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CM Pushes Bill to Protect Elderly Parents

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Revanth Reddy has stated that the government is introducing a new law to ensure that no parents are left abandoned in society, emphasizing the need to safeguard their dignity and well-being in old age. Speaking in the Assembly on the "Telangana Employees Accountability and Monitoring of Parental Support Bill - 2026," introduced by Minister Adhuri Laxman Kumar, the Chief Minister highlighted the moral and social responsibility of children toward their parents.

He said the bill was conceived with deep concern and emotional commitment to provide security for elderly parents. "This law is intended to instill a sense of responsibility and, where necessary, fear among those who neglect their parents," he remarked, calling it a significant step toward ensuring protection for senior citizens.

The Chief Minister noted that changing lifestyles and the pursuit of material comforts



have weakened family bonds, with some individuals neglecting even their closest relationships. He expressed concern that parents are often left distressed due to such neglect, which he described as harmful to society.

Referring to constitutional provisions, he said Articles 21A and 24 guarantee children's rights to education and protection from hazardous work. He also cited various laws, includ-

ing the Juvenile Justice Act (2015), Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act (2012), Right to Education Act (2009), and laws against child labour and child marriage, which collectively ensure child welfare.

Similarly, he highlighted legal protections for women, including laws against domestic violence, dowry, and sexual offences. He added that for senior citizens, the Maintenance and

Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007 already exists, making it a legal obligation for children to care for their parents.

Despite these measures, he observed that cases of neglect toward parents continue to surface. "It is unfortunate that some children fail to care for their parents while they are alive, but later fight over property after their demise," he said.

Citing moral examples, he referred to the story of Shrivani Kumara as a symbol of devotion to parents. He also mentioned industrialist Vijaypat Singhania, whose life turned difficult after transferring his assets, highlighting the risks faced by elderly individuals.

Revanth Reddy emphasized that while the law may not resolve every issue, it would instill confidence among elderly parents. He added that the bill applies to both government and private employees, as well as public representatives, and urged all parties to support it unanimously for the betterment of society.



Harish Rao Demands Sitting Judge Probe into Minister Ponguleti's Alleged Mining Irregularities

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Telangana Minister Harish Rao today accused Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy of engaging in corruption related to mining operations, asserting that the government's defense of the minister is only a diversion from accountability. Speaking at a press conference, Rao claimed that Ponguleti's alleged irregularities have been widely understood and demanded immediate and impartial investigation.

"Because the government has no clear answers, they are resorting to diversionary politics. When MLA Kaushik Reddy questions corruption in the ministry, he faces threats. Similarly, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has used unparliamentary language in the Assembly; he too should be brought before the Ethics Committee," Rao said.

Rao emphasized that the issue should not be investigated by the CB-CID but rather through a sitting judge, stating that "under Minister Ponguleti, the inquiry cannot proceed fairly." He added that the minister has already been penalized 28 lakh but has not paid the fine, and that the Pollution Control Board has not taken proper action on mining violations.

Rao criticized the Assembly for procedural lapses, alleging that the minister attempted to cover one mistake

by committing multiple others. He also raised concerns about the use of diesel generators in lieu of proper metering, claiming that such decisions were taken without accountability.

The minister further accused the government of attempting to politicize investigations, citing how his family members' names were being unnecessarily dragged into the controversy. "We are ready to undergo a thorough inquiry. We have written to the Speaker requesting investigation on 20 specific issues and insist that a sitting judge conduct the probe. If the government lacks courage to set up a House Committee against Ponguleti, we are prepared to escalate the matter," Rao said.

He added that he and his team waited for four and a half hours in the Assembly to speak but were denied a microphone. Rao concluded by stating that tomorrow, from Telangana Bhavan, his party will initiate further actions, and a detailed operational plan is already in place to ensure accountability in the mining sector.

The press meet underscores growing tensions between government officials and opposition leaders over alleged corruption, highlighting demands for transparency and independent judicial inquiry in Telangana's mining operations.

Bhatti Vikramarka's Speech Highlights in Assembly

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Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka addressed the Telangana Legislative Assembly, criticizing the behavior of BRS MLAs for disrupting proceedings. He emphasized that the Assembly's primary responsibility is to make decisions for the welfare of the state's people and meet public needs, and it is inappropriate for BRS members to engage in unruly behavior during critical discussions.

Vikramarka highlighted his experience as a Congress MLA from 2014 to 2023, noting that during his tenure, no such disruptions occurred. Budget copies were distributed properly, and no attempts were made to derail debates on demands. He contrasted this with the cur-



rent situation, where BRS members are deliberately preventing discussion of a bill introduced by the government to provide protection for the parents of government employees, undermining parliamentary decorum.

The Deputy CM stressed that

ministers' names should not be disclosed in the House without prior notice, yet BRS MLAs violated this protocol. He lauded the government, led by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, for announcing a CBCID inquiry into irregularities in the mining sector from 2014 to

March 28, 2026, and urged BRS members to welcome the investigation instead of creating disturbances.

He criticized BRS for the misuse of House Committees during previous assemblies. Despite being a committee member and requesting meetings, not a single session was convened. Committees were blocked, allegations were used to blackmail MLAs, and no committee reports were released, undermining transparency and accountability.

Vikramarka pointed out that BRS's actions are delaying budget discussions, preventing debate on welfare programs and the breakfast scheme for students. He accused the party of prioritizing political gains over public welfare and noted that BRS's collusion with BJP in delaying CBI investigations on projects like Kaleshwaram

undermines accountability.

He reminded the House of past land allocations, stating that previous governments' initiatives for the poor were manipulated by the previous administration through the Dharani portal, favoring politically connected individuals. He welcomed the Chief Minister's announcement of a House Committee to investigate illegal land transfers in Balanagar and challenged BRS MLAs to place full faith in the committee if they claim to support transparency.

Vikramarka concluded by urging BRS members to cooperate with parliamentary processes, participate in constructive debate, and prioritize public welfare over political theatrics, asserting that the Assembly should function without obstruction to serve the people effectively.

BRS MLAs Suspended for Two Days from Telangana Assembly

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Several members of the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS), including senior party leaders, have been suspended from the Telangana Legislative Assembly for two days following disruptions in House proceedings. The suspension was ordered after repeated interruptions by BRS legislators, which, according to the Speaker, obstructed the smooth functioning of the Assembly.

Prominent BRS leaders among those suspended include K. T. Rama Rao and T. Harish Rao, both influential figures within the party. The suspension covers two sittings of the Assembly, during which the affected MLAs are barred from attending and speaking in House sessions.

The action has escalated political tensions in the Assembly. The BRS has been actively protesting against government policies and has repeatedly raised concerns over alleged corruption, mining irregularities, and the demand for a House Committee to investigate certain issues. Their protests have led to walkouts and disruptions in the ongoing session.

BRS leaders have defended their stance, stating that their aim is to hold the government accountable and highlight issues affecting public welfare. They argue that suspensions and attempts to curb their participation will not stop them from advocating for their constituents.

The ruling party, however, maintains that the suspension was necessary to uphold parliamentary decorum and allow

the Assembly to function without interruptions. Officials have emphasized that maintaining order is crucial for the passage of legislative business and budgetary discussions.

The two-day suspension could affect debates on key policy proposals and budget matters. Party insiders suggest that BRS may explore procedural avenues to challenge the suspension or intensify protests in subsequent sessions, signaling ongoing friction between the ruling party and the opposition.

This development highlights the growing divide in the Telangana Assembly, with both sides firmly asserting their positions on governance, accountability, and legislative conduct. The suspension of BRS legislators is being viewed as a significant moment in the current session, reflecting the



contentious political environment and the struggle over parliamentary procedures.

The situation remains fluid as the Assembly navigates

these disputes, with both the government and opposition preparing for the next round of debates and potential confrontations.

Revanth Reddy's Remarks on Dalit Representation and Assembly Conduct

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Chief Minister Revanth Reddy addressed the Telangana Legislative Assembly, highlighting issues of Dalit representation, governance, and misconduct in the House. He recalled that former Chief Minister KCR had promised to appoint a Dalit as the first Chief Minister if his party came to power. However, KCR allegedly broke this promise, taking office himself and sidelining Dalits from meaningful governance roles.

Reddy criticized past administrations for limiting Dalit representation, noting that in 2018, only one Dalit, Kopula Eshwar, was included in the cabinet. He

recalled that opposition leader Bhatti Vikramarka, a Dalit, was removed from key roles when questioning government policies. In contrast, under the current government, Vikramarka serves as Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister, demonstrating commitment to inclusive governance.

The CM noted that in prior governments, ministers like Harish Rao and KTR reportedly undermined Dalit leaders when budget proposals were presented, creating an atmosphere of disrespect. He emphasized that the current administration has appointed numerous Dalits to important positions, with dedicated teams including Harish Rao, K.T. Rama Rao, Dayakar Rao, and Vinod Rao, reflecting

a clear distinction from previous practices.

Revanth Reddy criticized attempts to manipulate assembly procedures, including obstruction by non-Dalit leaders to prevent Dalit voices from being heard. He stressed that no one should dictate to the Chair, and all members must follow parliamentary traditions. Members must respect the rights of the Speaker to allow fair participation.

Regarding allegations of illegal mining, the CM invited evidence against anyone, including his family or associates, stating that if proven, action would be taken. He urged adherence to proper parliamentary procedure rather than attempting to manipulate the

Chair or create disruptions.

Reddy praised leaders like Kadiyam Srihari for integrity and commitment, contrasting their conduct with the obstructive behavior of some members who disrupt debates, disrespect senior legislators, and undermine the dignity of the House.

He called for strict action against members behaving inappropriately, citing Kaushik Reddy as an example, and requested that, based on Harish Rao's suggestion, the matter be referred to the Ethics Committee for investigation. The CM concluded that the Assembly must function with decorum, uphold Dalit representation, and maintain procedural discipline to serve the public effectively.



Uttam Kumar Reddy Urges AP to Stop Power Use of Krishna Waters

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Telangana Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy today appealed to the Andhra Pradesh government to halt the use of Krishna River waters for power generation at Srisaillam, warning that low reservoir inflows require prioritizing drinking water and irrigation needs for Telangana.

Uttam said the state must conserve available water for standing crops and essential drinking water, rather than diverting it for electricity production. He stressed that Telangana is committed to sustainable water management and called on Andhra Pradesh to adopt similar conservation measures.

The minister also highlighted Telangana's efforts to complete long-pending irrigation projects. He outlined plans to finish the Sriram Sagar Left Bank Canal project by June 28 and assured that the Dindi Lift Irrigation Project will be completed within two years. The Dindi project is expected to supply about 0.5 TMC of water per day to support agriculture in the Composite Nalgonda region.

Uttam criticized delays in previous project execution and noted that the former government had borrowed significant funds for irrigation works.



Since coming to power, the current government has repaid large portions of both principal and interest, though a sizeable balance remains.

The minister's appeal comes amid growing concerns over water management in Telangana as summer intensifies and reservoir inflows decline. The issue of Krishna water usage has long been a point of contention between the two states, with Telangana seeking fair allocations and conservation measures to ensure sufficient water for agriculture and drinking purposes.

Despite these challenges, Uttam reaffirmed the Telangana government's commitment to strategic water management, prioritizing irrigation, drinking water supply, and sustainable usage over power generation when water levels are critically low.

Revanth Reddy Holds Meeting with Maneka Gandhi's Team on Animal Welfare

Hyderabad, March 29 | TPN Bureau -

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy met with a delegation led by former Union Minister and animal welfare activist Maneka Gandhi to discuss measures for street dog management and cow protection across Telangana. The meeting was attended by Minister Sridhar Babu, Chief Secretary Ramakrishna Rao, commissioners of the three municipal corporations, and senior officials from the state government.

During the session, officials presented a detailed overview of street dog management programs across municipal limits, highlighting sterilization measures and community engagement strategies. Using a PowerPoint presentation, the officials explained the ongoing sterilization efforts, monitoring mechanisms, and protocols implemented to ensure humane treatment of street dogs.

Chief Minister Reddy emphasized that the state government has already devised comprehensive plans for cow protection. He informed the delegation that a modern, spacious cowshed has been established at Enkepalli, equipped with state-of-the-art facilities to ensure proper care and welfare of the cattle. Additionally, CM Reddy said that plans are underway to construct cow-



sheds in various locations across the state, including areas near temples and other public spaces, to facilitate organized cow sheltering and prevent stray cattle-related issues.

The delegation led by Maneka Gandhi expressed satisfaction with the state's approach toward animal welfare and lauded the government for taking proactive steps in both street dog management and

cow protection initiatives. Gandhi appreciated the detailed presentations on sterilization programs and infrastructure development, noting that the Telangana government's plans reflect a responsible and humane approach to animal care.

The meeting also included discussions on long-term strategies for monitoring and sustaining animal welfare programs, public awareness campaigns to prevent cruelty, and collaboration between municipal authorities and NGOs to enhance effectiveness. CM Reddy assured that the government remains committed to animal welfare and will continue to implement advanced measures to ensure the safety and well-being of animals across the state.

Maneka Gandhi commended the government's efforts, stating that Telangana's model could serve as an example for other states in India. The meeting concluded with a mutual agreement to strengthen coordination between the state government and animal welfare organizations to ensure the success of ongoing and future programs.



Revanth Reddy Accuses KCR Family Over Kaleshwaram Case

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Revanth Reddy, speaking in the Legislative Assembly, strongly accused the family of K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) of engaging in massive corruption related to the Kaleshwaram project. He stated that this was not just his claim—both the Prime Minister of India and the Union Home Minister had also acknowledged irregularities in the case.

Revanth Reddy said that when Union Minister Kishan Reddy assured that handing over the Kaleshwaram case to the CBI would result in KCR and his son Harish Rao being jailed within 48 hours, the Telangana government complied and submitted the matter to the CBI.

"Yet 48 hours passed, and instead of accountability, months went by without any action," the CM said, criticizing the delay in the investigation. He accused the CBI of being blocked in Delhi, allowing KCR and his allies to manipulate votes and seats in the parliamentary elections while the case remained unresolved.

Highlighting specific allegations, Revanth Reddy

claimed that in Mahbubnagar district, at Balanagar, Harish Rao's brother, Mahesh Rao, allegedly intimidated private industrialists and acquired hundreds of acres of land through coercive means. He stressed that these actions demand thorough investigation and accountability.

The Chief Minister further suggested that if Harish Rao truly upholds integrity, as claimed by KTR (K. T. Rama Rao) and MLA Venkataramana Reddy, then he should consent to a House Committee inquiry to examine the matter transparently. "We are ready to set up a House Committee. If the evidence supports, appropriate action should follow," Revanth Reddy added.

He concluded by urging lawmakers to ensure that parliamentary and assembly procedures are used to investigate the case impartially, emphasizing that political influence should not obstruct justice.

This statement comes amid heightened tensions in the Assembly over allegations of corruption, with the CM pressing for legal and institutional measures to hold powerful individuals accountable.



Congress-Led UDF Poised for Victory in Kerala Assembly Elections: Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy

Hyderabad, March 29, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Minister for Revenue, Housing, Information & Public Relations, Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, expressed confidence that the Congress-led United Democratic Front (UDF) will secure a clear majority in the upcoming Kerala Assembly elections scheduled for April 9. Addressing campaign events in support of UDF candidate Shanthakumar in Adur Assembly constituency, Pathanamthitta district, Minister Reddy said that public sentiment has shifted significantly in favor of the Congress coalition after a decade in opposition. He cited the recent successes of the Congress-led UDF in local body elections as evidence of growing support for the alliance across the state.

Criticizing the incumbent Left Democratic Front (LDF) government, Minister Reddy alleged that the administration had neglected public welfare over the past ten years. "Despite campaigns claiming development, tangible benefits to the people have been minimal. Persistent unemployment and rising economic burdens on citizens are clear indicators of government failure," he said.

He also targeted the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), accusing it of attempting to polarize voters through religious politics nationwide. According to

Minister Reddy, the BJP lacks a coherent developmental agenda in Kerala and that efforts to undermine the state's secular fabric will be decisively rejected by the electorate.

Highlighting the contrast between the ruling LDF's failures and BJP's divisive strategies, Minister Reddy stressed that the Congress party remains the only credible alternative capable of ensuring real governance, public welfare, and the protection of secular values. "The people of Kerala recognize that democracy, social justice, and secularism can only be safeguarded through the Congress-led UDF. This election will see voters delivering a decisive mandate in its favor," he said. The minister's campaign tour focused on engaging with local leaders, party workers, and voters, emphasizing the Congress coalition's commitment to inclusive development and governance. He urged citizens to consider the achievements of the Congress-led UDF in addressing public needs and to reject attempts to destabilize Kerala's social harmony. Minister Reddy concluded that the electorate is prepared to reward the Congress-led UDF for its consistent advocacy of democratic values and social equity, signaling a likely return to power for the coalition in Kerala's 2026 Assembly elections.

Maneru Riverfront Development Reviewed in Karimnagar Assembly Committee Meeting

Karimnagar, March 29, 2026 | TPN Bureau

A review meeting on the Maneru Riverfront Development project was held today at the Assembly Committee Hall, with senior ministers and officials discussing the project's progress, pending funds, and strategies to expedite completion. The meeting was chaired by Tummala Nageshwar Rao, the In-Charge Minister for Karimnagar Joint District.

The session was attended by ministers Ponnampati Prabhakar, Jupalli Krishna Rao, and Aduri Laxman Kumar, along with all MLAs from the Karimnagar Joint District, MLCs, and District Collector, and senior administrative officials.

Officials presented detailed reports on the current status of the Maneru Riverfront project, including ongoing construction work, pending financial approvals, and challenges

delaying timely completion. Discussions focused on pending fund allocation, coordination between municipal bodies and state departments, and immediate actions required to bring the project back on schedule.

