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Delimitation Concerns Raise South's Political Alarm

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Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has expressed strong concerns over the proposed delimitation exercise, warning that it could weaken the political voice of southern states at the national level.

Addressing a gathering in New Delhi, the Chief Minister described the reported plan to increase the number of parliamentary and Assembly constituencies as detrimental to southern India. He stated that such a move would disproportionately favor northern states, which already have a higher representation in Parliament, thereby widening the regional imbalance.

At present, southern states account for a limited share of the total seats in the Lok Sabha, compared to their northern counterparts. Revanth Reddy cautioned that any expansion based primarily on population would further tilt the balance in favor of states with higher population growth, leaving southern states with reduced influence in national decision-making.

He pointed out that states such as Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan are likely to gain significantly more seats due to their population size. In contrast, southern states like Tamil Nadu, Telangana,



Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka may see comparatively smaller increases, potentially diminishing their role in shaping central policies.

The Chief Minister also argued that the proposed delimitation could unfairly penalize southern states that have effectively implemented population control measures over the years. He emphasized that these states should not be disadvantaged for their success in stabilizing population growth, and called for a more balanced and equitable approach.

Raising political concerns, Revanth Reddy alleged that the move could benefit the Bharatiya Janata Party by consolidating

its strength in northern regions. He warned that such a development could deepen regional divisions and lead to a growing sense of political marginalization in the South.

He further stressed the need for southern states to come together and present a united front to protect their interests. Referring to similar concerns voiced by leaders from Tamil Nadu, he said coordinated efforts are necessary to ensure fair representation for all regions.

Revanth Reddy reaffirmed his commitment to raising the issue at appropriate forums and ensuring that the voice of southern India is not weakened in the country's democratic framework.



Kishan Reddy Calls for Strengthening DMF for Inclusive Growth

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Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy emphasized the need to strengthen District Mineral Foundations (DMFs) to ensure inclusive and sustainable development in mining-affected regions across the country. Speaking at the valedictory session of a two-day DMF workshop held in New Delhi, he highlighted the importance of co-ordinated efforts between the Centre and states.

The minister expressed satisfaction over the successful conduct of the workshop, which was organized with the support of NITI Aayog and Bhaskaracharya Institute for Space Applications and Geoinformatics, along with various state governments. He noted that such collaborative initiatives reflect the spirit of cooperative federalism and are crucial for strengthening DMF operations.

Referring to the vision of Narendra Modi, Kishan Reddy said India's mineral wealth should be effectively utilized for the long-term and holistic development of people, particularly those living in mining-affected areas. He stressed the need to implement the "Reform, Perform, Transform" mantra at every level of governance.

Highlighting the significance of DMFs, he said they play a key role in addressing developmental challenges in mining regions. Current-

ly, over 650 districts across the country have mineral foundations, and there is a need to align DMF initiatives with the Aspirational Districts Programme to ensure better coordination and impact.

The minister urged authorities to utilize DMF funds efficiently for improving essential services such as healthcare, education, drinking water, and employment opportunities in affected areas. He also called for strengthening coordination at the district level to ensure effective implementation of development projects.

During the workshop, participants engaged in detailed discussions on various aspects of the mining sector, including best practices and policy frameworks. Kishan Reddy stressed the importance of timely fund release, faster approvals, and continuous monitoring to enhance efficiency and transparency.

He further underlined the importance of leveraging digital technologies in DMF operations. Platforms like DMF Portal 2.0 should be effectively utilized to ensure better tracking, transparency, and outcomes. Emphasizing a results-oriented approach, he said all stakeholders must work in coordination to bring visible changes at the grassroots level.

The workshop concluded with a call for stronger collaboration and innovation to ensure that mineral resources contribute meaningfully to the nation's development.

KTR Calls Formula E Charge Sheet 'Diversion Tactic'

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BRS Working President K. T. Rama Rao strongly criticized the Telangana government, alleging that the charge sheet in the Formula E race case is being used as a diversion tactic to shift public attention away from key governance issues. Speaking during an informal interaction at the Assembly, he described the case as "baseless" and politically motivated.

KTR said the BRS had requested the Speaker to allow a private member bill on the implementation of the six guarantees, but the government was instead focusing on the charge sheet issue. He accused the ruling party of deliberately bringing up the case



to distract the public from important discussions affecting people's welfare.

He questioned the credibility of the investigation, pointing out that the names of those who were allegedly benefitted were not included in the charge sheet. He also asked why key individuals, including the chairman and CEO of the concerned company, were not named. "If there was any wrongdoing, why are the

main persons missing from the case?" he asked.

Referring to the financial transactions involved, KTR stated that all funds were transferred through proper banking channels and remain traceable. He asserted that there was no misuse of public money and that the government was exaggerating the issue to create a false narrative. "This is nothing but an attempt to mislead the public," he said.

Defending the Formula E race conducted in Hyderabad, KTR said the event was aimed at enhancing the city's global image and attracting investments. He claimed that the race brought significant economic benefits and helped place Hyderabad on the international map.

KTR also alleged that the gov-

ernment is engaging in political vendetta and harassing officials. He stated that all decisions taken during his tenure as a minister were policy-based and in the interest of the state. He challenged the government to take action against him directly if any wrongdoing was proven, instead of targeting officials.

Expressing confidence in the judiciary, KTR said the case would not stand legal scrutiny and that justice would prevail. He reiterated that the government should focus on development and public welfare rather than pursuing politically motivated cases.

The remarks come amid intensifying political tensions in Telangana over the Formula E case, with both the ruling party and opposition trading sharp allegations.

Bhatti Vikramarka Urges Respect for Elected Governments



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Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka stressed the importance of respecting democratically elected governments, stating that any attempt to undermine them goes against the spirit of the Constitution.

Addressing recent political developments, Bhatti Vikramarka said that elected governments derive their authority from the people and must be allowed to function without unnecessary interference. He emphasized that democratic values should be upheld at all levels and that institutions must respect the mandate given by voters.

He expressed concern over what he described as increasing attempts to weaken state governments, particularly through financial and administrative pressures. According to him, such actions not only affect governance but also hinder development and welfare programmes aimed at benefiting the public.

Bhatti Vikramarka pointed out that cooperative federalism is essential for the country's progress and called for better coordination between the Centre and states. He said both levels of government should work together in a constructive manner rather than engaging in conflicts that could impact public

welfare. The Deputy Chief Minister also highlighted that states require adequate financial support and autonomy to implement schemes effectively. He reiterated that policies and decisions should be guided by the interests of the people rather than political considerations.

He further stated that undermining elected governments weakens public trust in democratic institutions. "The will of the people must be respected at all times," he asserted, adding that governance should focus on delivering development, welfare, and transparency.

Bhatti Vikramarka also called for maintaining the dignity of legislative bodies and ensuring that political discourse remains constructive. He urged all stakeholders to act responsibly and uphold democratic principles in both governance and public life.

Reaffirming his commitment to public service, he said the Telangana government remains focused on implementing welfare programmes, strengthening infrastructure, and ensuring inclusive growth across all sections of society.

The remarks come amid ongoing political debates over Centre-state relations, with leaders increasingly raising concerns about federal balance and the need to safeguard the rights of states within the constitutional framework.

Revanth Reddy Announces Breakfast, Noon Meals for Junior Colleges

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Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has announced the introduction of breakfast and midday meal schemes in government junior colleges across Telangana from June 12, aiming to improve student nutrition and academic performance.

The initiative is expected to benefit around two lakh intermediate students studying in government junior colleges. By extending meal programmes beyond schools, the government seeks to address hunger among students and support those from economically weaker sections.

Under the scheme, students will be provided breakfast before classes and a nutritious lunch during the day. Officials said the move is intended to ensure that students remain attentive in classrooms and are not affected by lack of proper food.

The government is likely to partner with the Akshaya Patra Foundation for preparation and distribution of meals. The organisation already has experience in implementing similar programmes in government schools and is expected to maintain quality and hygiene standards.

Authorities indicated that the menu will include balanced and commonly consumed food items such as rice, dal, vegetables and other nutritious dishes. The fo-



cus will be on providing healthy and hygienic meals that meet the dietary needs of students.

Officials noted that many students in government junior colleges often travel long distances and may skip meals due to financial constraints. The introduction of both breakfast and lunch is expected to reduce absenteeism and improve overall participation in academic activities.

The scheme marks a significant step in strengthening public education by addressing basic needs like nutrition. It also reflects the government's commitment to creating a supportive environment for students pursuing higher secondary education.

Preparations are currently underway to ensure smooth implementation, with departments coordinating logistics, infrastructure and staffing ahead of the launch.

With this initiative, the state government aims to enhance the well-being of students and improve learning outcomes across government junior colleges.

Hyderabad Petrol Pumps Face Chaos Amid Fuel Panic

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Petrol pumps across Hyderabad faced long queues and temporary closures as motorists, auto-rickshaws, and other vehicles rushed to refuel amid fears of fuel shortages. Several outlets reported running out of petrol, diesel, and CNG, leading to vehicles winding around blocks and heavy congestion near key fuel stations.

Areas such as Uppal, Mallapur, Attapur, and Chandrayangutta saw particularly long lines, with motorists waiting for hours to fill their tanks. Panic buying by the public intensified the situation, despite officials assuring that fuel supplies remain adequate and there is no actual scarcity.

Auto-rickshaw drivers and cab operators, who rely on CNG and auto-LPG for daily earnings, were among the most affected. The prolonged queues and intermittent availability disrupted their ability to work and prompted calls for better supply management.

Authorities attributed



some disruptions to temporary logistical issues at depots and changes in supply procedures, which, combined with public panic, created local shortages. Traffic police were deployed to manage congestion near busy fuel stations and advised commuters to plan travel and use alternative routes where possible.

Officials urged citizens not to hoard fuel or panic, emphasizing that supply levels are sufficient to meet demand. Steps are being taken to normalise refuelling services across the city, ensuring that motorists and daily commuters can access fuel without further inconvenience.

The situation highlighted the challenges of managing essential services amid public anxiety, showing how rumours and misinformation can lead to widespread disruption even when resources are adequate.

Telangana Launches India's First State-Negotiated EV Discounts for Govt Employees

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In a pioneering move to promote sustainable mobility, Telangana Transport Minister Ponnab Prabhakar today announced India's first state-negotiated electric vehicle (EV) discount scheme for government employees. Under the initiative, state employees can avail of discounts of up to 20% on electric two- and four-wheelers, potentially saving each family up to ₹4 lakh. The program is expected to benefit over five lakh government employees across Telangana.

The discounts were secured through negotiations with leading EV manufacturers, including Mahindra Electric, Ola Electric, Gravton Motors, and Ather Energy. This initiative goes beyond traditional incentives like tax exemptions, offering direct financial benefits for employees and encouraging them to adopt clean mobility.

"This is more than just an incentive. By making EVs affordable and accessible, we are ensuring that government employees lead the way in transitioning to cleaner transport. When our government fleet goes electric, everyone in Telangana breathes cleaner air," Minister Prabhakar said.



This announcement builds on the state's earlier measures. In 2024, Telangana had already implemented a 100% exemption from road tax and registration fees for electric vehicles, covering everything from two-wheelers and cars to taxis, goods carriers, and buses.

With the new 20% purchase discount, EV ownership in Telangana becomes one of the most cost-effective in the country.

The move aligns with Chief Minister Anumula Revanth Reddy's directive that all government departments purchase only electric

vehicles, including vehicles hired for urban operations. Telangana already operates more than 2,800 electric buses, reflecting its commitment to a cleaner transport ecosystem.

The scheme is structured through OEM negotiations under a bulk institutional framework and does not involve direct state subsidies. Minister Prabhakar also highlighted plans to expand partnerships with additional manufacturers, including Tata EV, to offer more options, advanced technology, and better accessibility for consumers.

To further support EV adoption, Telangana plans to enhance charging infrastructure across government offices, public parking spaces, and commercial areas. Nearly one lakh petrol and diesel autorickshaws will be retrofitted with electric kits, complementing the state's growing EV bus fleet.

"Our vision is clear: cleaner air, reduced fuel dependence, and a future-ready transportation system. Telangana aims to set an example for green mobility in India, attract EV production companies, and establish itself as a national EV hub," Minister Prabhakar added.

KTR Alleges Political Vendetta, Slams Govt Over 'False Cases'

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BRS Working President K. T. Rama Rao launched a strong attack on the Telangana government during a media interaction at the Assembly, accusing it of diverting public attention through "false and politically motivated cases."

He said the BRS had requested the Speaker to allow a private member bill on the implementation of the six guarantees, but alleged that the government was instead focusing on the charge sheet issue to shift attention away from public concerns. Calling the case "baseless," KTR said even the names of those who were allegedly benefitted were not included in the charge sheet.

Questioning the investigation, he asked why the chairman and CEO of the concerned company were not named. "The funds were transferred from one bank to another, and the money is still in the system. There is nothing illegal in this," he asserted. He added that the government should focus on recovering money from the concerned firm rather than targeting opposition leaders.

Defending the Formula E race held in Hyderabad, KTR said the event brought global recognition to the city and attracted investments worth 700 crore, as stated by a firm



named Nelson. He contrasted this with other events which, according to him, failed to bring investment and instead harmed the state's reputation.

KTR also alleged that officials are being harassed due to political vendetta. He stated that he had taken decisions as a minister based on policy and challenged the government to take action against him directly instead of troubling officers.

On the issue of Transferable De-

velopment Rights (TDR), he termed it a "major scam," alleging that artificial demand was being created and insiders were benefiting. He accused the Chief Minister's family members of misusing the system and called it an "insider trading scam." He promised a comprehensive investigation into the matter if BRS returns to power.

He also spoke on delimitation, welcoming the increase in Assembly seats but opposing any move to

reduce representation for southern states. Highlighting disparities, he pointed out that some constituencies have significantly higher voter populations than others.

KTR further criticized claims regarding interest-free loans for women and challenged ministers to clarify the facts. Expressing confidence in the judiciary, he said the case would not stand in court and reiterated that the government is misleading the public for political gain.

99-Day Anti-Drug Drive Reaches Villages Across Telangana



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The Telangana government's 99-day anti-drug campaign has now expanded to villages across the state, aiming to create widespread awareness and curb substance abuse at the grassroots level.

The initiative is part of a broader public outreach programme designed to take governance and social awareness directly to people. Officials said the campaign focuses on educating communities, particularly youth, about the harmful effects of drug use and the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

As part of the drive, awareness programmes, rallies, and community interactions are being organized in rural areas. Students, local leaders, and volunteers are actively participating in spreading the message against drug abuse. In many villages, activities such as human chains, awareness rallies, and interactive sessions are being conducted to engage the public.

Authorities noted that the campaign is receiving a positive response, with increasing participation from different sections of society. Special efforts are being made to reach vulnerable groups and ensure that awareness penetrates even remote areas.

Educational institutions are also playing a key role in the campaign. Schools and colleges are conducting special ses-

sions to inform students about the dangers of drug addiction and encourage them to stay away from harmful substances. Officials believe that early awareness among youth is crucial in preventing long-term addiction issues.

In addition to awareness programmes, law enforcement agencies are carrying out strict monitoring and enforcement activities to control the supply of drugs. Special teams are working to identify and act against those involved in drug trafficking, ensuring that preventive and punitive measures go hand in hand.

The campaign is being implemented in a phased manner, covering villages, mandals, and districts to ensure a comprehensive approach. Each phase focuses on specific themes, with anti-drug awareness being a major component.

Officials said the objective of the campaign is not only to reduce drug consumption but also to build a strong social movement involving communities, youth, and institutions. By taking the message directly to villages, the government aims to prevent the spread of drug abuse and promote a safer and healthier society.

The anti-drug drive will continue over the coming weeks with intensified efforts to ensure lasting impact across Telangana.

Komatireddy Clarifies Plans for LB Nagar-Hayathnagar Elevated Corridor

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Telangana's Roads & Buildings Minister, Komatireddy Venkat Reddy, today clarified key aspects of the proposed LB Nagar to Hayathnagar elevated corridor, amid ongoing debates about Hyderabad's traffic infrastructure and urban transport planning. The minister addressed questions raised in the state legislature, outlining the vision, scope, and expected benefits of the project aimed at easing congestion along one of the city's busiest arterial routes.

