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Revanth Reddy Issues Key Directives at Collectors' Meet

Hyderabad, March 3 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Monday issued a series of wide-ranging directives to district Collectors, emphasizing grassroots governance, technology-driven transparency, renewable energy promotion, agricultural reforms, and stricter regulatory enforcement across departments.

Addressing a high-level Collectors' conference, the Chief Minister stressed that the State's flagship "99-Day Programme" must ensure active participation of elected representatives at all levels, including ward members, sarpanches, municipal councilors, chairpersons, corporators, and mayors. He directed officials to organize one-day training sessions at district headquarters for these public representatives to enhance awareness about their roles and responsibilities. Printed reference material should also be provided to enable effective local governance, he said.

Highlighting the importance of renewable energy, Revanth Reddy called for large-scale promotion of solar power usage. Farmers should be encouraged to replace conventional agricultural pump sets with solar-powered systems, with officials tasked to educate them about long-term benefits. Electricity department teams were instructed to create awareness in villages about rooftop solar installations and the potential income from connecting surplus power to the grid.

The Chief Minister also asked Collectors to ensure that details of welfare schemes—such as newly issued ration cards, fine rice distribution, Indiramma housing, free electricity up to 200 units, farm loan waivers, free bus



travel for women, and subsidized LPG cylinders—are transparently shared in gram sabhas and ward meetings. The cumulative benefits accrued at village, mandal, constituency, and district levels must be clearly explained to the public.

In the health sector, he directed officials to maximize utilization of services available at the State's 35 government medical colleges. Primary and community health centres should refer patients to these institutions to ensure access to advanced medical facilities and specialist care.

To prevent leakages in welfare delivery, Revanth Reddy ordered implementation of facial recognition systems for beneficiary verification across schemes, noting that such measures had already helped eliminate a significant number of ineligible pension beneficiaries.

The Chief Minister also reviewed transport safety measures, instructing the department to complete digitization of records and conduct regular fitness checks for school buses and other vehicles. Eye screening camps for drivers of RTC buses, lorries, and goods vehicles

should be organized at locations convenient for large gatherings of drivers. A dedicated WhatsApp number should be launched to report road damage and accident-prone spots for immediate rectification.

Cracking down on illegal dumping, he directed strict action against vehicles disposing of construction waste along the Outer Ring Road and service roads, with fines and criminal cases where necessary.

He further instructed timely payment of bills to mid-day meal agencies, registration and regulation of working women's and student hostels, and strict accountability of educational institutions in preventing drug abuse. Each private and corporate school should have access to a psychologist, he said.

On agriculture, Collectors were asked to promote soil testing, crop diversification, nano-urea awareness, and inter-departmental coordination between agriculture and civil supplies to ensure seamless planning from sowing to market. District-wise reports on crop diversification potential must be submitted promptly, he added.



Telangana Minister Stranded in Dubai Amid Middle East Tensions

Hyderabad, March 3 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Agriculture Minister Thummala Nageswara Rao remains stranded in Dubai as regional tensions involving Israel, Iran and the United States disrupt air travel across West Asia.

The minister had travelled to Dubai late last month accompanying his son-in-law, who suffered a brain stroke while attending a conference in the UAE. After being admitted to a hospital in Dubai, the relative recovered and was advised to continue rehabilitation locally. The family was preparing to return to India when the situation in the Middle East suddenly deteriorated, leading to widespread suspension of international flight services, including routes connecting Dubai to India.

With flights cancelled indefinitely amid escalating military activity, the minister and his family have been unable to fly back home. Ministry sources confirmed that he is in regular touch with Indian authorities and remains safe despite the travel restrictions. Officials said he would return once flight operations normalise and safety conditions improve.

The disruption in air travel comes in the wake of heightened hostilities triggered by a string of attacks and counter-attacks between Iran, the United States and Israel over the past week. The vola-

tile situation has caused major Gulf airspace closures, forcing airlines to cancel or reschedule flights and leaving thousands of passengers, including Indian citizens, stranded across the region.

Among those affected are not only tourists and expatriate workers but also political figures and students who were planning to return to India after visits to the Gulf. Reports indicate that Indians from several Indian states, including Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, are currently stuck in cities such as Dubai, Bahrain and other Gulf hubs due to the travel disruption.

In response to the situation, the Telangana government has set up a 24x7 control room at Telangana Bhavan in New Delhi to assist citizens from the state who are impacted by the disruptions. Officials are in regular contact with the Ministry of External Affairs and Indian diplomatic missions in the region to monitor developments and provide necessary support.

Family members back home have expressed concern over the unexpected delay, while authorities urged expatriates and visitors in the Middle East to stay safe, follow official advisories and maintain contact with local Indian missions for updates.

The uncertainty over when flight operations will fully resume continues to affect travel plans, but officials remain hopeful that normal services will restart as the security situation stabilises.

Kavitha Arrested During Protest in Narsingi



Hyderabad, March 3 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Jagruthi president K. Kavitha was arrested by police on Monday during a protest at an alleged illegal real estate venture in Narsingi on the outskirts of Hyderabad. She sustained a minor injury to her hand during the course of the detention.

Kavitha had joined local residents in staging an agitation at a private layout, questioning the inaction of authorities against what she described as unauthorized ventures. She alleged that while action was being taken in certain areas, large-scale illegal developments by real estate operators were being ignored.

Addressing the gathering, Kavitha demanded that HYDRAA officials immediately visit the site and take action against the alleged encroachments. She warned that the protest would continue until bulldozers were sent to demolish the illegal constructions. "We will not withdraw our agitation until HYDRAA responds and acts against these ventures," she asserted.

As the protest intensified, police personnel reached the spot and urged the demonstrators to disperse, citing law and order concerns. When Kavitha and her sup-

porters refused to leave, police moved in and took her into custody.

During the arrest, Telangana Jagruthi activists attempted to block the police from escorting her to the vehicle, leading to a brief scuffle and heated exchanges between protesters and law enforcement officials. Supporters raised slogans of "We want justice" and demanded that HYDRAA Commissioner Ranganath personally inspect the site and initiate action.

In the commotion, Kavitha reportedly sustained a minor injury to her hand while being escorted by police personnel. Officials later stated that the injury was slight and that she did not require major medical attention.

Kavitha, along with several Telangana Jagruthi activists, was shifted to the Narsingi Police Station** for further proceedings. Police sources indicated that cases may be registered in connection with unlawful assembly and obstruction of official duty.

The incident has triggered political reactions, with supporters alleging selective enforcement of demolition drives, while police maintained that the action was taken purely to prevent escalation and maintain public order.

Further developments in the case are awaited as authorities continue to review the situation.

Telangana Meets Record 18,139 MW Peak Power Demand: Bhatti Vikramarka

Hyderabad, March 3, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Telangana achieved a historic milestone on Tuesday by successfully meeting a record peak power demand of 18,139 MW at 11:01 AM without any interruption, marking the highest electricity demand ever recorded in the state's history.

Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu congratulated the state power utilities for efficiently handling the unprecedented demand while ensuring uninterrupted and quality power supply. In a statement issued on March 3, 2026, he lauded senior officials, engineers, and field staff for their coordinated efforts.

"This achievement reflects Telangana's rapid economic growth, operational efficiency,



and excellent coordination within the power sector," the Deputy Chief Minister said. He noted that despite its relatively smaller geographical size, Telangana has reached peak demand levels comparable to much larger states, underscoring the state's accelerated development across sectors.

At the national level, Telangana's peak demand of 18,139 MW stands close to that of larg-

er states such as Madhya Pradesh, which recorded around 19,900 MW, and Rajasthan, which registered between 19,600 and 20,600 MW. The state has also reportedly surpassed peak demand levels of industrially significant states like Punjab, Haryana, Jharkhand, and Chhattisgarh.

Officials attribute the steady surge in electricity consumption to the rapid expansion of IT, pharmaceutical, manufacturing, irrigation, and urban infrastructure sectors. Telangana is increasingly emerging as a state with high electricity consumption density, driven by industrial growth and rising agricultural power usage.

Data shared by the government highlights the consistent upward trend in peak demand over recent years. During 2023-24, the peak demand stood at

15,623 MW (recorded on March 8, 2024). In 2024-25, it rose to 17,162 MW (March 20, 2025). The current figure of 18,139 MW on March 3, 2026 marks the beginning of a new peak phase.

Bhatti Vikramarka emphasized that the state is fully prepared to meet upcoming summer power requirements through advance planning, a robust grid network, and coordinated operations. "Telangana is not only meeting present demand but is also strengthening its infrastructure for future needs," he said.

Reaffirming the government's commitment to uninterrupted and quality power supply, he stated that the power sector remains a key driver of development, with collective efforts from control rooms to field-level staff ensuring continued progress.

Kishan Reddy Demands White Paper on Telangana Economy

Hyderabad, March 3 | TPN Bureau

Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy has called on the Telangana government to publish a comprehensive white paper detailing the state's economic situation ahead of its upcoming budget session.

In a public letter to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, Kishan Reddy urged the release of an official document that would lay out clear facts about the state's finances, revenue position and current economic challenges. The demand comes in the context of contrasting statements about the state's fiscal health, with recent comments by the Chief Minister describing the treasury as nearly empty creating a renewed focus on transparency.

Kishan Reddy's appeal highlights concerns over rising debt levels and an increased dependence on borrowings to meet recurring expenditure and welfare commitments. According to him, Telangana historically began as a surplus state at the time of its formation, but recent developments suggest a shift towards higher per capita debt and fiscal strain, necessitating an open disclosure of numbers for public understanding.

The minister stressed that a white paper would provide citizens with a clear understanding of the financial condition of the state and help dispel contradictory narratives. He underscored that while election promises and welfare guarantees form a key basis of governance, it is equally important to publicly present the economic implications of implementing such

policies. Kishan Reddy also referenced the financial support that Telangana has received from the Central Government over the past decade. He noted that the state has benefited from significant central assistance in various sectors, including infrastructure, welfare schemes and institutional lending, and advocated that this support should be factored into discussions about the state's fiscal health.

By calling for a white paper ahead of the budget session, Kishan Reddy aims to encourage transparency in governance and to give lawmakers and the public a factual basis for debates on economic policy. His demand has drawn attention to broader concerns about fiscal responsibility, resource allocation and the long-term sustainability of welfare



commitments.

The request for a detailed economic white paper is likely to feature prominently in the forthcoming budget discussions and could shape the narrative around fiscal planning and public accountability in Telangana.

Harish Rao Distributes MBBS Aid Cheques to Students



Hyderabad, March 3 | TPN Bureau
Former Minister T. Harish Rao distributed financial assistance cheques to seven MBBS students at his residence in Hyderabad on Monday. The programme was organised under the leadership of Uppal MLA Bandari Lakshma Reddy and conducted through the BLR Charitable Trust.

Addressing the gathering, Harish Rao congratulated the beneficiaries and lauded the trust for extending timely support to aspiring medical students. He described the initiative as a commendable effort to empower talented youth from underprivileged backgrounds and ensure they continue their medical education without financial hurdles.

The former minister stated that during the current academic year, a total of 122 medical students have received financial assistance towards their educational expenses. He emphasized that such support should not be viewed merely as charity, but as an investment in the future of the healthcare system. "Encouraging bright students from backward sections through education is essential for building a stronger and more inclusive society," he said.

Harish Rao also highlighted the transformative changes in medical education in Telangana under

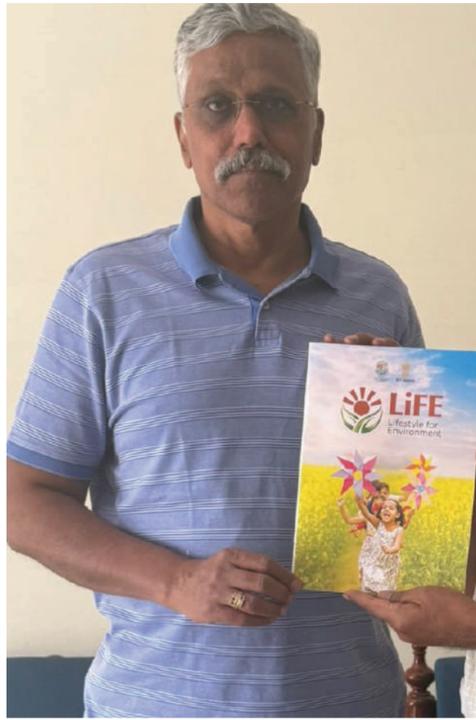
the leadership of former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao. He noted that the establishment of medical colleges in every district of the state had led to what he termed a "White Coat Revolution," significantly expanding opportunities for medical education and strengthening government healthcare services.

He added that increased access to medical colleges has enabled many students from rural and economically weaker backgrounds to pursue their dream of becoming doctors, thereby improving the state's public health infrastructure in the long run.

Several BRS leaders and party workers attended the programme. Among those present were former corporators Devender Reddy and Prabhudas, state leader Praveen Mudiraj, party leaders Mahesh Goud, Vanjari Praveen, Karipe Pilli Nagaraju, Bosani Pawan Kumar, Dayakar Reddy, Shrawan, Raghuvaran, Nani, Rajesh Goud, and Kadige Shekhar, along with other party representatives and supporters.

The event concluded with the distribution of cheques to the selected students, who expressed gratitude for the financial support and pledged to serve society through their medical profession.

Energy Efficiency a Historic Imperative: Giridhar



Aramane Giridhar Excellent. Former Secretary Defence Government of India Is unveiling a latest report of Mission LiFE in Tuesday.

Hyderabad, March 4 | TPN Bureau

In a strong pitch for coordinated climate action, former Defence Secretary to the Government of India,

A. Giridhar, has called for a multi-pronged strategy to address climate change, urging States and stakeholders to rally behind

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's flagship global initiative, Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment).

Speaking at a programme organised by A. Chandra Sekhara Reddy, National Adviser (Media & Government Affairs), Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL), a joint venture of Central PSUs under the Ministry of Power, Giridhar described climate change as one of the gravest challenges confronting humanity. He stressed that Mission LiFE is not merely a government scheme but a transformative people's movement aimed at protecting national interests and ensuring a sustainable future for generations to come.

Launched by the Prime Minister at COP26, Mission LiFE advocates sustainable behavioural changes at the individual, community, and institutional levels. "Mission LiFE is about turning mindful consumption into a mass movement. It harmonises environmental responsibility with economic growth and public well-being," Giridhar said.

He underscored the urgent need for collective action and recommended that governments consider earmarking 5-10 percent of their budgets exclusively for promoting energy efficiency. Such a move, he noted, would accelerate India's transition to a low-carbon economy while generating green employment across sectors such as renewable energy, energy efficiency, waste management, ecotourism, and natural resource conservation. Highlighting India's cli-

mate commitments, Giridhar pointed out that effective implementation of Mission LiFE would contribute significantly toward reducing one billion tonnes of projected carbon emissions, lowering GDP emission intensity by 45 percent by 2030, and achieving Net Zero by 2070.

He also emphasised the importance of delivering global energy-efficient technologies to the common man's doorstep. Simple lifestyle changes — such as switching to LED lighting, adopting public transport, cycling and carpooling, using CNG vehicles, expanding solar and wind energy, conserving water and electricity, and opting for BEE Star-rated appliances — can collectively create substantial environmental impact, he said. Agencies like EESL have already demonstrated measurable results in advancing such initiatives across States.

Giridhar commended the Ministry of Power for launching the ₹1,000 crore ADEETIE (Assistance in Deploying Energy Efficient Technologies in Industries and Establishments) scheme under the leadership of Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar and Secretary Pankaj Agarwal. Implemented through the Bureau of Energy Efficiency, the scheme aims to promote advanced energy-efficient technologies in Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).

Of the ₹1,000 crore allocation, ₹875 crore has been earmarked for interest subvention to ease access to

concessional finance for MSMEs seeking energy-efficiency upgrades. Giridhar described the initiative as a landmark intervention that strengthens the economic sustainability and global competitiveness of MSMEs while ensuring environmental responsibility.

He stressed that close coordination between central agencies — including the Bureau of Energy Efficiency, the Central Electricity Authority, EESL, and the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy — would empower States to build globally competitive and environmentally sustainable industrial ecosystems.