Minister Tummala Nageshwar Rao instructed officials to accelerate project implementation, emphasizing that timely completion is critical for urban development, flood management, and community benefits in the Karimnagar region. He reviewed ground-level reports submitted by the District Collector and senior officials, ensuring that local-level issues, including land acquisition, environmental clearances, and civic infrastructure integration, were being addressed effectively.

The meeting also included discussions on enhancing citizen engagement in the project, ensuring proper maintenance of the riverfront, and adopting

sustainable urban planning practices. Officials highlighted the importance of integrating recreational spaces, pedestrian pathways, and flood control measures to maximize both utility and aesthetic appeal.

The ministers and officials reviewed timelines for pending tasks and agreed to hold follow-up progress reviews to ensure accountability. The District Collector was directed to submit weekly updates, while departments responsible for construction, environment, and finance were tasked with resolving bottlenecks immediately.

The meeting concluded with a commitment from the government to ensure the Maneru Riverfront Development is completed efficiently and to the highest standards, improving urban infrastructure, boosting tourism potential, and enhancing the quality of life for residents in Karimnagar Joint District.



CM Reviews Godavari Pilgrimage Development Plans Ahead of 2027 Pushkaralu

Hyderabad, March 29, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy today conducted a detailed review of development plans for the Godavari river basin temples and Pushkar ghats, spanning from Basara to Bhadrachalam, in preparation for the upcoming Godavari Pushkaralu in June 2027. Officials presented comprehensive project proposals through a PowerPoint presentation, highlighting key areas for intervention and infrastructure expansion.

During the meeting, the CM emphasized the need for timely completion of all works before the Pushkar festival. He instructed the formation of a Technical Engineers Committee to identify suitable locations for Pushkar arrangements and ensure proper facilities for devotees. This committee has been tasked to conduct field inspections and submit its report to the officials' committee within 15 to 20 days. The officials' committee will then review the technical report, prepare detailed cost estimates, and forward the finalized proposals to the Cabinet Sub-Committee. After Sub-Committee approval, the Cabinet will take the final decision on the development plans. The CM stressed that plans should prioritize both perma-

nent and temporary works to ensure seamless execution.

To prevent coordination gaps among different departments, Revanth Reddy directed the establishment of a dedicated war room at the Public Bhavan, which will serve as a central hub for monitoring and streamlining Pushkar preparations. He also advised specific measures for the expansion of ghats at major temples and tourist spots along the river, while ensuring uninterrupted road connectivity and smooth access between various sites.

Officials also briefed the CM on the master plan for the development and expansion of the Basara Sri Gnana Saraswati Temple, one of the key pilgrimage centers. The Chief Minister provided detailed guidance on the master plan, emphasizing the importance of balancing heritage preservation with infrastructure upgrades to accommodate increasing pilgrim footfall.

Revanth Reddy reiterated that all arrangements must reflect world-class standards of convenience, safety, and accessibility for devotees. He highlighted the government's commitment to creating a well-coordinated, transparent, and timely execution framework to make the 2027 Godavari Pushkaralu a landmark event for Telangana.

Bhatti Vikramarka Urges Public Representatives to Lead by Example in Solar Energy Adoption

Hyderabad, March 29, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka called on public representatives to actively participate in the state's flagship "Model Solar Village" initiative, aimed at positioning Telangana as a leading green energy state. The program, launched by the state government, focuses on promoting rooftop solar energy adoption across rural and urban communities.

Addressing a gathering of state ministers, MLAs, and MLCs at the Assembly Hall on Sunday, Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka personally handed letters to the legislators encouraging their participation in the initiative. He emphasized that elected representa-



tatives should set an example for citizens by installing 2KW grid-connected solar rooftop systems in their own homes. "Leaders must first adopt sustainable energy practices themselves. By doing so, we can inspire communities to transform residential areas into decentralized power generation centers," he said. Bhatti Vikramarka highlighted that

the adoption of rooftop solar systems would not only reduce household electricity expenses but also contribute significantly to Telangana's green energy grid.

Officials briefed the representatives about the technical and operational aspects of the solar rooftop installations. They explained that interested public representatives could

submit their residential addresses and recent electricity bills to the TGREDCO office in Khairatabad. Following this, a technical team would conduct surveys and oversee the complete installation process.

Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka underscored the broader benefits of the program, noting that widespread adoption of solar energy is critical for achieving carbon neutrality and building a sustainable, energy-rich Telangana. He urged legislators to actively participate and set a precedent that would encourage citizens to embrace renewable energy.

The "Model Solar Village" initiative is part of Telangana's comprehensive strategy to expand solar power capacity, reduce carbon emissions, and make renewable energy a practical and affordable option for

households. By involving public representatives directly, the state government hopes to strengthen awareness, boost adoption rates, and demonstrate the feasibility of rooftop solar systems as a reliable and eco-friendly energy source.

Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka concluded by emphasizing that leadership by example is key to inspiring citizens. "When our representatives take proactive steps in adopting solar energy, it not only reduces costs and supports the grid but also sends a strong message about Telangana's commitment to sustainable development," he said.

Through this initiative, Telangana aims to set benchmarks for renewable energy adoption in India while fostering community participation in green energy solutions.

Etela Visits Colonies, Flags Civic Issues

Quthbullapur, March 29 | TPN Bureau

Etela Rajender, Member of Parliament from Malkajgiri, visited several double-bedroom housing colonies in Dundigal Circle to assess public grievances and highlight the lack of basic infrastructure. The visit was conducted under the leadership of Municipal Chairman Pesari Krishna Reddy, covering areas including Dundigal, Gandimaisamma, and Bahadurpally. During the visit, Etela Rajender interacted with residents and inspected the conditions in the colonies. He stated that despite nearly 4,000 families and over 15,000 people living across 37 blocks in Dundi-

gal, the absence of adequate infrastructure is causing severe hardships.

He pointed out multiple issues affecting residents, including poor construction quality leading to falling slabs, rainwater entering homes, and non-functional lifts in several buildings. He also expressed concern over improper maintenance of sewage treatment plants, resulting in stagnant wastewater within the colonies, which is posing serious health risks.

The MP criticized the authorities for neglecting essential services and demanded immediate intervention from the government. He stressed the need for better drinking water supply, stating that residents

are struggling due to irregular water availability. He urged officials to ensure prompt supply of Mission Bhagiratha water to the affected areas. Although some borewells were arranged through MP funds, he said they are insufficient to meet the growing demand.

Etela Rajender also called on the government to allocate shops within the colonies to local residents instead of outsiders, thereby creating employment opportunities for the community. He further suggested establishing anganwadi centers, primary schools, basti clinics, and deploying ASHA workers to improve healthcare and education facilities while generating local jobs.

He assured residents that he

would put pressure on the government to resolve their issues and ensure better living conditions. The visit saw participation from several BJP leaders, including D. Vigneshwar Chari, Girivardhan Reddy, Shyam Rao, Gone Mallareddy, A. Malleth Yadav, Embari Anjaneyulu, Roja, Srinivas Yadav, Bhanu Goud, Akula Vijay, Venkatesh Naik, G. Mohan Reddy, Yashwanth Reddy, Akula Yashwanth Patel, Rajkumar, and Sridhar Goud.

A large number of local residents, including Vishnuvardhan Reddy, Durgam Udiraj, Durgesh, Suresh, Nagamani, and Ganesh, attended the programme and voiced their concerns, seeking immediate action from the authorities.



Sridhar Babu Counters BRS Over Assembly Disruptions

Hyderabad, March 29 | TPN Bureau

Sridhar Babu delivered a strong response to members of the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) in the Assembly, urging them to cooperate in ensuring the smooth functioning of the House and refrain from repeated disruptions.

Stating that it is the responsibility of every legislator to uphold the dignity of the Assembly, the Minister emphasized the need for all members to extend full support to the Speaker in conducting proceedings without interruptions. On behalf of the government, he appealed to BRS members to act constructively and participate in discussions.

Sridhar Babu pointed out that Vivek Venkata Swamy had already assured the House that the issues raised by BRS members would be thoroughly examined. Despite this, he said, continuing disruptions were not appropriate and hindered



meaningful debate on key matters.

He further highlighted that Revanth Reddy had personally announced in the Assembly that an inquiry into the matter would be conducted through the CBCID. Questioning the Opposition's demand for a

House Committee, he asked whether it was justified to stall proceedings when an official investigation had already been ordered.

The Minister advised Opposition members to submit any evidence they possess to the CBCID during the course of

the inquiry rather than disrupting the House. He stressed that obstructing discussions, especially during crucial sessions, was not in the interest of democratic functioning.

Criticizing the approach of the BRS, Sridhar Babu remarked that it appeared disruption had become their primary agenda. He reiterated that the government remains open and accountable, ready to respond to all questions raised by the Opposition in a transparent manner. Reaffirming the government's commitment to accountability, he stated that a comprehensive inquiry would be conducted into all alleged mining irregularities dating back to 2014. He assured the House that appropriate action would be taken based on the findings of the investigation. The Minister's remarks came amid continued protests by BRS members, with the government maintaining that cooperation and constructive debate are essential for the effective functioning of the Assembly.

TPCC General Secretary Dayaakar Criticizes MLA Kaushik Reddy for Assembly Misconduct

Hyderabad, March 29 | TPN Bureau

TPCC General Secretary Dayaakar has strongly condemned the behavior of MLA Kaushik Reddy in the Telangana Legislative Assembly, describing it as a serious violation of Assembly decorum. Dayaakar emphasized that the disruptions caused by Kaushik Reddy prevent the House from discussing important public issues and undermine the credibility of the Assembly.

He said that Kaushik Reddy's conduct must be classified as either "duty-bound rowdy" or "market rowdy," highlighting that the MLA lacks even the minimum qualifications required for his position. According to Dayaakar, Kaushik Reddy made inappropriate and threatening remarks targeting senior leaders, including Kadiyam Srihari, suggesting violence, which he said is completely unacceptable. He urged the Assembly to consider a permanent suspension of Kaushik Reddy for his behavior.

Dayaakar also called on ministers K.T. Rama Rao and Harish Rao to publicly apologize to



Kadiyam Srihari for the disrespect shown. He criticized BRS leaders for obstructing discussions on welfare programs, budget debates, and Dalit and BC issues, stating that their approach sends a negative message to Telangana society and reflects a lack of basic legislative ethics.

Highlighting the importance of maintaining parliamentary norms, Dayaakar stressed that elected members should behave responsibly, protect the dignity of senior legislators,

and ensure public issues are prioritized over political theatrics. He reiterated that accountability must be enforced for all misconduct, especially when it involves threats or disrespect toward senior members or marginalized communities.

Dayaakar concluded that only by upholding proper discipline and fair treatment of all legislators can the Assembly function effectively and serve the interests of the people of Telangana.



TDP Leaders Demand House Committee on Illegal Mining in Telangana Assembly

Hyderabad, March 29, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Former ministers and senior TDP leaders, including Sabita Indra Reddy, Sunita Lakshma Reddy, and MLA Dr. Palla Rajeshwar Reddy, criticized the conduct of the Telangana Assembly today, terming it a "black day" for democracy. They raised concerns over the handling of illegal mining allegations and expressed disappointment over the government's inaction.

Speaking to the media from Telangana Bhavan, Sabita Indra Reddy said, "Whenever we try to raise issues outside the House, we are told to attend the Assembly. Yet, when we are present, the microphone is denied. Our questions during Zero Hour are ignored, and time is wasted on trivialities." She highlighted that despite the Congress government being in power for over two years, debates still revolve around Chief Minister KCR, while pressing issues like illegal mining are sidelined.

The leaders pointed out that Harish Rao, TDP Deputy Leader, had presented evidence of illegal mining and demanded the formation of a House Committee for investigation. Instead of addressing the issue, government members allegedly attempted to divert the discussion by raising personal and family matters. "When our leader raised concerns about illegal mining, they brought up the land holdings of our lead-

er's family, trying to shift focus," Sabita Indra Reddy said.

Sunita Lakshma Reddy added that Assembly rules prohibit mentioning absent members, yet ruling party members repeatedly referenced names to discredit the opposition. She also condemned the denial of microphones and suspension of members for raising legitimate public issues.

Dr. Palla Rajeshwar Reddy emphasized, "We are only demanding a House Committee on illegal mining, yet the government threatens CB-CID investigations selectively, showing a double standard. Such diversionary tactics and intimidation of MLAs prevent proper scrutiny of public issues."

The leaders further criticized the ruling BRS for inconsistent statements on enforcement, including conflicting directives from ministers and the Chief Minister regarding investigations into illegal mining. They stressed that real accountability is necessary, rather than political maneuvering.

Concluding their statements, the TDP leaders called on the government to act impartially, constitute the House Committee, and take strict action against illegal mining operations such as those by Raghava Construction. They reiterated that their demand is focused solely on public interest, transparency, and accountability, urging immediate legislative action.

Illegal Mining Probe: TDP Demands House Committee in Telangana Assembly

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Former Minister and Deputy Floor Leader of the Telangana Assembly, Talasani Srinivas Yadav, strongly criticized the proceedings in today's Assembly session, describing it as a "dark day" for democracy. Speaking to the media, he expressed concern over the handling of critical issues by the ruling party and emphasized the need for immediate action against illegal mining in the state.

Srinivas Yadav said that the Assembly, a sacred institution for public governance, has been treated as a platform for political theatrics by the ruling BRS members. "Our Deputy Leader Harish Rao presented clear evidence regarding illegal mining, yet the government has failed to take decisive



action. Despite repeated demands, a House Committee has not been constituted to probe these matters," he stated.

He also criticized the way the Assembly was diverted from addressing real issues.

According to Srinivas Yadav, attempts were made to link caste politics to distract attention from substantive debates. He highlighted the lack of an Ethics Committee, calling for immediate referral of disruptive members like Padi Kau-

shik Reddy to the committee for misconduct.

Defending the role of Bhatti Vikramarka, Srinivas Yadav praised his long-standing public service and contributions to social causes, pointing out that such leaders should be respected rather than undermined by ruling party members. He stressed that the Assembly should prioritize public welfare discussions, including issues related to backward classes, rather than indulging in diversionary politics.

Srinivas Yadav further highlighted the inconsistencies in government action. He noted that while the government claims to conduct investigations into illegal mining, no tangible steps have been taken. Similarly, welfare programs like the Mother-Father Care Act remain unclear and unimplemented, even as funds are

allocated.

"The Assembly should function transparently, allowing elected representatives to raise critical issues. Suspending members for raising concerns is an undemocratic and unfair practice," he said. Srinivas Yadav reiterated that the sole demand of his party is the formation of a House Committee to investigate illegal mining in Telangana. He concluded by emphasizing that programs for the welfare of Dalits and other marginalized communities, historically promoted by leaders like KCR, must continue, and public scrutiny of these initiatives remains essential. Srinivas Yadav called on the government to ensure accountability, transparency, and proper legislative functioning to uphold democratic values in the state.

Chamala Kiran Reddy Criticizes BJP President Ramachandra Rao, Supports Government Development Initiatives

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Telangana political leader Chamala Kiran Reddy today strongly criticized BJP State President Ramachandra Rao, alleging that his actions are aimed at obstructing the state government's development agenda rather than supporting constructive initiatives. Speaking to the media, Kiran Reddy accused Rao of attempting to stay in the media limelight for personal political gains while opposing projects designed to improve public infrastructure and urban development.

He highlighted that past governments have invested in important spiritual and cultural projects, citing the Yadagirigutta Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Temple, as well as other religious sites, where state



funds have been utilized for renovation and expansion. He also noted that similar investments have been made by governments in other Indian states to promote spiritual tourism. "It appears that Ramachandra Rao cannot tolerate the progress being achieved

under Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's administration," Kiran Reddy said.

The leader emphasized that ongoing projects, including those along the Godavari River basin from Basar to Bhadrachalam, are aimed at promoting religious tourism, ur-

ban infrastructure, and public safety. The government has laid out detailed plans for temple development, ghats expansion, and associated connectivity improvements, ensuring that these initiatives are completed well ahead of the 2027 Godavari Pushkaralu festival. Authorities have also been directed to prepare comprehensive reports, field assessments, and budget estimates, which will be reviewed by cabinet sub-committees for approval and timely execution.

Kiran Reddy further criticized the BJP president for allegedly creating unnecessary obstacles for the state's development projects. "The government has already taken measures to enhance roads, riverfronts, and temple areas, yet attempts are being made to politicize these initiatives instead of focusing on people's

welfare," he added.

The leader also expressed support for the state government's recent initiatives, including the Maaneru River Front Development and urban infrastructure projects in Karimnagar, which aim to accelerate local development, improve flood management, and promote tourism. He urged political rivals to prioritize public welfare over political point-scoring, stating that Telangana's citizens are aware of the government's efforts and would recognize sincere developmental work during elections. Chamala Kiran Reddy concluded by emphasizing the importance of collaboration among political parties for Telangana's overall growth, while asserting that attempts to block projects or undermine governance will not be tolerated.

International Conference on Cognitive Informatics Engineering and Technology Conducted Successfully

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The International Conference on Cognitive Informatics Engineering and Technology (ICET 2026) was successfully conducted on 28th and 29th March 2026 in hybrid mode. The conference was organized by Vidya Vikas College of Engineering and Technology (Autonomous), Tiruchengode, Tamil Nadu, in collaboration with OSIE/T, Chennai, India, and Samarkand State University, Uzbekistan.

The conference brought together academicians, researchers, and industry experts from across the globe to share their insights and research in the domains of cognitive informatics, engineering, and emerging technologies.