The proposal intends to transform the roughly six-kilometre stretch from LB Nagar to the Hayathnagar area into a double-decker corridor, designed to accommodate multiple layers of transport infrastructure to significantly reduce bottlenecks. The plan envisages an elevated section built at a cost of around 940 crore, with separate levels for high-capacity traffic movement.

The topmost level is planned to carry metro rail services, the middle tier reserved for highway traffic, and the ground or lower levels configured as underpasses or local access routes for city traffic. This multi-layered approach aims to decongest the corridor linking these major suburbs, creating faster, uninterrupted travel between eastern parts of Hyderabad and the Vijayawada highway corridor.

The elevated corridor is being planned in conjunction



with existing and proposed transport upgrades in the region, including expansions on the Hyderabad-Vijayawada highway and future metro extensions, to accommodate the city's rapid growth and rising commuter demand.

The minister also highlighted ongoing works such as local arterial road widening and ancillary developments to support improved traffic flow along the same route. He stressed that the elevated corridor is part of a larger strategic thrust by the state government to modernize Hyderabad's road network while integrating mass transit corridors.

Komatireddy's comments aim to clear confusion and underscore the government's intent to fast-track major infrastructure projects, ensuring that Hyderabad's transport needs are met with innovative, long-term solutions rather than piecemeal fixes.

Telangana Govt Spent ₹607 Crore on Ambedkar Overseas Scholarships, Says Minister



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The Telangana government has spent a total of ₹607 crore on the Ambedkar Overseas Scholarship Scheme, aimed at supporting eligible students pursuing higher education abroad, a state minister announced on Tuesday.

Replying during a Question and Answer session in the state Assembly, Minister Adhuri Laxman said the scheme has so far benefitted nearly 2,000 students since its launch in 2023. Under the programme, the government pays tuition and related fees for students studying overseas in accordance with the scheme's guidelines.

The announcement came as lawmakers raised concerns about delays in implementation and the limited reach of the scholarship. Former minister and BRS legislator K. Taraka Rama Rao pointed out that the government had promised to start providing the scholarships by October 2025, but many students are still waiting for support. He said students seeking to continue their foreign studies are struggling to pay fees and urged the government to prioritise the timely disbursement of scholarships.

Another legislator, CPI MLA K. Sambasiva Rao, noted that the scheme currently benefits only Scheduled Caste (SC) students. He suggested that its scope should be broadened under the SC and ST sub-plans with full allocation to ensure more inclusive coverage. Rao also reminded the government of earlier promises to estab-

lish separate corporations for the Mala and Madiga communities, saying that neither the corporations nor the necessary implementation guidelines have yet been issued.

Minister Laxman responded that the government is committed to the scholarship scheme and has already made significant financial outlays to support students' education abroad. He acknowledged the concerns raised about implementation delays and assured legislators that efforts are ongoing to streamline the process and improve the pace of disbursement.

The Ambedkar Overseas Scholarship Scheme was introduced with the objective of creating opportunities for meritorious students from underrepresented communities to pursue advanced studies on the global stage. By providing financial assistance for overseas education, the government hopes to equip recipients with high level knowledge and skills that can contribute to the state's development.

However, opposition and some ruling party representatives have urged more clarity on timelines and broader inclusion criteria so that a greater number of eligible students can benefit without unnecessary hurdles.

The discussion in the Assembly highlights both the progress made under the scholarship scheme and the challenges that remain in ensuring its smooth and equitable implementation.

Centre 'Bulldozing' States Financially, Says Minister Seethakka



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Telangana Minister Seethakka launched a strong criticism against the Union government, alleging that it is financially weakening states and undermining their autonomy. Speaking at the Assembly, she accused the BJP-led Centre of "bulldozing states economically" and shifting its welfare responsibilities onto them.

Seethakka said that the financial pressure is not limited to a few underdeveloped states but is affecting all states across the country. She alleged that since Narendra Modi assumed office, the Centre has gradually reduced its share in welfare spending while increasing the burden on states.

She pointed out that through cesses and surcharges, the Centre is collecting large amounts of tax revenue but not adequately sharing it with states, thereby depriving them of their rightful funds. According to her, this has resulted in significant financial strain on state governments.

The minister further stated that even in centrally sponsored schemes, where the Centre previously bore a major portion of the expenditure, its contribution has been reduced over time. Schemes such as Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, National Health Mission, Mid-Day

Meal, Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, ICDS, NRLM, RMSA, PM Awas Yojana, and Swachh Bharat Mission earlier had a funding pattern where the Centre contributed up to 90 percent, leaving states to bear only 10 percent.

However, she said that the funding pattern has now shifted to 60:40, placing a significantly higher financial burden on states. In some schemes, the state's share has increased even further. For instance, under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, states are now bearing up to 75 percent of the cost. Similarly, in employment guarantee schemes, the Centre's contribution has reduced from 90 percent to around 60 percent.

Seethakka also criticized the Centre's approach to GST, alleging that while taxes are being increased, states are not receiving a fair share of the revenue. She warned that such policies are pushing states into financial distress and affecting their ability to implement welfare programmes effectively.

The minister called for a more balanced and cooperative financial framework, urging the Centre to restore its commitments and ensure that states are adequately supported in delivering development and welfare initiatives.

Sridhar Babu Counters Malla Reddy on Dumping Yard Issue



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Telangana Minister Sridhar Babu strongly countered remarks made by BRS MLA Malla Reddy over the Jawaharnagar dumping yard issue during Assembly proceedings, triggering a sharp exchange between the ruling party and the opposition.

Responding to Malla Reddy's statements, Sridhar Babu said that the MLA was repeating old arguments and not presenting facts accurately. He remarked that misleading the House with exaggerated claims would not help in resolving the issue and urged members to focus on constructive solutions.

The minister pointed out that several measures related to the dumping yard had already been taken in the past and questioned why the issue was being highlighted now in a different manner. He suggested that there was inconsistency in the opposition's stand on the matter.

At the same time, Sridhar Babu acknowledged that the Jawaharnagar dumping yard continues to be a serious concern and assured that the government is committed to addressing it. He said efforts are underway to improve waste management systems and reduce the burden

on a single dumping site. He further stated that the government is exploring the possibility of setting up multiple dumping facilities in different parts of Hyderabad to ensure better distribution of waste and minimize the impact on any one area. According to him, a long-term and scientific approach is necessary to tackle urban waste challenges effectively.

The minister also emphasized the need for coordinated efforts between departments and local bodies to implement sustainable solutions. He said the government is working towards improving infrastructure and adopting modern waste processing methods.

The exchange followed Malla Reddy's earlier remarks highlighting the hardships faced by residents living near the dumping yard, including foul smell and health concerns. While acknowledging the problem, Sridhar Babu maintained that solutions require planning and collective responsibility rather than political blame.

The debate once again brought focus on Hyderabad's growing waste management challenges, with both sides agreeing on the need for a permanent and effective solution.

Maoist Leader Ganapathi Likely to Surrender by March 31



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Senior Maoist leader Ganapathi is expected to surrender before authorities by March 31, in what could mark a significant development in the fight against left-wing extremism in the country.

Ganapathi, who has been one of the most prominent figures in the Maoist movement for several decades, is reportedly in talks with officials regarding the terms of his surrender. Sources indicate that discussions have been ongoing and are nearing completion, raising expectations of a formal surrender in the coming days.

He is known to have played a key role in the activities and expansion of Maoist operations across various regions. His possible surrender is being seen as a major breakthrough for security agencies, which have been working to curb extremist activities and encourage militants to return to the mainstream.

Officials believe that Ganapathi's decision could influence other cadres to follow suit and lay down arms. Authorities have been promoting surrender and rehabilitation policies aimed at integrating

former extremists into society by offering support, livelihood opportunities, and security.

Security agencies are also assessing the impact of this development on Maoist networks, particularly in states affected by left-wing extremism. Experts suggest that the surrender of a senior leader like Ganapathi could weaken organizational structure and morale within the movement.

While official confirmation is awaited, preparations are reportedly underway to ensure that the process takes place smoothly and securely. Authorities are also likely to announce rehabilitation measures following the surrender.

The development comes amid sustained efforts by both central and state governments to reduce Maoist influence through a combination of security operations and welfare initiatives in affected regions.

If confirmed, Ganapathi's surrender would mark a turning point in India's internal security landscape and could pave the way for further peace-building measures in conflict-affected areas.

Jeevan Reddy Stands Firm on Quitting Congress Despite Party's Pacification Efforts

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Senior Congress leader T. Jeevan Reddy has signalled his intent to leave the Indian National Congress, even as top party leaders held discussions in a bid to convince him to stay. The veteran politician said unresolved internal differences and factional tensions within the state party have made it difficult for him to continue.

On Tuesday, Telangana Congress president Mahesh Kumar Goud, government whip Adi Srinivas and party leader Sachin Sawant met Reddy to address his concerns and persuade him against resigning. However, speaking to the media after the meeting, Reddy made it clear that remaining in the party under the current conditions would mean fighting battles within his own camp rather than focusing on opposition politics. He said neither the party's high command nor he himself currently sees a viable solution to the issues at hand, which has left him considering the option of quitting.

Reddy, a seasoned politician with decades of experience, said the ongoing internal strife and unresolved differences have pushed him to this point. He has announced that he will make a definitive statement on his future course of action on Wednesday morning.

The development highlights growing unease within the Telangana Congress, where internal disputes and leadership tensions



have periodically surfaced. Reddy's dissatisfaction is rooted in what he views as a lack of cohesive direction and unresolved conflicts among party factions. His stance has attracted significant attention within political circles, especially given his stature and long association with the party.

Insiders note that the Congress leadership has made repeated efforts in the past to address Reddy's

grievances, including discussions over party strategy and roles. Despite this, the senior leader's insistence on stepping away underscores deeper frustrations that may have built up over time.

Political observers say Reddy's possible exit could have ramifications for the Congress's organisational strength, particularly in areas where he has influence. The situation also reflects broader

challenges the party faces in managing its internal dynamics and keeping senior leaders aligned with its goals ahead of key electoral battles.

As Telangana's political landscape evolves, Reddy's announcement on Wednesday will be watched closely, with many anticipating clarity on whether he will officially resign or chart a new political path.

Raj Gopal Reddy Says His Role Key for Congress Comeback

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Congress MLA Komatireddy Raj Gopal Reddy stated that his services are crucial for strengthening the party and ensuring a strong comeback of the Congress in Telangana. Speaking to the media, he expressed confidence that the party can regain its political strength with collective effort and effective leadership.

Raj Gopal Reddy said that he has always worked with commitment for the party's growth and remains dedicated to its future. He emphasized that leaders who have strong grassroots connections and public support are essential for rebuilding the party's base. According to him, the Congress has the capability to emerge stronger if senior leaders and cadre work together in a coordinated manner.

He noted that his political experience and understanding of ground realities can help the party reconnect with people. He also said that he is ready to take up any responsibility given by the party leadership and contribute actively to its revival. "My focus has always been on public service and development, and I will continue to work in that direction," he said. Highlighting the need for unity,



Raj Gopal Reddy stressed that internal differences should be set aside for the larger goal of strengthening the party. He said that discussions and coordination among leaders are key to building a strong organizational structure. He urged party members to stay united and work collectively to regain the trust of the people.

He also pointed out that the Congress must focus on addressing

public issues effectively. According to him, the party should prioritize welfare, development, and transparent governance to win back public confidence. He added that consistent engagement with voters at the grassroots level is necessary for long-term success.

Raj Gopal Reddy further said that the current political scenario in the state offers an opportunity for the Congress to expand its

base. He expressed optimism that with proper planning, strong leadership, and dedicated cadre, the party can achieve significant success in the coming years.

Reaffirming his commitment, he stated that he will continue to work tirelessly for the party irrespective of positions. He said that his only aim is to see the Congress grow stronger and play a key role in the state's political landscape.

Malla Reddy Highlights Dumping Yard Woes in Assembly



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BRS MLA Malla Reddy drew attention in the Telangana Assembly with a distinctive and emotional speech on the problems caused by the Jawaharnagar dumping yard in his constituency.

Raising the issue during Assembly proceedings, Malla Reddy expressed concern over the worsening conditions faced by residents living near the dumping yard. He said that garbage from across Hyderabad is being dumped in one location, creating serious health and environmental problems for people in the surrounding areas. He pointed out that the foul smell has become unbearable, making it difficult for residents to lead normal lives.

In his characteristic style, the MLA mixed humor with concern, which drew reactions in the House while also underscoring the gravity of the issue. He questioned why his constituency alone should bear the burden of the city's waste and demanded a long-term solution.

Malla Reddy urged the government to treat the Jawaharnagar dumping yard as a special case and allocate dedicated funds to address the issue. He said that people in the area have been suffering for years due to poor waste management and lack of proper infrastructure.

He also highlighted broader development concerns in the Medchal region. According to him, after several areas were merged into the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC), development activities slowed down. He noted that basic facilities such as roads, drainage systems, and sanitation infrastructure remain inadequate in many localities.

Appealing to the government, he called for immediate intervention and better planning to resolve the dumping yard problem. He stressed that a permanent and scientific solution is necessary to protect public health and improve living conditions.

The MLA emphasized that waste management is a growing challenge in urban areas and requires sustainable solutions. His speech, though delivered in a light-hearted manner at times, brought serious attention to the hardships faced by residents and the urgent need for corrective measures.

Ippa Flower Liquor Can Generate ₹1 Lakh Crore, Says Anirudh Reddy

Hyderabad, March 24 | TPN Bureau

Congress MLA Anirudh Reddy stated that liquor made from Ippa (Mahua) flowers has the potential to generate massive revenue for Telangana, estimating that it could bring in nearly ₹1 lakh crore if properly developed and regulated.

Speaking at the Assembly premises, Anirudh Reddy said the economic potential of Ippa flower liquor is being underestimated. He noted that with scientific production methods, quality control, and proper marketing strategies, the traditional product could emerge as a major source of income for the state.

He emphasized that Ippa flower liquor is not just a local or tribal product but has the potential to become a globally recognized brand. Drawing comparisons with internationally popular beverages, he suggested that Telangana could promote Ippa-based products in global markets, thereby increasing exports and boosting state revenues.

Highlighting the social impact, the MLA said that promoting Ippa flower liquor would significantly benefit tribal communities who depend on forest produce for their livelihood. He urged the government to provide legal recognition, infrastructure support, and policy backing to streamline production and distribution.

Anirudh Reddy also raised concerns over the growing consump-



tion of illicit and adulterated liquor, stating that such products pose serious health risks. He suggested that regulated and scientifically produced Ippa liquor could serve as a safer alternative while also generating employment.

He further said that he would present detailed data in the Assembly to support his claims, including projections on revenue generation and the economic benefits for rural and tribal populations.

The proposal comes at a time when the state is exploring new avenues to enhance revenue and promote indigenous resources. If implemented effectively, the initiative could open up new economic opportunities while preserving traditional knowledge and practices associated with Ippa flowers.

Priyanka Sharma Launches Nothing R Mobile in Mallapur



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A new addition to the smartphone market was unveiled in Mallapur as the Nothing R mobile phone was officially launched at Ravi Communication mobile store. The launch event was held with much enthusiasm, drawing the attention of local tech enthusiasts and customers.

Popular Instagram influencer and actress Priyanka Sharma attended the event as the chief guest. She, along with shop owner Raghavender Reddy, formally introduced the Nothing R mobile to the public.

Speaking on the occasion, Priyanka Sharma highlighted the key features of the newly launched device. She stated that the Nothing R mobile comes with a premium metallic design, offering both durability and a sleek look. She also emphasized its fast-charging capability, noting that the device ensures quick power-ups for users with busy lifestyles.

The smartphone is equipped with a powerful 5400 mAh battery, designed to provide long-lasting

performance. In addition, it boasts an advanced triple-camera setup featuring 50MP + 50MP + 8MP sensors. The camera system supports up to 140x zoom, enabling users to capture high-quality images with impressive detail. Priyanka Sharma praised the camera features, calling them "exceptional" and suitable for photography enthusiasts.

Encouraging mobile users to try out the new device, she said the Nothing R mobile is ideal for those looking for both performance and stylish design in one package.

