influence over the Hindi film industry. These mafias were not just criminals; they were financiers, power brokers, and sometimes arbiters of who succeeded and who suffered in Bollywood.

At that time, Bollywood struggled to attract legitimate investors who could provide large sums of money for film production. The industry's financial infrastructure was weak, and banking regulations made it difficult to secure loans for movies. Crime syndicates filled this vacuum, providing funds — often as a way to launder illicit earnings — and in return, demanding control over profits, casting decisions, and creative content. They would threaten filmmakers and stars who failed to comply, sometimes with brutal violence.



Some of the most infamous episodes of that era included the murder of film producer Mukesh Duggal in 1997 and attacks on several directors and producers who resisted paying protection money. These acts of retaliation were designed to create fear, impose dominance, and force compliance not just from the immediate victim but from the wider film community.

Yet, this was also a period when Bollywood stars occasionally shared the limelight with the underworld in more public, almost symbiotic settings. Reports and visuals from the time showed actors performing at events organised by gang leaders abroad, and several actors and actresses developed personal relationships with men linked to criminal networks. Such associations blurred the lines between glamour and crime, and while they were celebrated by some, others saw them as dangerous

entanglements. Eventually, stronger law enforcement actions, better financial options for film production, and a maturing Bollywood industry gradually pushed the old-school mafia's influence to the sidelines. Criminal dons were arrested, imprisoned, or left without the clout they once wielded. It was widely thought that Bollywood had moved on — that the days of underworld guns and hidden ledgers were over.

The Bishnoi Threat: New Faces, Similar Tactics

The recent firing at Rohit Shetty's home, linked to the Bishnoi gang — a criminal network that gained mainstream notoriety after high-profile violent crimes in recent years — seems to mirror some tactics of the old underworld. Earlier, this same group was implicated in a brazen shooting outside the home of superstar Salman Khan, which was similarly

viewed as an intimidation tactic.

Unlike the structured mafia syndicates of decades past, the current generation of gangs does not necessarily operate with the same centralised control or long-term investment interests in film projects. But the strategy — targeting prominent film personalities to send a message and create fear — is reminiscent of the past. In both cases, the goal appears to go beyond personal vendetta; it aims at psychological impact and widespread unease within the industry.

These modern gangs are also using young associates and loosely affiliated networks to carry out their plans, often employing social media and digital communication to spread threats and claim credit. This makes their violence more visible and their intimidation more overt than the coded phone calls and encrypted messages of old.

What the Fear Means for Bollywood

For an industry that thrives on visibility, fan adoration, and public engagement, the resurgence of violent intimidation represents a serious threat. In the past, attacks on film personalities were not merely criminal acts — they were signals to an entire ecosystem that no star or director was untouchable if they crossed certain lines or resisted illicit control.

While the current situation with Shetty and earlier with Salman Khan has not yet shown evidence of an organised effort to extort or control Bollywood finances, the psychological effect cannot be ignored. Producers and stars, who once confidently navigated their careers without fear of physical danger, are now forced to consider security concerns that feel out of place in an industry that has otherwise modernised and prospered.

The firing has also sparked internal discussions within Bollywood about safety protocols, the need for collective action, and whether celebrities and filmmakers need to be more vocal and coordinated when dealing with threats. In the past, silence and individual caution often allowed criminal influence to thrive; many believe that a unified stance could prevent such intimidation from gaining traction again.

Lessons from History

History shows that when fear replaces confidence, it alters behaviour. In the underworld era, fear-driven compli-

ance often led to toxic dependencies, creative compromises, and a blurring of moral boundaries. Bollywood's gradual recovery from that period was linked to transparency, better regulation, stronger law enforcement collaboration, and broader access to clean investment.

Today's warning signs should be interpreted not just as isolated incidents but as calls for systemic resilience. Strong legal action, industry-wide solidarity, and robust protection for creative professionals are essential to ensure that violence and intimidation do not become recurring motifs.

The Road Ahead

The recent firing at Rohit Shetty's residence is a stark reminder that the shadows of the past can resurface if underlying societal issues are ignored. Bollywood must remain vigilant, but it must also resist allowing fear to dictate its future. Industry leaders, law enforcement, and political authorities all have roles to play in safeguarding artistic freedom and personal safety.

If lessons from history hold true, the strength of Bollywood lies not only in its box office numbers but in its collective courage to confront threats, uphold the rule of law, and protect the creative spirit that has made it one of the most influential film industries in the world. The industry's response in the coming weeks and months will determine whether this episode remains an anomaly or the start of something more troubling.

Madras High Court Bans Discrimination at Madurai Temples Ahead of Major Festival

The Madras High Court has issued a significant order prohibiting discrimination against any community at temples in and around Madurai, Tamil Nadu, especially as the region prepares for a major upcoming festival that draws thousands of devotees. The ruling emphasises that no group — whether based on religion, caste, community or other status — should be given preferential treatment or excluded at places of worship.

The court's directive came in response to petitions highlighting incidents where certain groups were allegedly denied access to specific temple precincts or faced restrictions based on identity or community affiliation. Addressing these concerns, the bench stressed that religious institutions must operate in a manner that reflects constitutional principles of equality and non discrimination.

In its order, the High Court made it clear that all devotees — irrespective of their background — have the right to worship without barriers or differential treatment. The judges underscored that temples are places of spiritual significance meant to be open and welcoming to all, and that any exclusionary practices could not be justified under



the Constitution.

The ruling is particularly timely as temples across the region gear up for a major festival season, with large crowds expected in and around Madurai. The court emphasised that festival arrangements and temple practices must be managed in ways that uphold dignity and equality for every visitor.

Officials and temple committees were directed to ensure that rules and conduct

around places of worship adhere strictly to this principle. The court stressed that temple authorities and administrators must take proactive steps to prevent discrimination, segregation or preferential treatment of any sort.

Legal experts noted that this ruling reinforces the constitutional guarantee of equality before the law and non discrimination, especially in religious settings where social divisions have some-

times influenced behaviour. The judgment also serves as a reminder that traditions and rituals must evolve in ways that are inclusive and respectful of every citizen's rights.

As the festive season approaches, the High Court's order is expected to guide administrators and devotees alike, ensuring that religious celebrations are conducted in a spirit of inclusiveness and harmony.

Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma Invokes Gandhi, Calls for "Non Cooperation" Against 'Miyas'

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has urged people in the state to adopt what he described as Mahatma Gandhi's principles of non cooperation and civil disobedience — aimed at making life difficult for "Miyas," a term he uses for Bangladeshi-origin Muslims whom he alleges are illegal migrants in Assam.

Addressing a public gathering in Sivasagar district, Sarma said the government continues to push back 20 to 30 individuals daily along the Assam border as part of efforts to curb illegal immigration. He argued that creating conditions in which "they cannot stay in Assam" would encourage them to leave voluntarily, urging locals not to provide land, vehicles, rickshaws, or shelter to such individuals.

Sarma invoked Gandhian philosophy, describing non co-



operation and civil disobedience as legitimate tools to address the issue. He claimed that if Assamese people implemented these ideas at the grassroots level, illegal residents would depart without the state having to forcibly remove them. He emphasised that his stance is directed at "Miyas" as alleged foreign na-

tionals and not at Muslims in general, insisting that genuine Indian Muslims should not be targeted.

The comments come amid an ongoing special revision of electoral rolls in Assam and ahead of the state's assembly elections, giving them political significance. Opposition parties have criticised Sar-

ma's rhetoric, accusing him of polarising communities and using divisive language for electoral gains. Complaints have also been filed alleging that his remarks could incite hostility between communities. Sarma, however, defended his approach as part of broader efforts to uphold state security and identity, framing his demand for non cooperation as a strategic measure rather than a call for discrimination.

The episode highlights rising tensions in Assam's socio-political landscape, with migration, identity, and electoral politics intersecting sharply in public discourse. Sarma's use of Gandhian concepts in this context has drawn both support and criticism, reflecting the deep divides over demographic and migration issues should be addressed in the state.

Mamata Banerjee Slams BJP During Assembly Debate on Governor's Address



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee launched a strong attack on the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) during a heated discussion in the state Assembly over the Governor's speech to the House. The session was one of the last major legislative gatherings before the upcoming state elections, and Banerjee's remarks underscored the intense political rivalry in Bengal's political landscape.