Appreciating proactive States, particularly Andhra Pradesh, he lauded the State's Industries Department for signing an MoU with EESL at the CII Partnership Summit in Visakhapatnam to facilitate large-scale implementation of global energy-efficient technologies. He also recommended expanding the ADEETIE scheme to more industrial clusters, especially in major metropolitan centres such as Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Chennai, and Visakhapatnam.

Calling energy efficiency a "historic necessity," Giridhar concluded that Mission LiFE represents India's opportunity to lead the world through responsible growth. "Climate action is no longer optional. It is an economic, environmental, and moral imperative. By embracing energy efficiency today, we secure prosperity tomorrow," he said.

"Well Done Mahesh": Rahul Gandhi Praises TPCC Chief



Hyderabad, March 3 | TPN Bureau
Congress leader Rahul Gandhi lauded Telangana PCC president and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud for successfully organizing the 10-day training camp for District Congress Committee (DCC) presidents, drawing applause from party cadres.

During the valedictory session of the training programme, Rahul Gandhi specially appreciated Mahesh Kumar Goud's efforts, remarking "Well done, Mahesh," in recognition of his leadership and coordination. The public praise from the senior Congress leader became a highlight of the event and was met with loud applause from attendees.

The DCC presidents' training camp, held over ten days, focused on strengthening party structure, improving grassroots coordination, and preparing district-level leadership for upcoming political challenges. Mahesh Kumar Goud personally oversaw the arrangements and actively participated in all sessions, ensuring smooth execution of the programme.

Party leaders noted that the TPCC chief remained present throughout the camp, supervising the planning and implementation of each day's agenda. From conceptualizing session themes to coordinating speakers and discussions, his hands-on approach was widely appreciated within party

ranks. Leaders said his commitment and discipline during the camp reflected his organizational capabilities and leadership qualities.

Speaking at the closing ceremony, AICC Secretary Sachin Sawant commended Mahesh Kumar Goud for dedicating himself entirely to the camp. "Mahesh garu attended the programme for all ten days and effectively managed every session," he said, highlighting the effort put into making the initiative a success.

Rahul Gandhi's spontaneous appreciation further boosted morale among party leaders and workers. His acknowledgment was seen as recognition not only of Mahesh Kumar Goud's efforts but also of Telangana Congress's renewed organizational focus.

The training camp is being viewed as a significant step toward strengthening the Congress at the district level. Under Mahesh Kumar Goud's leadership, the programme has infused fresh enthusiasm among party cadres, while Rahul Gandhi's praise has added further credibility to the initiative.

Party leaders expressed confidence that such structured training efforts would enhance coordination and prepare the organization for future electoral and political engagements in Telangana.

Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy Directs Collectors to Align with Govt Vision

Hyderabad, March 3, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Revenue, Housing and Information & Public Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy on Tuesday advised newly appointed district collectors to function in tune with the vision and aspirations of the state government led by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy.

During a meeting held at the Secretariat, collectors who recently assumed charge in districts including Jogulamba Gadwal, Karimnagar, Rajanna Sircilla, Vikarabad, Medak, Bhadradi Kothagudem and Hanamkonda called on the minister. The interaction focused on governance priorities and effective implementation of welfare and development programmes.

Addressing the officials, Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy emphasized that the government, under the leadership of the Chief Minister, has introduced several welfare initiatives over the past two years aimed at improv-



ing the lives of the poor and marginalized sections. He said it is the primary responsibility of district collectors to ensure that these schemes reach every eligible beneficiary without delay or discrimination.

The minister stressed the need to strike a balance between welfare and development, stating that both are

equally important for sustainable progress. He advised collectors to understand government priorities while also being sensitive to the needs and concerns of the public. "Administrative decisions must reflect a humane approach and should directly benefit the people," he said.

Highlighting the impor-

tance of the collector's role in the administrative system, he described it as one of the most significant assignments in an IAS officer's career. He noted that working at the district level provides officers with valuable field experience and deeper insight into grassroots realities, which would be instrumental in shaping

their future administrative responsibilities. Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy also urged the collectors to maintain direct contact with the public and ensure accessibility in their functioning. He said that people-centric governance should remain the guiding principle and that district administrations must prioritize initiatives that genuinely improve living standards.

Calling for coordinated efforts, the minister emphasized that the entire administrative machinery should function as a cohesive team to effectively implement government policies. He reiterated that ensuring the successful delivery of welfare benefits and development programmes rests largely on the shoulders of district collectors.

The meeting concluded with the minister expressing confidence that the newly appointed collectors would uphold transparency, accountability and dedication in serving the people of Telangana.

Manchu Lakshmi Invites Minister Seethakka to Teach For Change Event

Hyderabad, March 3 | TPN Bureau

Actor and philanthropist Manchu Lakshmi, founder of the Teach For Change Trust, met Telangana Minister Seethakka at Praja Bhavan on Monday in a courtesy call.

During the meeting, Manchu Lakshmi invited the minister to attend a special programme being organised by her foundation on March 27. She briefed Seethakka about the various service initiatives undertaken by Teach For Change, particularly its efforts to strengthen government schools through digital learning support.

Explaining the vision behind the foundation, Manchu Lakshmi said the organisation has been actively working to bridge

the gap in educational resources in government schools. She informed the minister that the trust has been extending support for digital classrooms, infrastructure upgrades, and technology-enabled teaching methods to enhance learning outcomes for students from underprivileged backgrounds.

She emphasized that access to quality digital education is crucial in today's rapidly evolving world and that government school students must not be left behind in the digital transformation of education. The upcoming March 27 event, she noted, aims to further mobilise support and partnerships for expanding such initiatives across more schools.

Minister Seethakka appreciated the efforts of the foundation and lauded Manchu Lakshmi for her commitment to social causes. She commended the work being done to improve digital education facilities in government schools and encouraged continued collaboration between voluntary organisations and the government to strengthen the public education system.

The minister stated that initiatives like Teach For Change play a vital role in supporting the state's vision of inclusive and equitable education. She also conveyed her best wishes for the success of the upcoming programme.

The meeting concluded on a positive note, with



both expressing hope for greater cooperation in advancing digital education

and empowering students across Telangana's government schools.

Mallu Ravi Welcomes Proposal for Rahul Gandhi as PM



Hyderabad, March 3 | TPN Bureau

Congress MP Mallu Ravi has expressed happiness and extended his support to the proposal made by Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy recommending Rahul Gandhi as the Prime Ministerial candidate of the country.

Speaking in response to the proposal made at the recent District Congress Committee (DCC) training camp concluding meeting, Mallu Ravi said the suggestion that Rahul Gandhi should become Prime Minister reflects the aspirations of party cadres and the people at large.

He noted that Rahul Gandhi had earlier had opportunities to assume the Prime Minister's role on two occasions but did not show interest, choosing instead to remain closer to the people and understand their problems. "Rahul Gandhi believed that one must first connect with the masses and understand their issues before taking up the responsibility of governing the nation," he said.

The MP stated that he has closely observed Rahul Gandhi's interventions in Parliament, particularly his consistent fight on public issues. As Leader of the Opposition, Rahul Gandhi has been raising concerns related to social justice, economic inequality and democratic values, he added.

Mallu Ravi further said that Rahul Gandhi has developed a deep understanding of social challenges across the country through initiatives like the Bharat Jodo Yatra and Nyay Yatra, during which he travelled extensively and interacted with people from various sections of society.

He said the country now needs Rahul Gandhi's leadership at the national level, asserting that his vision focuses on ensuring equitable distribution of resources and opportunities based on social representation.

The MP also highlighted that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has been working to implement Rahul Gandhi's ideals in Telangana by initiating a caste census and striving to ensure 42 percent reservations for Backward Classes in the state.

Referring to Rahul Gandhi's family legacy, Mallu Ravi noted that his father, grandmother and great-grandfather had all served as Prime Ministers and worked towards poverty alleviation. However, he emphasized that Rahul Gandhi himself had not been driven by personal ambition for the post.

Welcoming reports that Rahul Gandhi has now agreed to the proposal, Mallu Ravi thanked Chief Minister Revanth Reddy on behalf of the MPs' forum for putting forward the recommendation.

Dasoju Sravan Alleges ₹100 Crore Bunker Bed Scam, Slams Govt Over Education Lapses



Hyderabad, March 3, 2026 | TPN Bureau

BRS MLC Dasoju Sravan on Tuesday launched a sharp attack on the Congress-led Telangana government, alleging large-scale irregularities in the education sector and accusing it of administrative failure.

Addressing a press conference at Telangana Bhavan, Sravan claimed that the state's education system has deteriorated under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. He extended Holi greetings to the people of Telangana before outlining a series of allegations related to examination management, procurement processes, and welfare schemes.

Referring to recent law examinations at Osmania University, Sravan alleged that the same question paper was issued for the five-year LLB examination conducted on February 25 and the three-year LLB (Honours) examination held on February 27. He described the incident as a serious lapse in academic administration and questioned how identical papers could be used for two different courses conducted on separate dates.

The MLC further alleged irregularities in the procurement of bunker beds for residential (Gurukul) schools. According to him, beds that should have cost around ₹60 crore were allegedly procured at a cost of

₹160 crore, resulting in a purported ₹100 crore loss to the exchequer. He demanded a transparent inquiry into the matter and called for disclosure of details regarding the companies awarded contracts, including whether any blacklisted firms were involved.

Sravan also criticized the recommendations of the Telangana Education Commission, alleging that proposals to review or discontinue certain welfare measures such as Gurukuls and fee reimbursement would adversely impact students from economically weaker sections. He claimed that fee reimbursement dues of around ₹10,000 crore remain pending and questioned the status of funds reportedly allocated to Osmania University in previous years.

Additionally, he accused the government of adopting what he termed "bulldozer politics," referring to demolition drives in certain areas including Khammam. He also alleged inconsistency in administrative decisions, citing the proposal to shift registration offices to T-Hub and its subsequent rollback.

Concluding his remarks, Sravan urged the government to focus on governance and address public concerns, particularly in the education sector, while ensuring transparency and accountability in public expenditure.

Harish Rao Alleges Illegal Mining, Land Deals by Congress Government

Hyderabad, March 3 | TPN Bureau

Former Minister and BRS Deputy Floor Leader T. Harish Rao on Sunday levelled serious allegations against the Congress government in Telangana, accusing it of facilitating illegal mining and questionable land allocations involving senior leaders.

Addressing the media, Harish Rao alleged that Raghava Constructions, a firm reportedly linked to Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, was carrying out illegal quarrying activities in the Manasa Hills area of Rajendranagar, located along the Outer Ring Road. He claimed that hills were being "crushed and removed" without mandatory statutory clearances, resulting in massive loss to the state exchequer and environmental damage.

The BRS leader questioned why departments such as Revenue, Mines & Geology, Pollution Control Board, and HMDA had allegedly failed to act despite what he described as large-scale extraction and transportation of rock and concrete materials. He alleged that heavy machinery was being operated round-the-clock without required permissions, including environmental clearance, mining lease



approvals, Pollution Control Board consent, land conversion approvals, explosives license, groundwater permissions, and revenue clearances.

"Is there one rule for ordinary citizens and another for ministers and their families?" Harish Rao asked, alleging double standards in enforcement. He further criticised the government for what he termed selective action, claiming that while au-

thorities demolish houses of the poor in the name of enforcement, they remain silent on alleged illegal activities by those in power.

Harish Rao also accused Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy of irregularly allotting 17 acres of government land to individuals allegedly linked to his son-in-law without conducting open bidding. He demanded immediate cancellation of the land allotment and called for a transparent

auction process to safeguard public assets.

Referring to HYDRAA (Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency), he questioned why the agency was not acting against alleged encroachments and illegal quarrying on government land. "If there is no wrongdoing, let the government order a transparent inquiry and make all permissions public," he challenged.

Harish Rao demanded immediate closure of the alleged illegal quarry, recovery of the extracted natural resources with penalty, and strict action against those responsible. He also stated that the BRS would continue to raise the issue both inside and outside the Assembly until accountability is ensured.

There was no immediate response from the government or the leaders named in the allegations.

Mahesh Goud Says 16 in RS Race, BC Representation Under Consideration



Hyderabad, March 3 | TPN Bureau

Telangana PCC chief Mahesh Goud on Tuesday said that as many as 16 aspirants are in the race for Rajya Sabha seats from the state and that consultations are underway to finalize the nominees.

Speaking informally with mediapersons, he stated that discussions regarding Rajya Sabha selections were held for nearly 30 minutes on Monday.

"We have submitted 16 names categorized by social groups. A final decision will be taken either

after calling leaders to Delhi or through telephonic consultations. Clarity is expected soon," he said.

Goud noted that four capable leaders from the Backward Classes (BC) community are seeking an opportunity to represent the state in the Upper

House. Whether one or two candidates from Telangana will be given the opportunity will be known shortly, he added. He clarified that Justice Sudarshan Reddy has not sought a Rajya Sabha berth.

Criticizing the BRS, Goud alleged that the party had previously allotted Rajya Sabha seats to corporate-backed individuals instead of those who worked for Telangana's cause. "Did BRS give even one Rajya Sabha seat to those who genuinely fought for Telangana?" he questioned.

He further said that certain corporation posts would be filled in March and that internal consultations are ongoing regarding these appointments.

Responding to remarks made by Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, Goud said the comments were politically motivated and asserted that the Congress party would form the next government in Kerala.

On the issue of Maoists, the PCC chief said that

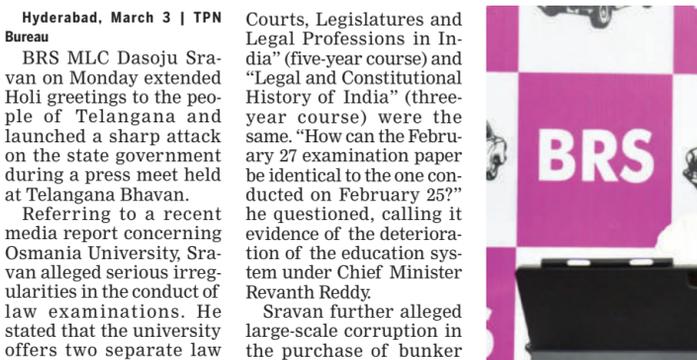
while the Congress may differ ideologically with Maoist groups, it acknowledges that many of them worked for decades based on their beliefs. He reiterated that the party had opposed Operation Kagar and argued that if the Centre could hold talks with Pakistan, it should also be open to dialogue in internal conflicts.

Goud stated that if surrendered Maoists wished to join the Congress party, they would be welcomed. "We have not approached anyone. If they come forward, we are open," he said.

He also revealed that some District Congress Committee presidents had complained about lack of cooperation from MLAs in eight constituencies. Acting on instructions from Rahul Gandhi, he said he immediately spoke to the concerned legislators.

Taking a swipe at Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Goud alleged that the BJP and RSS must respond to recent controversies, while defending Rahul Gandhi against criticism.

Dasoju Sravan Slams Govt Over Osmania Exam Paper Row, Welfare Issues



Hyderabad, March 3 | TPN Bureau

BRS MLC Dasoju Sravan on Monday extended Holi greetings to the people of Telangana and launched a sharp attack on the state government during a press meet held at Telangana Bhavan.

Referring to a recent media report concerning Osmania University, Sravan alleged serious irregularities in the conduct of law examinations. He stated that the university offers two separate law programmes — a five-year LLB course and a three-year honours course — and that examinations for these courses were held on February 25 and February 27 respectively.

Despite having a similar syllabus, the question papers for the two courses should not have been identical, he said. However, he alleged that the question paper for "History of

Courts, Legislatures and Legal Professions in India" (five-year course) and "Legal and Constitutional History of India" (three-year course) were the same. "How can the February 27 examination paper be identical to the one conducted on February 25?" he questioned, calling it evidence of the deterioration of the education system under Chief Minister Revanth Reddy.

Sravan further alleged large-scale corruption in the purchase of bunker beds, claiming that beds worth ₹60 crore were procured at an inflated cost of ₹160 crore, leading to a ₹100 crore scam. He termed the government "irresponsible" and accused it of misgovernance and financial irregularities.

He also raised concerns over alleged errors in Group-1 examinations and criticized the Telangana Education Commission report, calling it "full of mis-



takes." According to him, recommendations such as scrapping gurukuls and fee reimbursement would severely impact students from weaker sections.

The BRS leader questioned the status of ₹1,000 crore reportedly allocated to Osmania University and alleged that fee reimbursement dues worth ₹10,000 crore remain pending. He further claimed

that tenders for vocational education institutions were being awarded to blacklisted companies from other states.

