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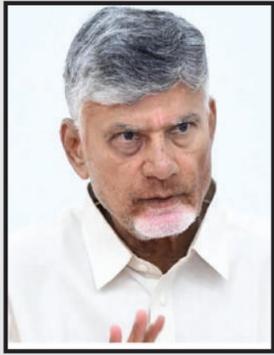
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Andhra Pradesh to Ban Social Media for Children Under 13

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The Andhra Pradesh government has announced a major step to regulate social media usage among minors. Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu declared that children below the age of 13 will soon be prohibited from accessing social media platforms in the state.



The announcement was made by the Chief Minister while addressing the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly. According to the government, the decision aims to protect young children from the negative effects of excessive social media use.

Naidu explained that the state government will design a system to ensure that children under 13 are unable to access social media platforms. The government may introduce legislation or technological mechanisms to enforce the rule.

The Chief Minister also stated

ed that the government is considering whether similar restrictions should apply to teenagers aged 13 to 16. Discussions are underway among policymakers, and a final decision will be taken after consultations and wider consensus.

The proposal reportedly came after concerns raised by policymakers about the increasing influence of smartphones and social media on children. Excessive screen time has been linked to sleep disorders, declining academic performance, and behavioral issues among young students.

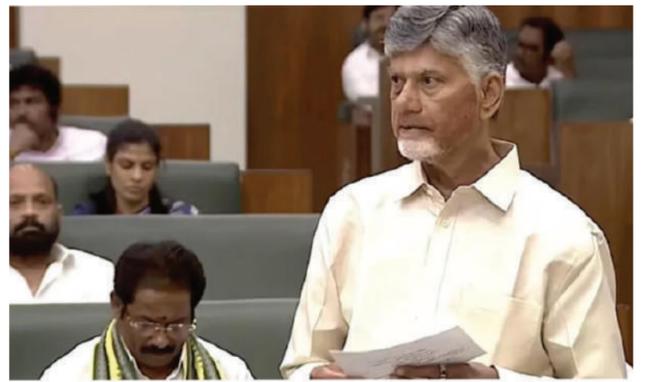
The move comes at a time

when several governments across the world are discussing stricter regulations for minors on digital platforms. Some countries have introduced age-verification laws and parental control systems to reduce the risks associated with social media use among children.

Interestingly, the announcement from Andhra Pradesh came shortly after the neighboring state of Karnataka proposed a ban on social media use for children under 16. These developments indicate that Indian states are increasingly paying attention to the impact of digital platforms on young users.

While many parents have welcomed the proposal, some experts believe that implementation could be challenging. They argue that children might still access social media using family devices or fake accounts.

Overall, the Andhra Pradesh government's decision reflects a growing concern about the influence of digital technology on children. If successfully implemented, the move could set an example for other states in India to adopt stronger measures for protecting young internet users.



Chandrababu Naidu's Strong Remarks in Andhra Pradesh Assembly

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Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu made several important remarks while addressing the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly during the ongoing budget session.

Speaking in the Assembly, Naidu stated that the coalition government is working with a clear plan to rebuild the economy and restore the reputation of Andhra Pradesh. According to him, the state's image and investment climate were severely affected between 2019 and 2024.

The Chief Minister also highlighted the progress made by the government in generating employment opportunities. He said that more than 6.28 lakh jobs have been created in the last 21 months across various sectors including industries, skill development programmes, MSMEs and food processing units.

Naidu further explained that the government has introduced multiple policies to improve the ease of doing business in the state. He said approvals are now being granted faster, helping investors establish industries quickly.

are being planned in all 175 constituencies, which will promote balanced regional development and generate employment at the local level.

Another major focus of his speech was the long-term economic vision for the state. The Chief Minister said Andhra Pradesh aims to transform into a \$2.4 trillion economy by 2047, aligning with the national goal of building a developed India.

Naidu also spoke about reforms in education and healthcare. He emphasized that primary education should be taught in the mother tongue so that students can better understand concepts during their early learning years.

In the healthcare sector, the government plans to expand medical infrastructure across the state. The Chief Minister announced that efforts are being made to establish a 100-bed hospital in every constituency, ensuring accessible healthcare services for people in both urban and rural areas.

Overall, Chandrababu Naidu's speech in the Assembly focused on economic revival, employment generation, investment attraction, and long-term development goals. He expressed confidence that Andhra Pradesh will soon regain its position as one of India's fastest-growing states through strategic policies and governance reforms.

Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu Highlights Development Vision in Assembly

Grand Spiritual Fervour at Indrakeeladri as Kanchi Jagadguru Visits During Kumbhabhishekam Festivities

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The sacred Indrakeeladri hill in Vijayawada witnessed a wave of spiritual fervour as the grand Kumbhabhishekam celebrations at the Sri Kanaka Durga Temple continued with great devotion and splendour.



The Jagadguru was accorded a grand welcome at the Prakasam Barrage by the temple authorities and devotees. The reception was conducted in accordance with traditional temple customs, with the sounds of mangala vadyams and the chanting of Vedic hymns filling the atmosphere.

Board Chairman Borra Radhakrishna (Gandhi), Executive Officer V.K. Seena Nayak, temple priests, and members of the trust board greeted the Jagadguru with flower garlands and extended a warm and respectful welcome.

Following the reception, the Jagadguru was taken in a ceremonial procession to the Indrakeeladri temple. Upon reaching the Rajagopuram of the temple, Vedic scholars welcomed him with traditional honours. The

Jagadguru then had darshan of Goddess Sri Kanaka Durga and offered special prayers for the welfare and prosperity of the world.

During the visit, the temple priests presented the Jagadguru with the sacred "Seshavastram" of the deity and temple prasadam as a mark of respect. The Jagadguru blessed the devotees and temple authorities present at the temple premises.

Later, the Jagadguru visited the Maha Yagashala set up for

the Kumbhabhishekam rituals. He closely observed the ongoing sacred rituals, including the chanting of the four Vedas, homams, and other Vedic ceremonies. Members of the Vedic committee and temple acharyas explained the details of the rituals being conducted as part of the grand Kumbhabhishekam celebrations.

Addressing the gathering, the Jagadguru expressed his blessings and wished for the successful completion of the sacred Yagna and the Kumbhabhishekam ceremony. Devotees expressed immense happiness over the Jagadguru's visit, stating that his presence had added greater spiritual significance to the celebrations at Indrakeeladri.

Several temple officials, assistant executive officers, supervisors, and a large number of devotees participated in the program and witnessed the spiritually enriching occasion.

Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu Highlights Development Vision in Assembly

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Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu delivered a strong and detailed speech in the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly, outlining the government's development agenda and responding to issues raised during the session.

His address focused on governance reforms, economic growth, and the future roadmap for the state. During his speech, the Chief Minister emphasized that the present government is committed to rebuilding Andhra Pradesh and accelerating development across all sectors.

ing transparent governance are key priorities for the government. According to him, development and investments can only flourish in an environment where stability and security are guaranteed. He pointed out that the government is taking several steps to improve administrative efficiency and deliver public services more effectively.

The Chief Minister also highlighted the importance of infrastructure development. He said that improving roads, irrigation facilities, industrial corridors, and digital infrastructure will play a crucial role in the state's growth.

Speaking about employment, Naidu said the government aims to create more job opportunities through industrial investments, skill development programmes, and support for small and medium



enterprises. He stressed that empowering young people with skills and education is essential for building a strong and competitive economy.

The Chief Minister further discussed the government's vision of transforming Andhra Pradesh into one of the leading states in India. He explained that the administration is focusing on sectors such as technology, agriculture, manufacturing, and services to drive sustainable growth.

Naidu also responded to criticism from opposition members during the Assembly session. He said the gov-

ernment is open to constructive suggestions but added that misleading information and political allegations should not hinder the state's progress. According to him, the focus must remain on public welfare and development rather than political differences.

In addition, he reiterated the government's commitment to improving the lives of farmers, women, and weaker sections of society through various welfare programmes. The Chief Minister said that balanced development and inclusive growth remain the guiding principles of the government.

Concluding his speech, Chandrababu Naidu expressed confidence that with collective efforts from lawmakers, officials, and citizens, Andhra Pradesh will achieve rapid progress in the coming years and emerge as a model state for development and good governance.

Nara Lokesh Criticizes Previous Government, Promises Reforms in Higher Education

Amaravathi 06.03.2026 TPN BUREAU:

Andhra Pradesh IT, Electronics and Education Minister Nara Lokesh delivered a strong speech in the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Council, addressing several key issues related to governance, higher education, and administrative reforms.

Speaking in the Council, Lokesh alleged that universities in Andhra Pradesh had suffered due to political interference and irregular appointments during the earlier regime. According to him, many institutions were filled with politically motivated recruitments rather than merit-based selections.

The minister emphasized that the present government is determined to restore transparency and quality in higher education. He informed the Council that the government has identified a large number of vacant faculty positions across universities and has already begun taking steps to fill them.

Lokesh stated that around 3,371 teaching posts are currently vacant in various universities and assured members that these vacancies would be filled within three months through a transparent recruitment process.

Lokesh explained that the recruitment process had been delayed earlier due to legal complications. A notification issued in 2023 was struck down by the High Court because proper reservation procedures were not followed. As a result, the government is now preparing to issue a fresh notification after resolving the legal issues and



consulting the Advocate General. The minister also announced that the government will conduct a comprehensive manpower audit in universities. This audit, he said, will help determine the actual staffing requirements and identify irregular appointments made in the past.