Shop owner Raghavender Reddy also addressed the gathering, stating that special discounts are being offered on the purchase of the Nothing R mobile at Ravi Communication. He invited customers and mobile buyers to visit the store in Mallapur and take advantage of these exclusive offers.

The launch event concluded on a positive note, with attendees showing keen interest in exploring the features of the newly introduced smartphone.

BRSV Protest Halted, Leader Detained in Kompally



Quthbullapur, March 24 | TPN Bureau

Tension prevailed in Kompally after police detained a BRS student wing leader ahead of a planned Assembly protest. The action came in response to a call given by the BRSV (Bharat Rashtra Samithi Vidyarthi Vibhagam) for an Assembly march, demanding the implementation of promises made to students during elections.

Police took Saikiran Goud, a senior BRS leader and Ranga Reddy district vice-president, into preventive custody and shifted him to a local police station. The move was part of precautionary measures aimed at preventing large-scale protests in the area.

Speaking to the media before his detention, Saikiran Goud demanded that the government immediately address the pressing issues faced by students in the state. He urged authorities to fill nearly two lakh pending government job vacancies without further delay, stating that unemployment remains a major concern among youth.

He also expressed anger over what he termed as the "illegal arrests" of student leaders who are raising their voices on behalf of unemployed youth. According to

him, the police action was intended to suppress democratic protests and prevent the Assembly march from taking place.

Saikiran Goud alleged that the government was trying to silence dissent by targeting opposition leaders and student activists. He said such actions would not deter the movement and that protests would continue until justice is delivered to students and unemployed youth.

The call for the Assembly march had gained traction among student groups, prompting authorities to increase security and take preventive steps. Police officials maintained that the detentions were carried out to ensure law and order and to avoid any untoward incidents.

Despite the crackdown, BRSV leaders reiterated their commitment to continue their agitation. They stated that the fight for students' rights and employment opportunities would intensify in the coming days.

The incident highlights the growing unrest among students and unemployed youth in Telangana, with demands for job notifications and fulfillment of election promises gaining momentum across the state.

Komapally Vendors Protest Eviction Drive

Quthbullapur, March 24 | TPN Bureau

Tension gripped Kompally market road and surrounding areas as small vendors staged protests against an alleged eviction drive by municipal authorities. Vegetable stalls, tea shops, and fruit carts that usually bustle with activity stood silent, replaced by anxiety and uncertainty.

Vendors said they were issued a notice to vacate their shops before 6 a.m. the next day, failing which demolition would be carried out. The sudden warning has pushed hundreds of families into distress, as many have depended on these businesses for over two decades.

Lakshamma, a vegetable vendor working at the same location for 20 years, broke down while speaking about her situation. "This is our livelihood. We raised our children here. How can we leave overnight?" she asked. Ramesh, who runs a tea stall nearby, echoed similar concerns. He alleged that despite paying fees to local officials over the years, they were now being asked to vacate without prior rehabilitation.



Many vendors attempted to approach municipal officials to present their grievances, but claimed

they were unable to meet the concerned authorities. The absence of officials, including the commission-

er, added to their frustration and sense of helplessness.

The impact of the eviction drive extends beyond individual vendors, affecting entire families dependent on these small businesses. With children's education, household expenses, and debts at stake, the uncertainty has left many fearing for their future.

Women vendors were seen particularly distressed, worried about losing their only source of income. Several families questioned where they would go if forced to vacate without any alternative arrangements.

The protesting vendors have appealed to the government to intervene and provide a suitable alternative space for their businesses. They argued that eviction without rehabilitation is unjust and could destroy their livelihoods.

As tensions continue, the vendors remain hopeful that authorities will reconsider their decision and ensure a fair solution that balances development with the survival of small-scale traders.

Dasoju Sravan Terms Telangana Budget a 'Number Game'

Hyderabad, March 24 | TPN Bureau

BRS MLC Dr. Dasoju Sravan launched a scathing attack on the Telangana government's latest budget, calling it a "number game" that fails to reflect the real needs and expectations of the people. Speaking during a discussion in the Legislative Council, he raised several critical questions based on the government's own official data.

Sravan highlighted the wide gap between budget estimates and actual expenditure, stating that such discrepancies are undermining public trust. For the financial year 2024-25, the government projected an expenditure of ₹2.2 lakh crore but spent only ₹1.67 lakh crore. Similarly, for 2025-26, the estimate stood at ₹2.29 lakh crore, while actual spending so far is around ₹2.03 lakh crore. Despite this pattern, the government has now proposed an even higher estimate of ₹2.41 lakh crore, which he described as unrealistic.

He stressed that budget estimates should ideally remain within a 5 to 10 percent variance from actual figures. However, the government has consistently made inflated projections and fallen short, which he said is misleading both the public and administrative machinery.



Referring to the CAG report, Sravan pointed out that against the projected revenue receipts of ₹2.29 lakh crore for 2025-26, only ₹1.38 lakh crore had been realized by the end of January 2026—approximately 60 percent of the target. Expect-

ing to mobilize the remaining ₹65,000 crore within two months is highly impractical, he noted, adding that past trends show limited revenue generation in the final months of the fiscal year.

He also accused the government

of misrepresenting debt figures. While the Chief Minister claimed that 3.30 lakh crore out of ₹3.47 lakh crore borrowings was used to repay previous loans, Sravan argued that actual repayments were closer to ₹1.67 lakh crore. He alleged that loans raised by corporations and Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) were being included to inflate repayment figures.

Sravan further criticized the government for neglecting key sectors like education and healthcare. He noted that nearly 77 percent of students in Telangana study in private institutions, yet the budget lacks measures to regulate high fees. Education allocation has dropped from 10.1 percent to 9.8 percent, significantly below the national average of 14.5 percent. Similarly, healthcare spending stands at around 5 percent, compared to the national average of 6.2 percent.

He also objected to claims that no ration cards were issued in the past decade, calling them misleading. Sravan demanded 42 percent reservation for BCs in contracts and urged the government to revise the budget with transparency and accountability.

TB Awareness Drive Held at Shapur Nagar Market



Quthbullapur, March 24 | TPN Bureau

A tuberculosis (TB) awareness programme was conducted on Tuesday at the Shapur Nagar market area under the Shapur Nagar Division, aiming to educate the public on prevention and early detection of the disease. The event was organized under the leadership of Puppala Bhaskar, GHMC Division BRS Party President, with support from Malla Reddy Nursing Institutions.

Addressing the gathering, Puppala Bhaskar stressed the importance of spreading awareness about TB in society. He urged people not to ignore symptoms such as persistent cough, fever, and weight loss, and advised them to seek immediate medical consultation for timely treatment.

A highlight of the programme was an engaging skit performed by students of Malla Reddy Nursing College. Through their performance, the students effectively explained the causes of TB, its mode of transmission, preventive measures, and the importance of proper nutrition. The skit conveyed complex health information in a simple and relatable man-

ner, drawing attention from shoppers and vendors in the busy market.

The students emphasized that early detection of TB can prevent serious health complications and save lives. Visitors to the market watched the performance with keen interest and responded positively to the awareness initiative.

Speaking on the occasion, college representatives reiterated their commitment to community health education and outreach activities. The programme also highlighted the role of educational institutions in promoting public health awareness at the grassroots level.

The event witnessed participation from several dignitaries and community members, including Dr. Balasubramanyam, Aruna, Welfare Association President Satyanarayana, Mukund Rao, Ravi Kumar, Sajid, Sanjeev, Shabuddin, Zubair, along with students and local leaders.

The initiative concluded with a call for collective responsibility in combating TB and ensuring a healthier society through awareness and timely medical intervention.

HMT Nagar Lake to Be Revamped with ₹30 Crore Allocation



Nacharam, March 24 | TPN Bureau

The HMT Nagar lake in Nacharam is set to undergo major development as part of the state government's lake rejuvenation initiative. Authorities recently sanctioned ₹30 crore for the beautification and restoration of the lake.

Ranganath, Commissioner of HYDRRA, along with Parameshwar Reddy, Congress Party in-charge of Uppal constituency, inspected the lake site and reviewed the proposed development works. Officials stated that the restoration activities will commence soon.

Speaking on the occasion, Parameshwar Reddy said that after coming to power, the Congress government has been focusing on strengthening groundwater resources by restoring and developing lakes across the region. He highlighted that several water bodies in the Uppal constituency, including Nallacheruvu, Raman-

thapur lake, and lakes in Kushaiguda, have been identified for development with substantial funding.

He further stated that the constituency is witnessing significant progress, unlike in the past decade, with multiple infrastructure and environmental projects being taken up within a short span of time.

The initiative aims not only to beautify the HMT Nagar lake but also to improve water conservation and ecological balance in the area. Local residents are expected to benefit from enhanced surroundings and better groundwater recharge.

The inspection programme was attended by several Congress leaders, including VS Prakash Reddy, HR Mohan Krishna Reddy, Santosh Reddy, Sonna Bhavana Goud, Mahesh Yadav, and Raju, along with other party members and local representatives.

Adilabad Students Shine in Gurukul Entrance Exams

Adilabad, March 24 | TPN Bureau

Students of the Urban Residential School in Adilabad district have delivered an impressive performance in the recent Gurukul entrance examinations, once again showcasing their academic excellence and bringing pride to their institution.

Several students from the school secured seats in prestigious Gurukul institutions. Among the successful candidates are Jadhav Siddhu, Pendur Jyothiram, Shravan, Nagesh, Narsimlu, and Rajashekar. Their achievement sparked celebrations within the school, with teachers and fellow students expressing joy over the results.

School authorities attributed this success to a combination of quality teaching, disciplined academic practices, and a supportive learning environment. They emphasized that consistent efforts by both teachers and students played a crucial role in achieving these results. Special coaching sessions conducted specifically for the Gurukul entrance exams also significantly contributed to the students' performance.

Teachers noted that the focused preparation strategy, including regular assessments and personalized guidance, helped students strength-



en their fundamentals and perform confidently in the competitive examination. The institution has been making continuous efforts to provide students with opportunities to excel in various academic fields.

Speaking on the occasion, the school principal expressed happiness over the students' achievements. He stated that the success has enhanced the reputation of the institution and reflects the hard work and dedication of both students and faculty. He further added

that the school aims to produce more such successful candidates in the future and guide them toward higher academic goals.

Parents of the successful students also expressed their gratitude to the school management and teachers for their guidance and support. They appreciated the institution's commitment to nurturing talent and providing quality education.

The achievement of these students highlights the growing aca-



demical standards of government and residential schools in the region. It also underlines the importance of structured coaching and dedicated mentorship in helping students succeed in competitive examinations.

With this success, the Urban Residential School in Adilabad has once again reinforced its reputation as a center of academic excellence, inspiring other students to aim higher and achieve their goals.

Server Glitch Disrupts Registrations in Telangana

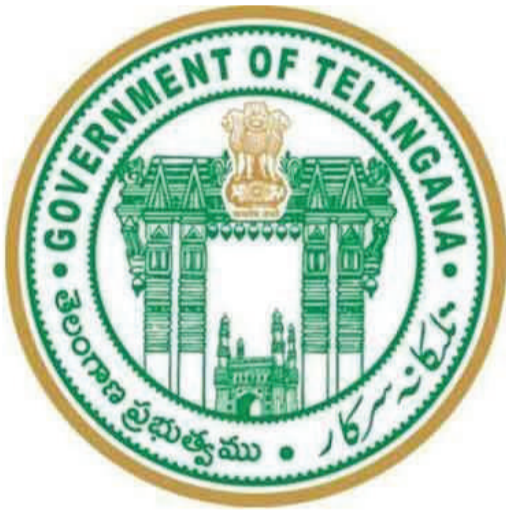
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Property registrations across Telangana were severely disrupted on Tuesday due to a major server glitch, causing inconvenience to citizens at sub-registrar offices statewide.

Officials said technical issues in the central server brought key services to a halt, including slot bookings, challan payments, document verification and e-KYC processes. As a result, registration of land and property transactions could not be carried out, affecting thousands of applicants.

People who had pre-booked appointments reached registration offices early in the day but were left waiting for hours as the system remained non-functional. Buyers, sellers and witnesses gathered at various offices faced uncertainty, with no clear timeline for restoration of services.

The disruption led to confusion and frustration among the public, particularly those who had travelled from distant areas to complete their transactions. In several locations, overcrowding was reported as applicants waited in long queues,



hoping the issue would be resolved quickly.

Authorities attributed the problem to a technical fault in the server infrastructure, which impacted operations across all districts. Since the registration process is fully digitised, even minor system failures can bring services to a complete

standstill.

Technical teams were immediately pressed into service to identify the root cause and restore normal operations. Officials said efforts were underway on a priority basis, but it took several hours before partial services could be resumed in some centres.

The incident highlighted the heavy reliance on digital systems for government services. While digitisation has improved efficiency and transparency, such outages can create significant disruption, especially during peak working days.

Many applicants, including farmers and small property owners, were forced to postpone their plans due to the unexpected delay. Some chose to leave and return another day, while others continued to wait in the hope of completing their registrations.

Officials assured that measures would be taken to strengthen the system and prevent similar issues in the future. They also indicated that steps may be considered to accommodate affected applicants by rescheduling appointments or extending working hours.

With the issue gradually being addressed, normal registration activities are expected to resume soon, allowing pending transactions to be completed without further delay.

BJP Urges Cadre to Expose 'Commission Politics'



Hyderabad, March 24 | TPN Bureau

Telangana BJP president N. Ramchander Rao has called upon party workers to actively expose what he termed as "commission-based politics" allegedly being followed by the ruling Congress government in the state.

Addressing party leaders and cadre, Ramchander Rao accused the Congress administration of engaging in corrupt practices in the implementation of various development and welfare programmes. He alleged that instead of ensuring transparency and accountability, the government was encouraging a system where commissions and kickbacks had become a norm.

The BJP leader urged party workers to take these issues to the grassroots level and create awareness among the public. He emphasized that the cadre should play a proactive role in highlighting irregularities and failures of the government, particularly in the execution of schemes that directly affect common people.

Ramchander Rao also criticized the Congress leadership for what he described as a lack of commitment to its election promises. He claimed that several assurances made to the public during the elections were either partially implemented or completely ignored, leading to growing dissatisfaction among various sections of society.

Targeting Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, he alleged that the state govern-

ment had failed to deliver effective governance and was instead focusing on political rhetoric. He further stated that the BJP would continue to question the government on issues related to corruption, governance, and public welfare.

The BJP chief asserted that the party is strengthening its organizational structure across Telangana and preparing for future electoral battles. He expressed confidence that with consistent efforts and public support, the BJP would emerge as a strong alternative in the state's political landscape.

Highlighting the broader political context, Ramchander Rao said the BJP remains committed to clean governance and development-oriented politics under the leadership of Narendra Modi. He contrasted this with what he described as the Congress party's "outdated and corrupt" style of functioning.

He also encouraged party members to remain united and disciplined while carrying forward the party's agenda. According to him, sustained engagement with the public and exposure of alleged irregularities would play a key role in strengthening the BJP's position in Telangana.

Reiterating his call, Ramchander Rao urged BJP workers to intensify their outreach efforts and ensure that the alleged shortcomings of the Congress government are brought to the notice of every citizen in the state.

Tight Security for Bhadrachalam Festival



Hyderabad, March 24 | TPN Bureau

Authorities have deployed around 2,000 police personnel in Bhadrachalam to ensure smooth and peaceful conduct of the upcoming Sri Rama Navami festivities at the famous temple town.

The large-scale security arrangements have been put in place in view of the heavy influx of devotees expected to attend the annual celestial wedding ceremony of Lord Rama and Sita at the renowned Sri Sita Ramachandra Swamy Temple. The event draws pilgrims from across Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, and other parts of the country every year.

Officials said elaborate bandobast has been planned across the temple premises and surrounding areas, including key entry and exit points, to regulate crowd movement and prevent any untoward incidents. The town has been divided into multiple sectors, with senior police officials supervising security arrangements in each zone.

Special teams have been deployed to manage traffic and ensure smooth vehicular movement, particularly on routes leading to the temple. Authorities are also coordinating with other departments to facilitate crowd control, parking, and public

convenience during the festival period.

Given the scale of the event, surveillance measures have been strengthened with the installation of CCTV cameras at strategic locations. Police personnel will continuously monitor crowd movement to avoid congestion and respond quickly to any emergencies.