Sravan also referred to demolition drives in certain areas, including Khammam, and accused the government of acting against the interests of the poor. He contrasted the present administration with the previous BRS gov-

ernment led by K. Chandrashekar Rao, stating that welfare initiatives like the Ambedkar Overseas Scholarship scheme were introduced to support marginalised students.

Concluding his remarks, Sravan accused the government of weakening Telangana's education system and demanded greater accountability and transparency in governance.

Kavitha Alleges Selective Action in Demolitions, Seeks Uniform Enforcement

Hyderabad, March 3 | TPN Bureau
BRS MLC K. Kavitha on Tuesday accused the state government of adopting a selective approach in its demolition drives and questioned the alleged inaction against certain constructions along the Musi river.

Addressing the media, Kavitha claimed that while authorities were swift in demolishing houses belonging to poor families in areas such as Quthbullapur and Velugumatra in Khammam district, large multi-storey buildings under construction in the Musi river area were not being acted upon.

"Massive buildings are coming up in the Musi, but they are not visible to the authorities. However, homes of the poor are being demolished without hesitation," she alleged. She further stated that several underprivileged families had already lost their houses in demolition drives carried out in Musi areas.

Kavitha said she attempt-



ed to contact HYDRRAA Commissioner Ranganath regarding the issue, and he informed her that he was attending a collectors' conference. She asserted that BRS leaders and workers would remain at the site until authorities responded and took action.

She said the party had earlier submitted complaints regarding alleged illegal constructions on lake beds and river zones as part of its public outreach initiatives. However, she claimed that no action had been initiated against those responsible for such encroachments.

Referring to demolitions in Velugumatra in Khammam, Kavitha alleged that around 600 houses belonging to poor families were razed. She said party representatives would soon visit the affected area to express solidarity with the displaced residents.

The BRS leader also mentioned concerns raised by residents of Madhu Ridge Apartments in the city, who she said were facing difficulties under the proposed Gandhi Sarovar project. According to her, many middle-class families who purchased flats nearly 20 years ago are now being subjected to uncertainty.

Kavitha maintained that her party's objection was not against private individuals but against what she termed inconsistent government action. She claimed that certain building permissions were granted during the previous BRS government, halted temporarily after the Congress assumed office, and later resumed.

"Our demand is simple — justice must be uniform for all," she said, adding that BRS would continue its efforts to safeguard the Musi river and protect Telangana's natural resources through lawful and transparent measures.

Campus Harassment Allegations: One Arrested, Another Absconding



Quthbullapur, March 3 | TPN Bureau

Allegations of harassment involving a third-year B.Tech student have surfaced at VNR Vignana Jyothi College of Engineering in Bachupally, under the jurisdiction of the Bachupally Police Station. Police have taken one accused into custody while another remains absconding.

According to the complaint filed by the victim's mother, a student identified as Ashish had allegedly been harassing her daughter since 2024. The complaint further stated that despite repeated warnings, the harassment continued, prompting the family to approach the police for intervention.

Based on the complaint, Bachupally police registered a case and detained Ashish for questioning. Another accused, identified as Praveen, is currently on the run. Police teams have been deployed to trace and apprehend him at the earliest.

Preliminary investigation indicates that the victim and the accused were acquainted and are all third-year B.Tech students at the same institution. Sources revealed that the acquaintance reportedly began through Instagram, highlighting concerns over the increasing role of social media interactions in student relationships and the potential for disputes arising from online friendships.

Police officials stated that the harassment allegedly escalated

over time, causing mental distress to the student. After gathering initial evidence and statements, investigators are now examining digital communication records and other relevant material to establish the sequence of events and verify the allegations.

Bachupally Circle Inspector Satish Kumar confirmed that a case has been registered and that the investigation is ongoing. "One accused has been taken into custody. Efforts are underway to nab the second accused. We are thoroughly examining all aspects, including social media interactions," he said.

The incident has raised fresh concerns about campus safety and responsible use of social media among students. While platforms like Instagram enable connectivity and social engagement, authorities stress the importance of maintaining boundaries and addressing inappropriate behavior at an early stage. College authorities are yet to release an official statement regarding the matter. Meanwhile, police have assured that strict action will be taken in accordance with the law once the investigation is completed.

The case underscores the need for awareness among students and parents regarding online interactions and the importance of promptly reporting harassment to prevent escalation and ensure a safe educational environment.

BRS Leader Steps In to Resolve Drainage Issue

Quthbullapur, March 3 | TPN Bureau

Residents of Shapurnagar Division in Quthbullapur heaved a sigh of relief after a week-long drainage problem that caused severe inconvenience was resolved within hours, thanks to the intervention of local BRS leader Puppala Bhaskar.

For the past week, sewage water had been overflowing onto roads in several parts of the colony, leading to foul smell and an increase in mosquito menace. The stagnant water not only disrupted daily life but also raised health concerns among residents. Frustrated over the worsening situation, locals expressed their concern and sought immediate action.

The issue was brought to the notice of Puppala Bhaskar, Division President of the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS). Upon learning about the severity of the problem, Bhaskar reportedly contacted the concerned



municipal authorities and urged them to take swift corrective measures. However, when the response did not meet expectations, he decided to step in personally to ensure relief for residents.

Demonstrating a proactive approach, Bhaskar ar-

ranged for drainage cleaning works at his own expense. Special workers were deployed to clear the clogged drainage lines and remove the accumulated sewage water from the roads. Within a few hours, the situation was brought

under control, restoring normalcy in the affected areas.

Local residents appreciated the timely intervention and lauded Bhaskar's service-oriented attitude. Many pointed out that even without holding an official pub-

lic office, he has been consistently working for the welfare of the community. "It is only when leaders come forward and address problems directly that colonies can truly develop," said a resident.

The swift action not only resolved the immediate issue but also highlighted the importance of prompt civic response in preventing health hazards. Residents have now urged the concerned authorities to take permanent measures to prevent recurrence of such drainage problems in the future.

They called for regular maintenance of sewer lines and better monitoring systems to avoid blockages, especially during seasonal changes. The incident has once again underlined the need for coordinated efforts between public representatives and civic bodies to ensure better living conditions for urban communities.

HYDRRA Team Saves Elderly Woman from Drowning



Quthbullapur, March 3 | TPN Bureau

A potential tragedy was averted in Quthbullapur after the HYDRRA 49 Team swiftly rescued a 62-year-old woman who attempted suicide by jumping into Raman Cheruvu under the Gajularamaram limits on Monday.

The elderly woman, identified as Yadamma, reportedly entered the lake in an attempt to end her life. Local residents who noticed the incident immediately alerted authorities, prompting a rapid response from the HYDRRA emergency team.

Acting without delay, SFSO Praveen Kumar, along with his staff, reached the spot within minutes. Assessing the situation quickly, the team entered the water and located Yadamma, who was struggling in the lake. Demonstrating courage and presence of mind, the personnel safely brought her out of the water.

Following the rescue, the team administered first aid at the scene to stabilize her condition. She was then shifted to a nearby hospital for further medical attention. According to hospital sources, her health condition is now stable and she is under

observation.

The rescue operation was carried out efficiently with the active participation of Manager Ashok and team members Santosh, Srinayya, and Vamshi. Their coordinated effort and quick thinking played a crucial role in preventing loss of life.

Local residents appreciated the prompt action of the HYDRRA team. "If they had not responded within minutes, the situation could have turned tragic. We are thankful for their dedication and timely intervention," said a resident who witnessed the rescue.

Officials stated that the swift response highlights the importance of community vigilance and effective emergency services. The HYDRRA team has been consistently responding to distress calls across the region, ensuring public safety during critical situations.

The incident serves as a reminder of the value of rapid emergency response systems and trained personnel who risk their own safety to protect others. Thanks to the alertness of locals and the professionalism of the HYDRRA team, a life was saved in the nick of time.

Renu Desai Files Cyber Crime Complaint Over Online Abuse



Hyderabad, March 3 | TPN Bureau

Actor and filmmaker Renu Desai has filed a complaint with the Cyberabad Cyber Crime Police alleging online harassment and abusive comments directed at her on social media platforms.

According to sources, Renu Desai submitted a formal complaint naming four social media accounts that allegedly posted vulgar, defamatory, and offensive remarks against her. She reportedly provided screenshots and other digital evidence to support her allegations and sought strict action against those responsible.

The actress is said to have expressed concern over the growing trend of personal attacks and character assassination on social media, stating that criticism of her professional work is acceptable but abusive and defamatory comments targeting her personal life are unacceptable.

Renu Desai, who resides in Hyderabad, has been active on social media and frequently shares her views on social is-

ssues. Recent public appearances and statements reportedly triggered a fresh wave of trolling, prompting her to approach law enforcement authorities.

Police officials have registered a case and initiated an investigation into the matter. Authorities are expected to examine the digital evidence submitted and trace the individuals operating the accounts mentioned in the complaint. Officials indicated that posting obscene, abusive, or defamatory content online can attract action under relevant provisions of the Information Technology Act and other applicable laws.

The complaint highlights the increasing instances of cyber harassment faced by public figures, particularly women, on digital platforms. Legal experts note that cybercrime units have been stepping up monitoring and enforcement efforts to address such cases, urging social media users to exercise responsibility while expressing opinions online.

Further investigation into the case is currently underway.

Holi Tragedy: Two Teens Drown



Hyderabad, March 3 | TPN Bureau

A festive day turned tragic in Quthbullapur on Monday after two teenage boys drowned in a lake while reportedly going for a swim following Holi celebrations. The incident occurred under the jurisdiction of the Suraram Police Station, sending shockwaves through the local community.

According to police officials, the mishap took place at Pantulu Cheruvu in Vishwakarma Colony. Five friends had gathered earlier in the day to celebrate Holi and later decided to visit the lake to wash off the colors. After reaching the spot, three of the boys reportedly went to a nearby shop to purchase shampoo, while the remaining two entered the water to bathe.

The victims were identified as Sagar (17) and Abhishek (17), both residents of the locality. Police said the teenagers ventured into a deeper section of the lake during their swim. Unaware of the sudden drop in depth, they are believed to have slipped and struggled to stay afloat. By the time their friends returned and realized something was wrong, the two had already disappeared beneath the water.

Locals immediately alerted

the authorities. Personnel from Suraram Police rushed to the scene and sought assistance from the Disaster Response Force (DRF). After a search operation, the bodies of the two boys were retrieved from the lake.

The bodies were shifted to a nearby government hospital for postmortem examination. Circle Inspector Sudheer Krishna confirmed that a case has been registered and an investigation is underway to determine the exact sequence of events leading to the drowning. Police are also examining whether adequate warning signs or safety measures were in place around the lake.

The tragic incident has cast a pall over Holi festivities in the area. Family members of the victims were inconsolable, and residents expressed concern over safety at local water bodies, especially during festival occasions when youngsters often gather near lakes and ponds.

Authorities have urged parents and guardians to exercise caution and advise children against swimming in unfamiliar or deep water bodies without supervision. Further investigation into the incident is ongoing.

McDowell's Soda Hosts High-Octane 'Holi on Wheels'

Hyderabad, March 3, 2026 | TPN Bureau

House of McDowell's Soda transformed the traditional festival of Holi into an adrenaline-charged celebration with its unique activation, 'Yaari Jam: Holi on Wheels,' in Hyderabad. Blending friendship, speed, and vibrant colours, the brand curated an unforgettable experience that reimagined one of India's most widely celebrated festivals through the lens of camaraderie.

Built around its "Firsts with Friends" philosophy, House of McDowell's Soda believes that every milestone — from everyday moments to once-in-a-lifetime experiences — becomes iconic when shared with friends. With 'Yaari Jam,' the brand sought to create a first-of-its-kind Holi celebration that resonated with young India's evolving cultural spirit.

Conceptualised by Team Spirit of Publicis Groupe India, the activation brought together real-life friends and popular comedians Tanmay Bhat and Aditya Kulshreshth (Kullu), along with content creators



Aishwarya Mohanraj and Anuj Gupta. The event unfolded inside a large open arena where two high-performance cars became the centrepiece of an unconventional Holi party.

In a dramatic twist to traditional celebrations, the cars were turned into moving canvases of colour. As engines roared and tyres spun, bursts of colour ex-

ploded across the venue. Colour bombs detonated mid-chase, vibrant clouds filled the air, and dashcams captured the group's spontaneous reactions. The empty concrete expanse gradually transformed into a living canvas splashed with hues of pink, blue, yellow, and green — creating a spectacle reminiscent of a cinematic action sequence.

Speaking about the initiative, Anandita Dutta, Vice President — Marketing & Category Head at Diageo India, said the brand views friendship not just as an emotion but as a cultural force shaping how young India celebrates life. "With 'Yaari Jam: Holi on Wheels,' we wanted to reinterpret a deeply rooted festival in a contemporary, immersive

way. Our aim is to create unforgettable shared experiences that remain etched in the memories of friends," she said.

Sharing his excitement, Aditya Kulshreshth (Kullu) remarked that while he had celebrated Holi countless times in streets and terraces, this was unlike anything he had experienced before. "From the moment the cars began moving and colours started bursting around us, it felt like being part of an action film — with friends adding their own fun and mischief," he said.

Kartik Smetacek, Chief Creative Officer at Saatchi & Saatchi India, described the campaign as the second major outing under the 'Firsts with Friends' platform. "Holi is the perfect occasion for friends to come together and create a little madness. This high-octane celebration blends spectacle and surprise in equal measure," he said.

With 'Yaari Jam: Holi on Wheels,' House of McDowell's Soda has once again pushed the boundaries of festive celebrations, delivering a bold and contemporary tribute to friendship.

Telangana Census to Begin from May 11



Hyderabad, March 3 | TPN Bureau

The first phase of the Census operations in Telangana is set to commence from May 11, marking the beginning of a comprehensive demographic exercise across the state. The initial phase, known as the house listing and housing census, will continue until June 9 and will focus on collecting detailed information about households, living conditions, and basic amenities.

Officials said the house listing phase will serve as the foundation for the main population enumeration scheduled to be conducted in early 2027. During this stage, enumerators will visit every household to gather data on the structure of houses, access to drinking water, sanitation facilities, electricity, and other essential infrastructure details.

State authorities have directed district administrations to ensure that no household is left out of the exercise. Special attention will be given to remote villages, tribal hamlets, urban slums, and other hard-to-reach areas to guarantee complete coverage. Collectors have been instructed to closely monitor preparations and coordinate with local officials for smooth implementation.

For the first time, the Census operations will adopt a fully digital approach. Enumerators will use mobile applications for data collection, enabling real-time entry and improved accuracy. The digital system is expected to minimize errors, enhance transpar-

ency, and streamline the overall process.

In addition to door-to-door data collection, a self-enumeration option is likely to be made available online. This facility will allow residents to submit their household details through a designated portal prior to the field survey, making the process more convenient and efficient.

Extensive training programs are being conducted for enumerators and supervisors to familiarize them with digital tools and updated procedures. Officials emphasized the importance of proper training to ensure data quality and uniformity across districts.

Authorities are also finalizing enumeration blocks and updating jurisdictional boundaries to avoid overlaps or omissions. Technical readiness, including the availability of devices and network connectivity, is being reviewed to ensure uninterrupted data collection.

The Census plays a crucial role in policy planning, allocation of resources, and implementation of welfare schemes. Accurate population data helps governments design targeted development initiatives in areas such as education, healthcare, housing, and employment.

With large-scale preparations underway, the Telangana government aims to conduct a smooth, transparent, and inclusive Census process, laying a strong foundation for future planning and governance.

25 Injured in Stray Dog Attack in Vemulawada

Rajanna Sircilla, March 3 | TPN Bureau

Around 25 people were injured after a stray dog went on a sudden biting spree in Vemulawada town of Rajanna Sircilla district, triggering panic among residents and devotees.

According to local sources, the incidents occurred across several localities in the temple town, including residential colonies and busy market areas. The dog reportedly attacked pedestrians without provocation, biting men, women, and a few elderly persons. Some of the victims were devotees visiting the famous temple in Vemulawada.

The unexpected attacks created fear among the public, with people running for safety as the dog moved from one street to another. Injured victims were immediately shifted to the Vemulawada Area Hospital, where doctors administered first aid and anti-rabies vac-



inations as a precautionary measure. Medical officials stated that most injuries were minor, though a few victims sustained deeper bite wounds requiring additional treatment.