In addition, Lokesh stated that the government is seeking legal advice regarding weightage for contract employees working in universities. The aim, he said, is to ensure that the recruitment process remains fair while also protecting the interests of those who have been serving institutions for several years.

During his speech, the minister reiterated that strengthening the education sector is a top priority for the state government. He stressed that universities must become centers of excellence that produce skilled graduates who can contribute to economic growth and innovation.

Lokesh concluded by assuring the Council that the government is committed to reforms in higher education and will continue to take measures to improve academic standards, transparency, and institutional governance across Andhra Pradesh's universities.

Andhra Pradesh Launches Digital Transport Certificate System to Curb Illegal Cattle Transportation

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The Andhra Pradesh government has introduced a new digital initiative to prevent illegal transportation of cattle in the state. State Minister for Agriculture and Animal Husbandry Kinjarapu Atchannaidu launched the Digital Transport Certificate Generation System on Friday at his camp office in Vijayawada.

Speaking on the occasion, the minister stated that the Animal Husbandry Department is taking strong steps to regulate cattle transportation and ensure transparency in the system. He explained that the newly introduced digital platform will help authorities monitor and control the movement of livestock more effectively across the state.

Under the new system, anyone intending to transport cattle must first obtain a Digital Transport Certificate from the Assistant Director of the Animal Husbandry Department. Only after receiving this certificate will the transportation of cattle be permitted. According to the minister, the certificate will be issued strictly in accordance with the guidelines and regulations governing livestock transportation.

Atchannaidu emphasized that the introduction of the digital certificate system would make the process more transparent and accountable. With the new mechanism in place, authorities will be able to verify cattle transportation details online, thereby reducing the chances of illegal activities. He said that the system will also help track the origin, destination, and purpose of transportation, making monitoring easier for enforcement agencies.

The minister further explained that officials from the transport and police departments will check the digital certificate before allowing cattle to be transported. If a valid certificate is not produced, authorities will take appropriate action according to the law. This



coordinated approach between departments is expected to significantly reduce illegal cattle transportation in the state.

Officials from the Animal Husbandry Department believe that the initiative will also improve administrative efficiency and ensure better regulation of livestock movement. The system will allow quick verification of certificates through digital records, eliminating the need for manual documentation and reducing delays in the process.

The minister said the state government is committed to strengthening the livestock sector and ensuring proper monitoring of cattle transportation. By introducing digital tools and modern technology, the government aims to bring greater transparency and accountability in the functioning of the Animal Husbandry Department.

Animal Husbandry Department Director Damodar Naidu and other department officials attended the launch event. They highlighted that the new system will support the government's efforts to curb illegal activities and improve governance in the livestock sector.

With the implementation of the Digital Transport Certificate Generation System, the Andhra Pradesh government expects better regulation of cattle movement while ensuring that transportation takes place strictly according to legal norms. The initiative is also seen as a step toward modernizing administrative systems and promoting responsible livestock management across the state.

Request Submitted to Honour Dommeti Venkata Reddy at State Level



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A representation was submitted to Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan requesting that the birth anniversary of Shetty Balija community patriarch Dommeti Venkata Reddy be officially celebrated at the state level. The request was made by Andhra Pradesh Shetty Balija Corporation Chairman Kudupudi Sattibabu.

According to sources, Sattibabu met the Deputy Chief Minister and presented a memorandum highlighting the contributions of Dommeti Venkata Reddy to the Shetty Balija community. He urged the state government to organize Venkata Reddy's birth anniversary celebrations on March 23 officially across the state to recognize his services and legacy.

During the meeting, State Labour Minister Vasamsetti Subhash was also present. The leaders discussed various proposals aimed at honouring the community leader and preserving his legacy for future generations.

In the memorandum, Sattibabu suggested the installation of a bronze statue of Dommeti Venkata Reddy in his native village Bodasakurru. He stated that the statue would serve as a symbol of respect and inspiration for the community and the younger generation.

Another important proposal included naming the bridge between Bodasakurru and Pasarlapudi as "Dommeti Venkata Reddy Varadhi." Sattibabu explained that this step would permanently commemorate the contributions of the community leader and help keep his legacy alive in public

memory.

Responding to the request, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan reportedly reacted positively and acknowledged the valuable contributions made by Dommeti Venkata Reddy to the Shetty Balija community. He assured that the government would carefully examine the proposals and take necessary steps to fulfil them as early as possible.

Pawan Kalyan also noted that individuals who worked for the welfare and development of communities deserve proper recognition. Honouring such leaders, he said, would help inspire future generations to continue serving society with dedication.

Meanwhile, several community leaders appreciated the efforts of Kudupudi Sattibabu in bringing the issue to the government's attention. They said his proactive role reflects his commitment toward the development and recognition of the Shetty Balija community in Andhra Pradesh.

Community members expressed hope that the government would soon take a decision to celebrate the birth anniversary of Dommeti Venkata Reddy at the state level. They believe that such recognition would not only honour his legacy but also strengthen the cultural identity and pride of the Shetty Balija community.

Leaders and supporters stated that remembering great personalities like Dommeti Venkata Reddy is important for preserving community history and motivating future generations to follow their ideals and service-oriented spirit.

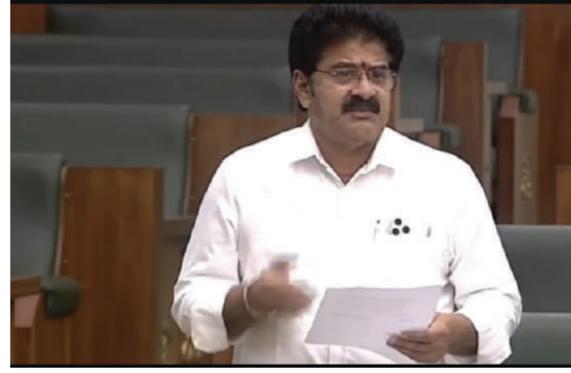
Anaparthi MLA Nallamilli Ramakrishna Reddy Raises Farmers' and Public Issues in Assembly

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At a time when strong voices highlighting farmers' concerns and local public issues are becoming rare in the State Legislative Assembly, Anaparthi MLA Nallamilli Ramakrishna Reddy has been actively raising such matters on the Assembly floor. Representing the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) from the Anaparthi constituency, he has been utilizing every opportunity during the Assembly sessions to bring attention to the problems faced by farmers and the general public.

During the discussions in the Assembly, the MLA particularly highlighted the difficulties faced by tenant farmers. He stated that many tenant farmers are unable to obtain CCRP (Crop Cultivator Rights) cards due to restrictions such as the requirement of landowners' consent. According to him, this has prevented a large number of tenant farmers from accessing government support schemes. He urged the government to introduce policy reforms to ensure justice and protection for tenant farmers, emphasizing that it is the responsibility of the government to safeguard their interests.

Ramakrishna Reddy also stressed the importance of promoting natural farming. He noted that excessive use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides is leading to serious health issues among people, including diseases



such as cancer and diabetes. In this context, he suggested that the government should encourage natural farming practices on a large scale. He pointed out that farmers practicing natural farming often face difficulties in marketing their produce due to the absence of a proper marketing system. He recommended that the government either establish procurement mechanisms or create better private market linkages for such farmers. Additionally, he mentioned that natural farming field staff at the village level are receiving inadequate salaries, which affects their performance, and he urged the government to provide them with respectable wages.

The MLA also expressed serious concern about the increasing pollution in the Godavari

River, which is considered one of the most sacred rivers in the country after the Ganga. He stated that industrial waste, municipal sewage, and dumping of garbage into canals are worsening the situation. Ramakrishna Reddy suggested that the government implement a permanent pollution control plan for the Godavari River and launch awareness programmes to encourage people to protect the river.

He further pointed out the need for reforms in the Anganwadi system. Despite the existence of more than 55,000 Anganwadi centres in the state, he said that many of them are not functioning effectively due to inadequate infrastructure and low wages for teachers and helpers. Many centres are operating in rented buildings, which creates

additional challenges. He urged the government to strengthen the Anganwadi system by increasing salaries and improving facilities.

The MLA also discussed irrigation issues affecting farmers in the Godavari delta region. He thanked the Chief Minister and the Water Resources Minister for allocating funds for repairs to the Sardar Cotton Barrage, which is crucial for irrigation in the region. However, he urged the government to begin repair works immediately, as experts have warned about the deteriorating condition of the barrage gates. He also requested measures to ensure that irrigation water reaches tail-end farmers in the delta areas.

In addition, Ramakrishna Reddy brought attention to the historical contributions of philanthropist Kovvuri Basivi Reddy from the Anaparthi region. He urged the government to honour the great donor by establishing memorials and recognizing his service to society.

By consistently raising issues related to farmers, environmental protection, social welfare, and local development, MLA Nallamilli Ramakrishna Reddy is emerging as an active and vocal representative in the Assembly. His efforts to bring people's problems directly to the attention of the government have received a positive response from the public in the Anaparthi constituency.

Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan Criticizes Previous Government, Highlights Reforms in Andhra Pradesh Assembly

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Deputy Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh Pawan Kalyan delivered a strong speech in the State Legislative Assembly, highlighting governance reforms and criticizing the functioning of the previous administration. Speaking during the Assembly session, he emphasized the importance of transparent governance and accountability in public administration.