During her address, Banerjee sharply rebutted BJP criticism over issues such as illegal immigration and the revision of the electoral roll, dismissing her opponents' accusations as baseless. In a pointed remark directed at the opposition, she declared that the BJP was "zero and will be zero," asserting that the people of Bengal would reject the party at the polls. She warned that even extensive efforts by central agencies would not help the BJP secure seats in the state assembly.

Banerjee also defended the Governor's address, which was criticized by BJP legislators for omitting references to women's safety and law and order. She explained that the Governor had

spoken within the time he had available and had conveyed the relevant points, likening the situation to similar practices followed in Parliament. She countered the opposition's claims by questioning their interpretations of the speech and its omissions.

On the issue of alleged illegal immigration, Banerjee challenged the BJP's narrative, arguing that key central departments responsible for sharing data with state authorities had failed to do so for years. She pointed out that past practices involved better cooperation between central agencies and state police, which she said had now diminished, undermining Bengal's ability to address such concerns effectively.

Throughout the debate, Banerjee maintained a defiant tone, framing her responses as both a defence of her government's actions and a political message ahead of the elections. Her remarks reflected ongoing tensions between the state government and the opposition, and highlighted wider disagreements over governance, security, and electoral politics in West Bengal's run-up to the 2026 polls.

No Escape Route for Bengal Government After Supreme Court Orders Payment of DA Dues



The Supreme Court has delivered a major blow to the West Bengal government by directing it to pay a portion of long-pending dearness allowance (DA) dues to state government employees. The court ordered the state to clear 25 per cent of the outstanding arrears within a fixed deadline, while appointing an independent committee to assess the remaining amount payable.

The ruling has been welcomed by the opposition, with Leader of the Opposition Suvendu Adhikari describing it as a decisive verdict that leaves the state government with no option but to comply. He said the judgment confirms that DA payments are a legitimate entitlement of employees and criticised the prolonged delay in settling the dues.

According to the court's direction, the remaining arrears will be examined by a panel comprising retired judges, tasked with determining the exact liability of the state. The panel has been asked to complete its assessment within a specified time frame to

ensure the issue is resolved without further delay.

The DA issue has been a long-standing point of contention in West Bengal, with government employees demanding parity with central government allowances. The delay in payments has triggered protests, legal battles, and political sparring over the years.

The opposition has seized on the verdict to question the state government's financial management and commitment to employee welfare, especially with Assembly elections approaching. Critics argue that the ruling highlights governance and fiscal accountability issues, while the government now faces mounting pressure to meet the court-mandated deadline.

With the Supreme Court's order in place, the focus shifts to implementation. The ruling has significantly narrowed the state government's room for manoeuvre, making timely compliance a crucial test of its administrative and financial resolve.

Parliament Budget Session Disrupted as PM's Address Deferred Amid Opposition Protests



Proceedings in the Lok Sabha during the Budget Session were disrupted amid intense opposition protests, leading to the deferment of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's scheduled reply to the Motion of Thanks on the President's address. The disruptions highlighted growing tensions between the government and the opposition, with Congress leader Rahul Gandhi emerging at the centre of the controversy.

The Prime Minister was expected to respond to the debate on the President's address, a key parliamentary tradition where the government outlines its priorities and addresses criticism. However, repeated interruptions and protests prevented the House from functioning normally, forcing multiple adjournments and ultimately derailing the

planned address. Opposition members raised objections over parliamentary procedure, claiming that Rahul Gandhi was not given adequate opportunity to speak. The protests escalated inside the House, with members crowding the well and raising slogans, prompting the Speaker to adjourn proceedings repeatedly.

Despite the disruptions, the Lok Sabha later passed the Motion of Thanks on the President's address without the customary reply from the Prime Minister — an unusual development that underscored the extent of the impasse. Leaders from the ruling party accused the opposition of deliberately obstructing parliamentary business, while opposition parties maintained that they were defending democratic

norms and the right to be heard.

The unrest was not limited to the Lok Sabha, as heated exchanges were also witnessed in the Rajya Sabha, reflecting the broader political friction during the session. Instead of focusing on economic issues and legislative priorities associated with the Budget Session, Parliament remained dominated by procedural disputes and political confrontation.

The episode has once again raised concerns over the smooth functioning of Parliament, with both sides trading blame for the disruption. As the Budget Session continues, attention remains on whether dialogue between the government and opposition can restore order and allow critical legislative business to proceed.

Lok Sabha Passes Motion of Thanks Without Prime Minister's Reply After Disruptions



In an unusual turn of events, the Lok Sabha passed the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address without a reply from the Prime Minister, following major disruptions in the House. The session was marked by repeated interruptions by opposition members, which prevented routine parliamentary business from being completed as expected.

Typically, after the President's Address is presented to Parliament, a motion thanking the President is debated by members, followed by a government response — usually given by the Prime Minister. However, on this occasion, persistent protests and demands by opposition MPs led to delays and disorder, ultimately forcing the Speaker to proceed without the customary government reply.

The disruptions were triggered by opposition objections to parliamentary procedure as well as demands for extended speaking time

for certain leaders. Opposition members repeatedly raised slogans, crowded the well of the House, and resisted calls for order, prompting several adjournments. As a result, the planned address by the Prime Minister was postponed and did not take place before the motion was put to vote.

Despite the chaos, the Lok Sabha completed the debate on the President's Address and adopted the Motion of Thanks, fulfilling a key constitutional requirement. The Speaker emphasised that adopting the motion was necessary to keep the session's business on track, even if procedural norms could not be followed fully amid the turmoil.

The absence of the Prime Minister's reply is considered rare in parliamentary practice and underscores the impact of the session's disruptions. Government leaders and opposition parties offered contrasting narratives about the episode —

while ruling party members accused the opposition of deliberately stalling proceedings, opposition MPs argued that they were asserting parliamentary rights and ensuring meaningful debate on key issues.

The incident reflects broader political tensions in the run up to major legislative priorities, with the Budget Session intended to focus on economic policy, taxation, and government programmes. Instead, political confrontation took centre stage, delaying substantive discussions and highlighting the deep divisions among political parties.

With the Motion of Thanks now passed, attention will likely turn to resuming the Prime Minister's reply at a later date and moving forward with the session's legislative agenda. Lawmakers from both sides have acknowledged the need to restore calm so that essential business can proceed in the coming days.

India-US Trade Deal With 18% Reciprocal Tariff Likely to Be Signed Next Week

India and the United States are set to sign a long-awaited trade agreement as early as next week, according to sources familiar with the matter. The deal will introduce a reciprocal tariff rate of 18%, marking a significant step toward easing trade tensions and strengthening economic ties between the two countries.

Under the proposed agreement, the United States will lower tariffs on a range of Indian exports, while India is expected to reduce duties on select American goods. The reciprocal tariff mechanism is aimed at creating a more balanced and predictable trade framework, replacing earlier punitive or uneven tariff structures.

The agreement is expected to benefit several Indian export-oriented sectors, including textiles, engineering goods, leather products, gems and jewellery, and footwear. Lower tariffs are likely to make Indian products more competitive in the U.S. market, potentially boosting export volumes and supporting manufacturing growth.

Government sources indicated that India has taken care to protect sensitive domestic sectors such as agriculture, dairy, and fisheries. These areas will not see immediate or broad tariff reductions, addressing concerns related to farmer livelihoods and food security.

In addition to tariff adjustments, the deal is also expected to include commitments on



increased trade and investment flows. India may expand purchases of U.S. goods in areas such as energy, technology, and defence, while American companies could gain improved access to select segments of the Indian market.

A joint statement outlining the broad contours of the agreement is likely to be issued first, followed by a formal signing and implementation

process. Once finalised, the U.S. is expected to issue an executive notification to operationalise the revised tariff structure, with a more detailed legal framework to follow.

The development comes at a time when both countries are looking to strengthen strategic and economic cooperation amid global supply-chain realignments. Markets and indus-

try bodies have reacted positively to the prospect of tariff relief, viewing the deal as a boost to bilateral trade and investor confidence.

If implemented smoothly, the agreement could mark a turning point in India-US trade relations, providing greater certainty for businesses and laying the foundation for deeper economic engagement in the years ahead.

Bangladesh Tribunal Sentences Former MP and Others to Death in Ashulia Lynching Case

Bangladesh's International Crimes Tribunal has sentenced a former Member of Parliament and several others to death for their role in a brutal incident involving the killing and burning of protesters in the Ashulia area near Dhaka. The tribunal ruled that the acts amounted to crimes against humanity, carried out during a period of intense nationwide unrest.