Local municipal authorities and elected representatives visited the hospital to

check on the injured and assured residents that immediate steps would be taken to prevent further incidents. Civic officials said that animal control teams were deployed to trace and capture the dog responsible for the attacks.

Residents expressed con-

cern over the growing stray dog menace in the town, particularly in areas with heavy footfall such as markets and temple surroundings. They urged authorities to implement long-term measures to control the stray dog population and ensure public safety.

Municipal officials stated that sterilization and vaccination drives had been conducted in the past, but acknowledged the need for intensified efforts. They assured that additional teams would be engaged to monitor stray dog activity and respond swiftly to complaints.

Police officials also advised residents to remain cautious and report any aggressive stray animals immediately. Authorities emphasized that those bitten by dogs should seek medical attention without delay to prevent the risk of rabies.

The incident has once again brought attention to the issue of stray animal management in urban and semi-urban areas. While the injured are reported to be stable, residents are calling for stricter monitoring and sustained preventive measures to avoid similar incidents in the future.

Rahul Greeted Jagga Reddy Warmly



Vikarabad, March 3 | TPN Bureau

A brief yet warm exchange between senior Congress leaders drew attention following the conclusion of a key party meeting in Vikarabad on Sunday.

Senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi greeted Telangana PCC Working President T. Jagga Reddy with a handshake and friendly remarks after attending the Congress Political Affairs Committee (PAC) meeting.

Rahul Gandhi was in Telangana to participate in the concluding session of the DCC Presidents' training programme for Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. Prior to addressing the DCC presidents, he attended a meeting with members of the Congress PAC committee held in Vikarabad.

After the PAC meeting concluded, Rahul Gandhi proceeded towards his vehicle. At that moment, AP PCC Working President Mastan reportedly informed him, saying, "Rahul ji, Jaganna is here," drawing his attention to Jagga Reddy, who was present nearby.

On noticing Jagga Reddy, Rahul Gandhi immediately approached him,

firmly shook his hand, and greeted him warmly, saying, "Hi Jagga ji, how are you?" The brief interaction reflected camaraderie and mutual respect among the party leadership.

Following the exchange, Rahul Gandhi entered his car and departed from the venue.

The interaction, though short, became a talking point among party leaders and workers present at the meeting venue, symbolizing unity and coordination within the Congress ranks during the important organizational exercise.

The DCC Presidents' training programme was aimed at strengthening party structure at the grassroots level and equipping district leadership with strategic and organizational guidance ahead of upcoming political engagements. Senior leaders from both Telangana and Andhra Pradesh participated in the sessions.

Rahul Gandhi's presence at the concluding event underscored the party high command's focus on consolidating state-level leadership and enhancing coordination between different tiers of the organization.

Seethakka Announces ₹10 Lakh Accident Insurance for Women

Hyderabad, March 3 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Women and Child Welfare Minister Danasari Anasuya, popularly known as Seethakka, has announced that every female member of registered women's associations in the state will be covered under a ₹10 lakh accident insurance scheme.

Speaking at a programme on Tuesday, the minister said the initiative aims to provide financial security to women and their families in case of accidental death or serious injury. She noted that unexpected incidents often leave families in distress, and the insurance coverage would act as a crucial safety net during such emergencies.

The scheme will benefit members of self-help groups and other recognised women's associations across Telangana. Seethakka stated that the government is committed to strengthening social security measures for women, especially those from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. She added that ensuring women's financial protection is an important step toward broader empowerment.

Highlighting the role of women in society, the minister said they are key contributors to both household income and community development. Providing accident insurance reflects the government's recognition of their efforts and its resolve to support them.



Seethakka urged eligible women to enrol through their respective associations and directed officials to ensure smooth implementation of the scheme. She emphasised the need for awareness campaigns so that beneficiaries fully understand the coverage and claim procedures.

Representatives of women's groups welcomed the announcement, saying the scheme would bring much-needed reassurance to families across the state.

The minister reiterated that the Telangana government remains focused on women-centric welfare programmes aimed at promoting security, dignity and inclusive growth.

CPI(M) Leader BV Raghavulu Slams Modi Over Iran War Silence



Hyderabad, March 3 | TPN Bureau

Senior Communist Party of India (Marxist) leader B. V. Raghavulu on Tuesday sharply criticised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for what he described as the government's failure to explicitly condemn recent attacks by Iran amid escalating tensions in the Middle East.

Raghavulu, a Politburo member of the CPI(M), expressed his displeasure with India's diplomatic stance as regional hostilities between Iran, Israel and the United States intensified. He alleged that by not forcefully denouncing the military action against Iran, the Centre was sending the wrong message on India's foreign policy priorities.

In a statement issued during a press interaction, Raghavulu said that while India has taken diplomatic steps such as condemning attacks on Gulf nations and calling for peace, it has not explicitly condemned the military strikes carried out by foreign powers against Iran. He argued that this silence was tantamount to tacit acceptance of actions that violate national sovereignty and international norms.

According to the CPI(M) leader, India's long-standing policy of balanced engagement in West Asia should entail clear moral positions on acts of aggression, regardless of geopolitical alignments. He noted that India's strategic relationships in the re-

gion, including defence and economic ties, should not preclude principled denunciation of violence and the loss of civilian lives.

Raghavulu's comments reflect mounting criticism from various opposition leaders who have questioned the timing and clarity of India's diplomatic messaging amid the ongoing crisis. Opposition figures have called for a stronger articulation of India's stance on global peace and adherence to international law, arguing that moral clarity is indispensable for a credible foreign policy.

While the government has reiterated its commitment to regional stability and the safety of Indian citizens abroad, critics like Raghavulu want unequivocal condemnation of military actions that have dramatically escalated tensions between global powers and their allies in West Asia.

The rising tensions have affected not only geopolitical calculations but also raised concerns for the large Indian diaspora residing in the Gulf countries. As clashes continue and airspace disruptions impact travel and commerce, political leaders across India are urging the Centre to reassess its response and ensure that India's voice is heard distinctly on the world stage. Raghavulu's remarks add to this chorus of voices demanding a more assertive diplomatic posture.

Beyond Oil: How Indians Became Central to Dubai's Rise

The meteoric rise of Dubai from a modest trading port to a global economic powerhouse is often attributed to oil wealth, visionary leadership, and strategic geography. However, a deeper look reveals another crucial force behind this transformation — the Indian diaspora. Far from being just a labor force, Indians have played a foundational role in shaping Dubai's economy, culture, and global identity.

A Relationship Rooted in History

Long before oil was discovered in the Gulf, trade between India and the Arabian Peninsula was thriving. Merchants from western India — particularly Gujarat and Sindh — had established commercial ties with Gulf ports for centuries. These early connections laid the groundwork for a strong and enduring relationship.

When Dubai began emerging as a trading hub in the 20th century, Indian merchants were among the first to recognize its potential. They set up businesses, facilitated trade networks, and helped build trust in Dubai as a reliable commercial center. This early participation gave Indians a head start in shaping the city's economic trajectory.

From Traders to Nation Builders

As Dubai expanded in the 1960s and 1970s, especially after the formation of the United Arab Emirates in 1971, Indians arrived in larger numbers. While many came as workers in construction and infrastructure projects, others entered sectors like retail, finance, logistics, and services.

Today, Indians form the largest expatriate community in the UAE. Their contributions span every layer of society — from blue-collar workers building skyscrapers to entrepreneurs running billion-dollar enterprises.

The role of Indian labor in constructing Dubai's iconic skyline cannot be overstated. Thousands of workers contributed to projects that turned the desert into a modern metropolis. At the same time, Indian professionals helped develop key sectors such as banking, healthcare, education, and information technology.

Entrepreneurial Influence

Indian entrepreneurs have been instrumental in Dubai's transformation into a global business hub. Many started with small trading operations and grew into major conglomerates. Their ability to adapt, take risks, and leverage global networks has been a key factor in Dubai's economic diversification.

Business leaders like Ram Buxani exemplify this journey. Over decades, he witnessed and contributed to Dubai's evolution, becoming a prominent figure in the Indian business community



there.

Indian-owned businesses are now deeply embedded in Dubai's economy, particularly in sectors like gold trading, textiles, real estate, and hospitality. These enterprises not only generate employment but also strengthen Dubai's position as a global trading hub.

Cultural Integration and Soft Power

Beyond economics, Indians have significantly influenced Dubai's cultural landscape. Indian cuisine, cinema, festivals, and traditions are widely visible across the city. From Diwali

celebrations lighting up the skyline to Bollywood events drawing massive crowds, Indian culture has become an integral part of Dubai's identity.

This cultural integration has also helped Dubai position itself as a cosmopolitan city that welcomes diversity. The Indian community, with its size and vibrancy, plays a central role in this image.

Strategic Economic Partnership

The relationship between India and the UAE has evolved into a strategic partnership, further strengthening the role of Indians in

reality, oil accounts for only a small portion of its GDP today. The city has diversified into sectors like tourism, aviation, finance, and technology — areas where Indian talent and entrepreneurship have played a major role.

Indian professionals are prominent in Dubai's financial institutions, tech startups, and service industries. Their expertise has helped the city transition into a knowledge-based economy.

Challenges and Complex Realities

Despite their significant contributions, Indians in Dubai also face challenges. Labor conditions, wage disparities, and legal complexities remain concerns, particularly for low-income workers. The experience of the Indian diaspora is therefore not uniform — it ranges from immense success to difficult struggles.

Recent incidents involving Indian-origin individuals in Dubai's business world highlight the complexities of operating in a fast-growing and tightly regulated environment. For instance, cases like that of Balvinder Singh Sahni show how high-profile success can sometimes be accompanied by legal and financial risks.

These realities underline the need to view the Indian presence in Dubai not just as a success story, but as a nuanced and evolving

narrative.

A Community That Shapes the Future

The Indian diaspora continues to be central to Dubai's future ambitions. As the city pushes towards becoming a global hub for innovation, sustainability, and digital transformation, Indian talent and entrepreneurship are expected to remain key drivers.

From tech startups to large-scale investments, Indians are actively participating in shaping Dubai's next phase of growth. Their ability to bridge cultures, markets, and ideas makes them uniquely positioned to contribute to the city's global aspirations.

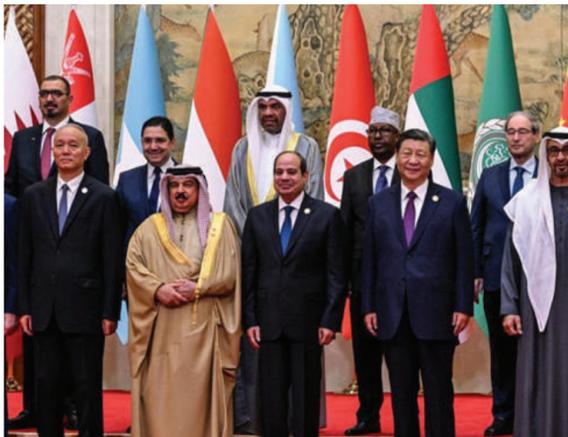
Conclusion

Dubai's rise cannot be explained by oil alone. It is the result of a complex interplay of vision, policy, geography, and people. Among those people, Indians stand out as one of the most influential communities.

Their journey — from early traders to modern-day entrepreneurs and professionals — mirrors Dubai's own transformation. Together, they have built a relationship that goes far deeper than economics, rooted in history, trust, and shared ambition.

As Dubai continues to evolve, the Indian community will remain not just participants, but key architects of its success story.

Burning Middle East: A Strategic Opportunity for China?



The escalating tensions in the Middle East, particularly involving Iran and Israel, are reshaping global geopolitical dynamics. While much of the world watches with concern over the potential for a wider conflict, another major global power—China—may be quietly assessing the situation through a strategic lens. For Beijing, instability in this volatile region could present both risks and significant opportunities.

The Middle East has long been central to global energy flows, trade routes, and geopolitical rivalries. Any conflict in this region sends ripples across the world, affecting oil prices, shipping lanes, and diplomatic alignments. For China, which is the world's largest importer of crude oil, stability in the Middle East is critical. However, paradoxically, controlled instability—where tensions rise but do not spiral into full-scale war—can also create openings for Beijing to expand its influence.

China's approach to global politics has traditionally been cautious and calculated. Unlike the United States, which often takes an overtly interventionist stance, China prefers economic engagement, diplomatic mediation, and long-term strategic positioning. In the context of the Middle East, this difference in approach could become more pronounced as the crisis unfolds.

One of China's key advantages lies in its relatively neutral positioning in the region. While the United States has historically been a strong ally of Israel, China maintains working relationships with multiple players, including

Iran and several Gulf countries. This balanced diplomacy allows Beijing to position itself as a potential mediator, especially when other powers are seen as biased or deeply involved in the conflict.

Moreover, China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) has already established significant economic footprints across the Middle East. Infrastructure projects, ports, railways, and energy investments have created strong ties between China and regional economies. As instability disrupts traditional Western-led systems, countries in the region may increasingly look toward China as a reliable partner for reconstruction, trade, and development.

Energy security remains at the heart of China's Middle East strategy. Any prolonged conflict that disrupts oil supply chains could be damaging to China's economy. However, Beijing has been diversifying its energy sources and building strategic reserves to mitigate such risks. At the same time, crises often lead to shifts in supply dynamics, allowing China to negotiate favorable energy deals with countries under economic pressure.

Another dimension to consider is the potential weakening of U.S. influence in the region. If Washington becomes deeply entangled in military or diplomatic crises, it may have fewer resources and less focus to counter China's rise in other parts of the world, particularly in Asia. This diversion of attention could indirectly benefit Beijing's broader strategic ambitions.

China has also been increas-

ingly active in diplomatic initiatives in the Middle East. Its role in facilitating rapprochement between regional rivals in recent years has signaled its growing ambitions as a global peacemaker. In a scenario where the Iran-Israel conflict escalates but requires international mediation, China could step in to enhance its global image as a responsible power.

At the same time, Beijing must tread carefully. A full-scale war in the Middle East would not serve China's interests. Large-scale conflict could disrupt trade routes, endanger Chinese nationals working in the region, and create economic shocks that ripple back to China. Therefore, China's ideal scenario is not chaos, but a managed level of tension that allows it to expand influence without severe global disruption.

There is also a technological and economic angle to China's potential gains. As Western countries focus on security and military responses, China can continue to deepen its economic partnerships, particularly in sectors like telecommunications, renewable energy, and digital infrastructure. Many Middle Eastern countries are eager to modernize their economies, and China offers cost-effective solutions without the political conditions often attached by Western nations.

Furthermore, China's non-interference policy appeals to governments in the region that are wary of external pressure on internal matters. This approach strengthens China's appeal as a partner that prioritizes economic cooperation over political intervention.

Another important factor is global perception. If China successfully navigates the crisis by promoting dialogue, ensuring economic stability, and avoiding direct conflict involvement, it could enhance its reputation as a stabilizing force in global affairs. This would contrast with perceptions of Western powers as being more confrontational or interventionist.

However, challenges remain. China's limited military presence in the Middle East means it lacks the capacity to directly influence security outcomes. Additionally, balancing relationships between rival states—such as Iran and Israel—requires careful diplomacy to avoid alienating key partners.

Why Donald Trump Prefers Weekend Strikes: Strategy, Optics, And Timing

The pattern of military decision-making by Donald Trump has repeatedly drawn global attention, particularly during periods of heightened geopolitical tension. A noticeable trend in his approach is the timing of major military actions — often occurring over weekends. From operations linked to Iran to earlier strategic moves involving Venezuela, this pattern appears deliberate rather than coincidental.

A Pattern Hidden In Plain Sight

Observers have pointed out that several of Trump's key military decisions have been announced or executed during weekends, often late at night. This timing creates an image of unpredictability — a leadership style that does not follow traditional diplomatic or military norms.

Such unpredictability can be a calculated move. By avoiding routine patterns, decision-making becomes harder to anticipate for both allies and adversaries. It also reinforces an image of decisiveness, where actions can be taken swiftly without prolonged signaling.

The Element Of Surprise

One of the strongest strategic advantages of weekend operations is the element of surprise. Weekends typically see reduced staffing across governments, international organizations, and media institutions. Diplomatic channels may not be as active, and response mechanisms can be slower.