Pawan Kalyan stated that the present government is committed to correcting the mistakes of the past and rebuilding systems that had weakened earlier. According to him, several irregularities and administrative failures occurred during the previous regime, which affected governance and public trust. He said the current government is taking steps to restore transparency and strengthen institutions to serve the people effectively.

During his speech, the Deputy Chief Minister also raised concerns about issues related to temple administration and religious institutions. He alleged that irregularities and mismanagement had taken place earlier and stressed that the govern-



ment is determined to ensure proper protection and management of temples and their assets. He noted that religious institutions play an important role in cultural and spiritual life, and therefore they must be safeguarded with strict oversight and responsible administration.

Pawan Kalyan further emphasized that the coalition government is working to bring reforms across several sectors, including rural development, environment protection, and public welfare. As the minister handling departments such as Panchayat Raj, Rural

Development, Environment, and Forests, he said his focus is on strengthening grassroots governance and ensuring that development reaches villages and rural communities. Pawan Kalyan currently serves as the Deputy Chief Minister and represents the Pithapuram constituency in the Assembly.

He also pointed out that the government aims to implement policies that promote accountability, transparency, and efficiency in administration. According to him, governance should focus on serving the common people rather than political interests. He

stressed that public representatives must work with sincerity and responsibility to address the issues faced by citizens.

During the discussion, the Deputy Chief Minister also spoke about the need to strengthen democratic institutions and legislative processes. He said debates in the Assembly should focus on constructive discussions that help in policy-making and governance improvements.

Pawan Kalyan reiterated that the present government is committed to fulfilling the promises made to the people during the elections. He stated that development programs and welfare initiatives are being implemented with the goal of improving the lives of citizens across the state.

Concluding his speech, the Deputy Chief Minister said the government will continue to work towards strengthening governance, protecting cultural institutions, and ensuring development for all sections of society. He urged all members of the Assembly to cooperate in constructive discussions that would benefit the people of Andhra Pradesh.

Botsa Satyanarayana Falls Ill During Council Speech; Minister Payyavula Suggests Rest

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Senior YSRCP leader and Leader of Opposition in the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Council Botsa Satyanarayana reportedly felt unwell while speaking during a discussion in the Legislative Council. The incident occurred while he was addressing the House, causing concern among members present in the Assembly premises.

According to reports, Botsa Satyanarayana experienced discomfort during his speech and appeared visibly uneasy. Observing his condition, Andhra Pradesh Minister Payyavula Keshav immediately intervened and advised him to stop speaking for a while and take some rest. His timely suggestion helped prevent the situation from worsening.

Following the incident, Assembly officials quickly arranged medical assistance. A team of doctors was called to the Assembly premises, and Botsa Satyanarayana was taken to the Assembly dispensary for examination. The doctors conducted preliminary medical



tests to determine the cause of his sudden discomfort.

Medical staff later revealed that the problem occurred due to fluctuations in his blood pressure. According to doctors, sudden changes in blood pressure led to the temporary health issue while he was speaking in the Council. They stated that his condition stabilized after receiving medical attention and that there was no immediate cause for major concern.

Doctors also advised the senior leader to take adequate rest

and avoid exertion for some time. As a precautionary measure, they suggested further medical monitoring to ensure his health remains stable. The Assembly medical team also consulted specialist doctors who regularly treat him regarding his condition and further treatment plans.

Sources indicated that there is a possibility that Botsa Satyanarayana may be shifted to Hyderabad for additional medical evaluation and treatment if required. It may be re-

called that he had recently undergone treatment at a hospital in Hyderabad for certain health issues.

Despite the sudden health scare, doctors confirmed that his current condition is stable. The quick response by fellow legislators, Assembly officials, and medical staff ensured that the situation was handled efficiently without causing further complications.

The incident briefly interrupted the proceedings in the Council, drawing attention from members across party lines. Leaders from different parties expressed concern about his health and wished him a speedy recovery. Botsa Satyanarayana is one of the senior-most political leaders in Andhra Pradesh and has served in several important roles in the state government over the years.

His supporters and party members also expressed relief after doctors confirmed that his health condition had stabilized. They expressed hope that he would recover quickly and resume his political duties soon.

Kandula Durgesh Impresses as Veerapandya Kattabomman



Vijayawada, March 6 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Tourism, Culture and Cinematography Minister Kandula Durgesh impressed the audience with a remarkable stage performance portraying the legendary freedom fighter Veerapandya Kattabomman during a cultural event held in Vijayawada on Friday evening. His energetic performance and powerful dialogue delivery received wide appreciation from political leaders and attendees present at the event.

The performance was part of the "Atavidupu" MLA-MLC Sports and Cultural Festival-2026 organized under the Andhra Pradesh Legislative System for public representatives. The cultural program was held at Antralux Hall in Patamata after the Assembly sessions were adjourned indefinitely.

The event was organized to provide a platform for legislators to showcase their artistic talents and strengthen camaraderie among public representatives.

Dressed in the traditional attire associated with the historic warrior, Kandula Durgesh delivered a commanding performance that captured the bravery and spirit of Veerapandya Kattabomman, who is remembered for his courageous resistance against the oppressive rule of the British East India Company. His expressive dialogue delivery, confident stage presence, and regal appearance brought the iconic character to life, drawing loud applause from the audience.

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, Assembly Speaker Chintakayala Ayyannapetru, ministers, MLAs, and other

public representatives attended the program and appreciated the minister's performance. As soon as Durgesh appeared on stage, the hall echoed with applause, with many leaders praising his dedication and enthusiasm in presenting the historical character.

Speaking on the occasion, Kandula Durgesh said that Veerapandya Kattabomman is a symbol of patriotism and courage in India's freedom struggle. He recalled the historic Panchalankurichi battle and the fearless stand taken by Kattabomman against colonial rule. Durgesh stated that portraying such a legendary figure was a matter of great honor and pride for him.

Apart from the dramatic performance, the minister also participated in a musical presentation during the event. Along

with Government Chief Whip G.V. Anjaneyulu, Minister Vasamsetti Subhash, and MLAs Varla Kumar Raja and Sunil Kumar, he performed to the patriotic song "Punyabhumi Naa Desam Namamami." The performance added enthusiasm to the cultural evening and received appreciation from the audience.

The MLA-MLC cultural festival featured several performances by public representatives, reflecting their interest in arts and culture beyond politics. The event aimed to promote cultural awareness and strengthen bonds among legislators through creative expression.

Kandula Durgesh's powerful portrayal of Veerapandya Kattabomman remained one of the highlights of the evening, earning him praise from leaders and spectators alike.

Subhash Appears as Alluri Sitarama Raju at Assembly Cultural Event



Amaravati, March 6 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Labour Minister Vasamsetti Subhash drew attention with a unique appearance during the entertainment program organized on the final day of the State Assembly sessions in Amaravati. The minister

participated in the event dressed as legendary freedom fighter Alluri Sitarama Raju, impressing fellow legislators and attendees with his portrayal.

The cultural program, organized as part of the concluding

day of the Assembly proceedings, featured several public representatives who participated in various performances and costume presentations. The event was aimed at providing a moment of relaxation and camaraderie for legislators after the conclusion of the Assembly sessions.

Vasamsetti Subhash's portrayal of Alluri Sitarama Raju quickly became one of the highlights of the event. Dressed in the traditional attire associated with the iconic tribal leader and revolutionary, the minister recreated the spirit of the legendary freedom fighter who led the historic tribal uprising against British rule in the early 20th century.

Speaking on the occasion, Subhash said that the sacrifices made by freedom fighters for the country's independence continue to inspire generations. He noted that the courage, determination, and patriotism displayed by Alluri Sitarama Raju remain a guiding force for the youth of the nation.

The minister emphasized that remembering such great personalities is important for strengthening patriotic values

and encouraging public representatives to work with dedication for the welfare of the people. He said leaders and citizens alike should draw inspiration from the lives of national heroes and continue serving society with commitment.

The entertainment event saw participation from several MLAs and public representatives who appeared in different costumes and cultural roles, adding a festive atmosphere to the program. Their performances and interactions created a lively environment, allowing legislators to engage with each other beyond the formal legislative setting.

Many public representatives and officials present at the venue congratulated Subhash for his creative portrayal. Several attendees took photographs with the minister, appreciating the effort he made to highlight the legacy of the revolutionary leader.

The program concluded on a cheerful note, with participants reflecting on the significance of India's freedom struggle and the enduring inspiration provided by legendary figures such as Alluri Sitarama Raju.

'Past is Past': Kollikapudi Srinivas Rao Seeks to End Controversy

Amaravati, March 6 | TPN Bureau

TDP MLA Kollikapudi Srinivas Rao has stated that past mistakes should be treated as closed and assured that such issues will not be repeated in the future, signaling an effort to put an end to the recent political controversy within the party.

The remarks come amid recent tensions that had attracted attention in political circles. Reports of differences between leaders had triggered discussions within the party ranks, raising concerns about internal coordination and discipline. The developments had also sparked debate among party supporters and political observers, particularly regarding the need to maintain unity among leaders.

According to party sources, Kollikapudi Srinivas Rao met senior leaders and discussed the recent developments and misunderstandings that had surfaced. During the interaction, the importance of maintaining party discipline and safeguard-



ing the party's reputation was emphasized. The leadership is believed to have advised all leaders to work together and avoid actions that could lead to controversy.