The event featured distinguished speakers including Dr. Anteneh Mesfin Yeneneh, Research Fellow at Curtin University, Australia; Dr. S. Vijaya Kumar, Treasurer, IEEE COMSOC Hyderabad Chapter; and Dr. R. Deeptha, Professor, SRM

University, Chennai. Their expert talks provided valuable perspectives on current trends and future directions in technology and research.

Over 100 research papers were presented during the conference, showcasing innovative ideas and advancements across various domains. The technical sessions were chaired by eminent professors from reputed institutions.

Among them, Dr. G. N. R. Prasad from Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT), Hyderabad, chaired one of the technical sessions, contributing to the academic rigor and smooth conduct of the conference.

The conference was successfully led under the guidance of Conference Chair Dr. K. Pooranapriya, Principal, VVCE/T, and Dr. P. Aravinthan, Vice Chairman, OSIE/T, whose leadership and support played a key role in the grand success of the event. The conference served as a dynamic platform for knowledge exchange, networking, and fostering collaborative research initiatives. The organizers expressed their gratitude to all participants, speakers, and partner institutions for making the event a grand success.

Sub-Inspector R. Prem Sagar of the Jeedimetla Police Station under the Cyberabad Commissionerate has been selected to represent Telangana at the prestigious All India Police Duty Meet 2025-26, currently being held in Nagpur, Maharashtra. His selection is being hailed as a moment of pride for the department and the state.



From Jeedimetla to National Stage

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Prem Sagar secured a place in the Telangana police contingent after demonstrating exceptional skill and dedication at the state level. His participation in the national event provides him with a significant platform to showcase his investigative expertise among top police personnel from across the country.

Speaking on the occasion, Jeedimetla Circle Inspector Gaddam Mallesham expressed pride over Prem Sagar's achievement, stating that his selection reflects the high standards maintained by the station. He also conveyed confidence that Prem Sagar would perform commendably and bring laurels to Telangana.

At the ongoing Police Duty Meet, Prem Sagar is competing in six critical categories, including crime scene photography, criminal laws, lifting and packing of evidence, fingerprint analysis, medico-legal oral examinations, and scientific aids to investigation. These categories are considered essential components of modern policing, requiring precision, analytical ability, and thorough knowledge of procedures. Prem Sagar's track record further strengthens expectations from him at the national level. In previous state-level Police Duty Meet competitions, he delivered an outstanding performance by winning two gold medals, one silver medal, and one bronze medal. His consistent achievements highlight his commitment, discipline, and professional excellence.

Colleagues at the Jeedimetla Police Station have extended their heartfelt wishes to him, expressing hope that he will once again excel and bring recognition to Telangana. Senior officials and fellow personnel believe that his participation itself is a testament to the growing competence of the state police force. As the competition progresses in Nagpur, all eyes are on Prem Sagar, with strong expectations that he will add to his list of accolades and make Telangana proud on the national stage.



Swachh Sunday Drive Held in Gajularamaram

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As part of the ongoing 99-day action plan under the Praja Palana Pragathi initiative, a "Swachh Sunday" programme was conducted on its 24th day in the Gajularamaram Circle to promote cleanliness and public awareness in parks.

The initiative, organized in collaboration with "Swachh Saathis" — including Self-Help Groups (SHGs), Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs), and voluntary organizations — witnessed active participation across multiple locations. The cleanliness and awareness drives were carried out at Kailash Hills Park, Pancha Tattva Park, Yendamuri Layout, and Ushodaya Colony parks within the Cyberabad Municipal Corporation limits.

During the programme, officials and volunteers interacted with morning walkers and local residents, spreading awareness about the importance of maintaining cleanliness in public spaces. Emphasis was laid on how a clean environment contributes directly to better public health and overall well-being.

Participants encouraged citizens to take collective responsibility for keeping parks and surroundings clean, urging them to avoid littering and to actively support sanitation efforts. The campaign also highlighted the role of community involvement in sustaining long-term cleanliness initiatives.

SWM Deputy Engineer Nikhil Reddy, along with officials Swati and Community Organizer Sai Krishna, took part in the programme. Sanitation staff, including Jawan Chandar, along with field-level functionaries such as SFIs, RPs, SHG members, NGO representatives, and Colony Welfare Association members, also actively participated.

The initiative forms part of a broader effort by civic authorities to instill a culture of cleanliness and civic responsibility among citizens. Officials expressed satisfaction over the public response and reiterated their commitment to continuing such awareness drives throughout the 99-day programme.

The Gajularamaram Circle authorities believe that sustained community participation will play a crucial role in achieving long-term sanitation goals and ensuring cleaner, healthier neighborhoods for residents.

Kompally Circle Steps Up Property Tax Drive

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With the financial year drawing to a close, officials in the Kompally Circle have intensified efforts to boost property tax collections, holding a key review meeting to assess progress and outline further action.

The meeting was chaired by Deputy Commissioner N. Krishna Reddy and attended by Assistant Municipal Commissioner Srinivas Goud, along with tax inspectors and bill collectors. The focus was on accelerating collections and ensuring that pending dues are cleared within the stipulated time.

Addressing the officials, Deputy Commissioner Krishna Reddy emphasized the need for a well-structured action plan to maximize property tax recovery. He directed the staff to prioritize pending taxes and take immediate steps to improve collection efficiency across all wards in the circle.

He also issued a stern warning to defaulters, stating that strict action would be initiated if dues are not cleared promptly. Officials were instructed not to hesitate in enforcing measures against chronic defaulters, including legal and administrative steps wherever necessary. Highlighting the importance of coordination, Krishna Reddy urged all departments to work in tandem to achieve the set targets for the 2025-26 financial year. He noted that timely collection of property taxes is crucial for ensuring uninterrupted civic services and infrastructure development. Assistant Municipal Commissioner Srinivas Goud echoed similar views, stressing that field-level staff must actively engage with taxpayers and raise awareness about the importance of timely payments.



work with full commitment and responsibility to fulfill the duties entrusted to him. Narasimha stated that he would strive to spread awareness about the life and sacrifices of Doddhi Komarayya among the public, especially the younger generation. He further emphasized that Komarayya's sacrifice continues to inspire many and that it is important to preserve and promote his legacy through such events. The committee is expected to organize various cultural and educational programmes as part of the Jayanthi celebrations. Local leaders and community members welcomed the appointment and expressed confidence that Narasimha Kuruma would contribute effectively to the successful conduct of the celebrations.

Narasimha Kuruma Appointed to Komarayya Jayanthi Committee

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Gorige Narasimha Kuruma has been appointed as a member of the Doddhi Komarayya Jayanthi Celebrations Committee. The appointment letter was formally handed over by former MLC Jaggaiah Mallesham and Aleru MLA and Government Whip Beerla Iaiah.

The announcement marks a significant step in organizing the commemorative events in honor of Doddhi Komarayya, who is widely regarded as the first martyr of the Telangana Armed Struggle. The committee is tasked with planning and conducting programmes to remember his contributions and sacrifices.

Speaking on the occasion, Narasimha Kuruma expressed



gratitude to the leaders of the Kuruma community for placing their trust in him. He said it was an honor to be part of a committee dedicated to celebrating the legacy of such a prominent historical figure. He assured that he would

Demand to Reconsider Supreme Court Verdict

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Dalit Christian Students' Joint Action Committee (JAC) Chairman Gaddam Ashok has strongly objected to the recent verdict of the Supreme Court of India, which held that Scheduled Caste (SC) reservation benefits do not apply to Dalits who have converted to Christianity. He urged the apex court to review its decision, stating that it undermines the constitutional principles of equality and social justice.

Speaking at a press conference held at the Arts College of Osmania University, Ashok, along with several Dalit Christian leaders, expressed deep concern over the implications of the ruling. He argued that the primary objective of reservations is to address historical social and economic disadvantages, not to discriminate based on religion.



Ashok noted that Dalit Christians have been engaged in a prolonged legal battle seeking SC status and reservation benefits. He highlighted

that several committees and commissions, including the K.G. Balakrishnan Committee and the Ranganath Misra Commission, have examined the issue in the past and recommended measures to ensure

justice for marginalized communities. Criticizing the basis of the verdict, he alleged that the judgment was delivered without adequate consultation with legal experts or consideration of public opinion. He further claimed that the court relied on a petition filed by a pastor from Guntur, without fully assessing the broader socio-economic conditions of Dalit Christians across the country. Ashok said the ruling has caused anxiety among Christian communities, who fear that their rights and opportunities could be adversely affected. He emphasized that the Constitution guarantees freedom of religion and equality before the law under Articles 14 and 15, and that denying reservation benefits solely on reli-

gious grounds contradicts these guarantees.

Announcing the next course of action, Ashok stated that a writ petition would soon be filed challenging the verdict. He appealed to the Supreme Court to reconsider its decision in light of constitutional values and the lived realities of Dalit Christians. The press conference was attended by Bandhu Society President Mallela Veeraswamy, Lambada Rights Struggle Committee President Balaji, and other leaders including Srinivas, Balakrishna, and Christian leader Jerusalem Mattaiah. They collectively reiterated the demand for justice and equal rights for Dalit Christians, urging authorities to take a more inclusive and balanced approach on the issue.

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Wake Up Youth: Health is True Wealth

Allam Rajkumar, research scholar, Hitam college, Physical Director.

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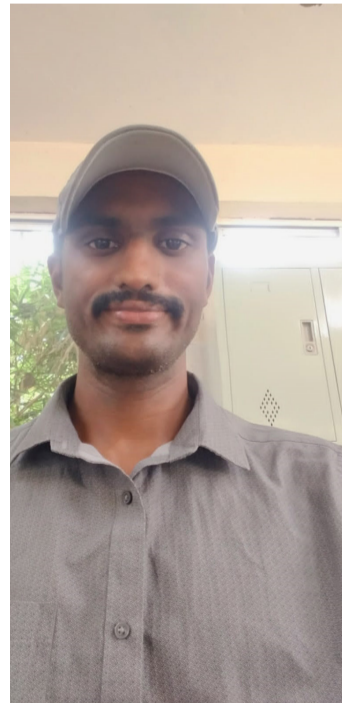
Highlighting the growing health concerns among today's youth, a paper titled "Wake Up Youth" has brought attention to lifestyle-related issues and the urgent need for healthier habits. The paper, authored by Ph.D. research scholar Allam Rajkumar, explains the causes behind declining health standards and suggests practical guidelines to improve overall well-being.

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To maintain good health, the paper recommends a disciplined daily routine. It suggests waking up early before 6:00 AM and engaging in activities like yoga, exercise, or outdoor games. A healthy breakfast including nutritious foods such as grains, eggs, milk, and dry fruits should be taken before 9:00 AM. Lunch should be completed between 12:00 PM and 1:30 PM, and dinner between 7:00 PM and 8:00 PM, followed by a short walk.

The paper also advises avoiding fried foods, sweets, junk food, and alcohol. Instead, it encourages consuming fruits, vegetables, and protein-rich foods. It further warns against performing intense gym workouts without proper guidance. The study concludes that adopting healthy habits and maintaining discipline is essential for a better and healthier future for the youth.

Christian Rally Marks Palm Sunday in Nacharam

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A special rally was organized in Nacharam on the occasion of Palm Sunday, with members of the Christian community participating in large numbers. The procession was led by Pastor Shyam Krupa, founder of Grace Gospel Church, and took place in Raghavendra Nagar.

The event marked the culmination of a 40-day period of fasting and prayer observed by Christians in the lead-up to Palm Sunday. Devotees gathered to offer prayers and took part in a peaceful procession through various streets of the locality, expressing their faith and devotion.

Speaking on the occasion, Pastor Shyam Krupa explained the importance of Palm Sunday, stating that it is a significant day for Christians across the world. He said that believers observe the day with special prayers after completing 40 days of fasting and spiritual discipline. On the 40th day, rallies and processions are conducted in different colonies as part of the celebrations.

He added that the main objective of the programme is to pray for the well-being, happiness, and good health of all people. He emphasized the message of peace, unity, and harmony through such events. The rally passed through several areas in Raghavendra Nagar, with participants singing hymns and offering prayers. Local residents also joined the event and appreciated the peaceful and devotional atmosphere created during the procession. Organizers ensured smooth conduct of the rally with proper arrangements and volunteer support. The programme concluded with a special prayer session. The Palm Sunday celebrations in Nacharam reflected strong community participation and highlighted the spirit of faith, unity, and goodwill among people.



Telangana Movement Activists Should Be Supported by Government: Gunjala Bhaskar Reddy

Adilabad, March 29, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Gunjala Bhaskar Reddy, Joint Adilabad District President, called on the government to immediately support the activists who fought for the formation of Telangana state. Addressing a meeting held at the Sonala Mandal headquarters, Reddy highlighted the hardships faced by movement participants between 2001 and 2014.

Reddy said that during the Telangana movement, activists worked tirelessly for statehood, often facing legal challenges and enduring significant financial losses while attending numerous court proceedings. Despite their sacrifices, he expressed disappointment that the government has not adequately addressed the problems faced by these activists even years after the state's formation.

He emphasized the need to honor the Telangana High Court's directives regarding the welfare of movement participants. Specifically, he demanded the provision of a monthly pension of 25,000 for each activist, along with allocation of residential land, to ensure their dignity and well-being. "The sacrifices of the Telangana movement workers must not go unrecognized. It is imperative that the government take immediate action to provide financial security and social recognition to those who contributed to the creation of the state," he said.



Reddy also urged the administration to implement welfare measures without further delay and to ensure that activists receive the respect and recognition they deserve for their pivotal role in achieving Telangana's statehood.

The meeting was attended by several key local leaders, including the newly appointed Sonala Mandal President Ramai, General Secretary Sadanandam, and Vice Presidents Lolapu Poshetti, Shaik Mohammed, Chilukuri Narender, and Bhimrao Patil. Participants discussed strategies to bring the government's attention to unresolved issues affecting the activists and planned follow-up initiatives to ensure their demands are met.

Reddy reiterated that the activists' contributions were crucial to Telangana's formation and that it is the responsibility

of the current administration to acknowledge their sacrifices with concrete support measures. He stressed that honoring these activists not only fulfills a moral obligation but also sets an example of governance that values and rewards social commitment.

The meeting concluded with a unanimous appeal to the government to expedite the process of providing pensions, housing, and other welfare benefits to all eligible Telangana movement activists, ensuring that their decades-long struggle is appropriately recognized and rewarded.

Karimnagar Ministers Review Maneru Riverfront Development Project

Karimnagar, March 29, 2026 | TPN Bureau

A high-level review meeting on the Maneru Riverfront Development project was held today at the Assembly Committee Hall, chaired by Karimnagar District In-charge Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao. The meeting saw participation from ministers Prabhakar, Jupally Krishna Rao, and Adhuri Lakshman Kumar, along with MLAs and MLCs from Karimnagar, the District Collector, Municipal Commissioner, and senior officials from Irrigation and Tourism departments.

During the session, officials presented detailed updates on the progress of the Maneru Riverfront works, pending funds, and the steps required to expedite project completion. Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao instructed the officers to accelerate all ongoing activities and ensure timely delivery of the project milestones.

The meeting included a thorough review of field-level reports submitted by the District Collector and other senior officials. Discussions focused on



project planning, pending clearances, and budget allocations for various phases of the development. The ministers emphasized that rapid progress is crucial to meet project deadlines and to enhance the overall urban and tourism potential of the riverfront.

Officials were directed to prepare comprehensive proposals on land acquisition, estimated expenditures, water management, and tourism infrastructure. These proposals are expected to guide the next phase of development and ensure alignment with the broader objectives of sustainable riverfront urban planning.

In addition, a ministerial site visit to the Maneru Riverfront has been scheduled in the coming days to assess on-ground progress. The officials were tasked with providing all

necessary data, including technical reports and field observations, to facilitate a smooth inspection and review.

Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao underscored the importance of inter-departmental coordination and proactive measures to overcome bottlenecks, particularly in areas such as water flow management, land acquisition, and tourism-related infrastructure. The ministers stressed that timely execution of the project will contribute significantly to the district's urban development and attract tourism investments. The meeting concluded with clear directives for officials to submit updated progress reports and proposals, ensuring that the Maneru Riverfront Development Project progresses efficiently and meets its scheduled targets.



Nizamabad CP Issues Strict Warning Against Drugs at 2K Run

Nizamabad, March 29, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Nizamabad Police Commissioner P. Sai Chaitanya has warned of stringent action against drug-related offences during the launch of a 2-kilometre run organised by the Nizamabad rural police. The commissioner emphasised that anyone involved in the sale or use of illegal drugs, particularly ganja, would face strict legal action and urged citizens to support efforts to create a drug-free society. The 2K run, starting at the Bypass Junction and concluding at the IDOC office, brought together police officials, students, and members of the local community. Commissioner Sai Chaitanya appealed to the public, youth, and media to actively participate in combating substance abuse. He shared helpline numbers for citizens to report drug trafficking and misuse.

Highlighting the role of youth in nation-building, the CP stressed the importance of physical fitness, sports, and exercise in preventing drug use.

He encouraged students to focus on healthy activities and avoid peer pressure, underlining the message: "Say no to drugs, yes to life." Students from various colleges and schools participated in dances and skits demonstrating the harmful effects of drug use, reinforcing the serious health and social consequences of substance abuse.

Senior police officials, including the Additional DCP (Admin), ACPs, and rural inspectors, took part in the programme, motivating the youth to adopt healthy habits and unite against drugs. The event successfully combined community engagement, fitness promotion, and anti-drug advocacy, reflecting law enforcement's commitment to addressing substance abuse through public awareness and proactive policing. This initiative marks a step forward in ensuring a safer and healthier environment for the citizens of Nizamabad, with the police department encouraging collective action to keep the community drug-free.