Launching military action during this window can limit immediate countermeasures. In high-stakes situations involving countries like Iran, where rapid retaliation is possible, even a slight delay in response time can provide a tactical edge.

Controlling The Narrative

Timing also plays a critical role in shaping public perception. Weekend announcements often dominate news cycles with limited immediate scrutiny. Media organizations may take time to fully analyze and critique developments, allowing the initiating party to set the tone of the narrative early on.

Trump has long demonstrated an understanding of media dynamics. By acting during periods of lower information flow, his administration can frame events before competing interpretations emerge.

Domestic Political Calculations

Weekend timing also has implications within the United States. Political activity tends to slow down during weekends, with fewer immediate reactions from lawmakers, opposition leaders, and policy analysts.

This creates a buffer period during which the administration can consolidate its messaging and manage internal responses. It also reduces the likelihood of instant political pushback, allowing the focus to remain on the action itself rather than the debate surrounding it.

From Venezuela To Iran: A Strategic Template

Trump's foreign policy approach has often followed a recognizable pattern. In the case of Venezuela, the strategy relied on economic pressure, diplomatic isolation, and calculated actions rather than full-scale military intervention.

However, applying a similar framework to Iran presents far greater challenges. Iran has a more complex geopolitical position, with regional alliances, advanced missile capabilities, and influence across multiple conflict zones. This makes any military action significantly more sensitive and potentially escalatory.

Despite these differences, the reliance on timing — including weekend actions — appears to remain consistent across different geopolitical contexts.

Psychological Impact And Strategic Messaging

Weekend strikes are not just about operational advantage; they also carry psychological significance. Announcing military action during off-hours can amplify shock and uncertainty. It signals that decisions can be made at any time, without warning.

This unpredictability can serve as a deterrent. Adversaries may find it harder to anticipate actions, while allies are reminded of the speed and autonomy of decision-making.

Blurring The Line Between Routine And Crisis

Another notable aspect of this approach is how ordinary public engagements can precede major decisions. Routine appearances, meetings, or events may not necessarily indicate imminent action, making it difficult for observers to detect patterns.

This blending of normalcy and crisis contributes to strategic ambiguity. It prevents clear signaling, which is often a key component of traditional diplomacy, and instead introduces an element of surprise at multiple levels.

Risks Of The Weekend Strategy

While the advantages are evident, the strategy also carries significant risks. Reduced diplomatic engagement during weekends can limit opportunities for immediate dialogue and



de-escalation.

In volatile regions, where tensions can escalate quickly, the absence of active communication channels may increase the chances of miscalculation. A delayed response or misunderstanding could trigger a broader conflict.

Global Implications

The timing of military actions has implications beyond immediate outcomes. Allies may feel excluded if decisions are made without consultation, especially during periods when coordination is more difficult.

At the same time, adversaries may interpret such actions as aggressive or unpredictable, potentially leading to heightened tensions. Over time, this can influence diplomatic relationships and reshape strategic alignments.

A Deliberate Strategy, Not A Coincidence

Taken together, the recurring pattern of weekend military actions suggests a deliberate strategic approach. It combines operational surprise, media management, and political calculation into a single framework.

Rather than being *sluchánye* decisions, these actions reflect a broader philosophy of governance — one that prioritizes speed, unpredictability, and control over narrative.

Conclusion

Understanding the timing of military decisions offers valuable insight into modern geopolitical strategy. In this case, weekend actions highlight how leadership style, media awareness, and tactical considerations intersect.

In today's fast-moving information environment, when a decision is made can be just as impactful as what decision is taken.

PM Modi Holds Strategic Talks with Oman and Kuwait Leaders Amid Growing West Asia Conflict

Amid intensifying conflict in the Middle East, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has stepped up diplomatic outreach by holding telephonic conversations with two key Gulf leaders — the Sultan of Oman and the Crown Prince of Kuwait. The talks come as tensions escalate across West Asia following recent military actions involving the United States and Israel, and as regional security dynamics remain highly volatile.

The Prime Minister spoke directly with Sultan Haitham bin Tarik of Oman and Crown Prince Sheikh Mishal Al Khaled Al Hamad Al Sabah of Kuwait, expressing deep concern over the recent attacks in their respective countries and the broader implications for regional stability. In both conversations, Modi emphasised the urgent need for peace and spoke about the evolving situation with seriousness.

A key focus of these discussions was the welfare and security of Indian citizens living and working in the Gulf region. Millions of Indians reside in West Asian nations, and their safety has become a central priority for New Delhi as hostilities continue. Modi reiterated India's commitment to ensuring the well being of its diaspora and maintaining close coordination with host governments to protect their interests.

The phone calls followed a pattern of diplomatic engagement by Modi in recent days. He has also been in contact with other regional leaders, re-



inforcing India's stance that all disputes should be resolved through dialogue and diplomacy rather than military confrontation. This approach aligns with India's consistent position on international conflicts, where it supports peaceful negotiations and de-escalation of tensions.

India's engagement comes at a time when the conflict has expanded beyond isolated strikes, affecting multiple countries in the region. There have been retaliatory attacks and cross border exchanges that have unsettled the Gulf, prompting many nations to reassess security and diplomatic

strategies.

In his discussions with the Sultan of Oman and the Crown Prince of Kuwait, Modi also underscored the importance of regional stability and peace — highlighting that unresolved conflict in West Asia has far reaching consequences not only for the Middle East but for global energy security, commerce and people to people ties.

The diplomatic outreach by New Delhi reflects a careful balancing act — maintaining strong bilateral relations with key partners, advocating for the protection of Indian nationals abroad, and calling for

an early cessation of hostilities. These conversations also aim to reassure Gulf nations of India's supportive stance while urging restraint and a return to constructive dialogue.

As the situation continues to evolve, India's focus on diplomatic channels and the safety of its citizens abroad is likely to remain a priority. The recent talks with the leaders of Oman and Kuwait demonstrate India's active engagement in global efforts aimed at reducing tensions and promoting long term peace in a region that plays a crucial role in international stability.

India Voices Concern Over Escalating Iran Conflict; Confirms Indian Casualties in Gulf Region

The Indian government has expressed deep concern over the rapidly escalating conflict in West Asia, particularly in Iran and the broader Gulf region, as tensions involving the United States and Israel continue to intensify. Amid the worsening situation, New Delhi has confirmed that some Indian nationals have lost their lives, while others are reported missing, highlighting the serious human impact of the ongoing crisis.

In an official statement, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said the situation remains volatile and called for immediate de-escalation. India urged all parties involved to exercise restraint and avoid further military confrontation, stressing that continued violence would only worsen instability and endanger civilian lives.

A major concern for the government is the safety of the large Indian diaspora in the Gulf region. Millions of Indians live and work across countries such as Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Qatar, and Oman. With rising tensions, disruptions in air travel, and increasing security risks, many expatriates are facing uncertainty. The gov-



ernment has advised Indian nationals to remain alert, follow local safety guidelines, and stay in contact with Indian embassies.

The conflict, which began with targeted strikes and subsequent retaliation, has now expanded beyond isolated incidents, impacting multiple countries in the region. The escalation has raised fears of a wider regional war, with significant implications for global peace and economic stability. The situation has become even more sensitive as it unfolds during an important religious period, adding to concerns about public safety and social stability.

India has been actively engaging with key global and regional players through diplomatic channels. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar has been in touch with leaders from the affected countries, emphasising the importance of dialogue and peaceful resolution. The government has reiterated that there is no military solution to the crisis, and that diplomacy remains the only viable path forward.

New Delhi's response reflects a careful balancing act. India maintains strategic and economic ties with multiple countries involved in the conflict, making it essential to

adopt a measured and neutral stance while still advocating for peace. At the same time, the government is under pressure to ensure the safety of its citizens and protect national interests, especially in areas like energy security and trade.

The ongoing crisis also has significant economic implications. Any disruption in the Gulf region can directly affect global oil supplies, leading to rising fuel prices and broader economic challenges. For a country like India, which depends heavily on energy imports, prolonged instability could have serious consequences.

Despite these challenges, India has maintained a consistent position — calling for restraint, respect for international law, and protection of civilians. The government has reiterated that safeguarding Indian citizens abroad remains its top priority, while also working toward diplomatic solutions to ease tensions.

As the situation continues to evolve, India's focus remains on preventing further escalation, ensuring the safety of its diaspora, and contributing to global efforts aimed at restoring peace and stability in a region that plays a crucial role in the world economy.

Limited Dubai-India Flights Resume Amid Gulf Tensions: Key Things to Know

Amid rising tensions in West Asia following escalating conflict involving Iran, Israel, and the United States, limited flight services between India and the United Arab Emirates have begun resuming. The restoration comes after days of disruption caused by security concerns and airspace restrictions across the Gulf region.

Authorities in the UAE have allowed partial resumption of operations from major hubs such as Dubai and Abu Dhabi, offering relief to thousands of stranded passengers, including Indian nationals. However, the situation remains fluid, and services are being restored in a phased and cautious manner.

One of the most important developments is that only select flights are currently operational. Airlines are prioritising essential routes and working closely with aviation authorities to ensure passenger safety. Travellers are advised to check flight status frequently, as schedules may change at short notice depending on the evol-



ving geopolitical situation.

The disruptions were triggered after heightened military activity in the region raised serious concerns about aviation safety. Recent strikes and counter-strikes have impacted key areas, including parts of the UAE, where debris from missile and drone attacks caused damage and casualties.

These developments forced several airlines to suspend or reroute flights to avoid high-risk zones.

Airspace restrictions have also played a major role in the disruption. With multiple countries in the region either closing or limiting their airspace, airlines have had to take longer alternate routes, lead-

ing to delays, cancellations, and increased operational costs.

For passengers, authorities have issued clear advisories. Travellers are urged to arrive early at airports, keep all travel documents ready, and remain in contact with airlines for real-time updates. Emergency helplines and support services have also been activated to assist stranded individuals.

Indian authorities are closely monitoring the situation and coordinating with UAE officials to ensure the safety and smooth movement of citizens. Efforts are underway to scale up operations gradually if the security situation stabilises.

Despite the partial resumption, uncertainty continues to loom over international travel in the region. Much will depend on how the geopolitical tensions evolve in the coming days. Until then, both airlines and passengers are expected to remain cautious, with safety continuing to be the top priority.

Sonia Gandhi Slams Government's Silence on Khamenei's Death, Calls It "Abdication Not Neutrality"



Senior Congress leader Sonia Gandhi has sharply criticised the Indian government for its reaction — or lack thereof — to the killing of Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, the Supreme Leader of Iran, amid rising tensions in the Middle East. Gandhi argued that New Delhi's silence following the targeted killing of a foreign head of state is neither neutral nor principled, but amounts to an abdication of responsibility that undermines India's standing on the world stage.

In a strongly worded statement, Gandhi said the government's reluctance to explicitly condemn the killing of Iran's top leader raises serious questions about the direction and credibility of India's foreign policy. She said India's ties with Tehran, both civilisational and strategic, go back decades, and the silence appears inconsistent with the traditional values India has upheld in international relations. Gandhi argued that the issue should not be treated as a matter of routine diplomacy, but one that clearly warrants a principled stand.

According to her, the lack of commentary from New

Delhi, particularly after a major attack affecting Iranian leadership, cannot be dismissed as neutrality. Instead, Gandhi described the silence as a failure to uphold international law and sovereignty, suggesting that India's failure to articulate a clear position could signal "tacit endorsement of tragedy" or at least a reluctance to defend fundamental principles when they are challenged. She also urged that this topic be openly debated in Parliament to clarify India's official stance and reaffirm its commitment to global norms.

Gandhi's critique has sparked significant political discussion because it comes at a time when India is trying to maintain a careful diplomatic balance amid a volatile West Asia conflict involving the United States, Israel, and Iran. While the Indian government has called for restraint, dialogue, and de-escalation, it has stopped short of explicitly condemning the killing of Khamenei or detailing a strong position on the matter, a stance Gandhi finds troubling given India's historical emphasis on sovereignty and peaceful resolution of conflicts.

The comments by the Congress leader reflect broader criticism from sections of the political spectrum that believe India's response has been muted and inconsistent. Some critics argue that a clearer declaration of principles in defence of international law — especially in incidents involving the death of a foreign head of state — is essential to maintaining India's diplomatic credibility.

Gandhi's remarks underscore a growing domestic debate over how India should navigate the Middle East crisis and which principles should guide its foreign policy during global conflicts. This debate comes as thousands of Indian expatriates in the region face uncertainty amid escalating tensions, further complicating the diplomatic landscape for New Delhi.

In calling for a public parliamentary discussion and a more transparent approach, Sonia Gandhi has made clear that the opposition views India's current silence not as strategic restraint but as a missed opportunity to reaffirm long standing values in international affairs.

Rahul Gandhi Questions Government's "Silence" on West Asia Conflict, Asks If PM Modi Supports Assassination of a Head of State



Senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has intensified his criticism of the Indian government's handling of the ongoing West Asia conflict, accusing it of remaining silent on crucial international developments and questioning whether such silence amounts to support for the assassination of a foreign head of state.

In a strong public statement, Rahul Gandhi said the government's muted response to the killing of a powerful foreign leader — referring to Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, the Supreme Leader of Iran — raises serious questions about India's foreign policy principles. He challenged the Narendra Modi government to clearly explain its position on the matter, arguing that remaining silent on actions that involve the assassination of a head of state undermines India's moral standing and could be interpreted as tacit approval.

Rahul Gandhi reiterated that the killing of any head of state should be condemned unequivocally under international law. He said India's position should not be influenced solely by strategic ties with other nations, but must be guided by fundamental principles of sovereignty, peaceful resolu-

tion of disputes, and respect for human life.

According to Gandhi, the Indian government's reluctance to publicly comment on the controversial assassination sends a confusing message. He questioned whether the silence signifies a shift in India's traditional foreign policy stance, which historically emphasised respect for international norms and the sovereignty of nations.

In his comments, Gandhi also pointed out that India has always maintained constructive relations with countries across the Middle East, including Iran. He highlighted longstanding cultural, economic, and civilisational ties, suggesting that ignoring a major geopolitical event involving a key regional partner could strain bilateral relations as well as India's broader diplomatic credibility.

The Congress leader asserted that neutrality is not achieved through silence but through clear articulation of values and principles. He called on the government to explain whether its position reflects a strategic choice or a departure from values that India has upheld in its foreign relations.

Rahul Gandhi's criticisms

come amid a wider debate within Indian political circles over how the government should navigate the intensifying conflict in the Middle East, particularly given the presence of millions of Indian expatriates in the region. There has been growing pressure on New Delhi to outline a clear and principled stance while simultaneously ensuring the safety of its citizens abroad.

Gandhi also urged the government to use parliamentary platforms to openly discuss India's response to major developments in West Asia, including the assassination of a foreign leader and its implications for global peace and security. He said that such debates are essential for transparency and for reaffirming India's commitment to international norms.

The opposition leader's remarks signify deeper political friction over foreign policy direction and the values that should guide India during periods of global crisis. His challenge to the government underscores the need for a public and nuanced discussion on how India positions itself on complex geopolitical issues involving both global powers and regional conflicts.

Middle East Turmoil Weighs on Gulf Markets; Energy Shares Lift Saudi Index

Global financial markets in the Gulf region have been rattled by renewed instability in the Middle East, as escalating tensions involving Iran, the United States and Israel continue to spook investors. The recent geopolitical developments have not only stirred political unease but also sent ripples through equity markets across the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), with traders taking cautious positions amid rising risk aversion.

The impact of heightened uncertainty was most apparent in Gulf equity indices, which opened weaker this week as investors grappled with the prospect of broader regional escalation. Markets that had been on a steady recovery path were suddenly confronted with renewed nervousness, prompting a shift away from riskier assets and a flight toward safe haven sectors.

A prominent trend emerging in the region's stock exchanges is the divergent performance between broader market indices and energy shares. While benchmark indices such as those in Dubai and Abu Dhabi experienced downward pressure, energy stocks — particularly in Saudi Arabia — attracted fresh buying interest due to rising oil prices.

Crude oil has surged in global commodity markets as the risk of conflict-related supply disruptions grows. With Iran being a major oil producer and the Strait of Hormuz acting as a vital chokepoint for global oil shipments, any escalation in hostilities raises the threat of supply constraints. This has bolstered the outlook for oil companies, as investors anticipate stronger earnings for firms involved in hydrocarbon production and export.