After the meeting, Kollikapudi Srinivas Rao indicated that the issue had been discussed in detail and assured that there would be no recurrence of such

incidents. He reportedly stressed that the focus should now shift toward strengthening the party organization and addressing the concerns of the people in his constituency.

Political observers note that the statement appears to be an attempt to calm tensions and restore normalcy within the party structure. Internal disputes of-

ten attract public attention, and party leadership usually intervenes to ensure that such matters do not escalate further.

Leaders within the party have also reiterated the need for unity and coordination among members at all levels. They emphasized that collective responsibility and disciplined functioning are essential for achieving political goals and maintaining public confidence.

With Kollikapudi Srinivas Rao's latest remarks, the party seems to be moving toward closing the chapter on the controversy. Analysts say such conciliatory statements are often intended to reduce political friction and refocus attention on governance, development, and public outreach.

The developments indicate that efforts are underway to strengthen internal harmony and ensure that political activities remain centered on serving the people and advancing the party's agenda.

ED Attaches ₹441 Crore Assets in AP Liquor Scam



Amaravati, March 7 | TPN Bureau

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has attached movable and immovable assets worth about 441 crore in connection with the alleged Andhra Pradesh liquor scam, marking a major development in the ongoing investigation into irregularities in the state's liquor policy.

According to officials, the attached properties belong to several accused persons, including businessman Kasireddy Rajasekhara Reddy, along with his family members and associated entities. Assets linked to other accused individuals such as Booneti Chanakya and relatives and associates of former Andhra Pradesh State Beverages Corporation Limited (APSBCL) Managing Director Donthireddy Vasudeva Reddy have also been attached as part of the probe.

The ED stated that the attachments were carried out under provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). The seized assets include bank balances, fixed deposits, land parcels and other immovable properties allegedly acquired through proceeds of crime.

Investigators said the money laundering case stems from an FIR registered earlier by the Andhra Pradesh Crime Investigation Department following allegations of large-scale irregularities in the liquor procurement and supply system. Authorities suspect that the scam involved manipulation of the liquor distribution process and illegal

commissions paid by distillery companies.

During the course of the investigation, the ED reportedly traced a money trail involving significant kickbacks allegedly paid by distilleries in various forms, including cash and other benefits. Officials claim that these funds were later routed through shell entities and invested in properties and other assets.

The agency also indicated that irregularities emerged after changes were made to the liquor supply mechanism in the state. Investigators suspect that certain administrative decisions gave officials greater discretionary powers in issuing supply orders, which allegedly enabled manipulation of the system.

The alleged scam is believed to have caused substantial financial losses to the state exchequer and has drawn significant political attention. Authorities have stated that the investigation is still ongoing and additional assets linked to the case could be identified in the coming months.

Meanwhile, enforcement agencies are continuing to analyze financial records, property transactions and company documents to establish the full extent of the alleged money laundering network.

Officials emphasized that the latest attachment of assets is part of efforts to trace and secure proceeds of crime while the investigation into the liquor scam progresses.

Naidu Slams 'Rappa Rappa' Politics in Assembly



Amaravati, March 7 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu strongly criticized what he described as the growing culture of "rappa rappa" attacks in the state, accusing the opposition of encouraging aggressive political behavior.

Speaking in the Assembly during a discussion, the Chief Minister said a disturbing trend had emerged where political leaders and their supporters allegedly resort to confrontational tactics during public visits and private events. He questioned the political culture behind such incidents, asking how it could be justified for people to create disturbances or attacks even at personal or social gatherings.

Naidu said such actions damage the political environment of the state and undermine democratic values. He emphasized that political leaders must set an example through responsible conduct rather than encouraging aggressive or disruptive politics.

The Chief Minister also referred to incidents in which supporters allegedly created chaos during visits by political leaders. He pointed out that in some situations even police personnel deployed for security were injured while trying to control the situation. According to him, those responsible often show little concern for the conse-

quences of their actions.

Naidu stated that such developments reflect a breakdown of political discipline and respect for law and order. He warned that if this trend continues, it could create instability and disturb the peaceful atmosphere necessary for development and governance.

During his address, the Chief Minister criticized what he described as the opposition's confrontational style of politics. He alleged that certain leaders were promoting aggressive slogans and actions that create unnecessary tension among supporters and the public. He cautioned that such methods could provoke further unrest and deepen political divisions.

Naidu also stressed that Andhra Pradesh had earlier suffered from factional politics and violence, and the state should not return to such a phase. He said the government is committed to maintaining peace, strengthening democratic institutions, and focusing on development-oriented governance.

Calling for responsible political behavior, Naidu urged all parties to maintain dignity in the Assembly and prioritize constructive debate on public issues. He said leaders must work together to ensure a healthy political environment that benefits the people of the state.

Kanaka Durga Temple Holds Grand Kumbhabhishekam; Extensive Arrangements for Devotees

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The grand Kumbhabhishekam Mahotsavams at the famous Sri Kanaka Durga Temple on Indrakeeladri Hill in Vijayawada are being conducted with great devotion and spiritual fervor. In view of the huge influx of devotees arriving from different parts of the state, the temple administration has made extensive arrangements to ensure that visitors face no inconvenience during the celebrations.

Authorities have taken special measures to provide basic facilities to devotees waiting in queue lines for darshan. These arrangements have received appreciation from pilgrims who expressed satisfaction with the services being provided by the temple management.

To address drinking water needs, the temple administration coordinated with the city municipal authorities and established drinking water points at every 100 meters from the Low Bridge area up to the main temple. This arrangement has ensured that devotees can easily access clean drinking water while waiting for darshan.

Considering the rising summer temperatures, the temple authorities also set up 11 free medical camps in key locations around the temple premises. Medical teams and doctors have been stationed at places such as Seethamma Vari Paadalu, Durga Ghat, the Ghat Road area, the main temple surroundings, Mahamandapam, and near the Shiva temple. These medical



camp are providing immediate assistance to devotees facing health issues during the pilgrimage.

In addition, relief measures were introduced to help devotees cope with the heat. From 10 AM onwards, volunteers have been distributing buttermilk and biscuit packets to devotees waiting in the queue lines. Special care is being taken for elderly devotees and infants, with milk being distributed to families with small children. The Anna Prasadam section of the temple is also continuously serving free meals to devotees throughout the day.

To protect pilgrims from the scorching sun, large shamanas and tents have been installed along the entire queue route. These shelters extend from the Kanaka Durga Nagar entrance

up to the Mahamandapam and from the Ghat Road entrance to the Protocol Office, allowing devotees to wait comfortably under shade.

In order to accommodate the heavy rush, the temple administration made an important decision to prioritize common devotees. All categories of paid darshan tickets have been temporarily cancelled, and devotees are being allowed free darshan of the Goddess. The Antaralayam darshan has also been temporarily suspended to ensure that queue lines move faster.

Temple Chairman Borra Radhakrishna and Executive Officer V. K. Seena Naik personally inspected the queue lines near Kanaka Durga Nagar and interacted with devotees to gather feedback on the facilities provided.

The officials also reviewed operations at the command control room set up at the Model Guest House, monitoring crowd movement through CCTV cameras. Coordination meetings were held with police officials, including Durgarao, to ensure proper security and crowd management.

During the visit, the temple chairman and EO also interacted with newly married couples who performed their wedding rituals in the temple premises and arranged special darshan for them, offering blessings from the Goddess.

With these comprehensive arrangements in place, the Kumbhabhishekam celebrations are continuing smoothly, allowing thousands of devotees to have a peaceful and memorable darshan of the Goddess.

Indrakeeladri Kanaka Durga Temple Kumbhabhishekam Enters Final Phase

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The grand Kumbhabhishekam Mahotsavams at the sacred Sri Kanaka Durga Temple atop Indrakeeladri Hill in Vijayawada are progressing with great spiritual fervor. The rituals, which are being conducted according to traditional Vedic practices, have drawn thousands of devotees from across the state. The temple administration has announced the schedule for the second day and the concluding day of the sacred ceremony.

Second Day Rituals

On March 7, 2026, which falls on Sri Viswvasu Nama Samvatsara Phalguna Bahula Chavithi, special rituals will be performed in the Yagashala. The day's ceremonies will begin at 8:00 AM with the Ashtottara Kalasha Sthapana, where sacred waters collected from various holy rivers and seas will be placed in ceremonial kalashas. Along with this, priests will perform Peetha Pujas following strict scriptural traditions.

Later in the day, at 12:00 PM, the priests will conduct Moola Mantra Havanams in the Yagashala. These sacred fire rituals are considered an important part of the Kumbhabhishekam



process and are performed to invoke divine energy and spiritual blessings.

In the evening, starting at 4:00 PM, another round of Moola Mantra Havanams will take place, followed by Pradosha Kala Peetha Pujas and special Harathi rituals. Devotees visiting the temple during this time will have the opportunity to witness these sacred ceremonies.

The second day's rituals will conclude at 7:00 PM with the chanting of Mantrapushpam, marking the completion of the day's spiritual proceedings.

Final Day - Grand

Kumbhabhishekam

The final and most significant phase of the Mahotsavam will take place on March 8, 2026. The sacred ceremony will be performed under the supervision of Shankar Vijayendra Saraswathi, the revered head of the Kanchi Kamakoti Peetham.

The final day rituals will begin at 7:00 AM with Mantapa Pujas and Moola Mantra Havanams. Following these rituals, the important Pournahuti ceremony will be performed at 9:00 AM, symbolizing the successful completion of the sacred fire rituals.