The former lawmaker was found guilty along with five co-accused of participating in the killing of multiple individuals during violent clashes. According to the court's findings, the victims were lynched and their bodies were later set on fire in an attempt to destroy evidence. In one particularly disturbing detail highlighted during the trial, at least one victim was reportedly alive when the fire was started.

In addition to the death sentences, the tribunal handed down life imprisonment to several other accused, including



senior police officials who were found to have played a role in the incident or failed to prevent the violence. A few more individuals received shorter prison terms, while one accused who cooperated with investigators was acquitted.

The verdict was delivered by

a three-member bench after a lengthy trial that examined witness testimonies, forensic evidence, and official records. Of the total accused, some were in custody at the time of sentencing, while others remain absconding.

The tribunal observed that the crimes were not spontane-

ous acts of mob violence but were carried out in a coordinated manner, with attempts made afterward to conceal the killings. The judgment noted that such acts represented a grave abuse of power and a serious violation of human rights.

The case has drawn widespread attention within Bangladesh, given the severity of the crimes and the involvement of political and law enforcement figures. The ruling is being viewed as a significant step in efforts to hold individuals accountable for large-scale violence during periods of political instability.

Authorities have said the legal process will continue in accordance with the law, including the right of the convicted individuals to appeal the verdict. The judgment underscores the tribunal's stance that crimes of such magnitude will face the harshest punishment under the legal system.

Russia Says India Free to Buy Oil From Any Country Amid India-US Trade Deal

Russia has dismissed suggestions that India will stop purchasing Russian oil following the recently announced trade agreement between India and the United States. Responding to speculation around the deal, Russian officials said New Delhi remains free to source crude oil from any country based on its own national interests.

Moscow clarified that it has received no official communication from India indicating any decision to halt or reduce imports of Russian oil. Russian authorities stressed that energy cooperation between the two countries continues to be mutually beneficial and remains an important part of their long-standing economic relationship.

The comments came after claims that India's trade agreement with the United States could involve restrictions on oil purchases from Russia. Russian officials described such assertions as misleading, noting that India has historically diversified its crude oil imports and has never relied exclusively on any single supplier.

India, one of the world's largest importers of crude oil,



has consistently maintained that its energy procurement decisions are guided by considerations such as affordability, supply security, and strategic requirements. Officials have reiterated that ensuring stable and cost-effective energy supplies remains a top priority for the country.

The India-US trade agreement focuses primarily on reducing tariffs and expanding trade in goods and services. It

does not include any binding commitments related to energy imports from third countries. Analysts note that linking the trade deal to oil purchases oversimplifies the broader economic and strategic objectives of the agreement.

Russia's response underscores the view that India's energy policy remains independent and pragmatic, shaped by market conditions rather than

geopolitical pressure. As global energy markets remain volatile, India is expected to continue sourcing oil from a diverse range of suppliers to protect its economic interests.

The clarification from Moscow is likely to ease concerns about disruptions in India-Russia energy ties, while highlighting India's balancing act as it deepens economic engagement with multiple global partners.

Bangladesh 2026 Elections: How Citizens Living Abroad Can Cast Their Vote



Bangladesh is set to allow its citizens living overseas to vote in national elections for the first time, marking a major shift in the country's electoral process. The move comes ahead of the 2026 general elections, which will be the first polls held since the removal of former prime minister Sheikh Hasina.

To enable overseas voting, the Election Commission has introduced a postal ballot system designed specifically for expatriate Bangladeshis. Under this system, eligible voters living outside the country can register remotely and cast their votes without travelling back home.

Registration is being carried out through a dedicated mobile application developed by the Election Commission. Citizens abroad must provide their national identity details

and an overseas address where ballot papers can be sent. Once the registration process is completed and verified, ballot papers are dispatched well in advance of polling day.

After receiving the ballot, voters can mark their choices and return the completed papers by post. To be counted, the ballots must reach the concerned election authorities before the close of polling. The system allows overseas voters to participate in both parliamentary elections and any national referendum held alongside the polls.

The Election Commission has clarified that all Bangladeshi citizens living abroad are eligible to vote under this mechanism, provided they meet the registration requirements. This includes people residing overseas for work, education, or long-term assignments.

Apart from expatriates, the postal voting facility also covers certain categories of voters within Bangladesh who may be unable to visit polling stations on election day, such as election officials on duty or voters posted outside their home constituencies.

The introduction of overseas voting is being seen as a landmark reform aimed at making Bangladesh's democratic process more inclusive. Millions of Bangladeshis living abroad have long held the right to vote, but the lack of practical arrangements had prevented them from exercising it.

With the new system in place, the 2026 elections are expected to see significant participation from the Bangladeshi diaspora, potentially influencing the political landscape at a crucial moment in the country's history.

US Ambassador Sergio Gor Says India-US Engagement Is at "Highest Levels", Signals Deeper Partnership Ahead



The United States and India are currently engaged in high-level diplomatic and strategic talks, underlining a renewed push to strengthen their bilateral relationship across multiple fronts.

U.S. Ambassador to India Sergio Gor highlighted the deepening ties between the two countries, saying that engagement "is happening at the highest levels" and that Washington is ready to elevate the partnership even further. The ambassador's comments reflect growing cooperation on areas such as trade, economic collaboration, and broader strategic issues.

Ambassador Gor shared his views on social media alongside images of meetings between India's External Affairs Minister and senior U.S. officials. He described the relation-

ship as having "limitless potential," signalling optimism about future cooperation and joint initiatives.

The remarks come amid ongoing talks on a major India-U.S. trade deal, efforts to enhance cooperation on critical minerals, and discussions on energy security and defence ties. Both sides have been holding regular meetings to expand economic engagement and address shared global challenges, including supply chain resilience and regional security.

The renewed diplomacy follows months of negotiations and diplomatic activity aimed at resolving earlier trade tensions and moving toward a comprehensive framework for cooperation. The focus now shifts to translating high-

level engagement into concrete outcomes that benefit both nations.

India and the United States have increasingly coordinated on issues of mutual interest, balancing economic, technological, and strategic priorities. The nations' leaderships have maintained sustained contact across defence, trade, and geopolitical forums, reflecting a broader commitment to a long-term partnership.

With formal agreements in the pipeline and ongoing dialogue at senior levels, the India-U.S. relationship appears poised to enter a new phase of deeper engagement and collaboration. Their combined efforts now span commercial ties, global supply networks, and strategic partnerships in an evolving geopolitical landscape.

RBI MPC Meeting: Date, Time and How to Watch Governor Sanjay Malhotra's Policy Announcement



The Reserve Bank of India's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), headed by Governor Sanjay Malhotra, is meeting this week to review the country's monetary policy stance. The committee's discussions began in early February and will conclude with a policy announcement on Friday morning.

The MPC meets periodically to assess economic conditions and decide on key policy measures — most importantly, whether to change the repo rate, which influences borrowing costs across the economy. This February meeting comes shortly after the government presented its Union Budget, and markets are keen to hear how the central bank will position policy in light of recent economic developments.

When and Where to Watch the RBI Governor's Speech

Governor Sanjay Malhotra is scheduled to announce the outcome

of the MPC meeting at 10 a.m. on Friday. His address will be streamed live on the Reserve Bank of India's official platforms, including its website and social media channels such as YouTube and X. A press conference by the Governor and senior RBI officials is expected to follow around noon, where they will explain the rationale behind the policy decision and offer insights on inflation, growth, liquidity conditions, and other economic indicators.

Viewers can also follow live updates from financial news websites and dedicated market blogs, which will carry real-time coverage of the announcement and key takeaways from the press briefing.

What Markets Are Watching

Ahead of the policy outcome, market participants and economists have been closely watching key indicators like inflation

trends, GDP growth forecasts, credit conditions, and global financial cues. With inflation remaining moderate and growth momentum intact, many analysts expect the RBI to maintain its current interest rate rather than make a fresh cut — though views vary and the final decision will be clarified during the announcement.

Aside from the headline rate decision, investors and businesses will pay close attention to the RBI's commentary on liquidity management, transmission of past rate actions, and any guidance on future policy direction, as these signals can influence loan pricing, investment decisions, and financial markets.

In summary, Friday's policy announcement and Governor Malhotra's live speech will be a key event for anyone tracking India's monetary policy outlook, financial markets, and broader economic trends.