Harassment Allegations Against CM Rises as TRS Leaders Demand Accountability

Hyderabad, March 29, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Former Minister and MLA Vemula Prashanth Reddy today sharply criticized Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for allegedly intimidating opposition leaders and mismanaging Assembly proceedings. Speaking from Telangana Bhavan, Reddy accused the Chief Minister of engaging in "diversionary politics" to shield alleged irregularities of Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy.

"Yesterday, our deputy leader Harish Rao exposed multiple irregularities with complete evidence. Today, the government is trying to divert attention and intimidate our party members," Prashanth Reddy said. He added that the Chief Minister has been conducting himself less as an Assembly speaker and more like



a "gang leader," targeting opposition MLAs instead of addressing genuine concerns.

Reddy alleged that the ruling party is selectively allowing legislators to speak while denying opposition members any opportunity. "Today, BRS

members were not even allowed a single minute to raise their concerns. The government is blocking microphones to prevent exposure of corruption," he said.

The former minister also highlighted a perceived double

standard in Assembly procedures. While Congress MLAs are allowed to demand House Committees, opposition members' similar requests are denied. Prashanth Reddy accused Revanth Reddy of creating confusion by referring trivial matters to Ethics Committees while ignoring serious allegations of corruption.

"The Chief Minister even publicly threatened our members, yet we have never needed to intimidate anyone. We are asking for transparency, accountability, and proper investigation, not revenge politics," Reddy said. He asserted that the party will continue pressing for a House Committee probe into alleged mining irregularities and other misconduct, despite government pressure. Prashanth Reddy also addressed Revanth Reddy's comments regarding Deputy

Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramka, arguing that if Bhatti is capable, he could become Chief Minister just as KCR led the party successfully.

"The government may attempt diversionary politics and intimidation, but the BRS remains unafraid," he said. Reddy concluded by warning that the opposition will persist in questioning government corruption, ignoring attempts to stifle debate, and remain committed to raising public issues in the Assembly and through legal channels.

The press meet underscores rising tensions in Telangana politics as opposition leaders allege targeted intimidation, diversionary tactics, and unfair treatment in legislative proceedings, while demanding accountability and independent investigations into ministerial misconduct.

2 Arrested in Nirmal for Attempted Kidnap and Assault on Minors

Nirmal, March 29, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Two men were arrested in Nirmal town on Sunday for allegedly attempting to kidnap and assault two minor girls, police said. The incident took place in Sofinagar Colony late Saturday, prompting prompt action by local law enforcement.

The accused have been identified as Abbas Khan and Sheikh Kaleem, who were taken into custody by a police team led by Assistant Superintendent of Police Sai Kiran, officials confirmed. The swift action underscores the police's commitment to protecting children and maintaining public safety.

A case has been registered against the two men under the Protection of Children from



Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, reflecting the gravity of the alleged offence. Nirmal Superintendent of Police

Janaki Sharmila stated that strict action will be taken against individuals involved in crimes targeting women and girls.

"The safety of children and women is a top priority for the police. We will ensure that those accused of such heinous acts are dealt with firmly under

der the law," she said.

The arrests come as police in Telangana continue to crack down on crimes against minors and vulnerable groups, with authorities urging the public to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activities immediately. Residents of Sofinagar Colony expressed relief at the rapid police response and urged continued vigilance in their neighbourhoods.

The case remains under investigation as police gather additional evidence and prepare to present the matter before the court.

This latest incident highlights ongoing challenges in ensuring child safety in urban areas, and local authorities have reiterated their commitment to protecting children and prosecuting offenders to the fullest extent of the law.

Iran-Israel War: Have the US and Iran Gone Past the Point of Negotiation?

The ongoing conflict involving Iran, Israel and the United States has raised a crucial question — have Washington and Tehran moved beyond diplomacy and entered a phase where negotiations are no longer possible? As tensions intensify, recent developments suggest that the chances of a negotiated settlement are narrowing, though not entirely gone.

Gradual Breakdown of Diplomacy

The breakdown in negotiations did not happen overnight. Diplomatic engagement between the United States and Iran had continued intermittently over the past few years, particularly over nuclear issues and regional security concerns. Under earlier agreements, including the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), Iran had committed not to develop nuclear weapons in exchange for sanctions relief and economic engagement.

However, trust between the two sides gradually eroded. Even during recent talks mediated by regional players such as Oman, Iran reportedly made concessions on nuclear issues that it had not previously accepted. Despite these developments, military escalation occurred, deepening distrust and reducing confidence in diplomatic channels. Analysts now believe Iran is unlikely to offer further concessions beyond what was already discussed in earlier negotiations.

This erosion of trust has made negotiations increasingly difficult. From Tehran's per-

spective, concessions did not prevent military action, which weakens incentives for further diplomacy.

Conflicting Signals from Washington and Tehran

The United States has repeatedly stated that it is open to negotiations, but Iranian officials have denied that meaningful talks are underway. Donald Trump has claimed that discussions are ongoing and that Iran is seeking a deal. However, Tehran has dismissed these statements and insisted that no direct negotiations have taken place.

This gap between public statements from Washington and Tehran highlights the growing disconnect between the two sides. While diplomatic rhetoric continues, actions on the ground suggest escalating confrontation rather than compromise.

Iran has also rejected proposals from the United States aimed at ending the conflict. Iranian officials described the proposals as excessive and insisted that any ceasefire would only occur under Tehran's conditions. These include ending hostilities, preventing future attacks, and compensating damages caused by the conflict.

Such conditions reflect Iran's hardened position and make negotiations more complicated.

Military Escalation Over-shadows Diplomacy

Military developments have further weakened prospects for talks. The conflict began intensifying after joint strikes by the United States and Israel, which significantly escalated tensions. Following these



strikes, Iran expanded its response across the region, increasing the risk of a broader confrontation.

The United States has also indicated that military operations could continue for weeks, suggesting that diplomatic efforts are not the immediate priority. Meanwhile, Iran has signalled its readiness to prolong the conflict until its demands are met. This pattern of escalation has made diplomacy increasingly difficult. When both sides are actively engaged in military operations, political space for negotiations tends to shrink.

Growing Distrust and Hardline Positions
Another key factor compli-

cating negotiations is the emergence of hardline positions on both sides. Iranian leadership has adopted a more assertive stance, signalling that it will not negotiate under pressure. Meanwhile, Washington has continued to issue warnings and threats, further reducing chances for compromise.

In such scenarios, diplomacy becomes politically risky. Leaders on both sides face domestic pressure not to appear weak. This dynamic often prolongs conflicts and delays negotiations.

Regional Dynamics Add Complexity

The broader Middle East situation also complicates diplo-

macy. Regional actors are divided in their positions, with some supporting de-escalation while others prefer strategic pressure on Iran. This fragmentation reduces the likelihood of coordinated mediation.

Additionally, the involvement of multiple countries increases the risk of accidental escalation. Missile strikes, naval incidents, or attacks on infrastructure could quickly derail any ongoing diplomatic efforts.

Nuclear Concerns and Strategic Stakes

The nuclear issue remains central to the conflict. Iran's nuclear programme has long been a major concern for the

United States and its allies. Negotiations have often focused on limiting uranium enrichment and ensuring monitoring mechanisms.

However, with diplomatic channels weakening, monitoring arrangements may also collapse. This increases uncertainty and raises fears about future escalation.

Without negotiations, misunderstandings become more likely. This increases the risk of miscalculations and unintended escalation.

Is Diplomacy Still Possible?

Despite the deteriorating situation, negotiations are not entirely off the table. Diplomatic efforts often continue behind the scenes even during con-

licts. Historically, many conflicts have eventually ended through negotiations after prolonged fighting.

However, the longer the conflict continues, the more difficult diplomacy becomes. Rising casualties, economic damage, and political pressures make compromise harder.

The Risk of a Prolonged Conflict

If negotiations fail completely, the conflict could become prolonged. This would increase economic risks, particularly through disruptions in oil supply and trade routes. Global markets would likely face volatility, and regional instability could worsen. A prolonged conflict would also increase humanitarian risks, including displacement and infrastructure damage.

A Critical Turning Point

The current moment appears to be a turning point. Both sides are still leaving the door open for negotiations, but actions suggest that confrontation is taking priority. Trust between Washington and Tehran has eroded significantly, making diplomacy more difficult than before. Whether negotiations resume will depend on military developments, political pressures, and international mediation. For now, the situation remains uncertain, with diplomacy under strain and escalation still a major risk.

Ultimately, the conflict highlights how quickly diplomatic efforts can collapse when trust breaks down. While negotiations may not be entirely impossible, they are becoming increasingly difficult as the crisis deepens.

If the US Launches a Ground Invasion of Iran, It Could Be Far More Difficult Than Expected

As tensions escalate in the conflict involving Iran, Israel, and the United States, speculation is growing about the possibility of a US ground invasion. However, military analysts and regional observers suggest that Iran may be far more prepared for such an escalation than many assume. If a ground invasion were to take place, it could become one of the most complex and risky military operations in recent history.

Rising Pressure on Donald Trump

The conflict has created mounting pressure on Donald Trump, both politically and strategically. While Washington has issued warnings and threats, Tehran has remained defiant. Efforts to force Iran into negotiations have not produced results, and diplomatic channels appear increasingly strained.

Trump has repeatedly claimed that Iran is open to negotiations, but Iranian officials have denied this. Instead, Tehran has presented its own set of demands, including an end to hostilities, guarantees against future attacks, compensation for damages, and recognition of its strategic interests in the region. These demands reflect a widening gap between the two sides and reduce the likelihood of a diplomatic breakthrough.

As tensions intensify, the possibility of military escalation is becoming more realistic. However, launching a ground invasion of Iran would be far more complex than previous US military interventions in the Middle East.

Iran Anticipates Ground Invasion

Iranian leaders have ex-

pressed concern that diplomatic efforts may be a cover for military planning. As a result, Tehran has increased its military readiness, particularly in strategically important areas. The country has strengthened its defenses across key islands and coastal regions, anticipating possible US attempts to seize strategic positions.

Iran has long expected the possibility of a confrontation with the United States. Over the years, it has built a defense strategy focused on deterrence, asymmetric warfare, and regional leverage. These preparations could make any ground invasion extremely difficult.

US Military Build-Up in the Gulf

The United States has deployed additional troops and naval assets to the Gulf region. These deployments suggest that Washington is keeping military options open. Amphibious assault ships, marine units, and airborne troops provide the US military with flexibility to conduct limited ground operations or seize strategic islands.

Such deployments are often used as a show of strength and deterrence. However, they also increase the risk of escalation if tensions continue to rise.

Strategic Targets in a Possible Invasion

If the United States were to launch a ground invasion, several strategic targets could become priorities. One of the most important is Kharg Island, which handles a large share of Iran's oil exports. Capturing or disabling this island could significantly affect Iran's economy and global oil markets.

Another key location is Qeshm Island. This island is



believed to host missile systems, underground facilities, and military infrastructure. Controlling this area could give US forces an advantage in monitoring maritime activity.

Larak Island is also strategically important. The island plays a role in Iran's surveillance of shipping routes through the Strait of Hormuz. Disrupting Iran's control over this area could influence global energy supply chains. Another potential objective could involve facilities near Isfahan, where nuclear-related infrastructure is located. Any attempt to secure such facilities would involve deep penetration into Iranian territory, increasing the complexity and risk of the operation.

Iran's Military Preparedness

Iran has spent decades pre-

paring for potential conflict with the United States. Its military strategy focuses on resilience, mobility, and asymmetric warfare. The country has built underground bunkers, missile sites, and fortified positions across strategic areas.

Iran's naval forces are also prepared for unconventional warfare. Small boats, mines, and anti-ship missiles could be used to disrupt US naval operations. These tactics are designed to slow down larger military forces and create operational challenges.

The Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps plays a key role in Iran's defense strategy. The group has extensive experience in regional conflicts and unconventional warfare. Its fighters are trained to operate in difficult terrain and conduct guerrilla-style operations.

Even if US forces manage to capture strategic locations, maintaining control could be difficult. Iran could target supply lines, disrupt logistics, and use terrain advantages to weaken invading forces.

Geography and Logistics Challenges

Iran's geography presents major challenges for any ground invasion. The country has mountainous terrain, vast deserts, and heavily fortified coastal areas. These conditions could slow military progress and complicate logistics. Unlike smaller countries where rapid operations are possible, Iran's size makes sustained military engagement more demanding. Supply chains would be stretched, and troop movements would require careful planning.

Additionally, Iran's military infrastructure is dis-

persed across multiple locations. This makes it difficult to neutralize defenses quickly.

Risk of Guerrilla Warfare

Iran is expected to rely heavily on guerrilla tactics if invaded. These tactics include ambushes, hit-and-run attacks, and urban warfare. Such strategies could prolong the conflict and increase casualties. Iranian forces have gained experience in conflicts across the Middle East. This experience could be used to create prolonged resistance against invading forces. A prolonged conflict would increase costs and create political challenges for the United States. It could also destabilize the broader region.

Regional and Global Implications

A ground invasion of Iran would have far-reaching con-

sequences. The conflict could disrupt global oil supplies, particularly if shipping through the Strait of Hormuz is affected. This could push fuel prices higher and impact global economies.

Regional tensions could also escalate, drawing in other countries. The Middle East is already fragile, and further escalation could lead to wider instability.

Domestic Pressure in the United States

Public opinion in the United States may also influence decisions. Past conflicts in the Middle East have made voters cautious about long-term military engagements. A ground invasion of Iran could face resistance from lawmakers and the public.

Political leaders may demand clear objectives and exit strategies before supporting military action. Without these, prolonged conflict could create domestic political challenges.

A High-Risk Military Gamble

A ground invasion of Iran would be significantly more complex than previous US operations. Iran's preparation, geography, and military capabilities make it a challenging opponent. Even limited operations could escalate into prolonged conflict. While military options remain under consideration, analysts warn that escalation carries significant risks.

Diplomatic solutions may still be the safest path, but as tensions rise, the possibility of conflict remains. Ultimately, any ground invasion of Iran would be a high-stakes gamble with global consequences.

The outcome would depend not only on military strength but also on strategy, diplomacy, and political will.

'No Place for Self-Serving Politics': Modi's Message Amid Gulf War Tensions

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has issued a strong message against politicising the ongoing Middle East conflict, urging unity and responsibility at a time when global tensions are impacting India directly. Speaking during the latest episode of his monthly radio programme Mann Ki Baat, Modi emphasised that the situation in West Asia is serious and requires a collective, national approach rather than political point-scoring. He cautioned political parties and citizens against using the crisis for personal or partisan gains, stating that there is "no place for self-serving politics" during such challenging times.

The Prime Minister also warned against the spread of

rumours and misinformation, stressing that such actions could create unnecessary panic and confusion among the public. He urged people to rely only on verified information, particularly as the conflict continues to evolve rapidly.

Highlighting India's response to the crisis, Modi expressed gratitude to Gulf nations for extending support and assistance to Indian citizens living in the region. He noted that the safety and well-being of Indians abroad remain a top priority for the government, with continuous monitoring of the situation.

The ongoing conflict has had far-reaching implications, especially for energy supplies and global trade.

Modi acknowledged that India, like many other countries, is facing challenges due to disruptions in fuel supply chains. However, he assured that the government is taking proactive steps to manage the situation and maintain stability.

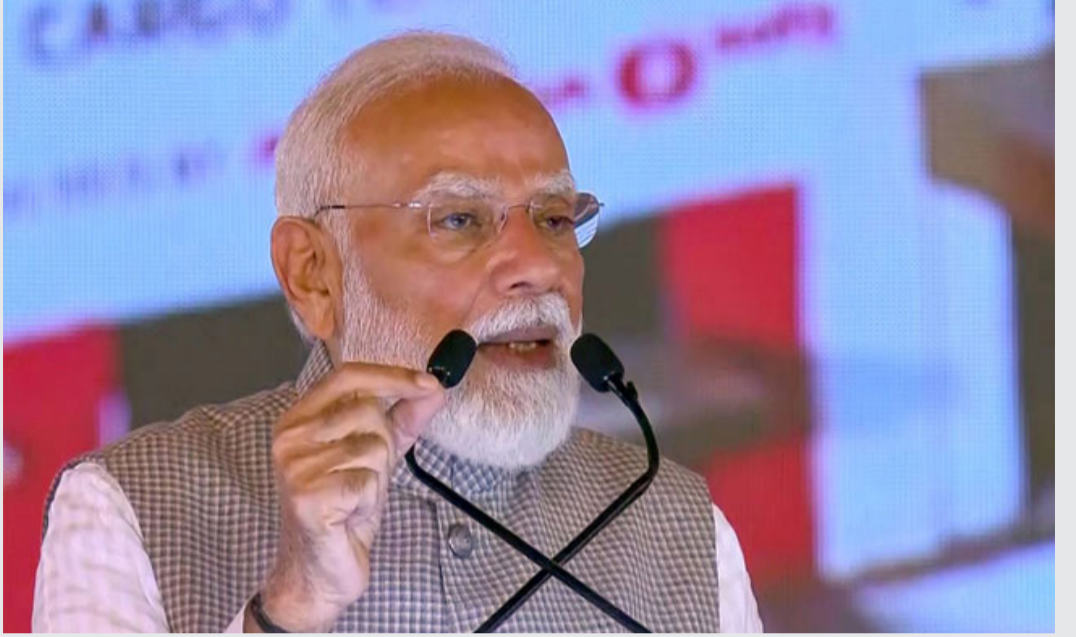
He also pointed to India's strengthened global ties as a key factor in navigating the crisis. Over the years, India has expanded its diplomatic and economic relationships, which are now helping the country respond effectively to international disruptions.

The Prime Minister's remarks come amid heightened political debate within the country over the government's handling of the crisis. By calling for unity, Modi

sought to reinforce the need for a coordinated national response during a period of global uncertainty.