The highlight of the celebrations will occur at 9:34 AM, during the auspicious Mesha Lagana. At this sacred moment, the Kumbhabhishekam will be performed for the main temple tower (Vimana Gopuram) of Goddess Durga. The pontiff will ceremonially pour sanctified water collected from various sacred rivers over the temple structure, marking the spiritual culmination of the ceremony.

After the ritual, Sri Shankar Vijayendra Saraswathi Swami will deliver a special Anugraha Bhashanam (spiritual address) to devotees at the cultural stage located in the Rajagopuram premises.

Temple authorities explained that this sacred Kumbhabhishekam is conducted once every 12 years to rejuvenate the divine energy of the temple and strengthen the spiritual power of the deity. Devotees believe that witnessing this rare ceremony brings immense blessings and spiritual merit.

With elaborate arrangements in place and large numbers of devotees expected, the temple administration has urged pilgrims to cooperate with officials and follow queue arrangements for a smooth darshan experience.

Cultural Programmes Add Grandeur to Kumbhabhishekam Celebrations at Indrakeeladri

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The ongoing Kumbhabhishekam Mahotsavams at the sacred hill shrine of Kanaka Durga Temple on Indrakeeladri are being celebrated with great spiritual fervour and cultural splendour. Devotees visiting the temple are being mesmerized not only by the divine atmosphere but also by a series of vibrant cultural programmes organized as part of the festivities.

As part of the celebrations, a grand procession of sacred kalashams filled with holy waters collected from seas, rivers, and various sacred pilgrim centres was conducted in the morning. The procession was carried out with great devotion and traditional grandeur. Devotees enthusiastically participated in the event, chanting prayers and offering their respects to the goddess. A traditional Kolatam dance performance presented during the procession captivated the devotees and added festive spirit to the occasion.

Cultural performances were



also held at the Dharmapatham Kalavedika on the temple premises, offering a devotional and artistic experience to the visiting devotees. On March 6, from 6:30 pm onwards, a series of classical dance and music performances were conducted, drawing large crowds and creating a spiritually uplifting atmosphere.

A Kuchipudi dance performance by the troupe led by Sri Sappa Shivakumar from Vijayawada was one of the major highlights of the evening. The group impressed the audience

with their graceful movements and expressive storytelling. Their presentation included classical pieces such as "Maha Ganapathim," "Aigiri Nandini," "Vinayaka Kauthvam," "Kondalalo Nelakonna," "Jatishwar-am," "Akhilandakoti," and "Jaya Jaya Janardana." The performance received warm appreciation from devotees and art lovers alike.

Another key attraction was the devotional music programme titled "Bhaktiranjani," performed by a team of singers including Smt. Kusuma, Smt.

Sandhya, Chi. Srinivas, and Smt. K. Jaganmohini. Their melodious renditions of classical and devotional compositions created a divine musical ambience. The team presented several popular devotional songs such as "Vinayaka Hamsadhvani Ragam," "Sangeetha Samrajya Sancharini," "Himagiri Thanaye," "Kamakshi Swarajathi," "Nanu Ganna Thalli," "Shambho Mahadeva," and "Jaya Jaya Vaishnavi."

The Kolatam performance by the Shambhavi Kolatam Group from Vijayawada also drew enthusiastic applause from the audience. Their lively and colorful presentation energized the devotees and showcased the beauty of traditional folk art.

The cultural celebrations organized during the Kumbhabhishekam festivities have transformed Indrakeeladri into a vibrant centre of devotion, tradition, and art. Devotees appreciated the efforts of the temple authorities in promoting traditional cultural forms while making the spiritual celebrations even more memorable.

Women Can Achieve the Highest Positions with Confidence

IPS Officer Malika Garg



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IPS officer Malika Garg stated that women can reach the highest positions in any field if they recognize their potential and move forward with confidence. She made these remarks while attending the Women's Day celebrations organized by the women officers of the Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board (APPCB) at a private hotel in Guru Nanak Colony, Vijayawada, on Friday.

The program was conducted under the chairmanship of APPCB Chairman Dr. P. Krishnaiah. Dr. Sravanthi, founder of Sravanthi Hospitals, also attended the event and addressed the gathering.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. P. Krishnaiah emphasized that women play a vital role in the development of society. He said that women are successfully balancing family responsibilities while also excelling in fields such as administration, science, healthcare, and environmental protection. He stressed that providing equal opportunities to women is essential for the overall progress of society. He also highlighted the need for greater participation of women in environmental protection and sustainable development.

IPS officer Malika Garg said that women's empowerment should not remain just a slogan but must become a reality in every woman's life. She pointed out that although women in certain sections of society still face various challenges, they can overcome them through education, financial independence, and self-confidence. She advised women not to limit themselves by believing they are capable of doing only certain types of work. Instead,

they should have the courage to face any situation and move forward with determination.

Sharing an experience from her career, Malika Garg recalled the time when she was serving as an election observer in Chandigarh and was suddenly asked to take charge as Superintendent of Police in Palnadu district. Having earlier served as SP in Prakasam district, she initially assumed the assignment would be manageable. However, after reaching Narasaraopet overnight, she realized that the situation was extremely tense due to serious disturbances in the region. She immediately reorganized her team, took swift action, and managed to bring the situation under control in a short period. She said that this experience strengthened her belief that self-confidence and quick decision-making are crucial in leadership roles.

Dr. Sravanthi, while addressing the gathering, highlighted the importance of women's health. She said that many women tend to neglect their health while taking care of their families. She advised women, especially after reaching middle age, to undergo health check-ups at least twice a year to detect potential health issues early.

During the event, prizes were distributed to winners of games and competitions organized for women staff members of the APPCB. A large number of students from Siddhartha College, Vijayawada, also attended the celebration along with APPCB Chief Environmental Engineer M. Rajasekhar, Senior Administrative Manager and CAO Vennela Srinu, and several officers and staff from the head office and regional offices.

Drone Monitoring for Maha Kumbhabhishekam Arrangements in Vijayawada



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The Vijayawada Municipal Corporation has stepped up arrangements for the grand Maha Kumbhabhishekam celebrations at the Sri Kanaka Durga Temple on Indrakeeladri Hill. Officials are closely monitoring facilities for devotees to ensure that no inconvenience occurs during the large religious gathering.

On Friday, Dhyanchandra HM, Commissioner of the Vijayawada Municipal Corporation, conducted an inspection of several key locations connected to the temple area. As part of his tour, he visited places including Vinayaka Temple Vijayawada, Canal Road Vijayawada, Seethammavari Padalu, Krishnaveni Ghat, Punnami Ghat and Bhavani Ghat Vijayawada to review the arrangements on the ground.

During the inspection, the Commissioner directed officials to ensure that devotees visiting the temple for darshan receive all necessary civic facilities without any disruption. He emphasized that the supply of drinking water must remain uninterrupted. Authorities were instructed to continuously monitor stock points and ensure that water is supplied regularly to all drinking water distribution points set up for devotees.

In addition, the Commissioner stressed the importance of maintaining proper sanitation across the

temple surroundings and public areas. He directed sanitation staff to keep public toilets clean at all times and ensure the availability of water in restrooms. According to officials, sanitation teams have been deployed in large numbers to maintain hygiene as thousands of devotees are expected to visit the temple during the festival.

A key highlight of the monitoring system is the use of drone surveillance. Commissioner Dhyanchandra instructed officials to regularly track sanitation management and civic facilities through drones. This technology will help authorities identify issues quickly and respond immediately if any problems arise in the arrangements made by the municipal corporation.

The Commissioner also asked officials at the VMC Command Control Room to keep receiving real-time updates from field staff and stock points. Based on these reports, they must take immediate action whenever required to maintain smooth services for devotees.

Officials stated that the municipal corporation is working in coordination with other departments to ensure smooth crowd management and civic services. The administration aims to provide a comfortable and safe experience for all devotees arriving in Vijayawada to participate in the sacred Maha Kumbhabhishekam celebrations.

Kandula Durgesh Says AP Ready to Support Global-Standard Theme Parks

Amaravati, March 6 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Tourism Minister Kandula Durgesh has stated that the state government is ready to extend full support for the establishment of world-class theme parks as part of its efforts to strengthen tourism and attract major private investments. The minister made these remarks in the State Assembly while responding to a query raised by Prathipadu MLA Burla Ramanjaneyulu regarding the possibility of setting up a Disney-style theme park in Karnuthala village of Vatticherukuru mandal in Guntur district.

Durgesh explained that theme parks on the scale of international entertainment destinations require massive investments and are usually developed by private companies. He said projects similar to globally known theme parks generally involve investments ranging from ₹35,000 crore to ₹60,000 crore. Therefore, such ventures are primarily led by private investors, while the government plays a supportive role by providing land, approvals, and policy incentives.

The minister noted that the Andhra Pradesh government has introduced the AP Tourism Policy 2024-29 to encourage tourism-related investments across the state. Under this policy, investors can receive capital investment subsidies ranging from five to ten percent, up to a maximum of ₹40 crore. Additionally, the government offers 100 percent reimbursement of stamp duty and full exemption from land conversion charges to ease the process of establishing large projects.