In addition to general security, arrangements have been made to assist devotees, including setting up help desks and deploying personnel to guide pilgrims. Officials emphasized that steps are being taken to ensure that devotees can participate in the celebrations without inconvenience.

The Sri Rama Navami celebrations at Bhadrachalam hold immense religious significance and are observed with great devotion every year. The highlight of the festival is the celestial wedding, also known as 'Sitarama Kalyanam', which attracts thousands of devotees.

Authorities expressed confidence that with comprehensive planning and coordination, the event will be conducted in a peaceful and orderly manner. Devotees have been advised to follow guidelines issued by officials and cooperate with security personnel to ensure the success of the festival.

Telangana Relaxes Norms for Sada Bainama Lands



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Telangana Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy has announced relaxation of norms for regularisation of 'Sada Bainama' lands, providing relief to a large number of applicants awaiting ownership rights across the state.

Replying in the Legislative Council, the minister said the government has simplified procedures to clear long-pending applications related to unregistered land transactions. He noted that many cases have remained unresolved for years due to procedural complications and legal hurdles under previous guidelines.

As part of the revised policy, the government has removed the requirement for affidavits from both buyer and seller. Instead, only the buyer's affidavit will now be sufficient for processing applications. Officials observed that obtaining consent or affidavits from original landowners had become difficult in many cases, leading to delays in regularisation.

The minister stated that lakhs of applications are pending across Telangana, and the new measures are expected to speed up the process significantly. He assured that the government is committed to resolving the issue in a transparent and time-bound manner, benefiting farmers and small landholders.

'Sada Bainama' refers to land transactions carried out on plain

paper without formal registration, a practice that was common in rural areas in the past. Over time, such transactions created legal ambiguities, leaving many buyers without clear ownership documents and access to official land records.

Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy explained that earlier attempts to address the issue did not yield desired results due to strict conditions and procedural requirements. The government has now opted for a more practical approach to ensure that genuine beneficiaries are not denied their rights.

In addition to easing norms, the state is also focusing on broader land reforms, including improving record maintenance, digitisation, and verification processes. Efforts are being made to enhance transparency and prevent irregularities in land transactions.

The minister emphasized that strict monitoring mechanisms would be in place to prevent misuse of the relaxed norms. He added that action would be taken against any fraudulent claims or violations during the regularisation process.

With these changes, the government aims to provide long-awaited relief to thousands of families and bring clarity to land ownership issues, while strengthening the overall land administration system in Telangana.

BJP Slams Telangana Budget as 'Hat-Trick Cheating'



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The Bharatiya Janata Party in Telangana has strongly criticised the state budget, terming it a "hat-trick of cheating" and accusing the ruling Congress government of failing to deliver on its promises for the third consecutive time.

State BJP president N. Ramchander Rao alleged that the budget was nothing more than a repetition of earlier announcements without any concrete outcomes. He said the government had failed to bring in new initiatives or meaningful reforms, making the exercise appear like a continuation of previous budgets rather than a fresh financial roadmap.

Rao criticised the government for what he described as "number juggling," claiming that the allocations did not reflect real development on the ground. He argued that despite tall claims, key sectors such as education, healthcare, and welfare had not received adequate attention, leaving several sections of society disappointed.

The BJP leader also accused the Congress government of misleading the public with unrealistic projections and unfulfilled assurances. He pointed out that several election promises remained pending, and the budget did little to address those commitments. According to him, the gap between announcements and implementation had widened significantly under the current administration.

Raising concerns over specific sectors, Rao said the education budget allocation remained comparatively low and lacked a clear vision for improvement. He also flagged issues in the healthcare sector, alleging delays in payments under welfare schemes and warning of financial strain if corrective measures were not taken.

On infrastructure and development projects, the BJP claimed that the government was taking credit for initiatives largely supported or funded by the Centre. Rao questioned the transparency of major projects and expressed concern over rising costs and lack of clarity in execution.

He further alleged that the budget failed to cater to the aspirations of farmers, youth, and economically weaker sections. Calling it "disconnected from reality," he said the financial plan did not offer tangible benefits to common people.

The BJP reiterated its commitment to holding the government accountable and vowed to take the issue to the public. Rao urged party workers to highlight the shortcomings of the budget and create awareness about what he described as repeated failures of the Congress government.

The party maintained that it would continue to oppose policies that it believes are detrimental to the state's growth and work towards presenting an alternative vision for 'Telangana's development'.

A Shield for the Everyman: Why Telangana's New Policy Matters

In a time when politics is often reduced to slogans, the Telangana Budget 2026-27 has delivered something far more meaningful - a real promise of protection for every family. The announcement of the Indiramma Family Life Insurance Scheme, also known as Indiramma Kutumba Jeevitha Bheema, is not just another welfare scheme. It is a bold political statement. It tells the people of Telangana that their government understands a painful truth: in today's world, one sudden death in a family can turn life upside down.

Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka has done more than present a budget. He has drawn a clear line between old-style limited welfare and a new model of universal social security. Under this scheme, every eligible family in Telangana will receive 5 lakh life insurance coverage. Nearly 1.15 crore families are expected to benefit. The scheme will be launched on June 2, 2026, on Telangana State Formation Day. Most importantly, the government has not stopped with words alone. It has put its money where its mouth is. A strong allocation of 4,000 crore has already been made. That number matters. In Indian politics, announcements are easy. Headlines come cheap. But budget allocation is what separates a promise from a policy. Telangana has not merely spoken about compassion; it has given shape to responsibility. In doing so, it has sent a message many governments still fail to understand - security is not a luxury only for the poor. It is a basic need for every family. This is what makes Indiramma Bheema politically and morally significant. It is universal. That one word changes everything. For years, welfare in India has often been trapped in narrow categories - below poverty line, ration card labels, selective beneficiaries, endless paperwork, and social divisions. Telangana's new insurance policy breaks that mould. It says a poor family deserves protection. A middle-class family deserves protection. Even a financially stable family deserves protection. Because tragedy does not ask for an income certificate

Indiramma Kutumba Jeevitha Bheema By Telangana Govt Rs . 5 Lakhs Insurance to 1.5 Crore Families

before knocking on a door. This is where the Congress government in Telangana is trying to redefine the very meaning of welfare. This is not charity politics. This is rights-based governance. This is the language of "Nyay" - justice - moving from speeches into real policy. The message is loud and clear: the state is not just there to distribute benefits before elections. It is there to stand by its people when life takes an unexpected turn. That is exactly why this scheme matters far beyond Telangana. Around the world, the strongest societies are not built only with roads, flyovers, and industrial parks. They are built with safety nets. In countries like the United Kingdom and Canada, governments understand that families should not be left alone to face life's worst moments. In Asia too, nations that built strong public protection systems earned not just social stability, but public trust. Telangana is now stepping into that space with confidence and clarity. Naturally, critics will raise questions about the cost. They always do. 4,000 crore is a big amount, and opposition voices will ask whether the state can afford such a scheme. But that argument

misses the wood for the trees. The real question is not whether the government can afford to spend this money. The real question is whether society can afford the consequences of not spending it. When a breadwinner dies, a family does not just lose income. It loses stability, security, educational opportunities, health support, and often its future. Children may be forced out of school. Women may be pushed into debt. Homes may slowly collapse under pressure. If a government cannot step in at such a moment, then what exactly is governance for?

This is not just theory. For many people, welfare is remembered not as a policy, but as a lifeline. I still remember my childhood days when I was studying engineering in Karimnagar. One day after college, my friend met with an accident. We immediately called 108, the emergency ambulance service introduced during the time of Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy. He was rushed to the hospital in time. After a few days, he recovered. Even today, his mother remembers that moment with gratitude and says her son was saved because of that government support. That is how ordi-

nary people remember welfare. When a government stands by people in their darkest hour, the memory stays for years. Help given in a moment of need is never forgotten. That is why Indiramma Bheema stands out as one of the strongest and smartest decisions in this budget. It recognizes a simple truth - economic growth without social protection is incomplete. A family living in fear cannot truly progress. A worker who worries every day about what will happen to his wife and children after him cannot dream freely. A middle-class parent buried under EMIs is often just one tragedy away from financial ruin. Telangana has understood that real development is not only about creating wealth. It is also about protecting people from sudden loss. There is also sharp political wisdom in this move. The Revanth government is clearly trying to build a direct emotional and economic bond with every household in the state. This is not a scheme designed for one caste, one class, or one vote bank. It reaches every home. That gives it rare political strength. If implemented honestly and efficiently, this could become one of the most influential welfare

measures in Telangana's recent history. It can build public trust in a way that speeches and slogans never can. History offers a powerful lesson here. During 2004 to 2009, Dr Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy ruled united Andhra Pradesh, and even today many people say he set a gold standard in welfare governance. A major reason for that lasting goodwill was Rajiv Aarogyasri. That health scheme did not just provide treatment; it gave hope to poor families. Even years after his passing, people across political lines still remember YSR for standing firmly with the poor. That is the power of a well-implemented welfare policy. It outlives elections. It outlives political arguments. It lives in people's hearts. If the Telangana government implements Indiramma Kutumba Jeevitha Bheema in the same spirit and with the same seriousness, this could well become a new benchmark in welfare politics - in many ways, a next-generation social protection model. If done right, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka will not just earn praise in Telangana, but recognition across the country. In recent public discussions too, many

have described Revanth Reddy as one of the most dynamic and emerging leaders in India. A scheme like this, if delivered effectively, can strengthen that image even further. But the government must remember one important thing: a bold announcement creates hope, and hope creates expectation. If there are delays, confusion, weak implementation, or bureaucratic hurdles, political applause can quickly turn into public disappointment. A universal promise must be matched by universal access. The promise is big, so the delivery must be even bigger. If Telangana truly wants this scheme to become a national model, then it must be simple, fast, transparent, and free from red tape. Still, the larger truth remains undeniable. In a political culture where many leaders speak loudly about the poor but often ignore the insecurity of ordinary families, Telangana has made a move that feels both modern and deeply humane. Indiramma Bheema is not just an insurance policy. It is a declaration that the state has a duty to protect dignity. It is a recognition that the death of one earning member should not become the death of an entire family's future.

This is what good politics looks like. This is what serious welfare looks like. And this is what leadership looks like when it chooses courage over convenience. Telangana has not merely announced a scheme. It has thrown down the gauntlet to the rest of India. In 2026, while many governments are still busy making promises, Telangana has offered something stronger - a real shield for every home.



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India's Energy Wake-Up Call Amid the Israel-Iran War

The ongoing Israel-Iran conflict is not just another geopolitical flashpoint—it represents a profound turning point in how nations like India must think about energy security. As global oil routes face disruption and prices surge, the crisis underscores a hard truth: energy security today is no longer just about securing supply, but about navigating a complex web of geopolitics, logistics, and economic vulnerability.

At the heart of the crisis lies the Strait of Hormuz, one of the world's most critical energy chokepoints. A significant portion of global oil and gas supplies pass through this narrow stretch of water. Any instability here sends immediate shockwaves across international markets. The current conflict has heightened fears of supply disruptions, pushing oil prices sharply upward and reviving memories of past global oil shocks.

For India, the implications are immediate and serious. The country relies heavily on imports to meet its energy demands, with a substantial share coming from the Middle East. Any disruption in this region directly impacts fuel availability, pricing, and overall economic stability. Rising oil prices can trigger inflation, increase transportation costs, and strain household budgets.

The crisis also reveals how energy infrastructure itself has become a strategic target. Oil fields, pipelines, and shipping routes are no longer just economic assets—they are tools and targets in modern warfare. This shift demands a broader and more sophisticated understanding of energy security, one that includes infrastructure protection, maritime safety, and geopolitical risk assessment.

India has taken steps in recent years to cushion such shocks. The country has diversified its crude oil imports, sourcing from a wider range of suppliers, and has built strategic petroleum reserves to handle short-term disruptions. These measures provide some resilience,



but they are not enough to fully shield the economy from prolonged global volatility.

The broader economic impact remains a major concern. Sustained high oil prices can weaken the currency, widen the trade deficit, and complicate fiscal management. Energy-intensive sectors such as transportation, manufacturing, and agriculture are particularly vulnerable, as rising input costs can slow growth

and reduce competitiveness.

Another key issue is the vulnerability of global supply chains. Energy is deeply embedded in nearly every aspect of economic activity. Disruptions in fuel supply can ripple through industries, affecting production, logistics, and even food security. This interconnectedness means that energy crises are no longer isolated events—they quickly evolve into wider economic

challenges.

Maritime security has also come into sharper focus. The conflict highlights how quickly vital shipping routes can become contested zones. For a country like India, which depends heavily on sea-borne trade, ensuring the safety of these routes is crucial. Strengthening naval capabilities and enhancing international cooperation in securing sea lanes will be important steps going

forward.

The situation also complicates India's foreign policy calculus. Maintaining balanced relationships with key global players becomes more challenging during periods of conflict. Energy security is now closely tied to diplomacy, requiring careful navigation of competing interests to safeguard national priorities.

Looking ahead, the crisis offers important lessons. One of the most

significant is the need for deeper diversification—not just in terms of suppliers, but also in energy sources. Expanding renewable energy capacity, investing in clean technologies, and accelerating the shift toward electric mobility can reduce dependence on volatile fossil fuel markets.

India must also continue to strengthen its strategic reserves and explore new partnerships in different regions. Building resilient infrastructure and enhancing domestic energy production will be critical in reducing external vulnerabilities.

Equally important is the financial dimension of energy security. Volatile energy markets can lead to fluctuations in currency and capital flows, affecting overall economic stability. Coordinated policy responses across sectors will be necessary to manage these risks effectively.

Ultimately, the Israel-Iran conflict serves as a powerful reminder that energy security in today's world is multifaceted. It is shaped not only by supply and demand but also by geopolitical tensions, technological change, and economic interdependence.

For India, the path forward lies in embracing this complexity. The country must move beyond a narrow focus on securing oil supplies and adopt a comprehensive approach that integrates energy policy with national security, economic planning, and foreign relations.

Though the conflict is unfolding far from India's borders, its consequences are being felt at home. In an interconnected global economy, distant crises can quickly translate into domestic challenges. The real test for India is not just how it responds to the current situation, but how well it prepares for future disruptions.

In that sense, this crisis is more than a moment of uncertainty—it is an opportunity. An opportunity for India to rethink, recalibrate, and strengthen its energy security strategy for a rapidly changing world.

Modi, Trump Discuss West Asia Crisis, Stress Keeping Hormuz Open

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi and U.S. President Donald Trump held a crucial phone conversation on Tuesday to discuss the escalating crisis in West Asia, focusing on ensuring stability in global energy and trade routes.

During the call, both leaders emphasized the importance of keeping the Strait of Hormuz open, a vital maritime corridor through which a significant portion of the world's oil supply passes. The discussion comes amid heightened tensions in the region due to ongoing conflicts involving Iran, the United States, and its allies.

Officials said the conversation highlighted shared concerns over disruptions to international shipping lanes and the broader economic impact of the crisis. The Strait of Hormuz has emerged as a critical flashpoint, with any instability posing serious risks to global energy markets and supply chains.



Prime Minister Modi described the exchange as "useful," reiterating India's consistent position in favour of de-escalation, dialogue, and the early restoration of peace in the region. He stressed that maintaining open sea routes is essential not only for regional stability but also for the global economy.

The conversation also reflects India's proactive diplomatic engagement as it navigates the evolving geopolitical situation. With a large portion of its crude

oil imports passing through the Strait of Hormuz, India has a strong stake in ensuring that maritime routes remain secure and uninterrupted.

The developments come at a time when tensions in West Asia have raised concerns about potential disruptions to fuel supplies, trade, and the safety of Indian nationals in the Gulf region. The government is closely monitoring the situation to safeguard national and economic interests.

Both leaders agreed to remain in touch and continue consultations as the situation evolves. The call underscores growing coordination between India and the United States on global security challenges, especially those with far-reaching economic implications.

As tensions persist, the focus on keeping key trade routes open highlights the urgency of diplomatic efforts to prevent escalation and maintain stability in the region.

Rahul Gandhi Slams Modi's Foreign Policy Amid West Asia Crisis

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Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday launched a sharp attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, criticising the government's handling of foreign policy in the backdrop of the ongoing West Asia crisis.