Anti-Corruption Court Rejects Plea Seeking FIR Against SEBI and Exchange Officials



A special anti-corruption court in Mumbai has dismissed a petition seeking the registration of a corruption case against senior officials of the securities market regulator and leading stock exchanges. The court termed the plea baseless and warned the complainant against repeatedly approaching multiple legal forums with similar allegations.

The application alleged that officials of the market regulator, stock exchanges, and related authorities had acted improperly while allowing the listing of a technology company, claiming regulatory lapses and corruption. The complainant sought directions for the registration of a First Information Report (FIR) under anti-corruption laws.

After examining the submissions, the court found that the allegations were unsupported by any concrete evidence. It observed that the complainant failed to present material

proof of bribery, misuse of authority, or deliberate regulatory violations. The judge noted that the claims were speculative in nature and did not meet the legal threshold required to initiate criminal proceedings.

The court also pointed out inconsistencies in the complainant's arguments and highlighted that several officials named in the plea were not even holding their respective positions during the period in question. This, the court said, further weakened the credibility of the allegations.

In its order, the court strongly criticised what it described as "forum hunting," noting that the complainant had approached multiple courts and authorities with similar grievances despite earlier rejections. Such conduct, the court observed, amounts to an abuse of the judicial process and unnecessarily burdens the legal system.

The judge warned that litigants must not

misuse anti-corruption laws to settle personal grievances or pursue unfounded claims against institutions and public officials. Courts, the order stated, are obligated to protect individuals and bodies from harassment arising out of frivolous litigation.

Consequently, the court refused to direct the registration of an FIR and dismissed the plea. While no fresh penalties were imposed in this case, the court took note of earlier adverse orders passed against the complainant in related matters.

The ruling underscores the judiciary's position that serious allegations against regulatory authorities must be backed by clear evidence and proper legal grounds. It also reinforces the principle that repeated and meritless litigation will not be entertained, particularly when it targets key institutions responsible for maintaining stability and trust in the financial markets.

Sensex and Nifty Slip as Markets Turn Cautious on February 5

Indian stock markets experienced a notable downturn on Thursday, with both the BSE Sensex and NSE Nifty 50 ending lower after snapping a three-day winning streak. Profit-booking in key sectors and weak global cues weighed on benchmarks, reversing some of the recent positive momentum.

The Sensex fell sharply, dropping by several hundred points, while the Nifty slid below key psychological levels. Selling pressure was broad-based, with most sectors, including technology, metals, and pharmaceutical stocks, underperforming. Mid-cap and small-cap stocks also lagged behind, reflecting cautious investor sentiment across broader market segments.

Information technology stocks were a major drag on the market, with leading names witnessing significant declines. This continued pressure on tech counters amplified losses in the benchmark indices. Metal stocks also weighed heavily, as commodity prices remained under pressure amid global headwinds.

Despite the negative trend, a few pockets of strength emerged. Public sector banking stocks



showed relative resilience, and some heavyweight names managed to hold up better than the broader market, limiting the overall decline to an extent. However, these gains were not enough to offset the widespread selling across other sectors.

In overseas markets, weakness in global equities, particularly in technology and commodity-linked stocks, contributed to a risk-off mood that spilled over into Indian

markets. Investors are also keeping a close eye on upcoming policy announcements, including expectations around the Reserve Bank of India's monetary policy stance, which could influence near-term market direction.

Sectoral indices painted a mixed picture. While defensive segments showed stability, cyclical and export-oriented sectors struggled. Precious metals ex-

change-traded funds (ETFs) saw renewed selling pressure, further reflecting risk aversion among investors.

Market analysts characterised the session as part of a consolidation phase, following recent gains linked to positive trade news and capital inflows earlier in the week. With volatility still high and global cues remaining unpredictable, traders are watching key support and resistance levels

closely for signs of a sustained trend.

Overall, the market's cautious tone underscores the current balance between domestic optimism around economic fundamentals and external uncertainties, particularly in global tech and commodity markets. This mixed backdrop suggests that investors may continue to prioritise risk management as market dynamics evolve.

Indian IT Stocks Slide Further as AI Fears Deepen — Jefferies Warns "More Pain Ahead"



Indian IT shares continued their downward trend in early trading, extending losses for a second session as investor concerns over artificial intelligence and heightened competition weighed on the sector. The Nifty IT index dropped again, adding to recent sharp declines that have wiped out significant

value from major technology firms.

Heavyweight names such as Infosys and HCL Technologies were among the stocks trading in the red, with others like Mphasis, Coforge, Persistent Systems, Wipro, Tech Mahindra, LTIMindtree and TCS also showing losses. The broader slide

has been driven by worries that advances in AI could disrupt traditional IT services revenue, which forms a large part of these companies' businesses.

The recent sell-off was triggered in part by the launch of new productivity and automation tools by a U.S. AI firm. These

tools are seen as capable of automating tasks across legal, sales, marketing and data analysis functions — areas historically served by Indian IT services — prompting investors to reassess future demand for human-led outsourcing work. This has heightened fears that artificial intelligence might erode application and services revenue over time.

Analysts at brokerage Jefferies highlighted that application services — often accounting for 40-70% of revenue for Indian IT firms — could face continued pressure from AI-driven automation. In a recent note, the firm warned of "more pain ahead" for the sector, suggesting revenue growth could be restrained as deflation in traditional services outweighs potential gains from AI adoption in the near term.

Market participants have also become more cautious due to a broader global sell-off in technol-

ogy stocks, with U.S. and other international tech equities weakening amid similar concerns. This has influenced sentiment in domestic markets, especially for companies with large U.S. exposure and reliance on global demand for software services.

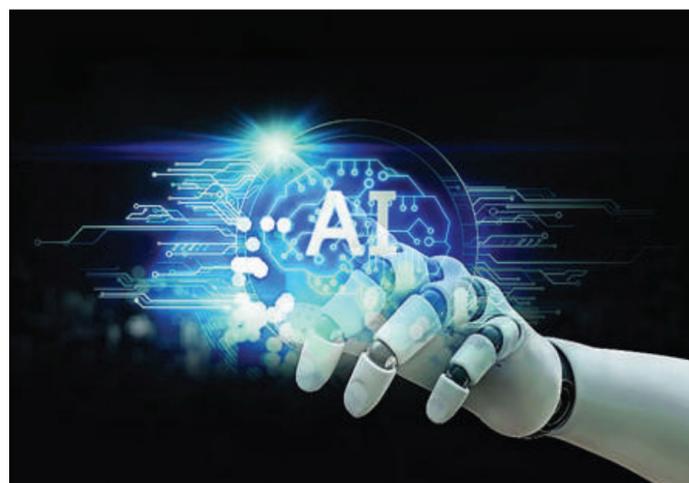
Despite the sell-off, some analysts argue the reaction may be partly driven by sentiment rather than fundamental change, as not all IT revenues are equally vulnerable to automation. Nonetheless, the risk of AI-led disruption has clearly shifted market perceptions, leaving Indian IT stocks under pressure.

Overall, the trend reflects a market grappling with the implications of rapid advances in AI — balancing opportunities from technology adoption against the threat of reduced demand for traditional IT services — with investors cautious ahead of firmer signs of industry adaptation and earnings resilience.

AI Fears Rattle Indian IT Stocks: Is the Risk Already Priced In?

Indian information technology stocks have come under heavy pressure as investor concerns grow over the potential impact of artificial intelligence on traditional IT services. A sharp sell-off across major IT companies has raised an important question for markets — have these risks already been factored into stock prices, or is there further downside ahead?

The recent decline was triggered by the emergence of advanced AI tools capable of automating complex tasks that were previously handled by human-led IT services. These tools can improve productivity across areas such as data analysis, legal workflows, software testing, and business operations. As a result, investors are reassessing the long-term demand outlook for labour-intensive outsourcing services, which form the backbone of revenue for many Indian IT firms.



Following the sell-off, share prices of leading IT companies corrected sharply, dragging sector valuations closer to long-term averages. This correction reflects growing uncertainty over future growth rather than any immediate collapse in demand. Market participants fear that faster adoption of AI could

lead to pricing pressure and slower revenue growth as automation reduces the need for large workforces.

However, there is also a view that market reaction may be driven more by sentiment than by fundamentals. Many IT companies have already begun integrating AI into their service offerings and are reposition-

ing themselves as partners in clients' digital and AI transformation journeys. This adaptation could help offset some of the risks by creating new revenue opportunities, even as traditional service lines face pressure.