Durgesh further said that investors would also benefit from electricity tariff reimbursements based on industrial rates, along with 100 percent SGST reimbursement for a period of seven to fifteen years depending on the scale of the project. The policy also includes 50 to 100 percent reimbursement of EPF and ESI contributions for three years to support employment

generation. He emphasized that mega and ultra-mega tourism projects would receive special incentives under the policy framework. According to the minister, the Tourism Department has already initiated discussions with major amusement park operators such as Imagicaa and Wonderla to explore opportunities for establishing large entertainment destinations in the state. These companies have reportedly expressed interest in developing projects in key tourist cities like Tirupati and Visakhapatnam.

Durgesh also highlighted that the government has been actively promoting tourism investments through investor summits, roadshows, and global tourism exhibitions. During the recent investors' summit held in Visakhapatnam, the Tourism Department signed over 100 Memorandums of Understanding related to tourism projects worth thousands of crores, including proposals for theme parks.

He reiterated that if investors come forward with proposals for a Disney-style theme park in Karnuthala village, the government will extend complete cooperation. Durgesh said such large-scale projects would significantly boost tourism, create employment opportunities, and contribute to the overall economic growth of Andhra Pradesh.

CPM Demands Upgrade of Velpuru PHC to CHC



Tanuku (Rural), March 6 | TPN Bureau

The Communist Party of India (Marxist) leaders have urged the state government to upgrade the Government Primary Health Centre (PHC) at Velpuru into a Community Health Centre (CHC) to improve healthcare facilities for the local population. The demand was raised by CPM district secretary J.N.V. Gopalan during the party's Praja Chaitanya Padayatra on Friday.

As part of the padayatra, CPM leaders visited the Velpuru PHC and interacted with patients, doctors, and hospital staff to understand the existing conditions and the challenges faced by the healthcare facility.

Speaking on the occasion, Gopalan said the Velpuru Government Hospital currently operates with only six beds, which is insufficient to cater to the healthcare needs of the region. He noted that there were earlier proposals to upgrade the hospital into a 30-bed facility, but the plan has been delayed due to administrative neglect.

He pointed out that despite its limited infrastructure, the hospital has received several awards in the past for providing quality medical services. According to him, approvals were already granted by a previous government for upgrading the facility, and funds were also reportedly allocated for the construction of a new building. However, the project has not progressed so far, causing inconvenience to the local residents who depend on the hospital for medical treatment.

Gopalan stated that Velpuru serves as a key healthcare centre for several nearby villages, with thousands of people relying on it for treatment. On average, the hospital records more than 80 outpatient cases every day, highlighting the urgent need to expand its capacity and facilities.

He said that a suitable site for constructing a Community Health Centre already exists near the present PHC building and urged the government to immediately initiate construction works. Upgrading the hospital to a 30-bed CHC and recruiting adequate medical staff would significantly improve healthcare access for people in the region, he added.

The CPM leader also emphasized that the delay in construction works due to various administrative and procedural issues should not continue any longer, as it directly affects public health services. CPM district secretariat member P.V. Pratap, mandal convener Balla Chinna Veerabhadram, Tanuku town secretary A. Ajaya Kumari, along with district committee members, party leaders, and cultural activists participated in the visit and supported the demand for upgrading the hospital facility.

Debate Over BJP's 'Praja Varadhi' Amid Existing Government Grievance System

East Godavari, March 6 | TPN Bureau

The Bharatiya Janata Party's initiative to conduct the 'Praja Varadhi' programme for addressing public grievances has sparked debate in political circles, particularly as the state government already operates an official grievance redressal system. Questions are being raised about the necessity of parallel platforms when an institutional mechanism is already in place to resolve people's issues.

Across the state, district administrations regularly organize a public grievance redressal programme known as the People's Grievance Redressal System (PGRS). Held every Monday at district collectorates, the programme allows citizens to directly present their complaints to the District Collector and officials from various departments. Complaints submitted during these sessions are registered online, and the progress of their resolution is monitored and communicated to the complainants, ensuring transparency and accountability in the system.

Despite this existing framework, the BJP conducted a 'Praja Varadhi' programme on Friday at the party's district office in the Quarry Area of Rajamahendravaram. Organized under



the slogan "Your Problem... Our Responsibility," the event invited members of the public to submit their grievances directly to party representatives.

State executive member Parimi Radha attended the programme as the chief guest and received petitions from citizens. According to party leaders, several complaints were submitted during the event, including issues related to disability pensions, welfare benefits, and other local administrative concerns affecting villagers.

However, the move has raised questions among political observers and the public. Since the BJP is a partner in the ruling alliance government in the

state, some critics wonder why the party feels the need to run a separate grievance platform instead of directing people to the official government mechanism already designed for this purpose.

Observers argue that if the government's grievance redressal system is functioning effectively and transparently, conducting a parallel programme may create confusion among citizens about where to submit their complaints. Others believe the initiative may be intended to bring public concerns directly to the attention of party leadership rather than relying solely on bureaucratic channels. Political analysts say such

programmes can sometimes serve dual purposes—addressing public concerns while also strengthening the party's grassroots connect and visibility. Nevertheless, they point out that when an established administrative system already exists, political platforms addressing the same issues may be perceived more as political outreach efforts than purely public service initiatives.

As discussions continue, the central question remains whether the 'Praja Varadhi' programme will complement the existing grievance redressal system or simply function as a parallel platform driven by political considerations.

70 YSRCP Workers Join TDP in Ramachandrapuram

Ramachandrapuram, March 6 | TPN Bureau

Around 70 workers belonging to the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) from Danguru village in K. Gangavaram mandal of the Ramachandrapuram constituency in Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema district joined the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) on Thursday. The induction took place in the presence of coalition party senior leader Vasanamsetti Satyam and Agricultural Market Committee (AMC) Chairman Akkala Rishwanth Roy.

The new members were formally welcomed into the party by draping them with TDP scarves during the joining programme. Leaders of the coalition parties expressed confidence that the new entrants would strengthen the party at the grassroots level in the constituency.

Speaking on the occasion, the leaders who joined the TDP said they were impressed by the governance style and development initiatives undertaken



by State Labour Minister Vasanamsetti Subhash. They said the minister's commitment to public service and welfare activities had influenced their decision to leave the YSRCP and join the TDP. They also expressed confidence that the coalition government would ensure balanced development for the state as well as the Ramachandrapuram constituency.

Addressing the gathering, senior coalition leader Vasanamsetti Satyam praised the leadership of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, Minister Nara Lokesh, and Labour Minister Vasanamsetti Subhash. He said the government was working with a clear vision to achieve both development and welfare in the state. Satyam noted that Minister

Subhash has been working tirelessly for the progress of the Ramachandrapuram constituency and has so far secured more than ₹220 crore for various development works in the region. He added that an additional ₹100 crore is expected to be sanctioned for upcoming Pushkaram-related development activities, which would further boost infrastructure and facilities in the constituency.

He also called upon the newly joined members to work in coordination with coalition leaders and party workers to strengthen the party and contribute to the development of the constituency.

AMC Chairman Akkala Rishwanth Roy, sarpanches Koppiseti Ramana and Kothapalli Aruna, along with coalition leaders Nidavolu Subrahmanyam, Balusu Sivaprasad, Dangeti Nagaswara Rao, Chollangi Edurayya, and several local leaders and villagers participated in the programme.

National Seminar and Tech Fest-2K26 Concludes at CTUAP



Vizianagaram, March 6 | TPN Bureau

A two-day National Seminar and Tech Fest-2K26 organized by the Department of Computer Science at the Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh concluded successfully, bringing together academicians, industry experts, and students to discuss emerging trends in science and technology.

Addressing the valedictory session, Dr. Bonthu Kotayya, Head of the Department of Computer Science, highlighted the various academic initiatives undertaken by the department. He said the department regularly organizes workshops, seminars, and internship programs to strengthen students' technical knowledge and enhance their research skills.

The chief guest for the occasion, Dr. Sivaji Chandram, former Director of the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India, emphasized the vital role of science and technology in the progress of society. He encouraged students to adopt a research-oriented mindset and actively contribute to the nation's development. He also noted that universities must act as important platforms for promoting research, innovation, and technological advancement.

Guest of Honour Mr. Ganesh Nag Doddi, Chief Executive Officer of Bainovision, spoke about the growing importance of collaboration between academic institutions and industries. He said students who develop practical and technical skills during their academic years will be better pre-

pared for professional opportunities in the future. He also stressed that continuous learning and innovation are essential for success in the rapidly evolving technology sector.

Prof. Jitendra Mohan Mishra, In-charge Registrar of the university, stated that national seminars and academic events play a significant role in strengthening research culture in universities. He encouraged students to effectively apply their technological knowledge to solve real-world challenges and contribute to societal development.

In his presidential address, In-charge Vice-Chancellor Prof. Tantravahi Srinivasan said such seminars create valuable opportunities for students and researchers to explore new ideas and expand their research horizons. He added that the Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh is committed to advancing in the fields of education, research, and technological innovation.

As part of the Tech Fest-2K26, several competitions including poster presentations, paper presentations, a technical quiz, hackathon, and debugging contests were conducted. Certificates were distributed to paper presenters and students who performed exceptionally well in the competitions.

The event was coordinated by Dr. Bonthu Kotayya and attended by faculty members, heads of various departments, guest faculty, and a large number of students.

Strengthening Public Health: The Strategic Evolution of the Janaushadhi Pariyojana for Affordable and Quality Generic Medicines

The true measure of a nation's progress is often reflected in how easily its citizens can access basic necessities like healthcare. For decades, the high cost of medicines remained a major financial barrier to health and wellness for millions in India. In this context, Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP), an initiative under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to provide quality generic medicines at significantly lower prices than their branded counterparts has brought about a profound and systematic transformation by addressing a critical gap in public healthcare.