India has been actively engaging with multiple countries in the region, advocating for peace and stability while ensuring that its own strategic and economic interests are protected.

As the Gulf war continues to impact global markets and security, Modi's message underscores the importance of maintaining national unity and avoiding divisive politics. With rising concerns over energy security and the safety of Indian nationals abroad, the government's focus remains on stability, preparedness, and international cooperation.



'Wounds Reopen': Sajad Lone Draws Parallel Between Abdullah Attack and Father's Killing

Sajad Gani Lone delivered an emotional speech in the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly, drawing a painful parallel between the recent attack on Farooq Abdullah and the assassination of his own father, Abdul Ghani Lone.

Speaking during a discussion on the attack on Abdullah, Lone condemned the incident and highlighted what he described as long-standing failures in providing adequate security. He said such incidents reopen old wounds for families who have suffered similar tragedies.

"Whenever there is an attempt or an assassination, our wounds get opened again," Lone said, reflecting on the emotional toll such violence continues to have. He recalled the assassination of his father in 2002, stating that the trauma of that loss still lingers and resurfaces during such incidents.

Lone emphasised that violence in politics leaves a lasting impact that goes beyond immediate loss. He noted that several political leaders in Jammu and Kashmir have been targeted over the years, pointing out that around 20 members of the Assembly have lost their lives to such attacks.

While expressing relief that Farooq Abdullah survived the recent attack, Lone described him as one of the most prominent and dynamic figures in the region's political land-



scape. He said the incident should not be used for political point-scoring, but rather as a moment for reflection and reform.

Raising serious concerns about security arrangements, Lone questioned whether ideological differences should ever result in inadequate protection. He argued that denying or reducing security due to political disagreements is unacceptable and could have dangerous consequences.

Recalling the circumstances surrounding his father's death, Lone said there were prior indications of threats, yet sufficient protection was not provided. He also shared a deeply personal account, revealing that he was not given security to attend his father's funeral at the site where he was killed.

The remarks come amid widespread criticism in the As-

sembly over the attack on Farooq Abdullah, with several leaders calling it a serious security lapse. Lawmakers across party lines have demanded accountability and a thorough review of security protocols.

Lone's speech stood out for its emotional intensity and broader message, urging policymakers to learn from past failures. He stressed that ensuring the safety of political leaders must remain a priority, regardless of ideological differences.

As debates continue in the Assembly, the incident has once again brought focus on the region's fragile security environment and the need for stronger, non-partisan measures to prevent such attacks in the future.

Congress Gains Ground in Uttarakhand as Former BJP, BSP MLAs Switch Sides

In a significant political development ahead of the 2027 Uttarakhand Assembly elections, several prominent leaders, including former MLAs from the BJP and BSP, have joined the Congress, giving the party a boost in the state.

Among those who switched sides are Rajkumar Thukral, a two-time BJP MLA from Rudrapur, Bhimlal Arya, and Narayan Pal. The leaders were inducted into the Congress at the party headquarters in New Delhi in the presence of senior party leadership.

The move comes at a crucial time, with less than a year remaining for the state elections. Political observers see the defections as an indication of shifting loyalties and possible dissatisfaction within rival parties, particularly the BJP.

Rajkumar Thukral, once a strong BJP figure, had been denied a party ticket in the 2022 elections, after which he contested as an independent candidate. Despite his strong local influence and past electoral success, he failed to secure victory, finishing behind both BJP and Congress candidates.

Bhimlal Arya's political journey has also seen multiple turns. A former BJP MLA, he was suspended from the party for anti-party activities and later disqualified for cross-voting during a political crisis in



the state. Over the years, he has contested elections under different banners, including Congress and as an independent.

Narayan Pal, a former BSP MLA, has had a long political career, having won elections in the early 2000s but facing setbacks in later contests. His entry into Congress is seen as part of the party's strategy to consolidate support across constituencies.

Apart from these former legislators, several other local leaders also joined Congress, including former Roorkee mayor Gaurav Goyal, Lakhman Singh Negi, Anuj Gupta, and Yashpal Rana. Their inclusion is expected to strengthen the party's grassroots network.

Congress leaders described the development as a sign of growing public dissatisfaction with the ruling BJP government led by Chief Minister

Pushkar Singh Dhami. They claimed that more leaders could join the party in the coming months.

With Uttarakhand heading towards a crucial electoral battle in 2027, such political realignments are likely to play a key role in shaping the contest. The Congress hopes the new entrants will enhance its prospects, while the BJP will aim to retain its dominance in the state.

Actor-Politician Vijay to Contest from Two Seats in Tamil Nadu Poll Debut

Actor-turned-politician Vijay has announced that he will contest the upcoming Tamil Nadu Assembly elections from two constituencies — Perambur in Chennai and Trichy East — marking a significant step in his political debut.

The announcement came as Vijay unveiled the full list of candidates for his party, Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam, which is entering electoral politics for the first time. Urging voters to support his party, Vijay called for a "chance" to bring change, highlighting TVK's symbol and positioning the election as a crucial moment for the state.

The Tamil Nadu Assembly elections will be held in a single phase on April 23, covering all 234 constituencies. The contest is expected to be highly competitive, with multiple parties in the fray, including the ruling Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam, opposition alliances, and regional players.

Vijay's decision to contest from two seats is seen as a strategic move to maximise his chances of electoral success in his first attempt. Perambur, located in Chennai, and Trichy East, a key constituency in central Tamil Nadu, are both politically significant and currently represented by DMK leaders.

Political analysts believe the choice of constituencies reflects a broader strategy to es-



tablish TVK's presence across different regions of the state — urban Chennai and the influential Trichy belt. By contesting from two seats, Vijay aims to strengthen his party's visibility and appeal among diverse voter groups. The entry of Vijay into active politics has added a new dimension to Tamil Nadu's electoral landscape. Known for his massive fan following, the actor is attempting to convert his popularity into political support. His party has decided to contest independently, positioning itself as an alternative to established political forces. The upcoming election is shaping into a multi-cornered contest, with alli-

ances and regional parties intensifying the competition. Vijay has framed the election as a direct fight between his party and the ruling establishment, signalling an aggressive campaign strategy. With campaign activities expected to gather momentum in the coming weeks, all eyes will be on how Vijay performs in his first electoral outing. His decision to contest from two seats underlines both ambition and caution, as he seeks to secure a strong foothold in Tamil Nadu politics. As the state heads toward polling day, Vijay's political debut is set to be one of the most closely watched developments in the 2026 elections.

Rajnath Calls for Long-Term Strategy, Strong Action Against Fake News Amid West Asia Crisis

Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has stressed the need for a medium- to long-term strategy and stronger measures to counter misinformation during a high-level government meeting on the ongoing West Asia conflict.

Chairing the first meeting of the Informal Empowered Group of Ministers (IGoM), Singh highlighted the importance of preparedness and coordinated action as the geopolitical situation continues to evolve. The group has been constituted to closely monitor developments in the region and assess their impact on India across multiple sectors.

During the meeting, Singh directed various ministries and departments to actively share accurate and timely information to counter rumours, misinformation, and fake news related to the conflict. He underlined that unchecked misinformation could create confusion and panic, making it essential for the government to ensure clear and verified communication reaches the public.

The Defence Minister emphasised adopting a proactive, coordinated, and forward-looking approach, urging all stakeholders to remain vigilant given the fluid nature of the situation. He called for swift decision-making and effective implementation of policies to respond to emerging challenges.

The IGoM reviewed the



broader implications of the West Asia crisis on India, including its potential impact on energy supplies, economic stability, and critical infrastructure. Senior ministers and officials participated in the discussions, focusing on sector-specific risks and preparedness measures.

Seven Empowered Groups of Secretaries (EGoS) presented detailed assessments during the meeting, outlining existing policies and strategies already in place to manage the situation. Singh instructed them to continue closely monitoring developments and ensure

strong coordination between departments. A key focus of the discussions was maintaining resilience in supply chains and ensuring the availability of essential commodities in the face of global disruptions. The government is particularly concerned about the potential fallout from the conflict, including volatility in oil prices and

trade routes. Singh reiterated that India must remain prepared not just for immediate challenges but also for long-term consequences arising from the crisis. He stressed that planning ahead and maintaining high levels of coordina-

tion would be crucial in navigating uncertainties. The meeting reflects the government's broader effort to stay ahead of rapidly changing global developments. With the West Asia conflict continuing to evolve, India is prioritising preparedness, effective communication, and policy coordination to safeguard its national interests. As geopolitical tensions persist, the emphasis on combating fake news and adopting a long-term strategy signals a comprehensive approach to managing both domestic and international challenges.

'Gate of Tears' Emerges as New Global Shipping Flashpoint After Hormuz Crisis

As tensions escalate in the ongoing US-Iran conflict, global attention is rapidly shifting from the Strait of Hormuz to another critical maritime chokepoint — the Bab el-Mandeb Strait, ominously known as the "Gate of Tears." This narrow waterway at the southern end of the Red Sea is now emerging as a potential second front in what experts describe as one of the most severe disruptions to global energy markets in recent history.

The Bab el-Mandeb Strait connects the Red Sea to the Gulf of Aden and the Indian Ocean, making it a vital route for ships traveling between Asia and Europe via

the Suez Canal. A significant share of global trade passes through this corridor, including around 10-12% of the world's oil and gas shipments, underscoring its strategic importance.

With the Strait of Hormuz already facing severe disruption due to the conflict, concerns are mounting that Bab el-Mandeb could be the next major chokepoint under threat. Experts warn that while Hormuz primarily affects oil flows, Bab el-Mandeb has a much broader impact, influencing container shipping, cargo movement, vessel availability, insurance costs, and overall global trade economics.

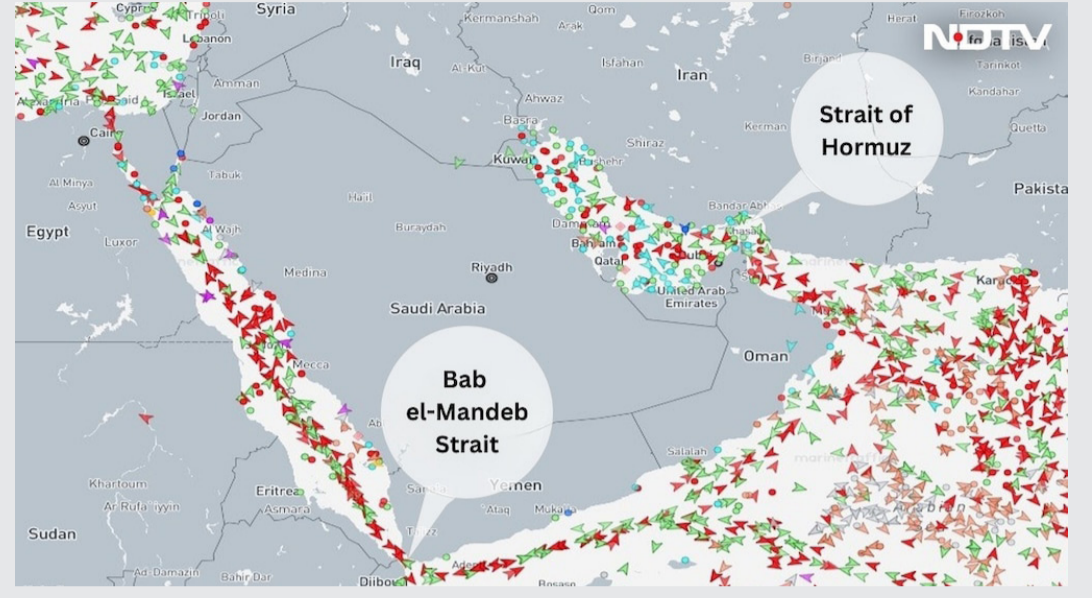
The situation has become more volatile with Yemen's Iran-backed Houthi rebels entering the conflict. Their presence near the strait raises fears of attacks on commercial vessels, which could disrupt one of the busiest maritime trade routes in the world. Iran has also warned that it may escalate tensions in additional waterways, including the Red Sea, if its energy infrastructure comes under further attack.

The Bab el-Mandeb has gained even greater importance as countries seek alternatives to Hormuz. For instance, Saudi Arabia has been routing oil via pipelines to its Red Sea port of

Yanbu, allowing shipments to bypass Hormuz entirely. However, this workaround depends heavily on the security of the Bab el-Mandeb route.

If both chokepoints are disrupted simultaneously, the consequences could be far-reaching. Global supply chains may face severe delays, shipping costs could surge, and energy prices might spike further, adding pressure to already fragile markets.

As the conflict widens and new actors join the fray, the "Gate of Tears" may soon live up to its name, posing a serious threat not just to regional stability but to the global economy at large.



Trump's 'Kiss My A' Remark on Saudi Crown Prince Sparks Outrage, Mixed With Praise

US President Donald Trump has triggered fresh controversy after making a crude remark about Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, even as he went on to praise him during the same address.

Speaking at a public event, Trump used unusually blunt language while referring to the Saudi leader, suggesting that the crown prince now had to "be nice" to him amid shifting geopolitical dynamics. In a remark that quickly went viral, Trump said he did not expect the Saudi leader to act in such a favorable manner, using an explicit phrase that drew widespread criticism. (www.ndtv.com) The comment, seen by many as undiplomatic, sparked strong reactions on social media and among political observers. Critics described the language as inappropriate for a head of state, especially when

referring to a key ally in the Middle East. The remark also raised questions about the tone of US foreign policy communication during a period of heightened regional tensions.

However, Trump's comments were not entirely critical. In the same speech, he praised Mohammed bin Salman, describing him as a strong and capable leader. He suggested that the United States currently holds significant leverage in its relationship with Saudi Arabia, particularly in the context of the ongoing conflict involving Iran. The statement comes at a time when Saudi Arabia finds itself in a delicate position. While not officially part of the war, the kingdom remains a crucial US ally and plays a key role in regional security and global energy markets. Its leadership has been navigating complex pressures, balancing ties with Washington while avoiding direct con-

frontation with Iran. Trump's remarks reflect his often unconventional communication style, which has repeatedly broken from traditional diplomatic norms. While supporters argue that his candid approach signals strength and transparency, critics warn that such language risks undermining long-standing alliances. The episode also highlights the evolving dynamics between the US and Saudi Arabia. Despite occasional public tensions, the two nations continue to maintain close strategic and economic ties, particularly in defense cooperation and energy interests. As the Iran conflict continues to escalate, the relationship between Washington and Riyadh remains critical. Trump's comments, though controversial, underscore the high-stakes nature of global diplomacy at a time when alliances are being tested and recalibrated.

US Eyes Ground Ops in Iran as Hormuz Tensions Escalate, Kharg Island in Focus

The ongoing conflict between the United States and Iran is entering a more dangerous phase, with reports indicating that Washington may be preparing for limited ground operations targeting key Iranian assets, including the strategically vital Kharg Island near the Strait of Hormuz.

Kharg Island, located in the Persian Gulf, plays a critical role in Iran's economy as it handles nearly 90% of the country's oil exports. Its strategic importance has made it a prime target in the escalating conflict. Recent US airstrikes in the region have reportedly focused on military infrastructure, while avoiding major damage to oil facilities.

According to emerging developments, the Pentagon is considering more direct military action, including special operations or short-term ground raids aimed at weakening Iran's ability to control key maritime routes. These plans



are believed to focus on high-value targets such as Kharg Island and coastal defense systems near the Strait of Hormuz.

The Strait of Hormuz remains a central flashpoint in the conflict. As one of the world's most important oil transit chokepoints, any disruption here has immediate global consequences. Iran has already taken steps to assert control over the strait, including warnings that it could

block or mine the waterway if tensions escalate further.

The potential seizure of Kharg Island is seen by US strategists as a way to disrupt Iran's oil exports and pressure Tehran into reopening Hormuz to international shipping. However, military experts caution that such an operation would be highly risky. The island is heavily fortified with air defense systems, mines, and missile installations, making any ground assault com-

plex and potentially costly. Meanwhile, the United States has been steadily increasing its military presence in the region, deploying additional forces as part of contingency planning. Despite this buildup, officials suggest that a full-scale invasion remains unlikely, with the focus instead on targeted and time-bound operations.

The broader conflict, which has intensified in recent weeks, has already disrupted global energy markets and shipping routes. Instability in the Strait of Hormuz has pushed oil prices higher and raised concerns about long-term impacts on global supply chains.

As tensions continue to rise, the possibility of direct US ground action inside Iran marks a significant escalation. With strategic locations under threat and regional instability growing, the situation remains volatile, carrying serious implications for global security and economic stability.

3,500 US Troops Reach Middle East as Trump Weighs Ground Action in Iran

The United States has significantly increased its military presence in the Middle East, with more than 3,500 troops arriving in the region amid the escalating conflict with Iran. The deployment, carried out aboard the USS Tripoli, marks one of the largest American military buildups in the region in nearly two decades.

The reinforcement includes Marines and sailors positioned under US Central Command, signaling heightened preparedness as tensions continue to rise. The move comes as Washington evaluates its next steps in the ongoing war, with growing speculation over whether President Donald Trump may authorize ground operations inside Iran.

According to emerging reports, the Pentagon is preparing contingency plans that could involve limited ground missions rather than a full-scale invasion. These operations are expected to focus on strategic targets, including key Iranian military sites and coastal infrastructure near the



Strait of Hormuz — a critical global oil transit route.

Despite the increased troop presence, officials have indicated that a large-scale ground war remains unlikely. Instead, the US appears to be considering short-term, targeted actions using a combination of conventional forces and special operations units. Analysts suggest this approach is aimed at minimizing risks while maintaining pressure on Tehran.