Analysts note that while certain application and maintenance services could see defla-

tion over time, large IT firms still benefit from strong client relationships, diversified revenue streams, and healthy balance sheets. The shift towards AI is expected to be gradual rather than disruptive overnight, giving companies time to adjust their business models. From a valuation perspective, the sector now trades at more reasonable levels compared to recent peaks. For long-term investors, this has sparked interest in selectively accumulating stocks of companies best positioned to monetise AI adoption while managing cost pressures.

In conclusion, AI-related fears have clearly unsettled Indian IT stocks, but whether the full risk has been priced in remains uncertain. The coming quarters — marked by deal wins, margin trends, and AI-led revenue growth — will be critical in determining whether the sector stabilises or faces further repricing.

French Hospital Evacuated After WWII Artillery Shell Found in Man's Rectum



A truly unusual and alarming discovery in France led to the evacuation of a hospital this week after surgeons preparing to operate found a World War I artillery shell lodged in a man's body. The bizarre case highlights both the long shadow of century-old battlefields and the extraordinary situations modern doctors sometimes face.

The incident began when a man was brought to a hospital in northern France with severe abdominal pain and rectal discomfort. Medical staff prepared to carry out routine examinations and possible surgery, but imaging scans revealed something nobody expected — a large, cylindrical metallic object deep inside the patient's lower intestine.

Further review showed that the object was not a typical foreign body but a military ordnance piece, later confirmed by experts to be an artillery shell dating back to the First World War. Authorities believe the shell was likely a remnant from battles fought in the region more than a century ago, when huge numbers of munitions were fired and many unexploded shells remained buried in the soil.

Because of the volatile nature of the device, the hospital was immediately evacuated as a precaution. Staff and patients were moved out of the building while bomb disposal experts were called in to assess the situation. Military technicians with experience handling old ordnance arrived shortly afterward and carefully secured the device, ensuring that it posed no risk of explosion.

The discovery stunned both medical and defence personnel, as well as the local community. It is extremely rare for relics of historical warfare — particularly explosive shells — to appear in medical cases, let alone inside a person's body. How the shell came to be

ingested or inserted remains unclear, with investigators looking into the circumstances that led to its presence there.

Local officials pointed out that areas of northern France still occasionally yield unexploded ordnance from the First World War, a conflict that devastated large swaths of the countryside and left behind millions of shells, many of which were never detonated. Farmers and construction workers sometimes uncover these remnants while ploughing fields or digging foundations, but they are usually detected and removed safely before causing harm.

Doctors who treated the patient described the situation as "one of the most unusual" cases they have encountered. While they could not comment on the exact medical circumstances out of respect for the patient's privacy, they emphasised the importance of imaging scans before any surgical procedure — a decision that in this case likely prevented a catastrophic outcome.

The evacuation and controlled removal of the shell attracted local media attention and renewed conversations about the legacy of past wars and the surprising ways remnants of conflict can affect the present. People in the area expressed relief that no one was hurt during the incident, and praised the rapid and professional response by medical and bomb-disposal teams.

As for the patient, he remains under medical care, with doctors expected to address any health issues arising from this extraordinary situation once the immediate danger has passed. The case serves as a rare reminder that history can sometimes linger in the most unexpected places — even inside the human body.

This Bengaluru Dog's LinkedIn Profile Has Gone Viral — and the Internet Can't Get Enough



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LinkedIn, a platform best known for job updates and professional milestones, recently saw an unexpected star rise from Bengaluru — a dog. A cocker spaniel named Drogo has captured the internet's attention after his LinkedIn profile went viral, delighting users with its humour, creativity, and wholesome charm.

The profile was created by Drogo's owner, an entrepreneur who works in the pet care space. Instead of a traditional résumé filled with corporate achievements, the account presents Drogo as the "top dog" at a pet-focused community. Complete with a cheerful profile photo and playful descriptions, the page stands out sharply from the platform's usual formal tone.

What makes Drogo's LinkedIn presence special is how effortlessly it blends humour with personality. The bio, written from the dog's point of view, describes his "role" in a light-hearted way that pokes fun at corporate jargon while still fitting naturally into the LinkedIn ecosystem. For many users scrolling through routine professional posts, the sight of a dog's profile was an unexpected and refreshing surprise.

The response online was swift and overwhelmingly positive. Users shared the profile widely, leaving comments praising its creativity and calling it the most enjoyable thing they had seen

on the platform in a long time. Some joked about sending connection requests, while others said Drogo had already achieved more visibility than many professionals trying to build their personal brand.

The viral moment also reflects a broader cultural shift in how people view pets — not just as animals, but as family members and emotional companions. In recent years, workplaces and online spaces alike have become more pet-friendly, recognising the positive impact animals can have on stress, morale, and overall wellbeing. Drogo's popularity taps into this sentiment, offering a small but powerful reminder of the joy pets bring into everyday life.

Beyond LinkedIn, Drogo is also active on social media, where glimpses of his daily life further showcase his playful and affectionate nature. These posts help bridge the gap between the online persona and the real-life dog behind the profile, making the story even more endearing to followers.

Ultimately, Drogo's viral LinkedIn profile succeeds because it breaks expectations. In a space often dominated by polished success stories and professional pressure, a dog's playful presence feels humanising. It reminds users that creativity, humour, and warmth still have a place — even in the most serious of digital spaces.

"Money Can't Buy Happiness?" Elon Musk's Remark Ignites a Lively Online Debate



A brief social media post by Elon Musk has triggered a global debate on one of life's oldest questions: can money really buy happiness? The billionaire entrepreneur, known for leading companies such as Tesla, SpaceX, and X, shared a reflective comment suggesting that the popular saying "money can't buy happiness" may hold more truth than people assume. Coming from one of the world's wealthiest individuals, the remark instantly grabbed

attention and sparked widespread reactions online.

Musk's statement struck a nerve because it appeared to challenge the assumption that immense wealth automatically guarantees a fulfilling life. While he did not elaborate on what prompted the comment, its timing and tone invited both serious reflection and light-hearted scepticism. Many users interpreted it as an expression of the emotional complexities that can ex-

ist even at the highest levels of success and privilege.

Supporters of Musk's view argued that happiness is shaped by factors far beyond financial status. They pointed out that meaningful relationships, mental health, purpose, and inner peace play a far greater role in long-term contentment than material possessions. According to this perspective, money can offer comfort and convenience, but it cannot prevent loneliness, anxiety,

or dissatisfaction.

Others, however, responded with humour and irony. Social media users jokingly challenged Musk to share his wealth so they could personally test the theory. Comments like "give me a billion first and then we'll talk" flooded timelines, reflecting a common belief that financial struggles often make philosophical reflections on happiness feel distant or unrealistic. For those grappling with rising living costs and economic

uncertainty, money still appears closely tied to peace of mind.

Several voices took a more balanced stance, suggesting that money may not create happiness directly but can remove many barriers to it. Financial stability can reduce stress related to healthcare, housing, education, and daily survival, allowing people the freedom to pursue passions, relationships, and personal growth. In this sense, money may not buy happiness outright, but it can create conditions where happiness becomes easier to achieve.

The conversation also highlighted a broader social divide. People with basic financial security may see happiness as an emotional or philosophical pursuit, while those struggling financially often view money as a gateway to dignity and stability. This contrast explains why reactions to Musk's remark varied so sharply.

Ultimately, Musk's comment served as a reminder that happiness is deeply subjective. Wealth may shape life's possibilities, but it does not automatically define fulfilment. The debate it sparked shows that the relationship between money and happiness remains as complex — and as personal — as ever.

Mumbai Police Officer's Kind Act for a Homeless Mother and Baby Wins Hearts Online

A simple act of compassion by a Mumbai police officer has struck an emotional chord on social media, reminding people that humanity often shines brightest in the smallest gestures. A short video showing the officer helping a homeless mother and her infant has gone viral, drawing widespread praise for its empathy and quiet dignity.

The incident took place late one evening when the officer was returning home after completing his duty. As he walked along a pavement, his attention was drawn to a young mother and her baby sleeping beside the road. What particularly concerned him was the infant resting in a fragile, makeshift wooden cradle that appeared unsafe and exposed to the elements.

Instead of walking past, the officer chose to act. The video captures him carefully removing the improvised cradle and replacing it with a proper, sturdy one, ensuring that

the baby had a safer and more comfortable place to sleep. The mother, visibly emotional, watches as he sets up the cradle beside her, offering reassurance through action rather than words.