Globally, generic medicines are a cornerstone of accessible healthcare systems. They account for nearly 80-90% of prescriptions worldwide and have played a crucial role in expanding access to essential medicines. Though generic medicines may differ in packaging, labeling, and inactive ingredients, studies have shown that these variations do not affect their therapeutic effectiveness. They are equivalent to brand-name drugs in terms of dosage, safety, strength, quality, and intended use, adhering to the same rigorous production and quality standards.

PMBJP is not merely a retail intervention; it represents a structural strengthening of India's healthcare system. This is reflected in the theme of this year's Janaushadhi Saptah "जन औषधि सुसुती भी, भरोसेमंद भी, सेहत की बात, बचत के साथ", which resonates strongly with millions of beneficiaries. Through a steadily ex-



panding network of over 18,000 Janaushadhi Kendras, the scheme has ensured that medicines are available at prices 50% to 80% lower than market rates, offering support to families across socio-economic backgrounds. Field surveys have shown that beneficiaries appreciate the cost savings and improved access to medicines.

The scale of the scheme is further reflected in its product basket. Janaushadhi offers an extensive inventory consisting of 2,110 medicines and 315 surgical products covering 29 distinct therapeutic areas. Under the direct stew-

ardship of the Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI), the portfolio expansion is a dynamic, data-driven process involving market analytics, stakeholder engagement, and the rigorous oversight of a dedicated expert committee, ensuring the scheme stays aligned with the nation's evolving health requirements and pharmacological demands.

With strong regulatory oversight Indian pharmaceutical companies have become trusted suppliers in more than 200 countries, including highly regulated markets

such as the U.S., U.K. and European Union. Indian pharmaceutical companies are expanding into emerging markets such as Latin America, Africa, and Eastern Europe.

The industry is also focusing on biosimilars, generic versions of biologic drugs, as well as investing more in R&D to produce complex generics and specialty drugs. These forward-looking initiatives position India not only as a global manufacturing hub but also as a future innovation leader in affordable medicine.

Quality vs. Price debate oc-

asionally influences public perception. The PMBJP has effectively dismantled the myth that affordability implies a compromise in manufacturing standards through a multi-layered quality assurance framework. Medicines are procured from WHO-GMP certified manufacturers, ensuring adherence to global production standards. The protocol dictates that every single batch of medicine undergoes stringent validation at National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) approved laboratories before it reaches a phar-

macy shelf. These medicines comply with the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, and match the safety and efficacy standards of branded alternatives. The quality journey includes meticulous pre-procurement audits and post-procurement laboratory testing. PMBI, the implementing agency of the Pariyojana regularly monitors and audits the quality of medicines to ensure that there is no deviation from the established protocols.

An IT-enabled distribution network supported by five state-of-the-art warehouses and 41 specialized distribu-

tors nationwide has ensured that the supply chain remains resilient against disruptions.

By focusing on three pillars of accessibility, quality, and affordability, PMBJP has significantly reduced medical expenses for millions of people. With continued institutional support, increasing public awareness, and further infrastructural enhancements, the vision of a Janaushadhi Kendra in every district is no longer a distant aspiration—it is a tangible, nearing reality.

A major focus under the "Viksit Bharat @2047" vision is to build a strong, fair, and affordable healthcare system for everyone. This includes better hospitals, lower medical costs, easier access to treatment, and availability of affordable medicines. With multi-sectoral collaborations, the PMBJP has proved that with the right institutional vision, healthcare can be both high-quality and universally accessible. The Government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is committed to ensure this Pariyojana continues its upward trajectory of progress and maintains its status as a global model for affordable health care.



Jagat Prakash Nadda

A Strategic Shift in Bihar Politics: Why Nitish Kumar May Be Headed to the Rajya Sabha



For more than two decades, Nitish Kumar has been one of the most influential figures in Bihar's political landscape. His leadership has shaped the state's governance, alliances, and electoral strategies in profound ways. Now, the possibility of him moving to the Rajya Sabha marks a potentially significant turning point not only for his own political career but also for the future direction of Bihar politics.

This development has sparked intense discussion among political observers. Nitish Kumar has served multiple terms as the Chief Minister of Bihar and has played a central role in coalition politics at both the state and national levels. If he chooses to transition to the Rajya Sabha, it could signal a strategic recalibration in his political journey as well as a reconfiguration of power within the ruling alliance in Bihar.

A Long Political Journey

Nitish Kumar's political career spans several decades. He

first emerged in politics during the movement led by Jayaprakash Narayan in the 1970s, which mobilized large numbers of young leaders, who later shaped national and state politics. Over time, Nitish established himself as a disciplined and pragmatic politician.

He served multiple terms as a Member of Parliament and held important portfolios in the Union government, including the Railways Ministry. His tenure as Railway Minister was particularly noted for administrative reforms and improvements in safety and management.

However, his most significant political role has been as the Chief Minister of Bihar. Since first assuming the office in 2005, he has become synonymous with governance reforms in the state. During his tenure, Bihar witnessed improvements in infrastructure, road connectivity, law and order, and social welfare programs. His emphasis on women's em-

powerment, particularly through policies like reservation for women in local bodies and schemes encouraging girls' education, earned him the image of a reform-oriented leader.

Because of his governance-focused approach, he came to be known as "Sushasan Babu," a nickname reflecting his reputation for promoting good governance.

Coalition Politics and Strategic Alliances

One of the defining features of Nitish Kumar's political career has been his ability to navigate complex coalition politics. Over the years, he has allied with different political formations depending on the prevailing political circumstances.

His party, Janata Dal (United), has alternated alliances between the Bharatiya Janata Party and the Rashtriya Janata Dal-led bloc at various points in time. These shifts often drew criticism from opponents, who accused him of po-

litical opportunism. Yet supporters argue that these decisions reflected a pragmatic approach aimed at maintaining stability and influence in Bihar politics.

Despite the frequent realignments, Nitish Kumar managed to maintain a significant support base. His image as an administrator and his focus on development helped him retain political relevance even when electoral fortunes fluctuated.

Why the Rajya Sabha?

The possibility of Nitish Kumar moving to the Rajya Sabha raises several important questions. For many analysts, this potential move appears to be part of a broader political strategy rather than a simple career transition.

After years of leading the state government, shifting to the Rajya Sabha could allow him to play a more national role while stepping back from the day-to-day responsibilities of running the state administration. It may also pro-

vide him with greater flexibility to influence national coalition politics.

Another factor could be the evolving power dynamics within Bihar's ruling alliance. In recent elections, the Bharatiya Janata Party has emerged as the larger partner in the coalition. As a result, there has been speculation that the party may seek a larger role in the state's leadership structure.

If Nitish Kumar moves to the Rajya Sabha, it could open the door for a leadership transition in Bihar, potentially allowing the BJP to install one of its own leaders as Chief Minister.

Changing Power Equations in Bihar

Bihar's political landscape has always been shaped by alliances and shifting loyalties. The current ruling coalition includes both the BJP and the Janata Dal (United), but the balance of power within the alliance has gradually shifted.

In the most recent state assembly elections, the BJP won more seats than Nitish Kumar's party. Although Nitish Kumar continued as Chief Minister, the electoral outcome signaled a change in political momentum.

A move to the Rajya Sabha could therefore represent a negotiated adjustment within the alliance. Such a transition might help maintain stability within the coalition while acknowledging the BJP's growing strength in the state.

At the same time, it would allow Nitish Kumar to remain an influential political figure without being directly involved in state-level administration.

A Possible Generational Transition

Another aspect of this potential shift is the possibility of a generational transition in Bihar politics. Nitish Kumar has been at the center of the state's political scene for

nearly two decades. His departure from the Chief Minister's post would create space for new leadership to emerge.

Within the Janata Dal (United), there may be efforts to groom younger leaders who can carry forward the party's legacy. Similarly, the BJP may see an opportunity to strengthen its organizational presence in the state by taking on a larger governing role.

Such transitions are not uncommon in Indian politics, where senior leaders often move to advisory or parliamentary roles while new leaders take charge at the state level.

National Political Implications

Nitish Kumar's move to the Rajya Sabha could also have implications beyond Bihar. As an experienced politician with deep knowledge of coalition politics, he could play a role in shaping broader political strategies at the national level.

In India's parliamentary system, the Rajya Sabha often serves as a platform for senior political leaders who contribute to legislative debates, policy discussions, and coalition negotiations. Nitish Kumar's presence in the upper house could therefore strengthen his ability to influence national political conversations.

His experience in governance and his reputation as a consensus-builder could make him a valuable figure in parliamentary deliberations.

Supporters and Critics

Reactions to the possibility of Nitish Kumar moving to the Rajya Sabha have been mixed. Supporters argue that after years of leading the state, he deserves a role that allows him to contribute at the national level. They believe his administrative experience and political wisdom could benefit the country's legislative processes.

Critics, however, view the

move differently. Some believe it may be a strategic retreat prompted by changing electoral dynamics in Bihar. Others argue that stepping away from the Chief Minister's role could weaken the political base of the Janata Dal (United).

These contrasting perspectives highlight the complexity of Nitish Kumar's political legacy.