The military buildup reflects the intensifying nature of the conflict, which began in late February and has since expanded across multiple fronts. Iran has responded with missile and drone attacks across the region, raising concerns about a broader regional war. At the same time, key shipping routes such as the Strait of Hormuz have been severely impacted, disrupting global energy supplies and driving up

oil prices. The arrival of thousands of US troops has also fueled speculation about a possible shift in strategy. While airstrikes have been the primary tool so far, ground forces could be used to secure critical assets, conduct raids, or deter further Iranian aggression.

However, any decision to deploy troops on Iranian soil carries significant risks. Iran's military capabilities, including missile systems and asymmetric warfare tactics, pose a serious challenge to US forces. Additionally, there is growing political pressure within the United States, where public support for deeper military involvement remains uncertain.

As the situation continues to evolve, the presence of US troops in the region underscores the fragile and volatile nature of the conflict. With diplomatic efforts ongoing but tensions still high, the possibility of further escalation — including limited ground operations — remains a key concern for global security and stability.

Millions Rally in 'No Kings' Protests Across US, Europe Over Iran War and Trump Policies

Millions of people poured onto the streets across the United States and several European cities in a massive wave of "No Kings" protests, expressing strong opposition to President Donald Trump's policies and the ongoing conflict with Iran. The demonstrations are being described as one of the largest coordinated protest movements in recent years.

Organisers say the protests spanned thousands of locations across all 50 US states, with solidarity rallies held in major international cities. What began as a movement focused on democratic values and civil liberties has now gained momentum amid escalating tensions in the Middle East.

Protesters carried banners reading "No Kings," "Stop the War," and "Defend Democracy," reflecting growing concerns over what they view as authoritarian tendencies within the administration. Many demonstrators also voiced strong criticism of the

US military actions against Iran, calling for an immediate de-escalation and a renewed focus on diplomacy.

Major cities including New York, Washington, Chicago, and Los Angeles witnessed massive turnouts, while smaller towns also saw significant participation. In several locations, community leaders, activists, and public figures addressed crowds, urging unity and peaceful resistance.

The protests were not confined to the United States alone. Demonstrations were held across Europe, including in cities such as London and Rome, where participants echoed similar concerns. Protesters highlighted issues ranging from global instability and military conflict to rising nationalism and threats to democratic institutions.

The "No Kings" movement represents a broader wave of dissatisfaction over multiple issues, including foreign policy decisions, immigration measures, economic

challenges, and governance concerns. While the majority of the protests remained peaceful, authorities maintained a strong presence in some areas to manage large crowds and prevent disruptions.

The White House has largely dismissed the protests as politically driven, maintaining that its policies are focused on national security and global stability. However, analysts suggest that the sheer scale of participation reflects growing public frustration and could influence the political landscape in the coming months.

As tensions between the United States and Iran continue, and domestic divisions deepen, the protests underscore rising pressure on the administration. With millions demanding change, the "No Kings" movement is emerging as a powerful symbol of resistance, highlighting calls for peace, accountability, and the protection of democratic values.





Accel, ValueQuest-Backed Rentomojo Files IPO Papers; Plans 150 Crore Fresh Issue

Rentomojo has filed draft papers with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to raise funds through an initial public offering (IPO). The company plans to raise 150 crore through a fresh issue of shares, while existing investors and promoters will offload up to 2.83 crore equity shares through an offer-for-sale (OFS). The Bengaluru-based rental platform is backed by prominent investors including Accel, ValueQuest Investment Advisors, Chiratae Ventures, Edelweiss Discovery Fund, and Madison India Capital. Promoter Geetansh Bamanian will also participate in the offer-for-sale. Additionally, the company may raise up to 30 crore through a pre-IPO placement, which could reduce the size of the fresh issue.

As per the draft documents, promoters currently hold 21.51 percent stake in the company. Public shareholders collectively hold 73.66 percent, while employee trusts own the remaining 4.83 percent. Among investors, Accel India IV (Mauritius) is the largest shareholder, followed by other institutional investors. Rentomojo operates a direct-to-consumer online rental and subscription platform offering furniture, appliances, and home essentials. The company serves urban consumers who prefer flexible ownership models, particularly young professionals and families relocating to new cities. The platform provides subscription-based access to products with options for upgrades, returns, and flexible tenure plans. The company plans to utilise 70 crore from the fresh issue proceeds to repay or prepay borrowings. Another 42.5 crore will be used for lease rentals and license fees for warehouses and experience stores. The remaining funds will be allocated toward general corporate purposes, including strengthening operations and expanding market presence. As of January 2026, Rentomojo reported total outstanding

borrowings of 179.5 crore on a consolidated basis. The planned debt reduction is expected to improve the company's financial position and reduce interest costs. The home furniture and appliance rental market in India is witnessing steady growth, driven by increasing urbanisation, rising mobility, and changing consumer preferences. The market is estimated to expand significantly over the next few years, offering strong growth opportunities for companies like Rentomojo. Financially, Rentomojo reported strong performance in FY25, with profit rising to 43.1 crore from 22.4 crore in the previous year. Revenue also grew to 266 crore, reflecting increased adoption of rental-based consumption models. The proposed IPO marks an important milestone for Rentomojo as it aims to strengthen its balance sheet, expand operations, and capitalise on growing demand in India's rental economy.

Recode Solutions Files IPO Papers to Raise Funds for Expansion



Technology and digital automation firm Recode Solutions has filed draft papers with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to raise funds through an initial public offering (IPO). The company submitted its preliminary documents as part of its plan to tap capital markets and support future growth initiatives. According to the draft red herring prospectus, the proposed IPO will include a fresh issue of shares worth 117 crore along with an offer-for-sale (OFS) of 12.9 lakh shares by promoter Recode Solutions Inc. The promoter currently holds an 86.84 percent stake in the company, while other investors, including Subkam Ventures and Franklin Street, hold the remaining stake. Founded in 2018, Recode Solutions operates in the technology consulting and automation segment. The company provides artificial intelligence-driven solutions focused on enterprise transformation and business process automation. Its offerings include digital workforce solutions, automation platforms, and consulting services aimed at improving operational efficiency for corporate clients. The proceeds from the fresh issue are expected to be used primarily for business expansion and technology development. The company plans to allocate 43.1 crore for developing digital worker software, while 38.4 crore will be used to

meet subcontracting costs associated with development. The remaining funds will be used for general corporate purposes, including working capital requirements and strengthening operational capabilities. In terms of financial performance, Recode Solutions reported a profit of 8.2 crore for the financial year ended March 2025, compared to 9.2 crore in the previous year. Revenue during the same period declined to 70.8 crore from 79.8 crore, reflecting a slowdown in business growth. For the six-month period ended September 2025, the company posted a profit of 2.4 crore on revenue of 29 crore. The financial performance indicates moderate growth amid challenging market conditions and evolving demand in the technology services sector. Recode Solutions competes with several established players in the digital transformation space, including Birlasoft, Sonata Software, Happiest Minds Technologies, and Co-forge. These companies operate in similar areas such as automation, analytics, and digital transformation services. Inga Ventures has been appointed as the merchant banker for the issue. The proposed IPO is expected to help Recode Solutions expand its product offerings, strengthen technology capabilities, and enhance its market presence in the rapidly growing digital automation industry.



FII Net Sell 4,367 Crore; DII Buy 3,566 Crore in Equities

Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) continued their selling streak in Indian equity markets, offloading shares worth 4,367 crore, while domestic institutional investors (DIIs) emerged as net buyers with purchases worth 3,566 crore, according to provisional exchange data. During the trading session, DIIs bought equities worth 37,579 crore and sold shares worth 34,013 crore, resulting in net purchases of 3,566 crore. In contrast, FIIs purchased shares worth 20,486 crore but sold equities worth 24,854 crore, leading to a net outflow from Indian markets. Persistent selling by FIIs reflects cautious global sentiment amid geopolitical uncertainties, rising crude oil prices, and currency volatility. Foreign investors have been reducing exposure to emerging markets, including India, as global risks remain elevated. The continued outflows have contributed to volatility in benchmark indices. Meanwhile, domestic institutional investors have provided support to the markets by

stepping in as buyers. Strong participation from mutual funds, insurance companies, and other domestic institutions has helped cushion the impact of foreign selling and limit sharper declines in equities. Market participants closely monitor FII and DII activity as it provides insights into broader investor sentiment. When foreign investors pull out funds, markets typically face pressure, while domestic buying often helps stabilise prices during periods of uncertainty. The ongoing trend of foreign selling and domestic buying has been observed in recent weeks. While FIIs remain cautious due to global economic concerns and interest rate outlooks, DIIs continue to invest steadily, supported by consistent inflows from retail investors through systematic investment plans (SIPs). Overall, the latest trading session highlighted continued divergence between foreign and domestic investors, with FIIs reducing exposure to Indian equities and DIIs stepping in to support the market.

Washington State Investment Board Buys Mahanagar Gas; Motilal Oswal MF Picks Stake in Apollo Micro Systems

The Washington State Investment Board purchased shares worth 59 crore in Mahanagar Gas Limited through an open market transaction, reflecting continued institutional interest in the energy sector. The investor acquired 6.17 lakh shares, representing a 0.62 percent stake, at an average price of 950.42 per share. Following the transaction, Mahanagar Gas shares ended slightly higher, gaining 0.17 percent to close at 940.3 on the BSE. The stock has recently witnessed increased trading activity after hitting its lowest level since March 2023, suggesting renewed investor interest.

In another bulk deal, Motilal Oswal Mutual Fund acquired a 0.5 percent stake in Apollo Micro Systems. The fund purchased 18.02 lakh shares at 189.58 per share, amounting to 34.17 crore. Apollo Micro Systems provides electronic and electromechanical solutions for defence, aerospace, and homeland security applications. Despite the institutional buying, shares of Apollo Micro Systems declined 4.14 percent to 189.49 on the National Stock Exchange. Meanwhile, Cyient DLM shares also fell 5.33 percent to 278.90 during the trading session. Other institutional transac-

tions were also recorded during the day. BNP Paribas Financial Markets and Societe Generale exchanged shares in several large-cap companies, including Bajaj Finance, Bharti Airtel, Hindalco Industries, InterGlobe Aviation, and Mahindra & Mahindra. These bulk deals highlight sustained institutional participation across sectors such as energy, defence electronics, telecom, and financial services. Market participants often track such large transactions closely, as they provide insights into investor sentiment and potential stock-specific opportunities in the near term.



Markets Fall for Fifth Straight Week; Rupee Hits Record Low

Indian equity markets extended their losses for the fifth consecutive week, marking the longest losing streak since August 2025. Weak global cues, persistent foreign investor outflows, rising crude oil prices, and a sharp fall in the Indian rupee weighed heavily on investor sentiment, leading to broad-based selling across sectors. The benchmark indices ended the week in negative territory. The BSE Sensex fell 949.74 points, or 1.27 percent, to close at 73,583.22. Meanwhile, the Nifty 50 declined 294.9 points, also down 1.27 percent, to settle at 22,819.60. The continued decline reflects cautious investor sentiment amid growing global and domestic uncertainties. The benchmark indices ended the week in negative territory. The BSE Sensex fell 949.74 points, or 1.27 percent, to close at 73,583.22. Meanwhile, the Nifty 50 declined 294.9 points, also down 1.27 percent, to settle at 22,819.60. The continued decline reflects cautious investor sentiment amid growing global and domestic uncertainties. One of the key factors behind the market downturn was the sharp depreciation of the Indian rupee. The currency touched a fresh record low of 94.84 against the US Dollar during the week and closed near historic lows. A weaker rupee increases import costs, particularly for crude oil, and raises concerns about inflation and corporate profitability, which in turn impacts equity markets. Global geopolitical tensions further added to market volatility. Rising crude oil prices due to uncertainty in international markets heightened concerns over India's import bill and inflation outlook. As India de-

pends heavily on oil imports, any increase in crude prices directly affects the economy and investor sentiment. Foreign institutional investors also continued to pull money out of Indian equities, adding to the downward pressure. Persistent outflows, combined with global risk-off sentiment, contributed significantly to the prolonged losing streak. Investors remained cautious as they assessed global economic conditions, interest rate outlooks, and currency volatility. Sectorally, most indices ended in the red, with large-cap, mid-cap, and small-cap stocks witnessing selling pressure. Broader market weakness suggested that investors were adopting a defensive strategy amid uncertainty. Rate-sensitive sectors and import-dependent industries were among the most affected. Market participants expect volatility to continue in the near term. Key factors to watch include crude oil prices, foreign fund flows, global economic developments, and currency movements. Analysts believe that until clarity emerges on global risks and capital flows, markets may remain under pressure. Overall, the fifth straight weekly decline highlights growing caution among investors, with the record-low rupee and global uncertainties likely to keep Indian markets volatile in the coming weeks.

RBI Caps USD/INR Net Open Positions at \$100 Million to Stabilize Rupee

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has directed banks to cap their net open positions in the USD/INR currency pair at \$100 million, a move aimed at reducing volatility and stabilising the Indian rupee amid heightened global uncertainty. The new directive requires banks and authorised dealers to comply by the specified implementation timeline, overriding earlier rules that allowed institutions to set their own exposure limits within regulatory boundaries. A net open position refers to the difference between a bank's foreign currency assets and liabilities. Larger open positions allow banks to take significant bets on currency movements, which can increase volatility during periods of market stress. By imposing a hard cap, the RBI is seeking to curb excessive speculation and ensure disciplined participation in the foreign exchange market. The central bank's decision comes at a time when the Indian rupee has been under considerable pressure. Global factors such as geopolitical tensions, rising crude oil prices,



and capital outflows from emerging markets have contributed to increased volatility in the currency. Foreign investors have also been reducing exposure to Indian equities and debt, further weakening

the rupee and prompting policymakers to step in. Earlier, banks were allowed to determine their own net open position limits, provided they stayed within 25 percent of their capital base. However,

the RBI's latest move removes this flexibility and introduces a uniform ceiling of \$100 million. This marks one of the most stringent steps taken by the central bank in recent years to manage currency risk

and maintain financial stability. Market participants believe the directive will help reduce speculative trading in the forex market and encourage banks to adopt more prudent risk management practices. While the move may limit trading opportunities for banks, it is expected to enhance stability and reduce sharp swings in the USD/INR pair. The RBI has increasingly relied on regulatory measures to manage volatility as global financial conditions remain uncertain. The new cap is part of a broader strategy to maintain orderly market conditions and prevent excessive currency fluctuations that could impact inflation, trade, and overall economic stability. Analysts expect the measure to provide short-term support to the rupee while reinforcing the central bank's commitment to maintaining stability in India's foreign exchange market. The effectiveness of the policy, however, will depend on global developments and capital flows in the coming weeks.

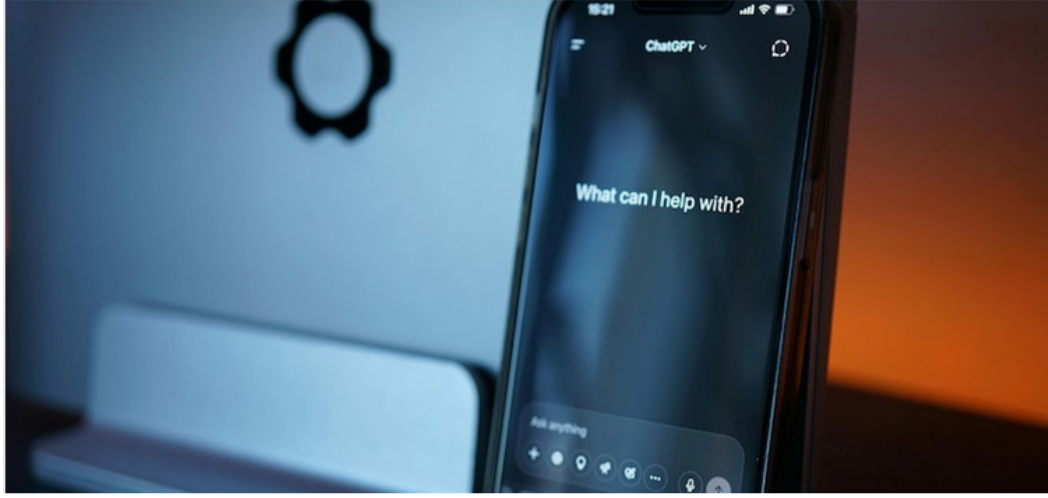
Teen Says NEET Aspirant Sister Spends 10 Hours Daily With AI Chatbots, Sparks Online Debate

A teenager's viral social media post about his sister's growing dependence on AI chatbots has triggered widespread discussion about technology use, mental health, and academic pressure among students. The post described how his elder sister, a 21-year-old preparing for NEET, spends nearly 9 to 10 hours every day interacting with AI chatbots — a situation he believes is becoming increasingly concerning.

Heavy Chatbot Use Raises Concerns

According to the teenager, the habit has continued for the past seven to eight months. He explained that his sister spends most of her time at home with minimal social interaction, which has led her to rely heavily on AI chatbots for companionship. Even during online classes and study sessions, she reportedly remains engaged in conversations with chatbot apps instead of focusing on her lessons.

The brother also noted that her daily screen time has significantly increased, with the majority of it devoted to chatting with AI systems. He shared that she has become



deeply involved in role-play conversations, often centered around a singer she admires, which has further heightened his worries about her emotional attachment.

Changes In Behavior At Home

The teenager also described noticeable changes in his sister's behavior: He said she had only recently returned to preparing for the exam after months of heavy chatbot use. Alongside this, he observed mood swings, irritability, and occasional arguments over minor issues.

He admitted feeling helpless

and unsure how to address the situation, especially since the conversations she engages in are personal and emotionally driven. In his post, he expressed concern that the situation had reached a point where it seemed "beyond repair," highlighting his anxiety about her well-being and academic future.