Addressing reporters at Parliament House, Gandhi alleged that India's foreign policy has been reduced to a "personal" approach driven by the Prime Minister, rather than a structured national strategy. He described the current approach as ineffective and warned that it could have serious consequences for the country's global standing and economic stability.

Gandhi further claimed that the lack of a clear and consistent position on the West Asia conflict has created uncertainty, particularly at a time when global tensions are affecting energy supplies and trade routes. He cautioned that disruptions in the region could soon impact essential commodities in India, including LPG, petrol, and fertilisers, thereby affecting common



citizens.

In a more pointed criticism, the Congress leader suggested that India's foreign policy decisions were increasingly influenced by external powers, raising concerns about the country's strategic autonomy. He argued that a strong and independent diplomatic stance is essential, especially during international

crises that have direct implications for India's economy and security.

The remarks came a day after the Prime Minister addressed Parliament on the West Asia situation, where he highlighted the government's preparedness to deal with emerging challenges. However, Gandhi dismissed the speech as lacking clarity and

substance, stating that it did not adequately address key concerns raised by the opposition.

He also criticised the Prime Minister for drawing comparisons between the current crisis and the Covid-19 pandemic. Gandhi said such comparisons overlook the scale of suffering experienced during the pandemic and should not be used to justify the government's current approach.

The Congress leader further indicated that structural issues in India's foreign policy framework need urgent attention, suggesting that corrective measures may take time. His remarks reflect growing political tensions between the ruling government and the opposition over India's diplomatic positioning in a rapidly evolving geopolitical landscape.

The criticism adds to the ongoing debate in Parliament, where opposition parties have been demanding greater transparency and clarity on India's stance in the West Asia conflict and its potential impact on the country's energy security and economy.

India Has Adequate Crude Oil Supply Amid West Asia Crisis: PM Modi



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday assured the Rajya Sabha that India has sufficient crude oil reserves and robust arrangements in place to ensure uninterrupted fuel supply, despite the ongoing crisis in West Asia.

Addressing the Upper House, the Prime Minister described the situation in the region as "worrisome," noting that the conflict has disrupted global trade routes and affected the supply of petrol, diesel, gas, and fertilisers. He emphasized, however, that the government has taken proactive steps to safeguard India's energy security and mitigate the impact of the crisis.

Modi highlighted that India has significantly strengthened its strategic petroleum reserves over the past decade. The country currently maintains over 53 lakh metric tonnes of crude oil reserves and is working to expand this capacity further by more than 65 lakh metric tonnes. These reserves, along with diversified sourcing strategies, are helping India maintain supply stability during global uncertainties.

The Prime Minister also informed Parliament that the government is actively sourcing crude oil and natural gas from multiple regions to reduce dependence on any single supply

route. Efforts are ongoing to ensure that shipments continue to reach India without disruption, even as tensions persist in key maritime corridors.

He stressed that India has opposed attacks on commercial shipping and critical infrastructure, including energy transport routes. Ensuring safe passage for oil and gas vessels remains a top priority, with diplomatic channels being actively used to facilitate smooth transit.

In addition to energy concerns, Modi expressed worry over the safety of Indian citizens in the Gulf region. He informed the House that over 3.75 lakh Indians have returned home safely since the conflict began, as part of ongoing evacuation and assistance efforts.

Calling for a unified global response, the Prime Minister reiterated India's stand on resolving the crisis through dialogue and diplomacy. He urged that peace and stability in West Asia are essential not only for the region but also for global economic balance.

Modi cautioned that if the conflict continues for a prolonged period, it could have serious consequences for the global economy. However, he expressed confidence that India's preparedness, strong economic fundamentals, and strategic planning would help the country navigate the challenges effectively.

Indian LPG Carriers Navigate Hormuz Amid Supply Concerns



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Amid ongoing tensions in West Asia, India has managed to maintain a crucial lifeline in its energy supply chain, with several Indian-flagged LPG carriers successfully transiting the Strait of Hormuz despite heightened risks in the region.

Two key LPG vessels — Jag Vasant and Pine Gas — have recently crossed the sensitive maritime route and are expected to reach Indian ports later this week, providing relief amid concerns of supply disruptions. Their movement comes at a time when the Strait of Hormuz, a vital corridor for global oil and gas transport, has been witnessing significant geopolitical tensions due to the ongoing conflict involving Iran and Western powers.

The safe passage of these carriers marks an important step in ensuring continuity of LPG supplies to India, which relies heavily on imports to meet domestic demand. Officials noted that maintaining uninterrupted transit through the Strait remains critical, as a substantial portion of India's cooking gas requirements is sourced from the Gulf region.

The situation had earlier raised alarms after multiple Indian vessels, including LPG carriers, faced delays or were stranded in the Gulf due to security concerns and restricted movement in the region. At one

point, several ships carrying large quantities of LPG were unable to proceed, triggering fears of a potential supply crunch back home.

However, recent developments indicate a gradual easing of movement, with select vessels being allowed to pass under close monitoring and precautionary measures. Authorities are closely tracking ship movements and coordinating with international stakeholders to ensure safe navigation for Indian vessels.

The government has also taken contingency steps to manage any shortfall, including prioritising LPG supply for domestic households and essential services. Industrial usage has been curtailed in some cases to ensure that household demand remains unaffected.

Experts note that the Strait of Hormuz handles a significant share of global energy shipments, making any disruption a matter of international concern. For India, which imports a large portion of its LPG needs, the safe transit of carriers is essential to maintaining price stability and supply continuity.

As tensions persist in the region, the successful navigation of Indian LPG carriers offers a measure of reassurance. Authorities continue to monitor the evolving situation closely, with further shipments expected in the coming days to stabilise supplies.

Supreme Court Raps Mamata Govt Over ED Obstruction Row



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The Supreme Court on Tuesday strongly questioned the West Bengal government over alleged obstruction of Enforcement Directorate (ED) officials during a probe, asking whether officers lose their rights while performing official duties.

The remarks came during a hearing on a petition filed by the ED against the West Bengal government led by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. The central agency has accused state authorities of interfering with its investigation during raids conducted at the offices of a political consultancy firm earlier this year.

A bench of the top court expressed concern over the situation, terming it unusual and raising fundamental questions about the protection available to officials discharging statutory duties. The judges asked what remedy would be available if officers are obstructed while carrying out lawful investigations, and whether such interference can be justified under any circumstances.

The case stems from an incident in January when ED officials conducting searches reportedly faced resistance from state authorities. The agency has alleged that its officers were restrained and prevented from carrying out their duties, prompting it to approach the apex court for relief.

During the proceedings, the West Bengal government argued that central in-

vestigative agencies like the ED do not have fundamental rights and questioned the maintainability of the petition. It maintained that the matter should not be treated as a violation of constitutional rights. However, the court appeared unconvinced, focusing instead on whether officials performing legal duties are entitled to protection from obstruction.

The bench also indicated that the issue goes beyond a routine legal dispute, touching upon the balance of power between state authorities and central agencies. It stressed the need to ensure that investigative processes are not hindered, while also maintaining constitutional boundaries.

The confrontation between the ED and the West Bengal government has been ongoing, with both sides accusing each other of overreach. The Supreme Court had earlier described the situation as serious and emphasised the need to find a workable solution to prevent such conflicts in the future. The matter has now gained significant political and legal attention, as it raises broader questions about federalism, institutional authority, and the functioning of investigative agencies in politically sensitive cases.

The Supreme Court is expected to continue hearing the case, with its eventual ruling likely to have far-reaching implications for the relationship between state governments and central probe agencies across the country.

Opposition Seeks All-Party Meet on Women's Reservation Amendment



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The Opposition on Tuesday demanded that the Centre convene an all-party meeting to discuss proposed amendments to the Women's Reservation Act, seeking greater clarity and consensus on the way forward.

The demand was led by Mallikarjun Kharge, who is expected to write to Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijju, urging the government to share detailed information on the proposed changes. Opposition leaders stressed that a structured discussion is essential before moving ahead with any amendment to the landmark legislation.

According to sources, opposition parties have insisted that the government circulate a detailed note outlining the scope and implications of the proposed amendments. They believe this will help facilitate a more meaningful and informed discussion among all political stakeholders.

The Opposition has also suggested that the all-party meeting be held after the completion of the ongoing Assembly elections, likely by the end of April, to ensure full participation and focus from all parties. Leaders said that such a timeline would allow for a more constructive dialogue on a matter of national importance.

The Women's Reservation Act, passed in 2023, aims to reserve one-third of seats in the Lok Sabha and state legisla-

tive assemblies for women. However, its implementation is currently linked to the completion of the next Census and the subsequent delimitation exercise, which has led to delays and ongoing political debate.

Recent developments indicate that the government is considering amendments to accelerate the implementation of the quota. This includes proposals to delink the reservation from the Census timeline or to restructure constituencies, triggering concerns and discussions across political circles.

Opposition leaders have maintained that while they strongly support women's reservation, any changes to the existing framework must be discussed transparently and with broad consensus. They cautioned against unilateral decisions that could have far-reaching implications for electoral representation and federal balance.

The issue has gained prominence in Parliament, with both the government and Opposition acknowledging the need to enhance women's representation in legislatures. However, differences remain over the method and timing of implementation.

As political consultations intensify, the proposed all-party meeting is expected to play a crucial role in shaping the future of the Women's Reservation framework and ensuring that reforms are carried out with collective agreement.

Trump Shifts Responsibility for Iran War Towards Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth

US President Donald Trump has indicated that the push for military action against Iran may have originated from within his own administration, specifically pointing to Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth. His remarks come amid growing scrutiny over the ongoing conflict and its origins.

Speaking at a public event in Tennessee, Trump revealed that Hegseth was the first senior official to advocate for launching military operations against Iran. Recalling internal discussions, Trump said Hegseth had strongly supported the idea, arguing that the US could not allow Iran to develop nuclear weapons.

The comments are being seen as an attempt by Trump to shift some responsibility for the war decision onto the Pentagon leadership. While praising Hegseth's decisiveness, Trump's remarks subtly distanced himself from being the primary driver behind the escalation.

The conflict, which began in late February 2026, has rapidly intensified, with US forces carrying out extensive strikes on Iranian targets. The war has raised global concerns due to its potential impact on regional stability, energy markets, and international security.

Interestingly, Trump also claimed that the United States is engaged in "very good" and productive discussions with Iran aimed at ending hostilities. However, Iranian officials have denied that any direct ne-



gotiations are taking place, highlighting ongoing uncertainty around diplomatic efforts.

Reports suggest that not all members of the administration were equally supportive of military action. Vice President JD Vance, for instance, was said to be more cautious compared to Trump and Hegseth, indicating internal differences over the approach to Iran.

Hegseth, a former military officer and media personality, has been one of the most vocal advocates of strong military action. He has consistently defended the war, framing it as necessary to counter Iran's nuclear ambitions and regional influence.

The timing of Trump's remarks is significant, as the war enters a critical phase with no clear end in sight. By attributing the initial push to

Hegseth, Trump may be attempting to manage political pressure and criticism over the conflict's consequences.

Overall, the episode underscores evolving narratives within the US leadership regarding the Iran war. While the administration continues to justify the military campaign, questions remain about decision-making, accountability, and the prospects for a diplomatic resolution.

Middle East Allies Near Possible Involvement in Iran Conflict

Recent developments suggest that key US allies in the Persian Gulf, notably Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE), are moving closer to a more active role in the ongoing conflict between the United States and Iran.

The shift comes after a series of Iranian drone and missile attacks on Gulf targets, including energy infrastructure and bases hosting Western forces. These strikes have intensified security concerns in both Riyadh and Abu Dhabi.

Signs of Escalation

- Saudi Arabia has reportedly allowed increased US military access to its bases, which could be used more actively in operations against Iran.
- The UAE has taken tougher measures against Iranian interests, such as freezing or closing Iranian-linked entities, and is considering possible military in-



volvement as Iran's attacks persist.

- These moves reflect growing frustration within Gulf governments over security threats and economic disruptions, particularly near the Strait of Hormuz, a critical global oil transit route.

Economic and Regional Impact

The evolving situation has already impacted markets, with global oil prices rising as traders anticipate the possibility of broader Gulf involvement. Brent crude prices have climbed above \$102 per barrel due to the uncertainty.

At the same time, Gulf stock markets have reacted cautious-

ly, reflecting investor concerns over continued geopolitical risks in the region.

Regional Alarm and Strategic Calculations

While Saudi Arabia and the UAE have long maintained strong defense ties with the US, direct participation in the conflict would represent a significant escalation. Gulf leadership appears increasingly willing to support stronger military actions against Iran if Tehran's actions continue to threaten their security or economic stability.

However, experts warn that formal involvement in combat operations would carry considerable risks, including prolonged regional conflict and threats to domestic security.

In summary, Saudi Arabia and the UAE are edging closer to a more assertive role in the Iran conflict, driven by repeated Iranian attacks and strategic ties with the United States. The situation remains fluid, with diplomatic, military, and economic factors all playing a crucial role in determining the next steps.

Mystery Trade Nets ₹840 Crore in Minutes After Trump's Iran Policy U Turn

A highly unusual financial trade tied to US President Donald Trump's sudden reversal of his Iran policy has sparked intense scrutiny and raised questions about potential insider advantage or unusually informed trading.

According to reports, an unidentified investor is believed to have made an extraordinary profit of about 840 crore in roughly 20 minutes by placing a large bet that anticipated Trump's abrupt change in stance on the Iran conflict. The trade was executed just before markets reacted sharply to the policy shift, allowing the investor to capitalise on the rapid movement in prices.

The timing of the transaction has drawn attention because it appeared to precede the public announcement by only minutes, suggesting that the trader may have had advance information or access to insights that weren't yet in the public domain. Such a window of profit in an event-driven scenario like this is extremely rare and, at face value, raises concerns among market watchers about fairness and transparency in fi-



nancial markets.

In the wider trading ecosystem, examples of big, well-timed block trades before official government announcements have been noted in recent months. Some hedge fund analysts described this as part of a pattern in which significant positions were taken ahead of major geopolitical news, particularly those related to the ongoing US Iran

tensions.

The incident has triggered a closer look from financial regulators and market participants, who are now examining whether the trade involved non-public information. If this were the case, it could potentially point to violations of insider trading rules, which prohibit trading on material information that isn't publicly available.

Market dynamics around geopolitical events are typically volatile, and traders often place speculative positions based on their interpretation of public signals and emerging trends. However, the sheer scale of profit made in such a compressed time frame makes this episode stand out.

At the same time, uncertainty around communications from global leaders has muddied investor expectations. Earlier mixed signals from Washington about possible talks or de-escalation with Iran may have amplified market reactions when more definitive statements emerged.

Overall, the episode underscores how sensitive financial markets have become to geopolitical developments and highlights the challenges regulators face in policing sophisticated trading behavior around major world events. The investigation into this trade and its implications could lead to broader discussions on market integrity and the need for robust surveillance mechanisms in times of global political stress.

Pakistan Steps In as Mediator; US-Iran Talks May Be Held in Islamabad



Pakistan is emerging as a key diplomatic player in the ongoing Iran war, positioning itself as a mediator between the United States and Iran amid rising global concerns over the conflict.

According to recent developments, Islamabad is actively working to facilitate dialogue between Washington and Tehran. Pakistani leadership, including Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Army Chief General Asim Munir, has engaged with both sides in an effort to reduce tensions and open channels for negotiation.

Pakistan is reportedly offering its capital, Islamabad, as a neutral venue for potential talks. Discussions are underway to organize a meeting that could involve senior representatives from both countries, with some reports suggesting that US Vice President JD Vance could participate if talks materialize.

The mediation effort

comes at a critical time, as the conflict between the US and Iran has intensified, raising fears of a broader regional war. With direct communication between the two countries limited, backchannel diplomacy through intermediaries like Pakistan has become increasingly important.

Pakistan's unique position—maintaining ties with both the United States and Iran—has enabled it to step into this role. It also has strategic relationships with Gulf nations, allowing it to act as a bridge in a highly polarized geopolitical environment.

There are indications that these diplomatic efforts may already be yielding some results. Reports suggest that behind-the-scenes mediation involving countries like Pakistan, Turkey, and Egypt has contributed to temporary pauses in planned military escalation, even though active conflict continues.