The clip was later shared online and quickly gained millions of views. Social media users flooded the comments with messages of appreciation, calling the gesture heartwarming and deeply moving. Many said the moment restored their faith in everyday kindness, especially at a time when negative news often dominates public discourse.

What stood out for viewers was not just the help itself, but the manner in which it was offered — with respect and sensitivity. The officer did not treat the mother as a problem to be managed, but as a human being deserving care and dignity. For many, this distinction made the act even more powerful.

The video also sparked



conversations about the role of police officers beyond enforcing law and order. Commenters noted that while policing is often associated with authority and discipline, moments like these reveal the compassionate side of those in uniform.

Several people praised the officer for using his position not just to maintain public safety, but to

bring comfort to someone living on the margins of society.

In a city as fast-paced and unforgiving as Mumbai, stories like this resonate strongly. They highlight the daily struggles of the homeless while also showing how individual choices can make a meaningful difference, even without grand gestures or official programmes.

At its core, the viral moment is a reminder that kindness does not require power, wealth, or recognition — only awareness and empathy. One officer's decision to stop, notice, and care turned an ordinary night into a moment of hope, inspiring thousands to believe in the quiet power of human compassion.

Plastic Found in Elephant Dung Sparks Alarm Over Pollution in Forest Areas



A disturbing discovery inside a forest has reignited concerns about the growing reach of plastic pollution into natural habitats. A recent video showing plastic embedded in elephant dung has gone viral on social media, shocking viewers and highlighting how human waste is affecting wildlife far beyond urban areas.

The footage was recorded in a forested region in southern India and shows a pile of elephant dung containing a visible piece of plastic, believed to be part of a discarded food packet. The sight is unsettling, particularly because the location is far from dense human settlements, reinforcing fears that plastic waste has penetrated

even remote ecosystems.

The person who recorded the video described the scene as deeply troubling, pointing out that elephants are meant to forage on natural vegetation, not ingest synthetic materials. The presence of plastic in the dung suggests that the animal unknowingly consumed waste left behind in the forest, likely

mixed with grass or other edible plants.

Wildlife experts note that elephants, as large grazing animals, are especially vulnerable to plastic pollution. When plastic waste is scattered along forest fringes, roads, or trekking routes, animals may ingest it accidentally while feeding. While some plastic may pass through their digestive system, it can also cause internal injuries, blockages, or long-term health issues.

The video triggered strong reactions online, with many users expressing sadness and anger over human carelessness. Several commenters called it a wake-up call, urging people to be more responsible with waste disposal, especially in and around forests. Others pointed out that plastic pollution is no longer an abstract environmental issue but a direct threat to wildlife survival.

Conservationists warn that this is not an isolated

incident. Similar cases of plastic found in animal droppings have been reported across different regions, suggesting a widespread problem. Once plastic enters an ecosystem, it can remain for decades, affecting animals, soil, and water sources.

The incident underscores the urgent need for better waste management practices and stricter enforcement of anti-littering rules. Reducing single-use plastic, improving recycling systems, and increasing public awareness are seen as crucial steps to prevent further damage.

For many viewers, the image of plastic in elephant dung serves as a powerful reminder of how deeply human behaviour impacts nature. It is a stark signal that environmental responsibility cannot be limited to cities alone — protecting wildlife begins with everyday choices made far beyond the forest.

Bangladesh Voices Surprise as Pakistan Boycotts India Match at T20 World Cup

Bangladesh has reacted with surprise and disappointment after Pakistan announced it would skip their scheduled match against India at the 2026 ICC Men's T20 World Cup. Officials from the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) said they did not expect such a decision and hinted it could have wider implications for the spirit of the tournament.

In comments after Pakistan's boycott announcement, Bangladesh's cricket leadership expressed that no team likes to forfeit games, especially in a major event like the T20 World Cup. They noted it was particularly surprising because Pakistan had recently participated in other high-profile matches, including an Under-19 fixture against India on the same day the boycott was declared. For them, that fact raised questions about the consistency of Pakistan's reasoning.

Bangladesh officials underscored the importance of playing all scheduled matches, not just for competitive integrity but also for fans, broadcasters, and host nations who anticipate full participation. They said the T20 World Cup is a global celebration of cricket and that



teams have a responsibility to uphold the competitive structure once they agree to take part.

The remarks from Bangladesh come amid broader controversy over Pakistan's decision, which has divided cricketing opinion. While some governments and cricket boards have weighed strategic or political con-

cerns, others feel the decision undermines the tournament's purpose. Bangladesh's response reflected a desire to see full participation and an assurance that sporting contests proceed as planned without unexpected withdrawals.

Bangladesh's reaction also touched on fairness and logistical challenges.

Teams prepare their schedules, travel plans, and strategies months in advance, and a boycott disrupts the balance of competition. Officials stressed that other teams should not be forced into unequal or unplanned situations due to one country's choices.

With the T20 World Cup underway and global at-

tention on every match, Bangladesh's comments have added another layer to the ongoing debate about Pakistan's boycott. As the situation continues to evolve, cricket officials and fans alike are watching closely to see how governing bodies address both the sporting and diplomatic impact of this unprecedented move.

Why Pakistan's India Match Boycott Could Trigger a \$144 Million Financial Crisis for PCB



Pakistan's decision to boycott its high-profile T20 World Cup match against India could prove to be a massive financial setback, potentially costing the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) up to \$144 million in lost revenue. What began as a political and sporting controversy is now threatening the board's economic stability.

Under the current ICC revenue distribution cycle, the PCB is entitled to a substantial share of global cricket earnings. This funding, spread over several years, forms the backbone of Pakistan cricket's finances and supports everything from international tours and domestic tournaments to player payments and infrastructure development. A refusal to play a scheduled World Cup fixture, however, puts this revenue stream at serious risk.

Tournament regulations require all participating teams to honour their match commitments. Failing to do so without valid justification could be treated as a breach of agreement. If the ICC determines that Pakistan's boycott does not qualify under exceptional circumstances, it may impose penalties, including withholding revenue distributions or levying fines.

The financial impact extends beyond administrative penalties. Matches between India and Pakistan are among the most commercially valuable events in world cricket, generating enormous inter-

est from broadcasters, sponsors, and advertisers. The absence of this marquee clash could lead to revenue losses across the tournament, prompting broadcasters to seek compensation or renegotiate commercial terms. Any reduction in overall tournament earnings would further shrink the amount distributed to member boards, including Pakistan.

For the PCB, ICC funding is not supplementary income — it is essential. The board relies heavily on these funds to maintain operations, fund domestic cricket, and meet contractual obligations. A significant reduction could strain its ability to pay players, support development programs, and sustain leagues such as the Pakistan Super League.

Beyond immediate financial damage, the boycott could also undermine long-term planning. Reduced income may force the PCB to delay infrastructure projects, cut development spending, or scale back international commitments. It could also affect investor and sponsor confidence, making future partnerships harder to secure.

In essence, Pakistan's decision risks turning a symbolic boycott into a long-lasting economic problem. While the final outcome depends on how governing bodies respond, the potential loss of up to \$144 million highlights just how costly a single missed match can be in modern international cricket.

BCCI Rejects Pakistan's 'Force Majeure' Defence in T20 World Cup Boycott Row



The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has publicly responded to talks that the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) might cite a "force majeure" clause to justify skipping their scheduled T20 World Cup match

against India. In the ongoing dispute, the PCB is reportedly preparing to use the legal defence to avoid potential sanctions if it does not play the February 15 group game, but the BCCI says this argument is weak and unlikely to

stand. Under tournament rules, if Pakistan refuses to participate in the India fixture, India would be awarded two points by default and the PCB could face sanctions or financial penalties from the Inter-

national Cricket Council (ICC). A "force majeure" defence refers to extraordinary circumstances outside a party's control that might excuse contractual obligations. Pakistan is believed to be planning to base its argument on government statements instructing the boycott decision, claiming it was an uncontrollable directive.

However, BCCI sources made it clear that the situation in question does not meet the standard for such a clause. They pointed out that Pakistan's Under-19 side recently played India on the same day the boycott announcement was made, undermining the idea that extraordinary conditions prevented participation. BCCI officials further highlighted that Pakistan's cricket board and its government are closely linked, with the prime minister often serving as the board's chief patron — making it hard-

er to separate administrative instructions from cricket decisions.

The BCCI also accused both Pakistan and Bangladesh cricket boards of mixing politics with sport, noting that despite assurances from Indian authorities about security and neutral venues, teams have opted out for non-cricketing reasons. For now, the BCCI stands by the ICC's position and has dismissed the proposed force majeure defence as insufficient to justify skipping a marquee match.