Internet Users Offer Suggestions

The post quickly gained traction online, prompting a wave of responses from concerned users. Many suggested that the teenager try having a calm, supportive conversation with

his sister instead of confronting her directly. Others recommended encouraging her to gradually reduce screen time and reconnect with real-world activities.

Some users speculated that academic pressure and isolation might be contributing to her behavior. They advised introducing hobbies, exercise, and social interactions to help her regain balance. A few suggested seeking professional guidance if the situation continued to worsen.

Others recommended setting boundaries around device usage, though some warned that

abruptly restricting access could lead to further frustration and conflict. The general consensus was to approach the situation with patience and empathy.

A Growing Concern About AI Dependence

The incident has sparked a broader conversation about the growing role of AI chatbots in people's lives, especially among students dealing with stress and loneliness. While AI tools can be helpful for learning, productivity, and emotional support, excessive reliance may lead to reduced social interaction and unhealthy habits. As artificial intelligence becomes more accessible, many users emphasized the importance of balanced usage. The discussion also highlighted the pressures faced by students preparing for competitive exams and how technology can sometimes become both a support system and a distraction.

Although the teenager's story reflects a personal situation, it has resonated with many people facing similar challenges. The viral post has opened up an important conversation about responsible technology use, emotional well-being, and maintaining balance in an increasingly digital world.



11-Year-Old Aviation Enthusiast Nails "Touch-And-Go" Landing, Wins Internet's Praise

An 11-year-old aspiring pilot has taken social media by storm after a video of him performing a "touch-and-go" maneuver during a training session went viral. The young aviation enthusiast, Rishi Sharma, impressed viewers with his calmness and control while handling an aircraft under expert supervision — a moment that quickly captured the admiration of aviation fans and internet users alike.

The viral clip shows Rishi seated in the cockpit of a small aircraft at Oxnard Airport in California. As the aircraft approaches the runway, the young trainee carefully follows instructions and smoothly lands the plane. Without bringing the aircraft to a complete stop, he then accelerates again, lifting off for another takeoff — successfully completing the maneuver.

What Is a "Touch-And-Go" Maneuver?

A touch-and-go maneuver is a common yet challenging training exercise used in pilot training. It involves landing the aircraft and immediately taking off again without stopping fully.

This technique helps pilots practice landing and takeoff procedures repeatedly, improving their coordination, confidence, and control.

In the video, Rishi demonstrates impressive composure while performing the maneuver. His instructor can be heard praising him after the smooth landing, further highlighting the young trainee's skill and focus.

For many viewers, the most remarkable aspect was not just the maneuver itself, but the confidence he displayed throughout the process.

Starting Young, Aiming High

Rishi's journey into aviation reportedly began at the age of seven. Since then, he has been learning the basics of flying under supervision, gradually building experience inside the cockpit. His passion for aviation is evident in the way he handles controls, listens carefully to instructions, and maintains focus throughout the exercise. Despite his young age, Rishi shows discipline and maturity beyond his years. The video captures him calmly adjusting controls, maintaining direction, and responding to guidance — skills that even adult beginners often find challenging.

Internet Applauds The Young Pilot

After the video surfaced online, social media users flooded the comments section with praise. Many called him "future captain," while others admired his confidence and dedication. Some users even joked that he "handles a plane better than many people handle a car." The clip also sparked conversations about encouraging children to pursue their passions early. Many viewers appreciated how early exposure and proper guidance can help young minds develop exceptional skills.

Inspiring Future Aviators

While Rishi is still years away from becoming a licensed pilot, his viral moment has already inspired many young dreamers. His determination and passion serve as a reminder that age is no barrier when it comes to learning and pursuing ambitions. As the video continues to gain attention, the young aviation enthusiast has become a symbol of dedication, discipline, and dreams taking flight — quite literally.

Bengaluru Auto Driver Scrolls Reels While Driving, Narrowly Avoids Crash With Reversing Truck

A video from Bengaluru has gone viral after capturing a dangerous moment involving an auto driver scrolling through social media reels while driving. The clip has sparked widespread concern online about road safety and distracted driving.

Passenger Records Risky Ride

According to the viral post, a woman passenger noticed the auto driver repeatedly scrolling through short videos on his phone instead of paying attention to the road. She began recording the incident, highlighting how the driver remained focused on his screen for most of the journey.

The situation turned alarming when a truck ahead of the auto suddenly began reversing. The distracted driver failed to notice the vehicle in time, forcing the passenger to shout, "Anna, nodimunde"



(Brother, look ahead). The driver eventually braked at the last second, narrowly avoiding a collision.

Driver Continued Scrolling Despite Warning

Even after the near-miss and the passenger's repeated warnings, the driver reportedly continued scrolling through reels. The woman later shared her experience on social media, describing how the driver seemed "locked in" and barely atten-

tive to the road. The clip quickly gained traction online, sparking debate about mobile phone use while driving.

Internet Reacts With Concern

The viral video triggered strong reactions from social media users. Many expressed shock at the driver's behavior, calling it extremely dangerous and irresponsible. Several users demanded stricter enforcement of traffic rules and

harsher penalties for distracted driving. Others pointed out that such behavior has become increasingly common, especially with the growing popularity of short-form video apps. Some users also urged passengers to report such incidents to authorities to prevent accidents.

Growing Road Safety Concerns

The incident has once again highlighted the dangers of us-

ing mobile phones while driving. Distracted driving significantly increases the risk of accidents, especially in crowded urban traffic conditions like those in Bengaluru. Authorities and road safety experts have repeatedly warned that even a few seconds of distraction can lead to serious accidents. The viral clip serves as a reminder of how quickly situations can escalate when drivers fail to keep their eyes on the road.

A Narrow Escape

Fortunately, no one was injured in this case, but the near-collision has sparked an important conversation about road safety and responsible driving. As the video continues to circulate online, many hope it will encourage drivers to avoid distractions and prioritize safety. The incident stands as a stark reminder that scrolling through reels can wait — but road safety cannot.

Hired, Relocated, Then Fired After One Day: Pharmacy Assistant's Story Sparks Outrage

A heartbreaking story of a pharmacy assistant who relocated for a new job only to be fired after just one day has gone viral, sparking widespread debate about workplace ethics and job security.

A Fresh Start Turns Into A Nightmare

According to the viral post, the pharmacy assistant accepted a new job opportunity in Port Alberni after being encouraged by the hiring manager. Motivated by the opportunity, the employee left their previous job and relocated to the new city, expecting a stable career move.

However, things took a shocking turn. Just one day after starting the new position, the assistant was reportedly fired without any clear explanation. The sudden termination left the individual in a difficult situation, having already resigned from their previous role and moved to a new location.

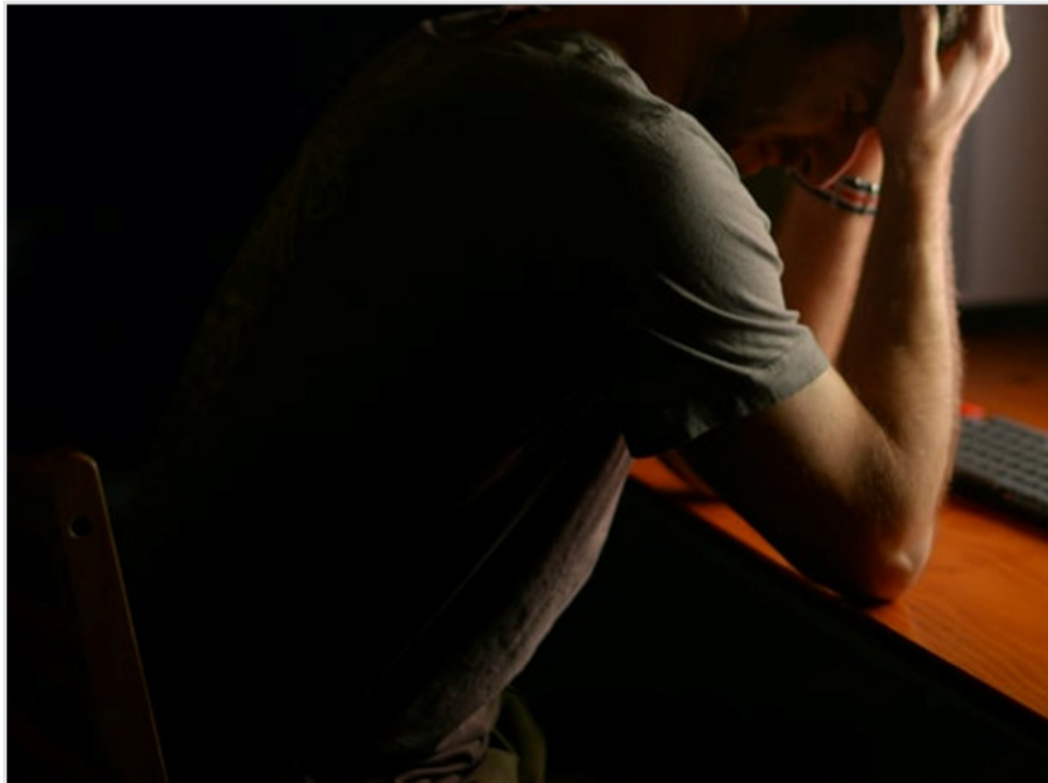
No Warning, No Explanation

The post revealed that the pharmacy assistant had been assured about the role before relocating. But after joining, the employment ended abruptly, leaving the individual confused and distressed.

The unexpected dismissal created immediate financial and personal challenges. The employee now faced the stress of finding a new job, arranging accommodation, and dealing with relocation expenses — all within a matter of days.

Internet Reacts With Shock

The story quickly gained traction online, with many us-



ers expressing outrage over the situation. Several people questioned whether it was fair or even legal to fire someone after encouraging them to relocate.

Many commenters suggested that the individual seek legal advice, especially because the decision to move cities was based on the employer's assurances. Some users mentioned the concept of "promissory estoppel," where an employer may be held accountable if an employee suffers losses after relying on job promises.

Others shared similar experiences, highlighting how sudden job cancellations or layoffs

can create serious personal and financial consequences.

A Wider Conversation About Job Security

The incident has sparked broader discussions about job security, employer responsibility, and the risks involved in relocating for work. Many users advised job seekers to ensure written agreements, relocation support, or probation clarity before making major life decisions.

The viral story also highlights the uncertainty many workers face today, especially when changing jobs or moving cities. While new opportuni-

ties often promise growth, they can sometimes come with unexpected risks.

A Cautionary Tale

The pharmacy assistant's experience serves as a cautionary tale for job seekers considering relocation. Experts often recommend confirming employment terms, probation periods, and relocation benefits before making significant commitments. Although the outcome of this case remains unclear, the viral story has sparked an important conversation about fairness, transparency, and accountability in hiring practices.

Pohela Boishakh 2026: Bengali New Year To Be Celebrated On April 14

PohelaBoishakh, also known as PoilaBoishakh or Noboborsho, is one of the most important cultural festivals celebrated by Bengalis across India and abroad. In 2026, the Bengali New Year will be observed on April 14, marking the beginning of a new year in the Bengali calendar. The day symbolizes fresh beginnings, prosperity, and cultural pride, and is celebrated with great enthusiasm in regions such as West Bengal, Tripura, Assam, and across Bangladesh, along with Bengali communities worldwide.

Significance of PohelaBoishakh

The term "Pohela" means "first," while "Boishakh" refers to the first month of the Bengali calendar. The festival marks the start of the Bengali New Year and is seen as a time for renewal and optimism. It is celebrated as a secular cultural occasion that brings together people from all communities, reflecting the rich heritage and traditions of Bengali society.

The festival also coincides with the solar transition known as Mesha Sankranti, when the Sun enters the zodiac sign Aries. This astronomical event marks the beginning of a new agricultural and solar cycle, making PohelaBoishakh a symbol of growth and new opportunities.

Historical Background

The origins of PohelaBoishakh can be traced back to the Mughal period during the reign of Akbar. The Bengali calendar was introduced to align tax collection with the harvest season. Farm-



ers would settle their dues at the end of the agricultural year and begin the new year with celebrations. Over time, the practice evolved into a broader cultural festival that highlights Bengali traditions and community spirit.

Today, PohelaBoishakh is celebrated not only as a New Year festival but also as a reflection of Bengali identity and cultural pride.

Traditions and Celebrations PohelaBoishakh is marked by colorful festivities, cultural performances, and family gatherings. People wear traditional attire, often in red and white, which are considered symbolic of celebration and prosperity. Homes are cleaned and decorated to welcome the new year, while families prepare special dishes and sweets.

One of the popular traditions associated with the festival is "HaalKhata," where businesses open new account books to mark a fresh financial beginning. Shop owners invite

customers, offer sweets, and exchange greetings, strengthening social and business relationships.

Community fairs, music, dance performances, and cultural events are also common during the celebrations. Traditional foods, sweets, and festive meals play a major role, bringing families and communities together.

A Celebration of Hope and Unity

PohelaBoishakh represents unity, joy, and hope for the future. People greet each other with "ShubhoNoboborsho," meaning Happy New Year, and celebrate with loved ones. The festival offers an opportunity to reconnect with cultural roots and begin the year with positivity.

As April 14, 2026 approaches, Bengalis around the world are preparing to welcome the new year with enthusiasm, tradition, and optimism for prosperity and happiness in the year ahead.

MI BREAK OPENING MATCH JINX WITH SIX-WICKET WIN OVER KKR

In a thrilling start to the 2026 Indian Premier League (IPL) season, Mumbai Indians overcame a long-standing opener curse to secure a six-wicket victory over Kolkata Knight Riders at the Wankhede Stadium on Sunday. The win marked Mumbai's first opening-match triumph since 2012, giving the team and its fans a significant morale boost.

After winning the toss, Kolkata Knight Riders elected to bat first and posted a competitive total of 220/5, thanks to half-centuries from skipper Ajinkya Rahane and Angkrish Raghuvanshi. Their steady partnerships kept KKR in a strong position, but they struggled to accelerate in the latter stages of the innings against disciplined bowling from the hosts.

Chasing 221, Mumbai Indians received a stellar start from captain Rohit Sharma and South Afri-

can opener Ryan Rickelton. Rohit played a whirlwind 38-ball 78, striking six sixes and six fours, while Rickelton complemented him with a quick 81 off 43 deliveries, including eight sixes. Their 148-run partnership dismantled the KKR bowling attack and put Mumbai firmly in control of the chase.

Despite brief resistance from KKR's bowlers, Mumbai's middle and lower order, including contributions from Hardik Pandya and Naman Dhir, ensured the team crossed the finish line comfortably at 224/4 in 19.1 overs. The Wankhede crowd erupted in celebration as the hosts ended a 13-year jinx of losing their opening matches, signaling a strong start to their IPL campaign.

For KKR, Rahane's 67 and Raghuvanshi's 51 were notable contributions, but the team could

not contain Mumbai's power hitters, especially in the middle overs where the chase was decisively turned. The defeat will prompt KKR to rethink their bowling strategies ahead of upcoming matches.

The victory highlighted Mumbai's batting depth and experience, with Rohit's leadership and Rickelton's explosive form setting the tone for what could be a competitive season for the franchise. As the IPL progresses, Mumbai Indians look well-positioned to challenge for the title, having finally broken their opening-day hoodoo in style.

This win not only gave them points on the board but also sent a clear message to other teams: the defending champions are back with intent, combining seasoned campaigners and dynamic newcomers to mount a serious title challenge.



Gavaskar Urges Tougher Rules as IPL Pullouts Continue Despite Ban

Former India captain Sunil Gavaskar has called for stricter penalties against players who withdraw from the Indian Premier League at the last moment, saying the existing two-year ban rule is failing to deter such decisions.

His remarks come after England batter Ben Duckett pulled out of IPL 2026 despite being picked by Delhi Capitals in the auction. The late withdrawal has left franchises scrambling to find replacements and disrupted team strategies just days before the tournament.

Currently, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) imposes a two-season ban on overseas players who pull out without valid reasons after being selected. However, Gavaskar believes this rule is not strong enough to prevent players from backing out when other commitments arise.

Speaking about Duckett's decision, Gavaskar acknowledged that international commitments and financial incentives from other leagues may influence players. However, he stressed that once a player enters the IPL auction and is picked by a franchise, there should be a greater sense of responsibility and commitment.

He pointed out that last-minute withdrawals not only affect team balance but also undermine the credibility of the tournament. Franchises invest

heavily in building squads and planning combinations, and sudden exits create unnecessary complications.

Gavaskar suggested that the BCCI should consider stricter measures, possibly including longer bans or financial penalties, to ensure players honor their commitments. According to him, stronger enforcement is essential to maintain discipline and protect the integrity of the league.

The issue of player availability has become a recurring concern in recent IPL seasons, with several overseas players prioritizing international schedules or other franchise leagues. This has led to frustration among teams and fans, who expect a high level of professionalism from players participating in one of the world's biggest T20 competitions.

The IPL, known for its global appeal and financial strength, relies heavily on the participation of top international talent. Frequent pullouts risk affecting the quality and competitiveness of the tournament.

Gavaskar's comments have reignited the debate around player accountability and the need for stricter regulations. As IPL 2026 gets underway, the spotlight is now on the BCCI to review its policies and ensure that such disruptions are minimized in the future.



RCB Outsmart SRH With Smart Tactics to Begin IPL 2026 Campaign in Style

Royal Challengers Bengaluru delivered a statement performance in the IPL 2026 opener, defeating Sunrisers Hyderabad by six wickets in a high-scoring clash. More than just a win, it was a tactical masterclass as RCB managed to beat SRH at their own aggressive game plan.

SRH, known for their explosive batting, posted a strong total of 201/9. However, RCB's strategy with the ball ensured the innings never truly got out of control. New recruit Jacob Duffy made an immediate impact, striking early to reduce SRH to 29/3 in the powerplay. This early damage disrupted Hyderabad's momentum and forced their middle order to rebuild rather than dominate.