However, uncertainty remains. While the US has hinted at ongoing or potential discussions, Iranian officials have repeatedly denied that formal negotiations are taking place. This highlights the fragile and sensitive nature of the current diplomatic efforts.

Experts note that Pakistan's attempt to mediate reflects both an opportunity and a challenge. While it seeks to enhance its diplomatic influence and promote regional stability, its ability to successfully broker peace will depend on the willingness of both the US and Iran to engage in meaningful dialogue.

Overall, Pakistan's involvement signals a significant shift in the diplomatic landscape of the Iran conflict. If successful, talks in Islamabad could mark an important step toward de-escalation, though much depends on how the situation unfolds in the coming days.

Iran War Becomes the First US Era Conflict of Social Media and Information Blackouts



The ongoing conflict between the United States, Israel, and Iran is being described by analysts as the first major war involving the US in the age of social media, creating what many observers call an "information black box."

Unlike past conflicts such as Vietnam, where journalists enjoyed significant on-the-ground access, today's war zone is marked by restricted media coverage and intentional information control by all sides. Journalists have far less freedom to report from frontline areas, both because of military controls and because governments are increasingly limiting what can be shared with the public.

Iran has imposed internet blackouts inside the country, cutting off much online access and hampering the flow of information out of the nation. In neighbouring Gulf states affected by the conflict, authorities have banned filming of damage from attacks and arrested people who defy these orders. At the same time, Is-

raeli military censors have tightened media restrictions to manage coverage of its multi-front engagements, including in southern Lebanon and within Iran-linked theatres.

In the United States, political leaders have contributed to the confusion. President Donald Trump has made contradictory statements on social media about the war's progress and has publicly criticised mainstream news outlets. Meanwhile, senior Pentagon officials have echoed complaints that parts of the press are biased or untrustworthy, adding to the sense that clear, reliable reporting is scarce.

This environment has allowed social media platforms to play a heightened role. Without trusted, independent reporting from inside Iran or other conflict zones, both official state channels and unofficial online voices have filled the void. Iranian hardline and diaspora accounts alike have used memes, AI-generated videos, and viral posts

to shape narratives about the war, while Western and regional sources sometimes struggle to verify what is real because of the internet shutdowns and controls in place.

Experts warn that this fusion of restricted traditional reporting, digital censorship and rampant social media content—including unverified viral material—makes it very difficult for observers around the world to gain an accurate understanding of the actual situation on the ground. Instead of a transparent news flow, the conflict's information landscape resembles a "black box," where truth, propaganda and misinformation blur together and complicate public understanding.

This shift highlights how modern wars are fought not only with weapons and troops, but also through control and manipulation of information in the digital age—sometimes leaving people more uncertain about events than ever before.

Markets Rebound Strongly; Sensex Jumps 1,372 Points, Nifty Ends Above 22,900

Indian equity markets staged a sharp recovery on March 24, bouncing back after the previous session's steep decline. Benchmark indices ended the day with strong gains, supported by improved global sentiment and easing geopolitical concerns.

The BSE Sensex surged 1,372 points, or 1.89 percent, to close at 74,068.45. Meanwhile, the NSE Nifty 50 rose 399 points, or 1.78 percent, to settle at 22,912.40. Despite some volatility during the session, the overall trend remained positive, reflecting renewed investor confidence.

Markets opened on a firm note, tracking positive global cues, and sustained their upward momentum throughout the day. The Nifty even crossed the 23,000 mark during intraday trade, driven by consistent buying across sectors.

One of the key drivers of the rebound was optimism surrounding geopolitical developments. Reports suggesting a



temporary pause in US strikes on Iran's infrastructure lifted market sentiment, although uncertainty persisted due to conflicting signals from Iran regarding negotiations.

The rally was broad-based, with all sectoral indices ending in the green. Auto and IT stocks led the gains, each rising around 2 percent. Other

sectors such as banking, metals, media, and consumer durables also posted notable advances, indicating widespread participation in the uptrend.

Broader markets outperformed the benchmark indices, with mid-cap and small-cap stocks gaining approximately 2.6 percent each. This suggests strong investor interest beyond

large-cap stocks and points to improved overall market breadth.

Among individual stocks, key gainers included Larsen & Toubro, InterGlobe Aviation, Asian Paints, and Bajaj Finance. On the other hand, some stocks such as Coal India, Adani Enterprises, Sun Pharma, Cipla, and Power Grid Corporation ended the session with losses.

The rally also significantly boosted investor wealth. The total market capitalisation of BSE-listed companies increased by nearly 8 lakh crore, reflecting the strong upward movement in stock prices.

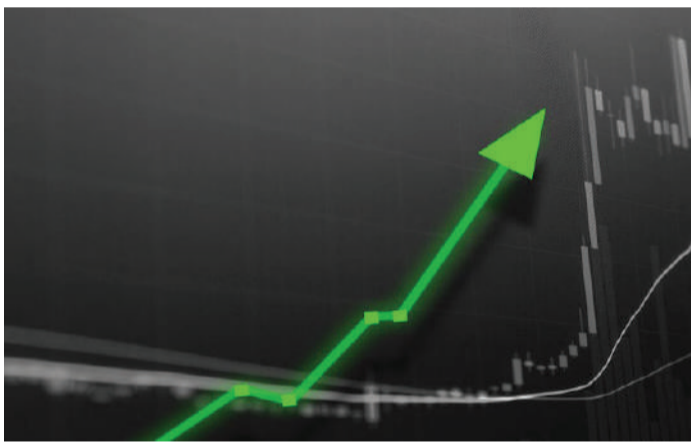
Overall, the sharp rebound highlights the resilience of domestic equity markets, aided by supportive global cues and easing tensions. However, analysts remain cautious, noting that volatility may continue in the near term, and sustained buying interest will be essential to maintain the positive momentum.

Smallcap AI Firm Gains Up to 6% After Securing Government Healthcare Project

Shares of small-cap IT company Blue Cloud Softech Solutions surged by nearly 6 percent during intraday trade after the firm announced a significant government-linked healthcare project win. The development boosted investor sentiment and led to increased buying interest in the stock.

The company received a purchase order from Central Electronics Limited (CEL), a Government of India enterprise, to deploy its AI-powered platform, "Access Genie," within the Telangana Arogyasree healthcare ecosystem. This project marks a key step in expanding the company's presence in India's growing digital healthcare segment.

The scope of the project includes implementing artificial intelligence capabilities across healthcare facilities under the Arogyasree scheme. The platform will be used for operational monitoring, security management, and data analytics, along with conducting



field-level assessments and end-user surveys.

"Access Genie" is designed to enhance efficiency through features such as real-time monitoring, AI-driven analytics, and advanced access control systems. It also incorporates technologies like facial recognition and biometric authentication, aimed at improving safety, transparency, and service delivery in public

healthcare infrastructure.

Although the company has not disclosed the financial value of the order due to confidentiality reasons, the deal is seen as strategically important. It strengthens the firm's positioning in the domestic healthcare space and aligns with its broader growth strategy of leveraging AI solutions in government projects.

The stock movement reflects

growing investor confidence in companies that are tapping into artificial intelligence and public sector digitisation opportunities. India's healthcare sector, in particular, is witnessing increasing adoption of AI-driven solutions, supported by government initiatives and rising demand for efficient healthcare delivery systems.

This order also builds on the company's earlier international engagements in AI-based healthcare, indicating a consistent push to scale its technology offerings across markets. Analysts believe such developments could support future revenue growth and improve long-term business visibility.

Overall, the strong market reaction highlights how contract wins, especially from government-backed entities, can act as key triggers for small-cap stocks. As digital healthcare continues to expand in India, companies with AI capabilities are likely to remain in focus among investors.

Amir Chand IPO Sees Strong Day 1 Demand; NII Portion Fully Subscribed, GMP Remains Modest



The initial public offering (IPO) of Amir Chand Jagdish Kumar (Exports) received a strong response on its opening day, with notable participation from non-institutional investors (NIIs). The 440 crore issue opened for subscription on March 24 and will close on March 27.

On Day 1, the IPO witnessed healthy overall subscription levels, largely driven by high-net-worth investors. The NII segment was fully subscribed early and moved into oversubscription territory, reflecting strong confidence among this category. However, retail participation remained relatively subdued during the initial phase of bidding.

The IPO is a book-built issue consisting entirely of a fresh issue of shares. The funds raised are expected to be used primarily for working capital requirements and general corporate purposes. The company is engaged in processing and exporting basmati rice and other FMCG products, with a solid presence in both domestic and international markets.

In the grey market, the IPO is trading at a modest premium. The grey market premium (GMP) is around ₹6 per share, suggesting a potential listing gain of roughly 3 percent over the upper end of the price band. This indicates cautious optimism among investors

regarding the stock's listing performance.

The price band for the IPO is set at approximately ₹201-₹212 per share, making it accessible to a wide range of investors. The issue size and pricing have contributed to steady interest, especially from institutional and high-net-worth segments.

From a financial standpoint, the company has demonstrated strong growth. Its revenue has risen significantly in recent years, crossing ₹2,000 crore, while profits have also shown a sharp increase. This consistent financial performance has supported investor confidence and driven demand in the offering.

Despite the encouraging response from NIIs, the relatively lower participation from retail investors and the modest GMP suggest a balanced market outlook. Investors appear to be carefully evaluating both the company's fundamentals and broader market conditions before making investment decisions.

Overall, the IPO has made a solid start, backed by strong interest from larger investors and stable financials. Going forward, broader participation across all investor segments will play a key role in determining the final subscription levels and the stock's performance upon listing.

Manipal Health Files Draft Papers for ₹8,000 Crore IPO; Plans Expansion and Debt Reduction



Manipal Health Enterprises, one of India's leading hospital chains, has filed its draft red herring prospectus (DRHP) with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to raise ₹8,000 crore through an initial public offering (IPO). The move marks a significant step for the Temasek-backed healthcare major as it looks to strengthen its financial position and expand operations.

The proposed IPO will include a fresh issue of equity shares worth ₹8,000 crore along with an offer-for-sale (OFS) component of over 4.3 crore shares by existing promoters and investors. Key stakeholders participating in the OFS include entities such as Imperius Healthcare Investments, Manipal Education and Medical Group, and global investors like TPG and Novo Holdings.

The company may also consider a pre-IPO placement of up to ₹1,600 crore. If executed, this could reduce the size of the fresh issue.

Proceeds from the fresh issue are primarily intended for debt reduction and strategic growth initiatives. A significant portion will be used to repay borrowings of its subsidiary, Manipal Hospitals, while funds will also be allocated toward acquiring a minority stake in Sahyadri Hospitals and for general corporate purposes.

Manipal Health operates

a wide network of multispecialty hospitals across India, offering services ranging from primary care to advanced tertiary and quaternary treatments. As of September 2025, the company had around 38 hospitals, which expands to nearly 48 hospitals on a pro forma basis, with over 12,000 beds across multiple states and union territories.

The company has shown strong financial performance, reporting revenue of over ₹8,200 crore and a net profit exceeding ₹1,000 crore in FY25. It has also served millions of patients annually, supported by a large network of doctors and healthcare professionals.

Leading investment banks such as Kotak Mahindra Capital, Axis Capital, Goldman Sachs India, JP Morgan India, Jefferies, UBS Securities India, and DBS Bank India are acting as book-running lead managers for the issue.

The IPO comes at a time when investor interest in India's healthcare sector is rising, driven by increasing demand for quality medical services, higher insurance penetration, and growing preference for specialized care.

Overall, Manipal Health's IPO is expected to be one of the largest in the healthcare space, and its success will depend on market conditions, valuation expectations, and investor appetite at the time of listing.

Limited Margin Deleveraging Signals Retail Investor Resilience Amid Market Fall



Despite a sharp correction in Indian equity markets, retail and high-net-worth investors have shown notable resilience, as indicated by relatively mild deleveraging activity. Recent data suggests that investors have not rushed to unwind leveraged positions, even as indices witnessed significant declines.

Outstanding positions under the margin trading facility (MTF) dropped by around 9-10 percent from their February peak of ₹25,178 crore to approximately ₹22,957 crore in March. In comparison, the Nifty index fell much more sharply—by nearly 11 percent during the same period.

This gap between the extent of market decline and the reduction in leveraged positions highlights a key trend: investors are not reacting with panic selling. Instead, they appear to be holding on to their positions, reflecting confidence

in market fundamentals despite ongoing volatility.

Market experts believe that such limited deleveraging is a positive sign. Typically, in periods of stress, margin positions tend to shrink rapidly as investors are forced to sell assets to meet margin calls. However, the current scenario indicates a more stable investor base that is willing to ride out short-term fluctuations.

Several global and domestic factors have contributed to recent market volatility, including geopolitical tensions, supply chain disruptions, and rising crude oil prices. Yet, these challenges have not triggered widespread distress among retail participants.

According to analysts, the absence of panic-driven unwinding suggests that investors are increasingly adopting a long-term approach. Many are using market dips as buying opportunities rather than exiting posi-

tions. This behavior marks a shift from earlier patterns where corrections often led to aggressive sell-offs.

Experts also note that if positive or even neutral news flow continues, markets could regain upward momentum. Projections suggest that the Nifty could potentially move towards the 23,500-23,800 range in the near term, provided sentiment remains stable.

The broader takeaway is that retail investors are becoming more mature and less reactive to short-term market swings. Their ability to withstand volatility without significant deleveraging is helping stabilize the market during corrections.

Overall, the data points to a healthier market environment where investor confidence remains intact, even in the face of external uncertainties. This resilience could play a crucial role in supporting future market recoveries and sustaining long-term growth.

Speciality Medicines IPO Subscribed 2.19 Times; QIB Portion Booked 96x by Just Two Investors



The IPO of Speciality Medicines saw a moderate overall response but an extraordinary surge in institutional demand, as the issue was subscribed around 2.19 times on the final day of bidding.

The ₹29.14 crore SME IPO, which was open from March 20 to March 24, attracted strong interest from select investors, particularly in the Qualified Institutional Buyers (QIB) category. The QIB portion was oversubscribed an exceptional 96 times, largely driven by bids from just two institutional investors. This sharp concentration highlights strong conviction among a limited set of large players.

In contrast, participation from other investor segments remained relatively muted. The non-institutional investor (NII) category was subscribed about 1.6 times, indicating moderate interest from high-net-worth individuals. Mean-

while, the retail investor segment lagged significantly, with subscription levels staying below 0.5 times, reflecting cautious sentiment among smaller investors.

The IPO was entirely a fresh issue of shares, aimed at raising funds for business expansion, working capital needs, and general corporate purposes. The company operates in the specialty pharmaceutical segment, focusing on high-value medicines used in treating complex and chronic conditions such as oncology, neurology, and immunology.

The price band for the issue was fixed at ₹117-₹124 per share, with a minimum lot size of 1,000 shares, making the minimum investment relatively high for retail participants. This could have contributed to the subdued response from the retail category.

Despite the modest overall subscription, the strong institutional backing is seen

as a positive signal. However, the fact that the QIB portion was dominated by just two investors raises concerns about concentration risk and the lack of broad-based institutional participation.

Market observers note that while the IPO managed to cross the fully subscribed mark, the uneven demand across categories presents a mixed picture. Strong institutional interest may support listing performance, but weak retail participation suggests limited enthusiasm at the broader market level.

Overall, the IPO outcome reflects selective investor confidence, with large investors showing aggressive interest while retail investors remained cautious. The listing performance will likely depend on how the market interprets this imbalance in demand and the company's growth prospects going forward.

Viral Lookalike Clears the Air: "I'm Not Epstein, I'm Just Palm Beach Pete"



A Florida man who recently became an internet sensation due to his uncanny resemblance to disgraced financier Jeffrey Epstein has finally spoken out, putting an end to widespread online speculation. Known on social media as "Palm Beach Pete," the man found himself at the center of a viral storm after a short video of him driving went viral, with many users claiming Epstein was still alive.

The clip, reportedly filmed on a highway, showed Pete casually driving a convertible while wearing a backward baseball cap. The person recording the video repeatedly suggested that Epstein had been spotted alive, fueling conspiracy theories and sparking millions of views across platforms. The resemblance was striking enough that many viewers were convinced the controversial figure had somehow resurfaced.