Amid this controversy, Pakistan's prime minister reiterated his government's decision to boycott the game, and the PCB is expected to formalise its stance as the World Cup progresses. The situation continues to raise tensions in international cricket, with broadcasters, fans, and governing bodies all watching closely.

Cristiano Ronaldo May Boycott Another Match as Al-Nassr Exit Speculation Grows



Cristiano Ronaldo is reportedly considering boycotting another Saudi Pro League match, intensifying speculation about a possible exit from Al-Nassr. The Portuguese superstar has already missed one game and may sit out again as tensions between the player and the club continue to rise.

Ronaldo's dissatisfaction is believed to stem from concerns over Al-Nassr's direction and long-term ambition. He is reportedly unhappy with recent management decisions and feels the club has not strengthened its squad enough to compete at the

highest level, especially compared to rival teams in the league.

The forward is said to have voiced frustration over what he perceives as unequal support and investment, which has affected his confidence in the club's project. His absence from recent fixtures has been interpreted as a form of protest aimed at pushing for changes within the club's structure and sporting strategy.

Reports suggest Ronaldo could also skip an upcoming high-profile fixture if his concerns remain unaddressed. While his contract with Al-Nassr still has time remaining, discussions around a potential early departure have begun to surface, with an exit no longer being ruled out.

Despite the uncertainty, Ronaldo has continued training and has shared glimpses of his sessions, indicating he remains physically ready to play. However, his future participation appears to depend on whether the club responds positively to his demands.

The situation has sparked widespread debate, with fans and analysts questioning how the standoff will be resolved. With Ronaldo keen to maintain peak performance ahead of major international commitments, the coming weeks could prove decisive in determining whether he stays at Al-Nassr or seeks a new chapter elsewhere.

Ishan Kishan's Comeback: How Hard Work, Mental Strength and Throwdowns Sparked His Return



Ishan Kishan's return to top-level cricket is a story shaped as much by mental resilience as by runs and technique. After stepping away from the Indian team due to mental fatigue, the wicket-keeper-batter found himself out of the national setup and without a central contract, forcing him to rebuild his career from scratch.

Instead of retreating from the game, Kishan returned to his roots in Patna, where he immersed himself in training. He spent long hours in the nets working with a throwdown specialist, focusing on sharpening his reflexes, improving shot selection, and regaining rhythm. These demanding sessions became the backbone of his technical revival. To stay connected with cricket and give his days structure, Kishan set up a small academy and even prepared practice pitches at home. Coaching young players helped him rediscover joy in the game and reinforced his own fundamentals. The process was as much about healing mentally as

it was about improving skills.

A tight circle of childhood friends played a crucial role during this phase. Their constant support helped Kishan block out criticism and pressure, allowing him to focus inward rather than on public expectations. Alongside this, he leaned on personal reflection and faith to regain balance and clarity.

Gradually, performances at the domestic level began to reflect his renewed confidence. When an opportunity arose at the international level, Kishan seized it, delivering impactful performances that reaffirmed his ability and hunger for success.

Kishan's journey back is more than a cricketer's resurgence. It highlights the importance of mental health, patience, and perseverance in professional sport. From uncertainty and self-doubt to discipline and purpose, his comeback stands as a reminder that setbacks can become stepping stones when met with determination and support.

"Our Flight Is Booked": Suryakumar Yadav Clears India's Stand on T20 World Cup Boycott Row



India's T20 World Cup captain Suryakumar Yadav has addressed the growing controversy surrounding Pakistan's decision to boycott its scheduled match against India in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026, making it clear that India remains fully committed to playing the fixture.

Speaking ahead of the tournament, Suryakumar stated that India has never refused to play Pakistan and that the team's preparations and travel plans remain unchanged. He emphasised that any decision to skip the match has come from Pakistan's side, not India's.

The Indian captain revealed that the team's travel arrangements are already in place, confirming that the squad will head to Colombo as scheduled for the February 15 match. He said India would complete its earlier group games and then travel according to the official itinerary, regardless of the uncer-

tainty surrounding Pakistan's participation.

Suryakumar stressed that the Indian team is following ICC protocols and will honour all fixtures assigned to it. He added that India has accepted the tournament schedule in full and will be present at the venue as required. If Pakistan chooses not to take the field, India will still comply with tournament regulations.

The statement was widely seen as a calm but firm response to the boycott row, reinforcing India's position that cricketing commitments should be upheld. While the controversy continues to spark debate among fans and administrators, India remains focused on its World Cup campaign and preparation.

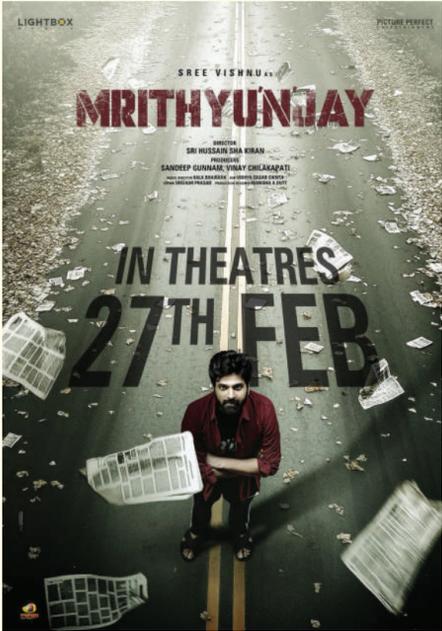
With his simple declaration — "our flight is booked" — Suryakumar sent a clear message that India is ready to play and will not allow off-field developments to disrupt its approach to the tournament.

Sree Vishnu's Investigative Thriller Mrithyunjay Set for Worldwide Release on February 27, 2026

Sree Vishnu, fondly known as the "King of Entertainment" for his knack of selecting unique and content-driven scripts, is gearing up to enthrall audiences once again with his upcoming investigative thriller Mrithyunjay. Directed by Hussain Sha Kiran, the film promises a gripping cinematic experience packed with mystery, suspense, and sharp storytelling. The makers have officially announced that Mrithyunjay will hit theatres worldwide on February 27, 2026.

Produced by Sandeep Gunnam and Vinay Chilakapati under the banners of Lightbox Media and Picture Perfect Entertainment, the film is presented by Ramya Gunnam. The project has already generated strong buzz within the industry, largely due to its genre and the creative team backing it. Investigative thrillers have been gaining popularity among audiences, and Mrithyunjay aims to raise the bar with a compelling narrative anchored by Sree Vishnu's performance.

Adding to the excitement is the casting of Reba John as the female lead. She reunites with Sree Vishnu after the blockbuster success of Samajavaragamana, making their on-screen pairing one of the highlights of the film. Their chemistry, which was widely appreciated earlier, is expected to bring added depth to the story. The release date announcement came with a striking poster that instantly grabbed attention. In the poster, Sree



Vishnu is seen standing on a deserted road completely covered with scattered newspapers. The powerful imagery hints at hidden truths, buried secrets, and an intense investigation at the core of the film. This intriguing visual has sparked curiosity and speculation among fans, further building anticipation around the project.

Technically, Mrithyunjay boasts a strong crew. Cinematography is handled by Vidhya Sagar, who is expected to bring a gritty and immersive visual tone suitable for the thriller genre. Acclaimed composer Kaala Bhairava is in charge of the music, promising a background score that

heightens tension and emotion. National Award-winning editor Sreekar Prasad is overseeing the editing, ensuring a sharp and engaging narrative flow, while Manisha A. Dutt takes care of production design, adding authenticity to the film's world.

With proper promotions lined up and exciting content at its core, Mrithyunjay is poised to be another memorable addition to Sree Vishnu's diverse filmography. As the release date approaches, expectations are high for this investigative thriller to impress audiences and critics alike when it arrives in cinemas this February.

"Sumathi Sathakam" Set for February 6 Release with Affordable Ticket Pricing



Vision Movie Makers' upcoming Telugu film Sumathi Sathakam is all set to hit theatres worldwide on February 6, promising wholesome entertainment for family audiences. Produced by Sai Sudhakar Kommalapati and directed by M.M. Naidu, the film stars Amardeep Chowdhary and Shayli Chowdhary in the lead roles. In the Telugu states, the movie will be released through the prestigious production and distribution house Mythri Movie Makers, while it will also see releases in Kannada and Tamil markets through other distributors.