In Saudi Arabia, where the economy remains heavily tied to energy, gains in energy stocks helped partially offset broader



market weakness. The Tadawul All Share Index exhibited relative resilience, supported by renewed demand for shares of oil giants and energy-related firms. Traders noted that higher crude prices generally translate into stronger state revenues and improved profitability for energy producers, factors that tend to support valuations even during periods of volatility.

Conversely, Gulf markets with more diversified economic structures saw greater sensitivity to geopolitical jitters. Dubai and Abu Dhabi bourses, while still buoyed by sectors such as finance and real estate, exhibited net losses as investors weighed the potential ripple effects of heightened conflict. Banking and tourism-related stocks, in particular, came under pressure as investor confidence waned amid broader uncertainty.

Regional investors also point-

ed to wider global market trends that compounded local pressures. International equity markets have been increasingly volatile in response to geopolitical developments, rising energy prices, and concerns about inflationary pressures. In turn, this has prompted GCC investors to adopt more cautious stances, reducing exposure to equities and seeking shelter in defensive sectors or assets perceived as safer.

Currency markets reflected a similar risk off mood, with some Gulf currencies experiencing mild depreciation against the US dollar as capital flows shifted in favor of legacy safe haven assets. Meanwhile, demand for gold and other precious metals has strengthened, consistent with classic investor behavior during periods of geopolitical stress.

Amid these market move-

ments, financial analysts emphasized that the current sell off should be viewed in the context of broader market fundamentals. While short term volatility remains elevated, underlying economic indicators such as government revenues, fiscal buffers, and long term growth prospects in the GCC remain comparatively strong.

However, analysts also cautioned that continued escalation could lead to deeper market corrections, especially if global oil supply chains are disrupted or if investor risk sentiment deteriorates further.

In the meantime, Gulf markets will remain on edge, with traders carefully monitoring developments in the Middle East, global oil dynamics, and international policy responses, as these factors will be key in determining market direction in the days ahead.

Trump Backtracks on 'Boots on the Ground' Threat After US Embassy in Riyadh Attacked Amid Rising Middle East Tensions



Tensions in the Middle East have escalated sharply following a direct attack on the US Embassy in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, amid ongoing hostilities involving the United States, Iran, and Israel. The incident prompted a notable shift in President Donald Trump's approach to military involvement in the region.

On Tuesday, two drones struck the US diplomatic mission in Riyadh, igniting a fire and causing material damage to the embassy compound. Fortunately, no casualties were immediately reported. Saudi authorities confirmed the attacks after videos circulated online showing smoke rising from the Diplomatic Quarter in the Saudi capital. Although no group formally claimed responsibility, US officials indicated that the strike could be linked to Iranian-backed forces. The embassy issued safety advisories, urging American citizens to remain cautious in the area.

The attack occurred during an escalation of clashes between US-Israeli forces and Iranian

targets. A series of airstrikes, missile exchanges, and retaliatory operations has intensified fears of a broader regional war. The ongoing conflict has already resulted in casualties on multiple sides and disrupted stability across the Gulf.

In response to these developments, President Trump appeared to soften his earlier statements suggesting that American "boots on the ground" might be deployed. Initially, he had hinted at the possibility of sending ground troops into Iran if necessary. However, following the embassy attack, he indicated that immediate deployment of US forces is unlikely at this stage, though he left the option open depending on how the situation evolves.

Trump's change in tone marks a significant adjustment in US foreign policy rhetoric. Early in the crisis, speculation about a deeper military intervention had sparked international concern. The attack on a diplomatic facility on the soil of a key ally appears to have prompted a more cautious stance, prioritizing

flexibility over immediate ground action.

US defense officials confirmed that while troop deployment is not currently planned, military options remain available. The Pentagon emphasized the importance of maintaining operational freedom without prematurely committing forces on the ground.

The embassy attack and the potential for expanded military involvement have drawn global attention, impacting diplomatic strategies and financial markets alike. The incident underscores the fragility of regional stability and the high stakes involved in the Middle East conflict.

As tensions continue to rise, the international community remains watchful, hoping that diplomatic efforts can contain the escalation while preparing for the possibility that further military measures may become necessary. The situation remains fluid, with every new development having the potential to shift US strategy and regional dynamics significantly.

Limited Flights Resume from Dubai and Abu Dhabi as Middle East Airspace Chaos Eases

Air travel in the Gulf region has begun a cautious return to normalcy after days of disruption caused by escalating conflict involving Israel, Iran, and the United States. Major airports in the United Arab Emirates — including Dubai International, Dubai World Central, and Abu Dhabi Airport — have started operating a limited number of flights, providing relief to thousands of stranded travellers.

The partial resumption follows a near-total shutdown of commercial flights earlier this week, when airspace across the Gulf was closed after retaliatory missile and drone attacks linked to the wider conflict disrupted major hubs. For several days, airlines cancelled flights to and from the UAE, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and other neighbouring countries, leaving passengers stranded at airports or in transit cities.

Dubai's airports officially confirmed that select flights would restart, though operations remain heavily restricted. Carriers including Emirates, flydubai, and Etihad Airways have begun transporting passengers on carefully scheduled services, prioritising



itising repatriation and relief flights over regular commercial routes.

Emirates, the UAE's largest carrier, indicated that it would resume a limited number of flights and contacted passengers with confirmed bookings directly. Flydubai also began operating a small set of departures, while Etihad said it would run special repatriation and cargo flights under strict safety checks. Normal scheduled flights to and from Abu Dhabi and Dubai are

still largely suspended.

The resumption comes amid warnings from foreign governments urging their citizens to leave the region via commercial flights where possible. The US State Department, among others, advised Americans living or travelling in multiple Middle Eastern countries to depart as soon as transportation becomes available.

Despite the limited restart, travel chaos persists. Airlines around the world have cancelled

thousands of flights due to ongoing airspace closures and safety concerns, and many travellers remain stranded. Even where flights are now operating, passengers have been advised not to travel to airports unless they have a confirmed departure time, as changes and cancellations could still occur at short notice.

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Netanyahu Thanks PM Modi for Support Amid Middle East Tensions

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has publicly expressed his gratitude to Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi for standing with Israel amid escalating conflict in the Middle East. Netanyahu revealed that he had personally spoken to Modi by phone and thanked him for India's support as tensions with Iran and its regional proxies intensify.

Speaking from a location recently affected by an Iranian-linked strike, Netanyahu described Modi as a "great friend" and praised India's stance. He emphasized that India's friendship is highly valued in Israel and appreciated New Delhi's support during a period of heightened unrest. While he did not disclose the full details of the conversation, Netanyahu noted that he has been in touch with multiple world leaders to coordinate responses to the ongoing crisis.

The gratitude expressed by



Netanyahu underscores the evolving diplomatic relationship between India and Israel, which has strengthened significantly over the years through cooperation in trade, defence, technology, and people-to-people ties. Both countries describe their relationship as a friendship built on mutual strategic interests and growing collaboration across multiple sectors.

The prime minister's remarks come at a time when global attention is focused on the Middle East, as Israel has been engaged in conflict with Iranian forces and associated groups. Military actions and retaliatory strikes have heightened regional tensions, raising concerns about stability and the potential for wider escalation. Netanyahu's acknowledgment of India's sup-

port offers diplomatic reinforcement to Israel as it navigates the crisis.

Modi has also been active diplomatically, speaking with key global leaders to address the situation. He has emphasized the importance of civilian safety and the need for an early cessation of hostilities during his communications with Netanyahu. These positions reflect India's effort to balance support for strategic partners with calls for peace and protection of civilian lives amid conflict.

The exchange between the two leaders highlights the deepening ties between India and Israel, even as New Delhi continues to engage with other countries affected by the conflict. As geopolitical dynamics in West Asia remain fluid, strong diplomatic communication between world leaders like Modi and Netanyahu plays a key role in shaping international responses to the ongoing crisis.

Gold Prices Rise as Middle East Conflict Drives Safe-Haven Demand



Gold prices moved higher as escalating tensions in the Middle East prompted investors to seek safety in the precious metal. The surge reflects growing uncertainty in global markets, where geopolitical risks often push traders toward assets considered more stable during times of crisis.

The recent rise in gold comes amid intensifying conflict in West Asia, which has unsettled financial markets worldwide. As fears of further escalation grow, investors are shifting away from riskier assets such as equities and moving toward traditional safe havens like gold. This shift in sentiment has supported bullion prices, helping them climb in international markets.

Market participants are closely monitoring developments in the region, as any further deterioration in the situation could lead to

continued volatility across asset classes. Gold, which is widely regarded as a hedge against uncertainty and inflation, typically benefits during such periods of instability. The current geopolitical climate has reinforced its appeal among global investors.

In addition to geopolitical concerns, other factors have also contributed to gold's upward movement. A softer outlook for the US dollar and expectations around interest rates have played a role in supporting prices. When the dollar weakens, gold becomes more attractive to holders of other currencies, boosting demand. Similarly, expectations of lower interest rates tend to favor gold, as it does not offer interest returns but becomes more competitive compared to yield-bearing assets.

Domestic markets have mirrored global

trends, with gold prices in India also registering gains. The increase reflects both international price movements and local demand dynamics. Traders and investors in the Indian market are keeping a close watch on global cues, particularly developments in the Middle East and movements in the US dollar.

Analysts suggest that gold may continue to trade with an upward bias in the near term if geopolitical tensions persist. However, they also caution that any signs of de-escalation could limit further gains or trigger some profit booking.

Overall, the current rally in gold highlights its enduring role as a safe-haven asset during times of uncertainty. As global risks remain elevated, the precious metal is likely to stay in focus for investors seeking stability in an increasingly volatile environment.

Crude Oil Surges to \$85 per Barrel as West Asia Conflict Shakes Global Energy Markets



Global crude oil prices have surged sharply, nearing the \$85 per barrel mark, as escalating conflict in West Asia disrupts supply chains and fuels fears of a prolonged energy crisis. The sudden spike reflects growing concerns over the stability of oil supplies from one of the world's most critical energy-producing regions.

The surge comes amid intensifying tensions involving the United States, Israel, and Iran, which have significantly raised geopolitical risks. Military actions and retaliatory strikes in the region have heightened uncertainty, especially around key oil transit routes such as the Strait of Hormuz—through which nearly one-fifth of global oil supply passes. Any disruption in this narrow shipping corridor has immediate and far-reaching consequences for global energy markets.

Oil prices have climbed rapidly in recent sessions, with Brent crude touching levels above \$82-\$85 per barrel, marking one of the sharpest increases in recent years. The rally has been driven not only by supply concerns but also by fears that the conflict could expand further, potentially impacting major oil-producing nations in the Gulf.

Reports indicate that tanker movement in the Strait of Hormuz has slowed significantly due to security threats, including attacks on vessels and rising insurance costs. Shipping companies are increasingly avoiding the route, leading to supply bottlenecks and higher transportation costs. This has added further pressure on already strained global energy markets.

In addition to supply disruptions, investor sentiment has also shifted dramatically. Traders are

factoring in the possibility of prolonged instability, which could push oil prices even higher in the coming weeks. Analysts warn that if the conflict escalates further or leads to a partial closure of key shipping routes, crude oil prices could cross the \$100 per barrel mark.

The impact of rising oil prices is being felt across global financial markets. Equity markets have turned volatile, while safe-haven assets such as gold have gained traction. Energy stocks, however, have seen upward momentum, benefiting from higher crude prices.

For countries like India, which rely heavily on oil imports, the spike in crude prices poses significant economic challenges. India imports more than 85-90% of its crude oil requirements, making it highly vulnerable to global price fluctuations. Rising oil prices can increase the country's import bill,

widen the current account deficit, and put pressure on the rupee.

Higher crude prices also have a direct impact on inflation. Increased fuel costs can lead to higher transportation and manufacturing expenses, which eventually translate into higher prices for goods and services. This could complicate monetary policy decisions and delay interest rate cuts.

Despite the concerns, some analysts believe that global oil supplies are not yet critically constrained. Strategic reserves and diversified sourcing strategies by major economies, including India, may provide short-term relief. However, these buffers may not be sufficient if the conflict drags on or intensifies further.

OPEC+ countries have indicated a willingness to increase production to stabilize markets, but experts caution that supply-side measures alone may

not offset disruptions caused by geopolitical tensions. The real challenge lies in ensuring the safe and uninterrupted movement of oil shipments through critical maritime routes.

The current situation underscores the fragile nature of global energy markets, where geopolitical developments can quickly trigger price shocks. With tensions showing no signs of easing, markets are likely to remain volatile in the near term.

In conclusion, the sharp rise in crude oil prices to around \$85 per barrel highlights the deep impact of the West Asia conflict on global energy dynamics. As the situation continues to evolve, both policymakers and investors will be closely monitoring developments, with the hope that diplomatic efforts can help stabilize the region and prevent further economic fallout.

Wall Street Futures Slide as US-Iran Tensions Spark Inflation Concerns



Global markets showed signs of stress as Wall Street futures dropped sharply, reflecting rising investor anxiety over escalating tensions between the United States and Iran. The uncertainty surrounding the geopolitical situation has triggered fears of higher inflation and potential disruptions in global trade and energy supplies.

Futures linked to major US indices fell significantly, with declines of up to 2 percent. The downturn suggests a weak opening for Wall Street, as investors move toward safer assets amid growing instability in the Middle East. Analysts say that geopolitical conflicts often lead to volatility in financial

markets, and the current situation is no exception.

One of the biggest concerns is the impact on oil prices. Any escalation involving Iran, a key player in global oil supply, could restrict production or transportation routes, pushing crude prices higher. Rising oil prices tend to increase overall costs for businesses and consumers, thereby fueling inflation. This has raised worries that central banks, especially the US Federal Reserve, may delay or reconsider interest rate cuts.

Investor sentiment has also been affected by the broader implications of the conflict. Heightened tensions can disrupt supply chains, weaken global

economic growth, and reduce corporate earnings expectations. As a result, traders are becoming more cautious, shifting funds away from equities and toward traditionally safer investments like gold and government bonds.

Technology and growth stocks, which are more sensitive to interest rate changes, are expected to face additional pressure. Higher inflation and interest rates reduce the present value of future earnings, making such stocks less attractive. Banking and energy stocks, however, could see mixed reactions depending on how oil prices and economic conditions evolve.

Market experts empha-

size that geopolitical risks remain a key factor influencing global financial markets. While the immediate reaction has been negative, much will depend on how the situation develops in the coming days. Any signs of de-escalation could help stabilize markets, while further conflict may deepen the current sell-off.

Overall, the decline in Wall Street futures highlights the fragile nature of investor confidence in the face of geopolitical uncertainty. As tensions continue to rise, markets are likely to remain volatile, with inflation fears and energy price movements playing a central role in shaping investor decisions.

Market Jitters: Sensex, Nifty Likely to Open Weak as Gift Nifty Slides on US-Iran Tensions

Indian equity markets are expected to witness a weak opening on March 4, tracking negative global cues and escalating geopolitical tensions in the Middle East. Early indicators from Gift Nifty suggest a sharp decline, reflecting heightened investor anxiety amid rising uncertainty.

Gift Nifty, which serves as a key pre-market indicator for domestic indices, reportedly dropped sharply—by as much as 600 points—signalling a gap-down start for both the Sensex and Nifty 50. This steep fall comes in the backdrop of intensifying tensions between the United States and Iran, which have rattled global financial markets and triggered a risk-off sentiment among investors.

The ongoing conflict has pushed crude oil prices higher, raising concerns about inflation and economic stability, particularly for oil-importing countries like India. Rising oil prices tend to increase input costs for companies and put pressure on the fiscal balance, which in turn weighs on market sentiment.

Global markets have already reacted negatively to the developments. Asian equities traded lower, while US market futures also showed signs of weakness. Investors are increasingly shifting towards safe-haven assets such as



and the US dollar, a typical reaction during periods of geopolitical instability.

Back home, the previous trading session had already reflected the nervousness in the market. Benchmark indices witnessed a sharp sell-off, with both Sensex and Nifty declining significantly due to concerns over the Middle East crisis. The broader market sentiment remained fragile, with most sectors ending in the red.