However, Pete has firmly denied these claims. In a response video shared online, he introduced himself and addressed the rumors directly, stating clearly that he is not Epstein. He explained that he had no idea he was being filmed at the time and only realized what had happened hours later when his phone was flooded with notifications.

According to him, the sudden at-

tention was overwhelming. What started as a random moment on the road quickly turned into a viral phenomenon, drastically changing his daily life. He revealed that strangers now recognize him in public, often approaching him for photos or questioning his identity.

Pete described the experience as surreal, noting how quickly misinformation can spread online. He expressed surprise at how easily people believed the claims, despite there being no factual basis behind them. The incident highlights the power of social media in amplifying rumors and the speed at which false narratives can gain traction.

The confusion largely stems from Epstein's notoriety and the lingering public fascination surrounding his life and death. Epstein, who died in 2019 while awaiting trial on serious criminal charges, continues to be the subject of numerous conspiracy theories.

In the end, Pete's message is simple: he is just an ordinary individual who happens to resemble a well-known figure. While the internet may have briefly turned him into a viral mystery, he hopes his clarification will finally put the rumors to rest.

"One Month, Endless Chaos": Why March 2026 Feels Like an Entire Year Online



March 2026 has taken over social media conversations, with many users joking that the single month feels as long and eventful as an entire year. From global tensions to academic stress and cultural moments, the sheer volume and pace of events have left people both overwhelmed and amused.

Across platforms, users have been sharing memes and posts highlighting how packed the month has been. Many point out that major developments—ranging from geopolitical conflicts to exam season pressures—have all collided within a short span of time. The combination has created a sense that time is moving unusually fast, while also feeling stretched due to the intensity of daily updates.

One of the biggest contributors to this feeling is the ongoing global uncertainty. News related to international conflicts has dominated headlines, keeping people constantly engaged with serious developments. At the same time, students in many regions are dealing with crucial exams, adding personal stress to an already heavy news cycle.

Social media has amplified this perception. With constant notifications, trending topics, and viral discussions, users are exposed to a nonstop stream

of information. What might have once felt like events spread over several months are now being consumed within days or even hours. This rapid flow of content has made March feel unusually dense and emotionally exhausting for many.

Memes have played a major role in shaping the narrative. Users are humorously comparing March 2026 to a "full year," sharing posts that list everything that has happened so far in the month. Others joke about feeling mentally drained, as if they've already lived through several phases of a year in just a few weeks.

The phenomenon also reflects a broader trend of how people experience time in the digital age. With information constantly at their fingertips, individuals are more aware of global and local events than ever before. This heightened awareness can make periods of intense activity feel longer and more significant.

Ultimately, the online reaction to March 2026 highlights how perception of time is influenced not just by the calendar, but by the volume and impact of events. While the month may only have 31 days, for many on the internet, it already feels like they've lived through much more.

Lost at Birth, Found After 28 Years: Woman Reunites With Biological Family

In a deeply emotional story of separation and reunion, a Chinese woman raised in the Netherlands has finally met her biological parents after nearly three decades. Her journey, marked by loss, uncertainty, and hope, highlights the power of persistence and modern technology in reconnecting families.

The woman, identified as Hong Yangli, was abandoned shortly after birth under tragic circumstances. According to reports, her grandfather, influenced by a preference for a male heir, took the newborn away from her mother under the pretense of caring for her. Instead, he left the infant in a public place in a nearby village, an act that would separate mother and daughter for 28 long years.

Just two days old, the baby was discovered crying by a passerby and taken to a welfare home. She was left with a small amount of money, milk powder, and a note containing her date of birth—clues that would later become crucial in uncovering her identity. Soon after, she was adopted by a Dutch couple and



grew up in the Netherlands, far removed from her origins in China.

Despite having a stable upbringing, questions about her roots remained. As she grew older, the desire to understand her past and find her biological family became stronger. In December 2024, she took a significant step by submitting her DNA to a Chinese database designed to help locate miss-

ing children and reconnect families.

The decision proved life-changing. The DNA match eventually led authorities to her biological parents, who had spent years wondering about the fate of their daughter. Her mother revealed that the day her child was taken away was the last time she saw her, carrying the pain of that loss for decades.

The reunion, when it

finally happened, was filled with overwhelming emotions. After 28 years of separation, mother and daughter were able to meet face-to-face, bridging a gap created by circumstances beyond their control. The moment symbolized closure, healing, and a second chance at building a relationship.

This story sheds light on the lasting impact of cultural pressures and

the consequences of gender bias, while also offering a message of hope. Advances in DNA technology are increasingly helping people uncover long-lost connections, turning what once seemed impossible into reality.

For Hong, the reunion marks not just the end of a long search, but the beginning of a new chapter—one that reconnects her with her past while shaping her future.

"Find Me a Flat, Get Paid": Frustrated Bengaluru Tenant's Unique Offer Goes Viral

A frustrated house-hunter in Bengaluru has caught the internet's attention after making an unusual offer—promising to pay half a month's rent to anyone who helps them find a suitable home. The post, shared on social media, reflects the growing challenges of finding affordable housing in the city's competitive rental market.

The tenant, struggling to secure a 3BHK apartment, took to Reddit with a straightforward yet striking proposal. They offered a financial reward to literally anyone who could connect them with a suitable property, saying they were "super frustrated" after an exhausting search. The requirement was specific: a good 2.5 or 3BHK flat in prime areas such as Koramangala or HSR Layout.

The budget mentioned in the post ranged between ₹45,000 and ₹48,000 per month. However, even with this relatively high budget, the user found it



extremely difficult to find a suitable option in preferred locations. The post quickly gained traction, with many users reacting to both the desperation and creativity behind the offer.

Social media users responded with a mix of sympathy and realism. While some shared potential leads and tried to

help, many pointed out that finding a 3BHK within that budget in these areas is increasingly rare. The discussion highlighted how rising rents and high demand have made house-hunting in Bengaluru a stressful experience for many residents.

The viral post also sparked a broader conversation about the city's

rental crisis. Over the past few years, Bengaluru has seen a sharp rise in housing costs, especially in tech-centric neighborhoods. Many tenants have complained about inflated rents, unusual conditions set by landlords, and limited availability of spacious homes.

This is not an isolated case. Similar viral posts

in the past have shown how renters are often forced to stretch their budgets or compromise on location and amenities. The increasing demand for larger homes, particularly 3BHK apartments, has further pushed prices upward, making them inaccessible for many middle-income tenants.

The tenant's offer, though unconventional, reflects a deeper issue—how difficult it has become to secure a decent home even with a substantial budget. It also shows how social media is increasingly being used as a tool for problem-solving, where users turn to the internet for help beyond traditional brokers and listings.

In the end, the post is both a humorous and telling snapshot of urban life in Bengaluru—where finding the right home can feel like winning a jackpot, and sometimes, even that requires a reward.

"You're Underselling Your City": Mumbaikar Praises Delhi After 14 Years

A lifelong resident of Mumbai has gone viral online after sharing an unexpectedly positive experience of visiting Delhi, saying the capital is far better than people often claim. His remarks have sparked fresh debate in the long-standing rivalry between the two cities.

In a widely shared Reddit post, the traveller revealed that he had visited Delhi after a gap of 14 years and was "humbled" by how much the city had improved. What stood out most to him was the overall infrastructure, which he described as more advanced and well-planned than he had anticipated.

One of the biggest highlights of his visit was the city's metro system. He praised its scale, efficiency, and connectivity, noting that it made commuting significantly easier compared to what he was used to. The metro, in particular, left a strong impression, contributing to his changed perception of the capital.

The visitor also pointed out that Delhi felt cleaner



than expected. While the city often faces criticism for pollution and congestion, he said his personal experience was quite different. He noticed better-maintained public spaces and an overall sense of order that challenged his

earlier assumptions.

Another aspect that surprised him was the weather. Compared to Mumbai's humid climate, Delhi's conditions felt more pleasant during his visit. This added to his overall positive impression and made

his stay more enjoyable.

He also observed differences in how the two cities are structured. According to him, Delhi has a clearer separation between different types of neighborhoods, whereas Mumbai tends to have a more

mixed urban layout. This distinction gave Delhi a more organized feel in his view.

His post quickly gained traction, with many social media users agreeing that Delhi is often unfairly criticized. Others, however, pointed out that experiences can vary depending on the area and time of visit, and that both cities have their own strengths and challenges.

The viral reaction reflects how deeply people identify with their cities, especially when it comes to Mumbai and Delhi—two of India's most iconic urban centers. While Mumbai is known for its fast-paced life and financial importance, Delhi is often associated with its history, political significance, and expanding infrastructure.

In the end, the traveller's message was simple but impactful: sometimes, cities are judged more by reputation than reality. And in his experience, Delhi turned out to be far more impressive than he had imagined.

Rajasthan Royals Set to Become IPL's Most Expensive Franchise with \$1.63 Billion Sale



The historic Indian Premier League franchise Rajasthan Royals is on the brink of becoming the most costly team in IPL history following a blockbuster ownership change ahead of the 2026 season. A consortium led by US based entrepreneur Kal Somani has successfully agreed to acquire the franchise in a deal valued at roughly \$1.63 billion (around ₹13,600-₹15,000 crore), eclipsing previous sales and valuations across the league.

This dramatic rise in value underscores the increasing global interest in the IPL as not just a cricket competition, but a major commercial and sporting asset. The prospective sale, expected to take effect after the current season, marks one of the largest transactions in Indian sports and reflects the

massive growth in franchise valuations over the last two decades.

The Rajasthan Royals, one of the original eight teams when the IPL launched in 2008, have transformed from being one of the least expensive sides to now potentially becoming the most expensive. Over the years, the league's immense popularity, booming media rights deals, and commercial success have driven franchise worth through the roof, making team ownership one of the most coveted investments in global sports.

Under the new ownership, the Royals will look to scale both on and off the field. The fresh capital and strategic backing could lead to enhanced player acquisition budgets, expanded marketing initiatives, and broader com-

mercial partnerships. It also signals rising investor confidence in Indian cricket's brand and long term potential.

Kal Somani, who leads the winning bidding group, is known for his ventures in technology and sports investments. His entry as the principal figure in the ownership consortium highlights the growing appeal of IPL franchises among international investors seeking exposure to both sporting prestige and financial growth.

The sale concludes a competitive auction process that saw interest from multiple high profile bidders. The final agreement represents a significant premium over earlier franchise valuations and demonstrates how much the cricket league's economic value has grown since its

inception.

For fans of the Royals, this represents a new chapter for the franchise. While the team has enjoyed moments of cricketing success — including its inaugural IPL title — it has also faced challenges and fluctuations in performance. With fresh leadership poised to take over, supporters will be watching closely to see how this investment translates into on field success and brand expansion.

Overall, the monumental sale of the Rajasthan Royals underscores the IPL's evolution into one of the world's most commercially powerful sporting leagues. The enormous price tag not only highlights the franchise's current status but also sets a benchmark for future valuation trends in the global sports ecosystem.

RCB Confirm Yash Dayal Will Not Play for Franchise in IPL 2026 Amid Rape Accusations

In a significant development, Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) have confirmed that Yash Dayal, a player recently accused in a rape case, will not be part of the squad for IPL 2026. The franchise made a statement following the media attention around the allegations, clarifying that Dayal will not take the field this season.

The allegations, which have led to an investigation, have sent shockwaves through the cricket community, as Dayal had been seen as a rising talent with great potential. His exclusion from the team follows concerns surrounding the impact such accusations might have on the team's image, and the integrity of the league.

RCB has made it clear that the decision to exclude Dayal was made in light of the seriousness of the situation, and they are committed to upholding the values of the IPL and the broader cricketing community. They further stated that they are closely monitoring the investigation



and will continue to cooperate with authorities.

The situation has raised important questions about how franchises should handle sensitive matters such as criminal allegations and the welfare of players involved. Dayal's ab-

sence from the IPL 2026 season has sparked debate on accountability in professional sports and the importance of maintaining ethical standards within the sport.

The news has left many wondering about the future of the

player in the IPL and whether the investigation will lead to a broader review of his career and reputation. However, for now, his focus is on resolving the legal issues, while RCB prepares for the season without his participation.

Australian Born Ryan Williams Likely to Make India Debut as Khalid Jamil Names Squad for Hong Kong Qualifier

The Indian men's football team has announced its squad for the upcoming AFC Asian Cup 2027 qualifiers match against Hong Kong, and one of the most notable inclusions is Australian born winger Ryan Williams, who is expected to make his debut for India.

Williams, who qualifies to represent India through descent, has been training with the squad and impressed the coaching staff with his pace, skill and adaptability on the flanks. His selection marks another example of India integrating talent from abroad to bolster its attacking options.

The team has been carefully selected by head coach Khalid Jamil, featuring a mix of seasoned internationals and promising young players. Jamil's strategy appears focused on balancing experience with dynamic, creative talent capable of impacting matches in tight situations — especially important in qualifying fixtures where every point is crucial.

Williams' possible debut is generating excitement among fans who see his flair as an as-



set that could inject greater offensive threat into India's build up play. His ability to take on defenders, deliver dangerous crosses and contribute directly to goal opportunities adds another dimension to the Indian attack.

Alongside Williams, the squad includes several established players who have been mainstays in the national team. These experienced internation-

als are expected to anchor the team's performance, providing leadership and stability in key areas such as defence, midfield control and goalkeeping.

India's fixture against Hong Kong is a pivotal one in Group E of the qualifiers, with both teams aiming to keep their hopes alive for advancing to the AFC Asian Cup finals. The selectors have underscored the importance of a united

and focused squad that can rise to the challenge in a high pressure environment.

The announcement has also sparked discussions about India's evolving football identity, with naturalised and descent eligible players increasingly contributing alongside home grown talent. Supporters believe that such inclusions can help raise the overall quality of play and bring fresh tactical options to the team.

As the squad prepares for the qualifier, attention will be on how quickly Williams can acclimatise to the team's style and how head coach Jamil deploys him in what promises to be a competitive encounter. A strong performance against Hong Kong could set the tone for India's campaign, boosting confidence as the team pursues qualification for the continental showcase.

Fans are eagerly awaiting the match, hopeful that Williams' debut and the team's collective effort will deliver a positive result in their quest for a place at the AFC Asian Cup.

“Should Retire Instead of Playing as Impact Player”:- Aakash Chopra on MS Dhoni's IPL Role



Former Indian opener Aakash Chopra recently sparked debate by suggesting that legendary cricketer MS Dhoni should consider retiring rather than continuing to play as an impact player in the IPL 2026 season.

Chopra expressed that Dhoni — one of the most successful captains and finishers in cricket history — has already achieved a legacy that few can match. In his view, continuing in a limited impact player role could dilute the immense reputation Dhoni has built over two decades. He argued that while Dhoni still draws fans and attention, the nature of his current cricketing contributions may not align with his legendary status.

The impact player rule allows teams to substitute a stronger batter or bowler at specific stages of a match to influence momentum. In recent seasons, Dhoni has been used in this role by the Chennai Super Kings (CSK) — the franchise he has captained since the IPL's inception. However, his on field involvement has been limited compared to his peak playing years, with shorter batting cameos and fewer dismissals behind the stumps.

Chopra's comments have sparked varied reactions among fans and cricket experts. Some believe Dhoni's enduring presence adds intangible value through leadership, mentorship, and experience — assets that are particularly valuable in high stakes T20 matches. Others agree with Chopra that step-

ping away at the right time would preserve Dhoni's status as one of the game's all time greats.

Dhoni's career is unmatched in many respects — from leading India to the 2007 T20 World Cup and the 2011 ODI World Cup to winning multiple IPL titles with CSK. These achievements have etched his place among cricket's elite. Yet, as he continues playing into his 40s, questions about timing and role have resurfaced.

Critics of Chopra's view argue that Dhoni has always defied expectations, continuing to perform even when odds were against him. They point out that Dhoni's ability to handle pressure, read game situations, and finish matches remains an asset regardless of age. Many fans also find value in seeing a beloved cricketer still compete at the highest level.

Ultimately, the debate touches on broader themes about athletes' career longevity, legacy preservation, and the evolving nature of T20 cricket. While some veterans choose to step aside as physical skills wane, others transition into hybrid roles — contributing strategically in short bursts when needed.