While SRH did recover through a solid innings from their middle order, the lack of sustained partnerships and early wickets prevented them from pushing towards an even bigger total. RCB's bowlers maintained discipline, focusing on tight lines and clever variations, which restricted SRH despite the batting-friendly conditions.

Chasing 202, RCB flipped the script by adopting the same aggressive approach that SRH are famous for. Virat Kohli anchored the innings with a composed yet attacking unbeaten 69, showcasing his trademark control during a chase. At the other end, Devdutt Padikkal

provided explosive support, smashing 61 off just 26 balls.

The duo stitched together a rapid partnership that effectively took the game away from SRH. By attacking early and maintaining a high scoring rate, RCB ensured there was no pressure during the chase. They reached the target in just 15.4 overs, registering one of the fastest chases of a 200-plus total in IPL history.

What stood out was RCB's clarity of approach. They combined disciplined bowling with fearless batting — a formula often associated with SRH in recent seasons. By executing both aspects better, RCB managed to outplay their opponents in every department.

This victory also highlighted RCB's evolution as a team. Once seen as overly dependent on individual brilliance, they now appear more balanced and tactically sharp. Their ability to adapt and counter the opposition's strengths could prove crucial as they aim to defend their IPL title.

For SRH, the loss exposed gaps in both their batting structure and bowling discipline. As the tournament progresses, they will need to regroup quickly to avoid further setbacks.

RCB, meanwhile, have sent a strong message to the rest of the league — they are not just champions, but a tactically formidable unit.



Harbhajan Singh Loses Cool After 'Jealousy' Remark About Ashwin Sparks Online Spat

Former India spinner Harbhajan Singh found himself at the center of controversy during IPL 2026 after losing his temper on social media following a fan's comment linking him with alleged jealousy towards Ravichandran Ashwin.

The incident unfolded during the early phase of the Indian Premier League season, when Harbhajan, who is part of the Hindi commentary panel, was already facing criticism from some viewers over his commentary style. Amid the backlash, a social media user took things further by accusing him of being jealous of Ashwin's achievements and suggesting that his relevance was fading.

The remark did not go down well with Harbhajan, who responded sharply. In a strongly worded reply, he lashed out at the troll, using harsh language

and dismissing the criticism outright. His reaction quickly went viral, triggering widespread debate among cricket fans.

The controversy gained more attention because of the long-standing comparisons between Harbhajan and Ashwin, two of India's prominent off-spinners from different eras. While Harbhajan was a key figure in India's bowling attack in the early 2000s, Ashwin rose to prominence later and went on to become one of the country's leading wicket-takers.

Interestingly, the "jealousy" narrative is not new. In previous interactions, Harbhajan himself had addressed such claims directly, even asking Ashwin in a candid conversation whether he ever believed there was any envy between them. Ashwin had responded diplomatically, acknowledging that competitive feelings can

exist among players but insisting it was a natural part of professional sport.

Despite this, social media continues to fuel comparisons between the two, often leading to unnecessary controversies. The latest episode highlights how quickly online criticism can escalate, especially during high-profile tournaments like the IPL. While some fans supported Harbhajan for standing up to online trolling, others felt his reaction was excessive for a public figure. The debate reflects a broader issue faced by athletes and commentators in the digital age, where scrutiny and criticism are constant.

As IPL 2026 progresses, the focus is expected to return to on-field action. However, this incident serves as a reminder of the intense spotlight on former players and the challenges of handling social media pressure in modern cricket.



Hardik Pandya's 12 Crore Ferrari Struggles on Mumbai Speed Breaker, Video Goes Viral

A video of Hardik Pandya driving his newly acquired luxury Ferrari on the streets of Mumbai has gone viral, but for an unexpected reason. The high-end sports car, reportedly worth around 12 crore, was seen struggling to cross a speed breaker, highlighting the challenges of driving low-clearance supercars on Indian roads.

The clip, widely shared on social media, shows the Mumbai Indians captain carefully maneuvering his Ferrari while approaching a speed breaker. Instead of driving straight over it, Pandya adopts a cautious, angled approach to avoid scraping the underside of the car.

The incident has drawn attention not just because of the cricketer's star status, but also due to the stark contrast between luxury vehicles and real-world road conditions in cities like Mumbai. Supercars like Ferrari models are designed for smooth highways and race tracks, with very low ground clearance to enhance speed and aerodynamics. However, such design features make them less suited for uneven roads and frequent speed bumps.

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his impressive collection. The car has already become a talking point among fans and automobile enthusiasts, with multiple videos of him driving it in Mumbai surfacing online.

The timing of the viral video is also noteworthy, as it comes just ahead of the IPL 2026 season, where Pandya is leading the Mumbai Indians. While the focus is usually on his on-field performances, moments like these often capture public attention off the field as well.

The episode has sparked a mix of reactions online. While some fans found humor in the situation, others pointed out the practical limitations of owning such high-performance vehicles in Indian conditions. Many users commented on how even the most expensive cars are not immune to everyday road challenges.

Despite the minor hiccup, Pandya handled the situation with care, ensuring that his prized possession remained undamaged. The video serves as a reminder that while luxury cars offer unmatched performance and style, their usability can sometimes be limited by infrastructure realities.

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Vettori Blames SRH Bowlers After RCB Defeat, Praises Kohli's Brilliance

Sunrisers Hyderabad head coach Daniel Vettori did not hold back after his team's heavy defeat to Royal Challengers Bengaluru in their IPL 2026 opener, openly criticizing the bowling unit for a poor and undisciplined performance.

Despite posting a competitive total of 201/9, SRH were unable to defend it as RCB chased down the target comfortably in just 15.4 overs. The defeat was largely attributed to ineffective bowling, with Vettori admitting that his team failed to execute even basic plans.

"We weren't disciplined," Vettori said after the match, describing it as one of SRH's weaker performances with the ball. He pointed out that the bowlers failed to maintain the right lengths and allowed too



many scoring opportunities, which ultimately cost them the game. A key concern highlighted by the coach was the inability of the bowlers to adapt to conditions. He noted that

RCB's bowlers had shown how to use the pitch effectively, but SRH could not replicate the same approach. This lack of execution allowed RCB's batters to dominate throughout

the chase.

Much of the damage was inflicted by Virat Kohli and Devdutt Padikkal, who stitched together a match-winning partnership. Kohli's composed yet aggressive innings stood out, with Vettori acknowledging that his bowlers gave the star batter far too many chances to score freely. "They were able to capitalise on anything loose," Vettori admitted, stressing that against players of Kohli's calibre, even small mistakes can prove costly.

The coach also pointed to debutant Jacob Duffy from RCB as an example, praising his ability to hit the right lengths consistently. In contrast, SRH's bowlers struggled to maintain control, which allowed the opposition to keep the required run rate well within reach.

While the loss exposed serious concerns in the bowling department, Vettori did find positives in the batting performance. SRH's total of over 200 showed that the lineup has enough firepower, but he emphasised that such efforts would go in vain without better support from the bowlers.

The defeat marks a disappointing start for SRH in IPL 2026, raising questions about their balance and execution. Vettori made it clear that immediate improvements are needed, particularly in bowling discipline, if the team hopes to bounce back in the tournament.

As the season progresses, all eyes will be on how SRH respond — especially whether their bowlers can correct the flaws that were brutally exposed by RCB's clinical chase.

“Suyodhana” Team Celebrates Success in Hyderabad

The team of the recently released Telugu film Suyodhana held a grand success meet in Hyderabad following the movie's positive reception at the box office. Produced under the Prajwala Line Creations banner, the film stars Priyadarshi and Drishika Chander in lead roles, with prominent performances by Sai Kumar and Prema. The film is directed by Y. S. Madhav Reddy and produced by Bosubabu Nidumolu.

Released on March 27, Suyodhana has been receiving encouraging responses from audiences across regions. The makers expressed happiness over the film's success and thanked viewers for their support.

Speaking at the event, pro-



ducer Bosubabu Nidumolu said that achieving success with their very first attempt was a significant milestone. He expressed confidence in delivering an even bigger blockbust-

er with their next project. He noted that the film has been receiving positive feedback from all areas and added that the experience gained through Suyodhana would help them

come back with stronger content. The producer also revealed plans to collaborate with an established production house for future ventures and advised aspiring producers to enter the industry with adequate understanding and preparation.

Distributor Papiraju highlighted the role of media in promoting small films and bringing them closer to audiences. He appreciated the performances of Priyadarshi and Sai Kumar, noting that both actors delivered compelling performances. He also praised director Y. S. Madhav Reddy for executing the film with the finesse of an experienced filmmaker, adding that every frame of the movie was well-crafted.

Director Y. S. Madhav Reddy expressed gratitude for the audience's response, stating that the film is witnessing an increase in screens with each passing show. He also mentioned that Suyodhana is receiving a positive response overseas, with viewers sharing encouraging feedback. He credited the performances of Priyadarshi and Sai Kumar as major highlights of the film and urged media and audiences to continue supporting the movie. The film also features Vishnu (Laddu), Devi Prasad, and Rajashri Nair in key roles. With music composed by Jai Krish and technical contributions from a skilled crew, Suyodhana continues its successful run in theatres.

“Acting First, Glamour Next: Nayan Sarika's Focus”

Hyderabad, March 29: Emerging Tollywood actress Nayan Sarika has emphasized that her priority in films is strong performance-oriented roles rather than glamour, as she steadily builds her career in the Telugu film industry.

In a recent interaction, the actress shared that she is keen on choosing characters that leave a lasting impact on audiences. She made it clear that she is not interested in roles that are limited to glamour or songs, but instead prefers scripts that allow her to showcase her acting abilities. According to her, being remembered for performance is far more important than simply appearing on screen.

Originally from Maharashtra, Nayan Sarika has been making a mark in Telugu cinema with her natural acting style. She admitted that language was initially a challenge, but with dedication and consistent effort, she has been able to adapt and improve her Telugu. She also expressed admiration for the language and culture, which she says helped her connect better with audiences.

The actress gained recognition with her early projects, particularly those set in rural backdrops, where her performances were appreciated for their authenticity. She believes such roles gave her the opportu-

nity to prove her potential and helped her establish a strong foundation in the industry.

Speaking about her approach to success, Nayan Sarika said she does not focus much on box office numbers. Instead, she measures success by how well she has performed and how audiences respond to her character. For her, audience appreciation remains the biggest reward.

Looking ahead, she is excited about her upcoming projects, including roles that explore new dimensions of storytelling. She expressed interest in taking up more challenging characters, including action-oriented roles, to expand her versatility as an actress.

Reflecting on her journey, Nayan Sarika revealed that she once aspired to pursue a career in law but eventually found her passion in acting. She entered the entertainment field through modeling before transitioning into films.

With a clear focus on meaningful roles and a growing presence in Tollywood, Nayan Sarika is steadily emerging as a promising talent to watch in the coming years.

“Anakapalli” Teaser Packs Raw Punch and Romance

The makers of Anakapalli, starring Vikram Sahidev in his first lead role, unveiled a powerful teaser that promises an intense blend of action and emotion. Directed by Khagesh Tammineni, the film features Sandhya Vasishtha as the female lead and Tarak Ponnappa in a pivotal role. Backed by producers Thrinadha Rao Nakkina and Kandregula Naidu under the banners Bhavya Sri Movie Makers and Nakkina Narratives, Anakapalli is gearing up for a sum-

mer release. The teaser offers a gripping first look into a world driven by power, love, and conflict.

The teaser opens with a thunderous monologue delivered by Vikram Sahidev's character, setting a fierce tone for the film. His dialogue establishes a rugged environment where dominance and fear dictate survival. This intense introduction transitions into a rustic love story, presenting a softer yet emotionally charged layer to the narrative.

Vikram Sahidev impresses with his dual-shaded performance, portraying both aggression and vulnerability with notable maturity. His transformation from a fierce, intimidating presence in action sequences to a tender lover adds depth to his character. Sandhya Vasishtha shines as the spirited love interest, bringing charm and emotional weight, while Tarak Ponnappa adds a strong negative edge with his menacing portrayal. Apart from producing the film, Thri-

nadha Rao Nakkina has also contributed to the story and screenplay and appears in a key role as the protagonist's father. Indraj plays the mother, adding emotional gravitas to the family backdrop. The ensemble cast includes Mahaboob Basha, Srinivas Vadlamani, Kandregula Naidu, Nandini Rai, and Sangeetha Krish in significant roles. Technically, the teaser stands out with Maaya V's cinematography capturing the gritty, rustic tone effectively. Music composer Davzand enhances

the mood with a powerful background score, while dialogues penned by Uday Bhagavathula leave a strong impact.

Director Khagesh Tammineni appears to have blended action, romance, and emotional intensity seamlessly, making Anakapalli an engaging watch. With its raw narrative style and compelling performances, the teaser has raised expectations, hinting that the film could strike a chord with audiences across age groups upon its release.



“Google My Friend” Songs Launched in Grand Event

Hyderabad, March 29: The songs of the upcoming multilingual film Google My Friend were launched in a grand event held in the presence of members of the Telugu Directors' Association. Starring Pranav Rao Rani and Prajakt Gaikwad in lead roles, the film is directed by Govind Varaha and produced by Divakar Reddy under the Dollars Media and Entertainment banner.

The film is gearing up for a grand theatrical release in both Telugu and Marathi languages. The song launch event was attended by prominent directors including V. N. Aditya, Sai Rajesh, V. Samudra, Sailesh Kolanu, and Konda Vijay Kumar, who unveiled the film's music and extended their best wishes.

Speaking at the event, director Sai Rajesh said that the teaser, songs, and other promotional content of Google My Friend appear promising. He appreciated director Govind Varaha's effort in simultane-



ously making the film in Telugu and Marathi and expressed hope that the film would bring both recognition and financial success to the team.

Director V. N. Aditya highlighted Govind Varaha's experience in making films across multiple languages and wished for the film to achieve major success. He also hoped the director would go on to create more pan-India projects. Simi-

larly, V. Samudra expressed over the film being launched in multiple languages and said that releasing the songs in the presence of Directors' Association members made the occasion special.

Director Konda Vijay Kumar compared Govind Varaha's multilingual approach to that of legendary producer D. Ramaaidu, noting that making films across languages reflects

ambition and vision. He wished the film success in every language it releases.

Director Govind Varaha shared that he has previously directed films in Telugu, Malayalam, and Marathi, and is now bringing Google My Friend simultaneously in multiple languages. He said it was a proud moment to launch the songs in the presence of his peers from the Directors' Association. He also thanked noted producers like A. M. Rathnam, K. K. Radhamohan, and Chitturi Srinivas for supporting his journey.

The film also features Saiya Revadkari, Ashwini

Kulkarni, Madhav Abhyankar, and others in key roles. With music composed by S. Sagar, Karthik, and Lyric Johnson, Google My Friend is set to hit theatres soon, aiming to appeal to audiences across languages.

Akhil's “Lenin” Postponed to Avoid Clash with “Peddi”



Hyderabad, March 29: The release of Lenin, starring Akhil Akkineni, has been postponed to avoid a box office clash with Ram Charan's upcoming film Peddi.

The film, which was initially slated for release on May 1, will now hit theatres on June 26. The makers reportedly took this decision to ensure a better release window and maximize the film's box office prospects.

Lenin, directed by Murali Kishor Abburu, is an action drama featuring Bhagyashree Borse as the female lead. The film has been generating de-

cent buzz, and the team is confident that the new release date will help it reach a wider audience without major competition.

Meanwhile, Peddi, starring Ram Charan, is scheduled for release a day earlier and is expected to be a big-ticket film with wide theatrical reach. Given its scale and strong pre-release hype, trade circles anticipate that it will dominate screens during its opening weeks.

Industry observers note that avoiding a direct clash with a high-profile release is a strategic move, especially for films that rely on steady audience turnout. By postponing Lenin, the makers aim to secure better screen availability and give the film more breathing space at the box office.

The decision is also being seen as a reflection of the healthy rapport within the industry, as actors and producers increasingly coordinate release plans to avoid unnecessary competition.

With the revised date now in place, expectations remain steady for Lenin, while Peddi continues to build anticipation ahead of its release.

Who is Jonita Gandhi? Singer Behind Viral Item Song Buzz



Hyderabad, March 29: Popular playback singer Jonita Gandhi is currently trending after her latest item song created a strong buzz among music lovers and film audiences alike. Known for her unique voice and versatility, Jonita has carved a niche for herself across multiple film industries.

Born in New Delhi and raised in Canada, Jonita Gandhi began her musical journey by uploading cover songs online, which quickly gained attention. Her big breakthrough came in Bollywood with the title track of Chennai Express, after which she became a sought-after voice in the industry.

Over the years, Jonita has delivered several popular songs in Hindi, Tamil, and Telugu films. Her ability to effortlessly switch between romantic melodies, peppy dance numbers, and soulful tracks has made her one of the most versatile singers

of her generation.

The singer is now in the limelight for lending her voice to a glamorous, high-energy item song that is gaining traction for its catchy composition and stylish presentation. The track has struck a chord with younger audiences and is rapidly trending across platforms.

Apart from playback singing, Jonita has also made her presence felt in the independent music scene. She has released several singles and collaborated with international artists, expanding her reach beyond Indian cinema. Her global exposure and musical experimentation have helped her build a diverse fan base.

In addition to singing, Jonita is gradually exploring opportunities in front of the camera as well. She is expected to appear in special song sequences, adding another dimension to her career.

Despite her growing popularity, Jonita Gandhi continues to focus on evolving as an artist. She remains committed to experimenting with different genres and languages while maintaining her distinct musical identity. With her latest song going viral and her career steadily rising, Jonita Gandhi is proving to be a dynamic force in the music industry, balancing commercial success with artistic versatility.