Experts believe that the key trigger behind the current volatility is the uncertainty surrounding oil supply disruptions. The Strait of Hormuz, a critical route for global oil shipments, remains under threat, adding to fears of supply shocks. Any prolonged disruption could have far-reaching consequences for global trade

and inflation trends.

Apart from geopolitical tensions, foreign institutional investor (FII) activity will also play a crucial role in determining market direction. Recent sessions have seen significant selling by foreign investors, which has added pressure on domestic equities. Currency movements, particularly the weakening of the Indian rupee, are also being closely watched.

Sectorally, oil marketing companies, aviation firms, and paint stocks are expected to remain under pressure due to rising crude prices. On the other hand, upstream oil companies may see some support as higher crude prices can improve their realizations.

Market participants are also likely to keep an eye on upcoming global economic data and central

bank signals, as these could influence interest rate expectations. Any indication of prolonged inflation could delay rate cuts, further dampening investor sentiment.

Analysts advise investors to remain cautious in the near term, as volatility is expected to persist. While long-term fundamentals of the Indian economy remain intact, short-term movements are likely to be driven by global developments and geopolitical risks.

In summary, a combination of weak global cues, rising oil prices, and geopolitical tensions is set to weigh heavily on Indian markets at the opening bell. The sharp fall in Gift Nifty underscores the fragile sentiment, suggesting that investors should brace for a turbulent trading session ahead.

“Tried To Trap Me”: Tenant Exposes Hidden Clause in Bengaluru Rent Agreement



A tenant in Bengaluru has gone viral after accusing their landlord of quietly altering the rent agreement without prior notice, bringing attention to transparency issues in the city's rental market.

The situation emerged when the tenant, who had been living in the same apartment since 2022, renewed their lease in 2026. Before signing the updated agreement, they reportedly confirmed with the landlord whether any terms had changed. The landlord allegedly assured them that everything remained the same. However, upon closely reviewing the document, the tenant noticed a significant modification that had not been communicated.

The key change involved the notice period required before vacating the property. While the earlier agreement specified a one-month notice, the new version extended it to two months. The tenant described this as an attempt to “trap” them, as the change could limit flexibility and create inconvenience if they needed to move out quickly.

The tenant later shared their experience on social media, explaining that they only discovered the alteration by carefully comparing the new agreement with the previous one. They urged others to read rental documents

thoroughly instead of relying solely on verbal assurances from landlords.

Despite maintaining a good relationship with the landlord—paying rent on time and adhering to rules—the tenant felt disappointed by what they viewed as a lack of transparency. After identifying the discrepancy, they decided to vacate the property and informed the landlord of their concerns.

The story quickly gained traction online, with many users sharing similar experiences. Several people reported encountering unexpected changes in agreements, such as longer notice periods, increased security deposits, or additional clauses introduced without proper explanation.

The incident highlights broader challenges faced by tenants in competitive housing markets. In cities with high demand, renters often feel they have limited bargaining power and must remain cautious when signing agreements.

Overall, the episode serves as a reminder for tenants to carefully review lease documents, compare them with previous versions, and clarify every detail before signing. It also underscores the importance of honesty and clear communication between landlords and tenants to prevent disputes and build trust.

Giant Python Spotted Swimming Through Flooded Streets in Bali



A shocking video from Bali has gone viral, showing a massive python gliding through floodwaters after days of heavy rainfall submerged large parts of the island.

The unusual sight emerged after nearly three days of continuous rain turned roads into streams and residential areas into waterlogged zones. As floodwaters rose, locals and tourists began spotting large snakes moving through the streets, with some reportedly measuring up to five metres in length.

Videos captured from balconies and nearby buildings show the python calmly swimming across submerged roads and villa courtyards, creating a mix of fear and fascination among viewers online. The clips quickly spread across social media, with many users expressing shock at seeing such a large reptile navigating urban floodwaters.

The presence of these snakes is not entirely unusual for the region. Bali is home to several species of large reptiles, including the reticulated python, which is native to Indonesia and known for its strong swimming ability. During extreme weather events like floods, wildlife is often displaced from natural habitats and forced into human-populated areas.

The flooding itself has caused widespread disruption across the island. Streets in several towns became impassable, vehicles were partially submerged, and residential properties experienced water ingress. Authorities issued warnings urging people to avoid flooded areas and remain cautious, as conditions can be unpredictable during intense rainfall.

Emergency teams were deployed to assist affected residents and secure vulnerable zones. In some heavily impacted areas, rescue operations were carried out using boats to move people to safer locations. Despite the alarming visuals, no snakebite incidents have been reported so far.

The viral video has once again highlighted how extreme weather can lead to unexpected encounters between humans and wildlife. Experts note that such incidents tend to increase during monsoon seasons, when heavy rains disturb ecosystems and push animals out of their usual environments.

Overall, while the sight of a giant python swimming through city streets may appear dramatic, it also serves as a reminder of nature's adaptability—and the growing impact of extreme weather events on both people and wildlife.

From American Dream to Indian Reality: NRI Shares 6 Reasons They're Grateful to Be Back Home



An NRI who returned to India after spending nearly a decade in the United States has sparked an online conversation by sharing six reasons why the move back home turned out to be deeply fulfilling. The individual revealed that despite initial adjustment challenges, relocating to India in 2024 was one of the best decisions they had made.

In a social media post, the returnee reflected on trading the so-called “American dream” for a life rooted in familiarity, family, and comfort. While life in the US offered pro-

fessional growth, the emotional and practical advantages of living in India ultimately outweighed those benefits.

One of the biggest reliefs, the NRI noted, was escaping the stress associated with the H-1B visa system. The uncertainty of visa renewals and the pressure of finding a job within limited timeframes had been a constant source of anxiety. Returning to India removed that burden entirely.

Another major advantage was access to afford-

able and fresh food. The individual appreciated the availability of homemade vegetarian meals and reasonably priced groceries, something they found difficult to maintain in the US.

Equally significant was the ease of hiring domestic help. Services such as cooks and housemaids are far more accessible and affordable in India, contributing to a better work-life balance.

The NRI also highlighted the quality of urban living, particularly in cities like Bengaluru and Hyderabad. Well-maintained gated communities

with modern amenities provided a comfortable and secure lifestyle comparable to global standards. Additionally, the presence of green spaces like Lalbagh Botanical Garden and Cubbon Park added to the appeal of city life.

However, the most meaningful aspect of the move was the opportunity to be close to family—especially ageing parents. Being physically present and spending time with loved ones brought a sense of emotional satisfaction that life abroad could not offer.

The post quickly gained traction online, with many users agreeing that proximity to family and cultural familiarity often outweigh the financial or professional advantages of living overseas. Some even shared similar experiences, reinforcing the idea that returning home can be both a practical and emotional win.

Ultimately, the story highlights a growing sentiment among some NRIs: success is not just about career growth abroad, but also about quality of life, relationships, and peace of mind back home.

Mumbai Police Turns Viral Baby Monkey Story Into Powerful 112 Awareness Campaign

Mumbai Police has taken a creative approach to public awareness by using the viral story of a baby monkey named Punch to promote India's emergency helpline number, 112.

Punch, a young Japanese macaque, recently captured global attention after heartwarming videos showed him clinging to a soft toy for comfort. Abandoned by his mother at birth, the monkey's emotional journey resonated widely with social media users, turning him into an internet sensation.

Leveraging this popularity, Mumbai Police shared a series of posts on Instagram that combined the monkey's story with an important public message. The campaign cleverly used the traditional “see no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil” concept, featuring images of monkeys paired with messages like “Bura Mat Dekho,” “Bura Mat Suno,” and



“Bura Mat Kaho.” The final slide included Punch's image along with a strong message encouraging people not to engage in wrongdoing and to report crimes responsibly.

The campaign also introduced catchy phrases and hashtags such as “Just Punch in 112” and

“Wise Monkey Advise,” creatively linking the monkey's name to the helpline number. This wordplay made the message more engaging and easier to remember, especially for younger audiences active on social media.

The 112 helpline is a nationwide emergency num-

ber that connects citizens to police, fire, and ambulance services. It can be accessed through calls, SMS, email, panic buttons, and even a dedicated mobile application, making it a critical resource during emergencies.

Delhi Police also joined the trend, using Punch's

story in their own social media outreach. Their message emphasized that help is always available and encouraged people to dial 112 whenever needed.

The campaign received widespread appreciation online, with many users praising the police for using a viral and emotional story to spread an important civic message. Social media reactions suggested that such creative strategies are more effective in capturing public attention than traditional awareness campaigns.

Overall, the initiative highlights how law enforcement agencies are adapting to digital trends to communicate with the public. By blending emotion, storytelling, and social relevance, Mumbai Police successfully transformed a viral moment into a meaningful awareness drive, reminding citizens that help is just a call away.

Viral Challenge Backfires: China Boy Promises Skipping for Every Like, Gets 1.8 Million

A seven-year-old boy in China has gone viral after making a bold promise that quickly spiralled out of control. What began as a simple fitness challenge turned into an overwhelming task when the internet responded in massive numbers.

The young boy, nicknamed Tangdou, agreed to skip rope once for every “like” his video received online. The idea was introduced by his father as a fun way to encourage exercise and weight loss. Confident and unaware of the potential outcome, the boy happily accepted the challenge on camera.

However, the video soon gained massive attention on social media, far beyond what the family had expected. Within just a day, it crossed an astonishing 1.8 million likes, leaving both the boy and his father shocked.

The challenge, which initially seemed manage-



able, quickly became unrealistic. Skipping rope over a million times was clearly impossible for a child. Realising this, Tangdou admitted he could not complete the task and humorously asked his father to help

him finish it. The story resonated widely with viewers, who found the situation both amusing and relatable. The combination of innocence, ambition, and an unexpected twist contributed to the video's viral

success. The idea reportedly stemmed from the boy's school routine, where daily rope-skipping was assigned as part of physical activity. His father decided to build on this by creating a structured plan to

improve his fitness. To make it more engaging, he introduced a reward system, offering incentives for weight loss and mild penalties for weight gain.

Despite the humorous outcome, the father later clarified that the intention was never to push his son beyond his limits. Instead, he planned to monitor the activity carefully and ensure it remained safe and beneficial.

The incident highlights how quickly social media challenges can escalate once they capture public attention. What starts as a simple idea can grow unexpectedly when it reaches a large audience.

In the end, the viral moment served as both entertainment and a reminder about setting realistic goals—especially in the age of social media, where even the smallest challenges can take on a life of their own.

Markram vs Santner: Captains' Duel Set to Define T20 World Cup 2026 Semi Final Clash



The stage is set for a thrilling semi final showdown at the T20 World Cup 2026, with two contrasting leaders — Aiden Markram of South Africa and Mitchell Santner of New Zealand — facing off in what promises to be a tactical and intense battle. Their leadership styles, team strengths, and big match temperaments will play a central role in determining which side advances to the final.

South Africa and New Zealand have both enjoyed strong campaigns so far in the tournament, displaying depth in batting, bowling versatility, and intelligent game plans. But beyond the individual skills of their players, it is the captains' decisions on the field that are drawing attention ahead of this crucial encounter.

Markram's Assertive Leadership

At the helm of the Proteas, Aiden Markram has impressed with his aggressive yet composed captaincy. Under his leadership, South Africa has combined flair with strategic discipline, often making bold moves at key junctures.

Markram's tactical acumen

has been evident in the way he marshals his bowling resources, frequently rotating bowlers to keep pressure on opponents and making sharp field placements to cut off scoring opportunities. His confidence in young bowlers has also paid dividends, with emerging pacers and spinners stepping up in big moments.

As a batsman, Markram is equally influential — typically anchoring the innings and guiding his team through tricky phases. His ability to lead from the front with impactful performances lends extra assurance to South Africa's batting lineup.

Santner's Calm and Calculated Approach

In contrast, New Zealand captain Mitchell Santner brings a cool & calculated mindset to the game. Known for his cerebral approach, Santner emphasises adaptability and precision — qualities that have been vital in New Zealand's consistent performances throughout the tournament.

Santner's captaincy reflects his broader game philosophy: maintain intensity without unnecessary risk, support your bowlers with smart field adjust-

ments, and back batters to express themselves within a clear game plan. His calm demeanour under pressure often diffuses tense situations, allowing his team to focus on execution rather than emotion.

With effective spin options in his arsenal — including himself — Santner's tactical use of slower bowlers can be crucial in T20 conditions, especially in the middle overs where matches are frequently won or lost.

Clash of Strategies

The semi final is shaping up as more than just a contest of skills; it is a strategic duel between two leadership mindsets. Markram's assertiveness versus Santner's finesse presents a fascinating contrast.

The pitches and conditions will play a part, too. If the surface favours batsmen, captains will have to decide whether to bat first or chase — a choice that carries huge implications in T20 cricket. Similarly, both teams possess match winners who can turn the game in a single over, meaning that tactical field placements, bowling changes, and powerplay decisions could be decisive.

Players to Watch

Beyond the captains, South Africa boasts explosive hitters and a variety of bowling options that can exploit different conditions. Meanwhile, New Zealand's balanced squad blends experience with youthful exuberance, with players capable of pulling off match winning performances in crucial moments.

High Stakes and High Drama With a World Cup final berth on the line, the pressure will be immense. Both captains have the temperament to handle big occasions, but only one will emerge on top. Markram's bold decision making could pay off with attacking cricket, or Santner's calm command might nullify South Africa's momentum.

As fans around the world gear up for this semi final showdown, it's clear that the captains' battle off the field — in strategy, foresight, and composure — will be as compelling as the contest on it.

This clash isn't just about skill or talent; it's about leadership under pressure — and whoever executes their plan better on the day will take a giant stride toward lifting the T20 World Cup trophy.

Gautam Gambhir's Emotional Gesture for Rinku Singh: A Touching Moment Before T20 World Cup Semi Final

In a deeply emotional moment ahead of the T20 World Cup 2026 semi final clash, former India opener Gautam Gambhir displayed heartfelt support for young Indian star Rinku Singh following the recent passing of Rinku's father. The veteran cricketer's gesture resonated across the cricketing world, highlighting the human side of sport amid the high stakes pressure of a global tournament.

A Gesture of Support Before a Big Match

Just hours before the crucial World Cup semi final, Rinku Singh — who has been one of India's most impactful performers in the tournament — was visibly moved when Gambhir approached him with words of encouragement and personal support. The interaction occurred in the team's dressing room and was captured by team staff, quickly spreading on social media as fans reacted with admiration and respect.

Gambhir, known for his fierce competitiveness on the field during his playing days, has also built a reputation as a mentor and motivator for younger players. His simple but powerful message to Rinku — to stay strong and focused despite personal grief — demonstrated both empathy and leadership. Many pundits noted that it "takes a lot of character" to step onto the field after such a loss, and Gambhir's encouragement was seen as a significant emotional boost.

Rinku's Rising Stardom and Personal Challenges

Rinku Singh has emerged as one of the most exciting talents in Indian cricket over the past year. His ability to change games with explosive batting and fearless strokeplay has won him acclaim from fans and experts alike. However, the joy of his suc-



cess has been overshadowed by a deeply personal tragedy — the recent death of his father, which understandably affected him both emotionally and mentally.

Despite the tragedy, Rinku has continued to train and prepare for India's crucial matches in the World Cup, showcasing remarkable resilience. His teammates have repeatedly praised his dedication and mental strength, describing him as someone who leads by example on and off the field.

Gambhir's Message Resonates

Gambhir's gesture was more than just words. He shared insights from his own career and personal life experiences, emphasizing how grief and loss can affect performance but also how honoring a loved one with strength and courage can be a powerful motivator.

Cricket experts and former players have lauded the moment, saying it reflects the deeper bonds within the Indian team — bonds that go beyond strategy and skill. They highlighted how great teams are often defined not just by talent, but by unity, empathy, and shared support in difficult times.

Fans React with Respect and Emotion

News of the interaction between Gambhir and Rinku quickly spread on social media,

with fans applauding both the gesture and Rinku's resilience. Many supporters described the moment as "inspirational" and "a reminder of the human stories behind elite sport."

Some fans also drew parallels with other sporting moments where senior players have lifted younger teammates during times of personal difficulty, reinforcing the idea that sport often mirrors life's deepest emotions.

Looking Ahead to the Semi Final

As India prepares for the semi final match, the emotional story surrounding Rinku Singh adds a poignant backdrop to what is already a high pressure encounter. Regardless of the outcome, the support shown by Gambhir and the team has highlighted the strength of character that defines elite athletes.