The makers have generated a steady buzz with the film's first look, teaser, trailer, and songs, all of which have received encouraging responses. Amardeep Chowdhary's energetic dance moves have been particularly appreciated, while music director Subhash Anand's compositions have added to the film's youthful and entertaining appeal. Promotional

activities, including a tour across the Rayalaseema region, further strengthened positive word of mouth ahead of the release.

A grand pre-release press meet was recently held, where the team interacted with the media and shared their confidence in the film. One of the key highlights announced at the event was the decision to keep ticket prices affordable—₹100 in single screens and ₹150 in multiplexes—making the film accessible to a wider audience.

Speaking at the event, lead actor Amardeep Chowdhary described Sumathi Sathakam as a crucial milestone in his journey. He expressed gratitude to the producers and director for trusting him and said the film would entertain audiences without dull moments. He also acknowledged actor Ravi Teja as his inspiration and mentor. Lead actress Shayli Chowdhary shared that she felt privileged to be part of the project and hinted that

her character would emotionally connect with audiences once revealed on screen.

Director M.M. Naidu thanked the media and credited producer Sai Sudhakar Kommalapati for supporting him at every stage. He praised the dedication of the cast and crew, noting Amardeep's commitment even while shooting with an injury. Producer Sai Sudhakar Kommalapati stated that feedback from censor and content screenings has been highly positive and reiterated his confidence in the film's success.

Several cast and crew members, including actress Shailaja, music director Subhash Anand, actor Tasty Teja, JDV Prasad, and writer Naidu, echoed similar optimism, calling Sumathi Sathakam a clean, family-friendly entertainer. With strong content, positive pre-release buzz, and audience-friendly ticket pricing, Sumathi Sathakam aims to make a warm impact at the box office this February 6.

Sangeeth Shobhan-Niharika Konidela's Raakaasaa Locked for Worldwide Theatrical Release on April 3, 2026

The makers of Raakaasaa have officially announced that the film will arrive in theatres worldwide on April 3, 2026. Presented by Z Studios and produced under the banner of Pink Elephant Pictures, the film is written and directed by Manasa Sharma. Niharika Konidela, along with Umesh Kumar Bansal, serves as producer, backing the project with a strong focus on concept-driven storytelling.

The release date announcement marks an important milestone for Raakaasaa, which has now completed its entire shooting schedule and entered the post-production phase. With principal photography fully wrapped, the team is currently concentrating on editing, music, sound design, and visual finishing, aligning all creative elements toward its planned big-screen release in early April 2026.

The announcement was accompanied by a newly unveiled poster that reflects the film's imaginative tone and genre positioning. Earlier, the teaser offered audiences their first glimpse into the world of Raakaasaa. Rather than revealing plot details, the teaser established the film's tonal identity, blending humour with fantasy elements and subtle moments of tension. This approach positioned the film as a theatrical experience designed specifically for large screens, relying on atmosphere and character-driven appeal rather than overt nar-

rative exposition.

Since its initial announcement, Raakaasaa has generated steady interest within the Telugu film industry. The buzz has largely been driven by its genre blend and the makers' measured promotional strategy. Instead of frequent reveals, the team opted for a gradual rollout, allowing curiosity and anticipation to build organically. With the release date now locked, the film enters a more defined promotional phase, giving audiences and trade circles a clear timeline to look forward to.

The film stars Sangeeth Shobhan and Nayan Sarika in the lead roles and is supported by a strong ensemble cast including Vennela Kishore, Brahmaji, Tanikella Bharani, Ashish Vidyarthi, Getup Srinu, Sukwinder Singh, Aruna Bikshu, Ramana Bhargav, Vasu Inturi, Rohini, and Rohan. The ensemble is expected to play a crucial role in shaping the film's humour, character dynamics, and layered fantasy narrative.

Production involved a major action-heavy schedule choreographed by Vijay, followed by extensive comedy-driven and story-focused portions, ensuring a balanced tonal structure. On the technical front, Raakaasaa features music by Anudeep Dev, cinematography by Raju Edurolo, and editing by Anwar Ali. Production design is led by Ramanjaneyulu, with Pulla Vishnu Vardhan as art director and Sandhya Sabharapuram supervising



costumes.

With its worldwide theatrical release set for April 3, 2026, Raakaasaa now moves into its

final stretch, positioning itself as a fantasy-comedy entertainer with clear big-screen ambitions.

Rajasaab to Stream on JioHotstar from February 6 with Extended Cut



The much-discussed film Rajasaab is all set for its digital premiere, with JioHotstar officially announcing that the movie will begin streaming on the platform from February 6. Adding to the excitement, the OTT giant revealed that the streaming version will feature an Extended Cut, offering audiences a more immersive experience than the theatrical version.

The announcement was made through JioHotstar's official social media handles, instantly sparking widespread discussion among fans and film enthusiasts. The release of the Extended Cut has been particularly welcomed, as it promises additional footage and deeper narrative elements that were not part of the original theatrical run.

Rajasaab stars Prabhas in the lead role, an actor widely celebrated as India's biggest superstar. Known for his mas-

sive pan-Indian appeal and record-breaking fan following, Prabhas continues to command attention across platforms, and the digital release of Rajasaab is being seen as another major event for his fans. His presence has been central to the film's promotions, with JioHotstar prominently highlighting his stardom in its marketing campaigns.

Alongside the streaming announcement, JioHotstar also unveiled a new trailer for the film. Described as a "hypnotic thriller," the trailer places strong emphasis on suspense, mystery, and atmospheric storytelling. The visuals and background score hint at a gripping narrative filled with intrigue, reinforcing the film's positioning as a genre-driven entertainer rather than a conventional commercial outing.

Audience reactions to the renewed promotions have been largely posi-

tive. Fans have taken to social media to express their excitement about watching the Extended Cut, with many suggesting that the digital format will allow the film to be appreciated in greater detail. Discussions around key moments, Prabhas' screen presence, and the film's thriller elements have gained momentum following the trailer's release.

The digital premiere is expected to give Rajasaab a fresh wave of viewership, especially among audiences who may have missed it in theatres or are eager to revisit the story with added content. With the combination of an Extended Cut, an intensified promotional push, and Prabhas' unmatched star power, Rajasaab is poised to make a strong impact in the OTT space.

Rajasaab will be available for streaming exclusively on JioHotstar from February 6.

Feel-Good Romantic Entertainer "Sky" Set for Grand Theatrical Release on February 13

The upcoming Telugu film Sky, touted as a feel-good romantic entertainer, is gearing up for a grand theatrical release on February 13. Produced under the Valour Entertainment Studios banner, the film is backed by a collaborative team of producers—Nagireddy Guntaka, Sri Lakshmi Guntaka, Murali Krishnam Raju, and Prudhvi Pericherla. The movie features Murali Krishnam Raju, Shruti Shetty, and Anand Bharathi in the lead roles, with Prudhvi Pericherla also taking charge as the director.

Initially planned for a February 6 release, Sky was postponed due to unavoidable circumstances. The makers have now officially locked February 13 as the new release date and are confident about reaching audiences with a refreshing cinematic experience. With its promotional material and melodious lyrical songs

already out, the film has been steadily creating curiosity among moviegoers, especially those looking for light-hearted and emotionally engaging content.

Sky promises to explore romance and relationships in a simple yet heartfelt manner, blending youthful emotions with relatable situations. The film's tone has been positioned as wholesome and family-friendly, making it suitable for audiences across age groups. Adding to the film's appeal is the introduction of a new music director, Shiva Prasad, whose compositions have been receiving encouraging responses for their freshness and soothing quality.

Director Prudhvi Pericherla, who has also co-written the story and dialogues along with Murali Krishnam Raju, is said to have crafted the narrative with a strong emo-



tional core. The film's visual aesthetics are handled by experienced cinematographer Rasool Ellore, while editing duties are taken care of by Suresh RS, ensuring a smooth and engaging flow.

The supporting cast includes Rakesh Master, MS, KLV Mani Bamma,

and others, who are expected to add depth and entertainment value to the story. On the technical front, the film is backed by a solid team, with publicity designs by Krishna Digitals and digital promotions managed by Vineeth Goud. The lyrics, penned by director Prudhvi Pericherla him-

self, further reflect the film's emotional and romantic sensibilities.

With strong confidence from the makers, positive buzz around its music, and a clear positioning as a feel-good romantic entertainer, Sky is aiming to strike a chord with audiences when it arrives in theatres on February 13.