For now, Dhoni's decision about his IPL future hangs in the balance. Whether he continues as an impact player or decides to hang up his boots entirely, the cricket world will be watching closely — and passionately — as one of the sport's most iconic careers reaches its final chapters.

All England Runner Up Lakshya Sen to Lead India's Thomas Cup Campaign



India's top men's singles badminton star Lakshya Sen is set to be the centerpiece of the national team's challenge at the upcoming Thomas Cup, Asia's premier men's team badminton championship. Sen's inclusion as the leader of the squad adds momentum to India's hopes of making a deep run in the tournament.

Sen recently showcased his world class form by finishing as the runner up at the prestigious All England Open, one of the sport's oldest and most competitive events. His performance there — taking on the world's best and pushing through high pressure matches — has bolstered expectations around his leadership role in the team event.

The Thomas Cup squad also includes a mix of established players and emerging talent, chosen to balance singles firepower with strong doubles pairings. With Sen leading the singles lineup, India aims to leverage both experience and momentum as they seek success in the team competition.

India's badminton contingent has been improving steadily on the world stage, and recent international performances suggest growing competitiveness against traditional powerhouse nations. Sen's form — marked by his speed, shot variety, and mental resilience — makes him a vital asset for In-

dia's prospects.

In team championships like the Thomas Cup, every match counts, and having a player of Sen's calibre at the top of the card is a significant advantage. Beyond his individual matches, Sen's presence also provides confidence to teammates and can inspire strong performances across both singles and doubles fixtures.

Badminton fans in India and beyond will be closely watching the team's campaign, as India seeks to build on recent progress and challenge perennial contenders. The Thomas Cup offers a different dynamic from individual events, requiring depth and strategic player deployment across multiple ties.

Sen's All England performance has already signaled his readiness to compete at the highest level, and now he will look to carry that momentum into team action. A successful Thomas Cup run would be another milestone in his burgeoning career and could signal India's growing stature in international badminton.

With the championship approaching, preparations are intensifying, and expectations are high. The Thomas Cup presents an opportunity for Sen and the Indian team to shine, showcasing their talent, unity, and competitive spirit on one of badminton's biggest stages.

“Our Film Is a Theatrical Experience Driven by Visuals and Folklore, Like Chandamama Katha Blended With Stylised Technology and Comedy”: Manasa Sharma on Rakasa

Riding on growing digital traction and strong pre-release buzz, Rakasa is steadily emerging as a distinctive genre-driven entertainer. Headlined by Sangeeth Sobhan and Nayan Sarika, and produced by Niharika Konidela under Pink Elephant Pictures in collaboration with Zee Studios, the film marks the feature directorial debut of Manasa Sharma. Positioned as a fantasy adventure comedy rooted in folklore and powered by stylised visuals and evolving technology, the project has drawn attention for its unique tonal blend. Ahead of the trailer release, director Manasa Sharma interacted with print media, sharing insights into the film’s concept, making and her journey.

more context. The film majorly is a fantasy but blended it with comedy and crafted a good story. Horror acts as a tool element, that’s all.

Q: So Rakasa means?

Manasa Sharma: Devil.

Q: Male or Female?

Manasa Sharma: Again, you’ll get more context once you see the trailer tomorrow.

Q: Sangeeth mentioned he wasn’t the first choice.

Manasa Sharma: Well, it was not prepared for anyone specific. I went to the Netflix office for a meeting and when they asked for a genre specific plot,

pressed her. We were already associated with each other and my previous projects Bench Life and Oka Chinna Family Story gathered good response. So within the 15–20 minutes of narration only, we were on board.

Q: Did you choose Nayan because of your previous collaboration?

Manasa Sharma: Nayan is actually a director’s actress. You can see the variation of her performances in her previous projects and even in Rakasa it varies significantly from Bench Life. She is a great performer and that is the only reason we took her for Rakasa. She was perfect and apt.

Q: Was it done within the budget?

Manasa Sharma: Yeah, I mean for every project it goes up and down 10% but ours was within the budget and the producers are happy.

Q: The project is said to be costly. How did you handle it as a debutant?

Manasa Sharma: Compared to our previous projects as a team, yes, it is a higher budget. But my gut was that me and my co-writer Mahesh have a good credibility on OTT because of our previous projects and it shall be safe on OTT. Even during the shoot our first priority was to make sure the budget shall not be crossed at any cost because there are VFX scenes too. So we were very agile and conscious throughout the shoot.

Q: Many recent films are mood and genre-based. How does this differ?

Manasa Sharma: I appreciate all those movies, but for sure ours is an entirely theatre film and the trailer releasing tomorrow proves that. The visuals and the certain stuff are meant for theatrical experience. And 90% of the story is fictional, the comedy and other things, but the core point is from our folklore. Like mixing Chandamama Katha with a stylistic technology adding comedy to it is what this film is.

Q: We heard that Nagababu gaaru gave a book to Niharika and she gave that to you?

Manasa Sharma: No, this is completely my own writing and creation. I don’t know

from where you heard that information.

Q: What work has gone into VFX?

Manasa Sharma: I was put in contact with major VFX artists by Pink Elephant Pictures right from day one and when I met a few and narrated the plot, Murali gaaru felt close to this story. His ideas and inputs were very apt for the plot. He worked for this and his entire team has done a great work. We had an on-set supervisor throughout the shoot and that helped us make everything without errors and not crossing the budget.

Q: Why did you choose Sangeeth for this role?

Manasa Sharma: We choose actors not just by past works but also on performances, mannerism and all that really suit our character. Sangeeth was the best fit.

Q: Who is your inspiration?

Manasa Sharma: B. Vittalacharya gaaru. I was grown on his films.

Q: VFX usually takes more time. How did you complete it quickly?

Manasa Sharma: The second half is high on VFX so we shot that first so that VFX work gets completed on time. We shot that and sent it to them. While they were working it, parallelly we were shooting the first half.

Q: Why choose fantasy for your debut?

Manasa Sharma: Well unfortunately that is limited to our industry but outside like in Hollywood there aren’t any such. So this idea came up and I proceeded with it.

Q: What was Niharika’s involvement?

Manasa Sharma: The huge plus of working with Pink Elephant Pictures is that they have a very strong production team. We completed Oka Chinna Family Story in nine months and even Committee Kurrollu released in one year. I wanted to release the project in a year and the Pink Elephant team were quite great with it. Niharika gaaru is a very good producer. She knows the balance right from creative involvement to director’s freedom to production care and values.

Q: What about Sangeeth’s creative contribution?

Manasa Sharma: He’s just a kid with 2–3 films old. The creative decision comes only after the whole team involvement and discussions. So as a team we exchanged ideas and discussed various aspects but he is a very conscious actor.

Q: Can you talk about the art work?

Manasa Sharma: It is done by Ramanjaneyulu. Because it’s entirely based on my imagination, from the start itself we discussed what and how we can do and with the evolved technology I was able to

give my idea more clearly to the art team. So it was quite a smooth process. Ramanjaneyulu is the production designer and Vishnu Vardhan is the art director. Both of them did great work.

Q: Is it going to be a new experience?

Manasa Sharma: I wouldn’t say it is completely new because the core point or other factors one might have heard somewhere. But the drive of the plot, characters, narrative and screenplay—that’s new.

Q: How did you choose the music director?

Manasa Sharma: I approached them with a list that had my choice of crew and that opened the discussion. Along with budget constraints there are date clashes and schedules too. But I was familiar with Anudeep Dev and his work and knew him personally. So we went ahead with him and his work reflected our confidence.

Q: When are you showing it to Ram Charan gaaru?

Manasa Sharma: That’s in Niharika gaaru’s hands.

Q: What are your future projects?

Manasa Sharma: Most of them are fantasy related. Hopefully they all pan out with Rakasa.

Q: What’s the runtime?

Manasa Sharma: Censor is yet to be done.

Q: Why B. Vittalacharya as inspiration?

Manasa Sharma: Because of my grandmother I saw all his films and they generated curiosity and excitement in me. He did all those wonders at that time without any VFX and that is the reason I got inspired by him.

Q: Will you explore more folklore films?

Manasa Sharma: To an extent Rakasa falls under that category. Hopefully I venture more into such.

The promotional campaign for Rakasa has been generating strong digital traction, with the title glimpse crossing 1.9 million views, the teaser surpassing 3 million views, and all three singles—“Rapappa,” “Padhe Padhe,” and “Snake Dance”, crossing the million mark. Headlined by Sangeeth Sobhan and Nayan Sarika, alongside Vennela Kishore, Brahmaji, Tanikella Bharani, Ashish Vidyarthi and Getup Srinu, the film brings together a vibrant ensemble, with music by Anudeep Dev, cinematography by Raju Eduroli, and editing by Anwar Ali.

Blending fantasy, folklore, stylised technology and comedy into a visually driven theatrical experience, Rakasa is set for its worldwide theatrical release on April 3, 2026

Q: Can you tell us about your background?

Manasa Sharma: Rakasa is my debut feature film. I made a Bench Life web series, and I was the creator and writer of Oka Chinna Family Story. I’m a post graduate and I’m from Srikakulam.

Q: So this is your third project?

Manasa Sharma: No, fourth. I made the Mad House series in 2018 on YouTube, then Bench Life, Oka Chinna Family Story, and now Rakasa.

Q: Is this a majorly comedy film?

Manasa Sharma: It is a fantasy adventure comedy.

Q: Horror?

Manasa Sharma: Well, you might presume that from the teaser, but after seeing the trailer releasing tomorrow, you’ll get

I shared this line. I was working on another idea with Sangeeth which was a fantasy adventure. When he asked about my meeting with Netflix, I said it went well and shared the line. He got interested and I decided to go ahead with the theatrical.

Q: What were your challenges as a debutant director?

Manasa Sharma: Since I already made Bench Life which has 5 episodes, I never faced any difficulties regarding production or any such. The process is almost the same. But that is OTT and theatrical is different because everything falls upon the producers. So the responsibility factor was more for this project. I just want Niharika gaaru and Pink Elephant Pictures to be happy with this.

Q: How did you impress Niharika?

Manasa Sharma: It’s the story that im-

Samantha Launches “Idi Prema” Song from Harshith Reddy’s “Deewana”

The song “Idi Prema” from the upcoming Telugu film “Deewana” was recently released on social media by star heroine Samantha, followed by a launch event at Prasad Labs in Hyderabad attended by prominent directors Venky Atluri, Ravikiran Kola, and Nandini Reddy.

After the success of his previous film Subham, young actor Harshith Reddy stars as the hero in Deewana, while Sneha Manimegalai makes her Telugu debut as the heroine. Produced by Vasudev Koppineni and Sridevi Karyampudi under Arha Media and V Studios, the film is directed by Srikanth Sangishetty and is touted as a heartwarming love story set for a grand theatrical release this summer.

Choreographer Krishna, who has worked on several iconic shows, expressed his excitement about choreographing the film, praising the team for supporting new talent and confident that all songs will become chartbusters. Music di-

rector Eshwar Chand, making his debut, said the producers and director gave him creative freedom, allowing him to compose, write lyrics, and even involve actors in dialogue writing, emphasizing the collaborative effort behind the film. Producers Sridevi Karyampudi and Vasudev Koppineni highlighted the courage and passion behind bringing Deewana to life. They spoke of the emotional resonance of the story, which they believe will connect with audiences of all ages, and praised the performances of Harshith and Sneha alongside Eshwar Chand’s music. Director Srikanth Sangishetty shared that Deewana has been a long-cherished story for him, inspired by films like Vasantha Kokila, Tholi Prema, and 7G Brindavan Colony. He described the film as a realistic love story focusing on Munna, a middle-class boy, promising an emotional climax and a lasting impression on viewers.

Directors Nandini Reddy,

Venky Atluri, and Ravikiran Kola lauded the sincerity, passion, and quality of the film, emphasizing its potential to inspire new filmmakers and revive the celebratory culture of cinema in theatres.

Lead actors shared their excitement as well. Sneha Manimegalai, who plays Ammu, said she felt honored to debut in Telugu cinema with such a heartfelt story. Harshith Reddy described Deewana as a life-changing project, recounting his journey of shooting half the film without a heroine until the right casting was found. He compared the film’s potential impact on his career to iconic Telugu films like Tholi Prema and Arjun Reddy.

With its music launch completed and endorsements from industry veterans, Deewana is positioned as a promising love story expected to captivate audiences this summer.



Hrithik Roshan and Ryan Gosling Connect for Exclusive “Project Hail Mary” Conversation

In a first-of-its-kind global interaction, Hrithik Roshan and Ryan Gosling came together for an exclusive virtual conversation, delighting fans across continents. The session highlighted the shared passion of the two stars for space, science, and storytelling, offering a rare glimpse into their creative perspectives.

This conversation follows Hrithik’s recent collaboration video tied to Project Hail Mary, which has already captured global attention. The exchange marks one of the most exciting cross-cultural moments in cinema, uniting two international icons and giving fans unprecedented insight into their artistic worlds.

The discussion centered on the film itself, with both actors reflecting on what makes Project Hail Mary unique and how its story resonates with Indian audiences. The conversation also drew nostalgic parallels to Hrithik’s classic Koi... Mil Gaya, exploring how science fiction trans-

scends borders through emotional storytelling and universal wonder.

Mutual admiration defined the session, with both stars praising each other’s careers and teasing the possibility of future collaborations, much to the excitement of fans worldwide.

Directed by acclaimed duo Phil Lord and Christopher Miller, Project Hail Mary follows Ryland Grace, played by Ryan Gosling, a lone astronaut who awakens aboard a mysterious spacecraft with no memory of his identity or mission. The film also features Sandra Hüller, Lionel Boyce, Ken Leung, and Milana Vayntrub in pivotal roles.

Presented by Amazon MGM Studios and distributed by Sony Pictures Releasing International, the film is set to release in India on 26 March 2026 in English, Hindi, Tamil, and Telugu, including IMAX® and other premium formats, promising a cinematic experience that bridges cultures and continents.



“Band Melam” Set to Make a Big Impact: Sree Vishnu and Industry Stalwarts at Pre-Release Event

The much-anticipated film “Band Melam”, starring Harsh Roshan and Sridevi, is generating excitement ahead of its March 26 release. Produced under Kona Film Corporation and presented by Mango Mass Media, the movie is directed by Satish Javvaji and backed by veteran writer-producer Kona Venkat, with Kavya and Sravya as producers. A star-studded pre-release event was held, attended by Vijayendra Prasad, VV Vinayak, Bobby, Bandla Ganesh, Chandrabose, Sree Vishnu, and Suresh Babu.

Sree Vishnu, known as the King of Entertainment, praised the film and its team, saying, “All the seniors have given their blessings to Band Melam. Roshan is very talented and will become a big hero. Sridevi performed excellently in Court, and I hope she gets more opportunities. The film gives positive vibes, and I hope it becomes a big hit. Kona garu’s passion for cinema is rare, and he continues to nurture new talent.”

Director Bobby highlighted Kona Venkat’s storytelling acumen, praising the

teaser and performances of Roshan and Sridevi, while Suresh Babu complimented the cast, humor, and overall execution. Veteran writer Vijayendra Prasad wished for the film’s success, emphasizing the producer’s generosity and dedication. VV Vinayak and Bandla Ganesh also lauded the actors, director, and Kona Venkat’s commitment to introducing fresh talent.

Producer Kona Venkat expressed his pride in the project, crediting relationships and trust in talented directors. He emphasized the film’s emotional climax, compelling story, and the performances of Roshan and Sridevi. Music director Vijai Bulgani confirmed the songs and background score were crafted to resonate deeply with audiences.

Director Satish Javvaji shared his journey, recalling struggles before being discovered by Kona Venkat and praising the team’s collective effort, while Harsh Roshan said the film would connect with audiences through humor and emotion. Sridevi added that the characters Yadagiri and Rajamma would be cherished by viewers, highlighting the appeal of the story and music. Producer Sravya invited audiences to watch the film together, and previous collaborators from Court, including producer Deepthi and director Ram Jagadeesh, expressed confidence that Band Melam would make a strong impact.

With its vibrant cast, experienced crew, and heartfelt storytelling, “Band Melam” is positioned to become a major hit, offering entertainment that blends humor, emotion, and memorable music.