In a tournament full of remarkable performances and dramatic twists, this moment of humanity stands out as one of the most touching — a reminder that behind every jersey number is a real person with real struggles and real courage.

Fans worldwide will be watching not just for runs and wickets, but for how Rinku channels his personal strength on the biggest stage in cricket, inspired in part by the support of one of India's modern cricketing legends.

Cristiano Ronaldo Reportedly Leaves Saudi Arabia Amid Middle East Tensions



Global football superstar Cristiano Ronaldo has reportedly departed Saudi Arabia amid escalating conflict in the Middle East, according to multiple media reports. The Portuguese striker — currently playing for Al Nassr in the Saudi Pro League — is said to have left the Saudi capital Riyadh aboard his private jet as geopolitical tensions rose following a series of attacks in the region.

Ronaldo's luxury private aircraft, valued at around £60-67 million, was tracked leaving Riyadh and reportedly

landed in Madrid, Spain in the early hours of Tuesday after flying over Egypt and the Mediterranean. While reports indicate the jet's departure from Saudi Arabia, it remains unclear whether Ronaldo himself, along with his partner and children, was on board during the flight.

The development comes as the security situation in the Gulf has deteriorated due to a widening conflict involving Iran, the United States and Israel that has seen drone and missile strikes around the region, including at the US

Embassy in Riyadh. These events have sparked widespread concern, leading to the suspension of several football matches and disruptions in sporting calendars, including competitions under the Asian Football Confederation.

Ronaldo, who has been based in Riyadh since joining Al Nassr in 2023 and lives there with his family, had previously been focused on both club and league commitments. The suspension of matches and increasing instability could have factored into his

decision to leave temporarily, though specific motives remain unconfirmed. Some reports suggest the move may be a precautionary step due to safety concerns, while others note that the travel might also coincide with other personal or professional reasons.

Supporters and fans around the world reacted to news of the jet's departure with concern and prayers for Ronaldo's safety as the conflict intensified. The situation underscores how geopolitical unrest can intersect with the world of sport, affecting even high profile athletes and their careers.

Despite the reported departure, there is no official confirmation from Ronaldo or his club regarding his exact location or future plans. The Saudi Pro League itself has faced disruptions, with matches postponed amid safety worries in the region.

As the Middle East situation continues to evolve, the world will be watching closely to see what unfolds next for Ronaldo — one of the most recognisable figures in international football — and how the conflict will continue to impact global sport and the lives of those living and working in the Gulf.

Iran Women's Football Team Refuses to Sing National Anthem in Silent Protest Amid Middle East Conflict

In a powerful and symbolic gesture, the Iran women's national football team made headlines during the opening match of the 2026 AFC Women's Asian Cup by refusing to sing their national anthem before kickoff. This act of silence unfolded against the backdrop of escalating geopolitical tensions involving Iran, the United States, and Israel, and has been interpreted by many as a quiet protest reflecting deep unease both within the team and across Iranian society.

The incident occurred at the Cbus Super Stadium on Australia's Gold Coast during Iran's opening match against South Korea. As the Iranian national anthem began playing over the speakers, the entire Iranian squad stood in silence, without singing or mouthing the words, while head coach Marziyeh Jafari and her players displayed solemn expressions. The match ultimately ended in a 3-0 defeat for Iran, but it was this act of collective silence that captured attention around the world.

Observers say the protest resonates deeper than sport. The silence came shortly after a period of intense regional conflict, including military strikes linked to the wider war involving the United States and Israel, which have re-



sulted in significant loss of life and heightened political pressure at home. Many analysts view the team's refusal to sing as an expression of discomfort or dissent, reflecting broader societal tensions within Iran amid ongoing upheaval.

While the players did not publicly explain their gesture after the match, their act stood out as a poignant moment on a stage usually reserved for national pride and unity. Despite the sombre atmosphere, the Iranian team continued to com-

pete, displaying resilience under difficult circumstances. Australia's midfielder Amy Sayer later praised the Iranian players for their bravery and professionalism, acknowledging the emotional weight they carried into the tournament while their homeland faced such turmoil.

The Iranian women's team's decision also mirrors past moments in sporting history where athletes have used silence or refusal to participate in nationalistic rituals as a form of protest. Such actions highlight how sport can intersect with political sentiment, serving as a platform for expressions that go beyond the field of play.

As the Women's Asian Cup continues, the eyes of the global football community will be on Iran's team — not just for their performance on the pitch, but also for what their silence may symbolize in a wider context of conflict, identity, and the role of sport in times of national and regional stress.

Salaar 2 Set to Begin Production Soon, Confirms Producer



The much-anticipated sequel to the blockbuster film Salaar has received an exciting update from producer Vijay Kiragandur, raising expectations among fans of Salaar and its lead star Prabhas. According to the producer, work on Salaar 2 is progressing steadily, and the team is preparing to begin the next phase of production soon.

Vijay Kiragandur shared that the script for the sequel has been finalized, and pre-production activities are already underway. The makers are carefully planning the shoot to ensure that the sequel matches, or even surpasses, the scale and impact of the first installment. He emphasized that the goal is to deliver a cinematic experience that meets the high expectations of au-

diences who were captivated by the intense action and storytelling of the original film.

The sequel will once again be directed by Prashanth Neel, who gained widespread recognition for his work on large-scale action dramas. His collaboration with Prabhas in the first part played a key role in creating a powerful narrative combined with visually striking sequences. The team intends to maintain the same creative vision while expanding the story further in the sequel.

While specific details about the plot have been kept under wraps, the producer hinted that Salaar 2 will dive deeper into the story's core conflicts and character arcs. The sequel is expected to explore more intense ac-

tion sequences, emotional depth, and dramatic twists, making it a continuation that builds strongly on the foundation laid by the first film.

The makers are also focusing on high production values, including grand sets, cutting-edge visual effects, and large-scale action choreography. This reflects the production house Hombale Films's commitment to delivering top-quality cinema on an international scale.

Fans have been eagerly waiting for updates ever since the success of Salaar, and this confirmation has renewed excitement across the film community. With a strong team, a completed script, and ambitious plans, Salaar 2 is shaping up to be one of the most awaited Indian films in the coming years.

Varun Tej Teams Up With Director Yadi Vamsi For His Next Big Project



Tollywood actor Varun Tej is all set to embark on an exciting new journey in his film career. After experimenting with different genres over the past few years, the actor has now signed his next project with director Yadi Vamsi. The announcement has already generated buzz in the film industry, with fans eagerly waiting to see what this fresh collaboration will bring to the big screen.

Varun Tej, known for his versatility and willingness to take risks, has been consciously choosing scripts that stand out from routine commercial cinema. From intense action dramas to period films, he has explored a wide range of roles. His recent projects, including Operation Valentine and Matka, showcased his commitment to experimenting with content-driven cinema. While some films received mixed responses, Varun Tej's performances have often been appreciated for their sincerity and effort.

Now, with this upcoming film directed by Yadi Vamsi, expecta-

tions are high. Though the makers have not revealed complete details about the storyline, industry insiders suggest that the film will be a unique entertainer with a strong narrative. It is said to have a blend of action, emotion, and engaging storytelling, designed to appeal to a wide audience base.

Director Yadi Vamsi, who is steadily gaining recognition for his work, is reportedly keen on presenting Varun Tej in a completely new avatar. The script is believed to be tailored specifically to suit the actor's strengths while also challenging him to explore a different dimension of performance. This combination of a fresh director-actor pairing is being seen as a promising factor for the film.

Sources indicate that the pre-production work is already underway, with the team focusing on finalizing the cast and technical crew. A reputed production house is expected to bankroll the project, ensuring high production values. The film is likely to go on floors soon, and

an official announcement regarding the title and other details is expected in the coming weeks.

Varun Tej's career trajectory has been quite interesting. Unlike many of his contemporaries, he has avoided sticking to a single formula. His earlier films, including Gandeevadhari Arjuna, reflected his inclination towards action-packed narratives, while other projects have shown his ability to handle emotional and dramatic roles. This willingness to experiment has helped him build a distinct identity in the Telugu film industry.

The actor is also known for carefully selecting directors who can bring something new to the table. His collaboration with Yadi Vamsi seems to be another step in that direction. Industry observers believe that this film could play a crucial role in shaping the next phase of Varun Tej's career.

Meanwhile, fans are eagerly waiting for more updates about the project. Social media platforms are already abuzz with

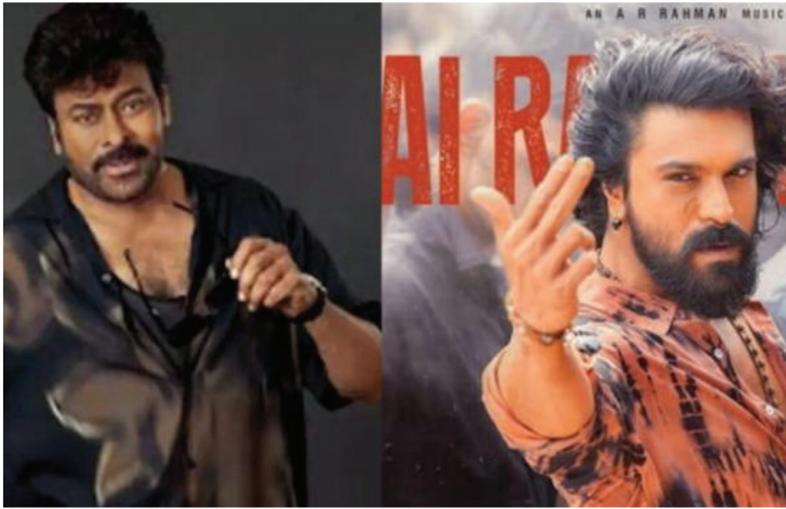
speculation regarding the film's genre, cast, and release timeline. Many are curious to see how Yadi Vamsi will present Varun Tej and whether this film will mark a major turning point for both the actor and the director.

In recent times, Tollywood has been witnessing a shift towards content-driven cinema, with audiences showing increasing interest in fresh stories and innovative filmmaking. In this context, Varun Tej's upcoming project is expected to align with these changing trends and deliver a compelling cinematic experience.

Overall, the combination of Varun Tej's experimental approach and Yadi Vamsi's vision has created a sense of anticipation around the project. As more details unfold, the film is likely to remain a topic of discussion among movie enthusiasts.

If everything goes as planned, this collaboration could turn out to be one of the most exciting films in Varun Tej's lineup, offering audiences something new and refreshing.

Chiranjeevi Applauds Ram Charan's Energetic 'Raa Raa' Song from Peddi



The buzz around Peddi continues to grow, and the latest highlight is the energetic track 'Raa Raa,' featuring Ram Charan. The song has been receiving widespread appreciation from fans and film circles alike, and now megastar Chiranjeevi has added to the excitement with his praise.

Chiranjeevi, known for his exceptional dance skills and cinematic legacy, expressed admiration for Ram Charan's performance in the song. He particularly appreciated the actor's high energy, stylish moves, and commanding screen presence. According to him, the 'Raa Raa' track perfectly showcases Charan's strengths as a performer and is likely to become a major attraction for audiences in theatres.

The song stands out for its vibrant choreography and pulsating music, both of which complement Ram Charan's dynamic performance. His dance moves, combined with his expressive body language, have

struck a chord with viewers. Fans have been sharing clips of the song widely on social media, contributing to its growing popularity.

Chiranjeevi also highlighted the technical aspects of the song, including its music composition and choreography. He noted that the beats are highly engaging and instantly appealing, while the dance steps are designed in a way that enhances Charan's style. The overall presentation of the song, including its visuals, adds to its mass appeal.

Peddi is being directed by Buchi Babu Sana, who is known for crafting emotionally engaging stories with strong commercial elements. The film is said to be a rural-based mass entertainer, with Ram Charan playing a powerful and intense role. His look and character in the film have already generated significant interest among fans.

The movie also features Janhvi Kapoor as the female lead, adding further star value to the project.

With a combination of strong performances, appealing music, and a rooted storyline, Peddi is shaping up to be one of the most anticipated Telugu films.

The 'Raa Raa' song, in particular, has played a crucial role in building pre-release hype. Within a short span, it has garnered impressive views online and continues to trend across platforms. Many fans are already calling it a chartbuster, praising both the music and Ram Charan's electrifying performance.

Chiranjeevi's appreciation has further boosted the song's reach and credibility. Coming from a legendary actor and dancer, such praise carries significant weight and has amplified excitement around the film.

As anticipation builds, all eyes are now on Peddi and its release. With strong pre-release buzz and positive response to its music, the film is expected to make a big impact at the box office.

Nagarjuna's Landmark 100th Film 'Lottery King' Gathers Momentum as Shooting Progresses Rapidly

Veteran Telugu actor Akkineni Nagarjuna is all set to achieve a historic milestone in his illustrious film career, as work on his 100th film—tentatively titled Lottery King—is progressing at a brisk pace. The project has generated significant buzz in the Telugu film industry, not only because of its scale but also due to the emotional value attached to it as Nagarjuna's landmark cinematic venture.

According to industry sources, the shooting of Lottery King is currently in full swing, with the production team working on key sequences in multiple locations. The makers are said to be leaving no stone unturned to ensure that the film stands out as a memorable milestone in Nagarjuna's journey, which spans over three decades. With high expectations surrounding the project, both fans and industry insiders are closely tracking every update related to the film.

The film is reportedly being designed as a commercial entertainer with a strong blend of action, family drama, and emotional elements. Given Nagarjuna's versatility and his ability to adapt to changing cinematic trends, the makers are said to be crafting a script that showcases his strengths while also appealing to a wide audience base. This approach is expected to make Lottery King not just a celebratory project but also a box office contender.

Adding to the excitement, there has been considerable speculation regarding the film's cast. Initially, reports suggested that popular actress Tabu would reunite with Nagarjuna for this prestigious project, marking a nostalgic collaboration for fans who admired their on-screen chemistry in earlier films. However, subsequent reports hinted that she might not be part of the film due to various reasons, leading to further curiosity about who will eventually star opposite Nagarjuna. While there is no



official confirmation yet, the casting choices are expected to play a crucial role in shaping the film's overall appeal.

The film is also gaining attention for its production scale. Sources indicate that the makers are investing significantly in production design, action sequences, and technical aspects to ensure that the film meets modern cinematic standards. With audiences increasingly expecting high-quality visuals and engaging storytelling, the team appears to be aligning the project with contemporary filmmaking trends.

Nagarjuna, who was recently seen in a prominent role in the Tamil film Coolie, has been actively balancing multiple projects. His performance in that film received attention and further reinforced his position as a seasoned actor capable of delivering impactful roles across industries. Riding on that momentum, expectations for Lottery King have only grown stronger.

The actor himself has reportedly been taking a keen interest in every aspect of the film, from script development to execution. Given the im-

portance of this being his 100th film, Nagarjuna is said to be carefully ensuring that the project reflects his legacy while also offering something fresh to audiences. This level of involvement underscores the significance he attaches to the film.

Industry analysts believe that milestone films often carry immense pressure, as they are expected to encapsulate an actor's journey while also delivering commercial success. In Nagarjuna's case, the expectations are even higher, considering his contributions to Telugu cinema and his enduring popularity among audiences of different generations. Films like Damarukam and several other hits have established him as a bankable star, and fans are hoping that Lottery King will be another feather in his cap.

Meanwhile, the production team is reportedly working on a tight schedule to complete the shoot on time. Post-production work, including editing, visual effects, and music composition, is expected to begin soon. The makers are likely to announce an official release date once a ma-

major portion of the filming is completed.

The buzz surrounding the film has also been amplified on social media, where fans are eagerly discussing potential storylines, casting choices, and release plans. The title Lottery King itself has sparked curiosity, with many speculating about the theme and narrative direction of the film. Whether it revolves around luck, ambition, or a larger-than-life character arc remains to be seen.

As the shooting continues at a rapid pace, Lottery King is shaping up to be one of the most anticipated Telugu films in recent times. With a combination of star power, high production values, and the emotional significance of being Nagarjuna's 100th film, the project holds the potential to make a strong impact both critically and commercially.

All eyes are now on the makers for an official announcement regarding the film's cast, teaser, and release date. Until then, the growing excitement around Nagarjuna's milestone project continues to dominate discussions in the film industry.