The Future of Bihar Politics

Regardless of the motivations behind the move, one thing is clear: any major decision by Nitish Kumar is likely to reshape Bihar's political landscape.

If he transitions to the Rajya Sabha, it would mark the end of an era in state politics. His leadership has defined Bihar's governance for many years, and his departure from the Chief Minister's office would inevitably create a political vacuum.

The question then becomes who will fill that space and how the new leadership will approach governance and development.

Conclusion

Nitish Kumar's potential move to the Rajya Sabha represents more than just a personal career shift. It reflects the evolving dynamics of coalition politics, changing power equations within alliances, and the possibility of generational transition in Bihar's leadership.

For decades, he has been a central figure in shaping the state's political direction. Whether he continues to influence politics from the national stage or remains involved in guiding his party's future, his role in Indian politics is far from over.

As Bihar navigates this potential transition, the coming months will reveal how these political developments reshape the balance of power in the state and what they mean for the broader national political landscape.

Major Political Shift Likely in Bihar as Nitish Kumar Heads to Rajya Sabha



Bihar may soon witness a major political transition as long-time Chief Minister Nitish Kumar prepares to move to the Rajya Sabha, paving the way for a new leadership arrangement in the state. According to sources, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) could get its first Chief Minister in Bihar, while Nitish Kumar's Janata Dal (United) is expected to remain a key partner in the government.

Nitish Kumar, who has served as Bihar's Chief Minister for over two decades and has taken oath a record ten times, has filed his nomination for the upcoming Rajya Sabha elections. His move signals a significant shift in Bihar's political landscape and could mark the end of an era dominated by his leadership in the state.

Sources suggest that once Nitish Kumar steps down from the Chief Minister's post, the BJP is likely to claim the top position in the state government. This would be the first time that a BJP leader becomes the Chief Minister of Bihar, a state where the top post has traditionally been held by leaders from JD(U) or the Rashtriya Janata Dal.

Even though the BJP may

take the Chief Minister's role, the alliance dynamics indicate that JD(U) will continue to have a strong presence in the cabinet. Reports suggest that around 15 ministers from JD(U) are likely to be inducted into the new Bihar cabinet, ensuring that Nitish Kumar's party retains significant influence in governance.

In addition to JD(U) ministers, representatives from other National Democratic Alliance (NDA) partners are also expected to be included in the cabinet. Two ministers from the Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas), along with one minister each from the Rashtriya Lok Morcha and Hindustani Awam Morcha, are likely to be part of the government.

Another notable development in the emerging power structure is the possible entry of Nitish Kumar's son, Nishant Kumar, into active politics. Sources indicate that Nishant Kumar could be appointed as Deputy Chief Minister, marking his political debut. If this happens, it would represent a new generation entering Bihar's political arena under the guidance of Nitish Kumar.

Meanwhile, the BJP is expected to retain the position of

Bihar Assembly Speaker as part of the broader power-sharing arrangement within the ruling alliance. The details of the new government formation are still being discussed among alliance leaders.

Nitish Kumar has also reportedly called a meeting of JD(U) Members of Parliament and senior party leaders to discuss the political transition and the future roadmap for the party. The meeting is expected to focus on maintaining unity within the party and ensuring a smooth leadership transition in Bihar.

The Rajya Sabha elections, for which Nitish Kumar has filed his nomination, are scheduled to fill several vacant seats across different states. Voting and counting for these seats will take place later this month.

In a message to his supporters, Nitish Kumar said he wants to serve the country as a member of the Rajya Sabha and assured that his commitment to Bihar's development will remain unchanged. He stated that his relationship with the people of Bihar would continue and that he would keep working towards building a stronger and more developed state.

He also emphasized that the new government formed in Bihar would have his full support and guidance. According to him, political leadership may change, but the goal of development and good governance should remain constant.

Nitish Kumar's decision to move to the Rajya Sabha comes only a few months after he was sworn in for another term as Chief Minister. This has sparked intense political debate in Bihar, with opposition parties questioning the sudden shift in leadership.

Political observers say the move could be part of a broader strategic arrangement within the NDA ahead of future elections. By allowing the BJP to take the Chief Minister's position while ensuring JD(U) continues to hold significant power in the cabinet, the alliance may be attempting to strengthen its political base in the state.

The coming weeks are expected to be crucial for Bihar politics as discussions continue over the leadership transition and cabinet formation. If the proposed arrangement takes shape, Bihar will witness one of the most significant political changes in its recent political history.

Siddaramaiah Presents Record 17th Karnataka Budget With ₹4.48 Lakh Crore Outlay

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah presented his record 17th state budget, outlining an ambitious financial roadmap for the 2026-27 fiscal year with a total expenditure of ₹4.48 lakh crore. The budget focuses on welfare schemes, infrastructure development and economic growth while maintaining fiscal discipline.

Delivering the budget in the state assembly, Siddaramaiah emphasized that Karnataka remains one of the leading contributors to India's economic growth and tax revenues. The government aims to balance welfare initiatives with long-term investments that support development across sectors.

According to the budget estimates, total revenue receipts are expected to reach ₹3,15,050 crore. This includes the state's own tax revenue of around ₹2,20,000 crore, non-tax revenue of ₹16,000 crore and transfers from the central government estimated at ₹79,050 crore. With additional borrowings and capital receipts, the total available funds for the year are projected to cross ₹4.47 lakh crore.

The government has planned total expenditure of ₹4,48,004 crore for the financial year. Out of this, ₹3,38,007 crore will be spent on revenue expenditure, while ₹74,682 crore is earmarked for capital expenditure, which includes infrastructure development and other long-term investments. Another ₹35,316 crore has been allocated for loan repayments.

Despite the large outlay, the state continues to face financial challenges. The budget projects a revenue deficit of ₹22,957 crore, indicating that the government's regular in-



come will fall short of meeting its revenue expenses. At the same time, the fiscal deficit is estimated at ₹97,449 crore, which accounts for 2.95 percent of the state's Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP). Officials say this level remains within the limits set by the Karnataka Fiscal Responsibility Act.

By the end of the financial year, Karnataka's total liabilities are expected to reach ₹8.24 lakh crore, representing around 24.94 percent of the GSDP. The government has said that despite the rising liabilities, it will continue to maintain fiscal discipline and ensure responsible financial management.

Several important policy announcements were also made in the budget. One of the major initiatives is the government's plan to move forward with the Mekedatu Dam Project, which aims to supply drinking water to Bengaluru

and nearby regions. The state government plans to submit a revised project report to the central government along with a proposal seeking forest clearance.

Another significant proposal in the budget is the introduction of the Rohith Vemula Act, which aims to prevent caste-based discrimination and harassment of students in educational institutions. The legislation is intended to strengthen safeguards for students in universities and colleges across the state.

The budget also focuses on expanding educational opportunities and improving social welfare programmes. The government has reiterated its commitment to supporting vulnerable communities through targeted schemes and financial assistance.

At the same time, the administration highlighted the need for stronger cooperation between the state and the central

government. Siddaramaiah stressed the importance of cooperative federalism and called for greater sensitivity toward the financial needs of states like Karnataka that contribute significantly to the national economy.

The Chief Minister also underscored Karnataka's role as one of India's most dynamic economic regions, particularly in sectors such as technology, manufacturing and services. He said the government's policies aim to strengthen these sectors while ensuring inclusive development for all sections of society.

Overall, the 2026-27 budget reflects the state government's attempt to balance welfare commitments with economic expansion. With a record spending plan and several policy initiatives, the budget sets the tone for Karnataka's development priorities in the coming year.

"Abnormality Becoming the New Normal": Rajnath Singh Warns Over Iran-Israel-US Conflict

India's Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has expressed serious concern over the escalating tensions in West Asia involving Iran, Israel and the United States, saying the global security environment is becoming increasingly unpredictable. According to him, unusual geopolitical developments are gradually turning into the "new normal," raising concerns about international stability.

Speaking at the maritime conclave "Sagar Sankalp" in Kolkata, the Defence Minister described the current global situation as extremely complex. He said the ongoing conflict in the Middle East demonstrates how rapidly global power dynamics are shifting and how traditional geopolitical frameworks are weakening.

Rajnath Singh pointed out that countries are increasingly competing with each other across multiple domains — land, air, sea and even space. This growing rivalry, he said, is creating uncertainty in international relations and raising serious concerns about global peace and security. The Defence Minister warned that such developments represent an abnormal situation, but what is more worrying is that these conditions are becoming increasingly common.

Referring to the ongoing conflict in West Asia, Singh said the situation is highly unusual and difficult to predict. He added that it is not possible at this stage to clearly determine how the crisis will evolve in the coming days or what impact it may have on neighbouring



regions.

A major concern highlighted by the Defence Minister is the impact of the conflict on global energy security. He noted that the strategically important Strait of Hormuz and the wider Persian Gulf region are critical for the transportation of oil and gas across the world. Any disruption in this region could directly affect global energy supplies and international trade.

He explained that disturbances in the Persian Gulf can quickly lead to disruptions in oil and gas supply chains, which would in turn affect economies worldwide. Rising geopolitical tensions could also disturb global trade routes and create instability in financial markets.

Rajnath Singh further observed that oceans, which were once primarily seen as routes for commerce, are now emerging as centres of strategic competition among nations. Control over maritime routes and naval power is increasingly becoming a key factor in global power politics.

In this changing geopolitical landscape, Singh emphasized that India must

strengthen its maritime capabilities and play a responsible leadership role. As a major maritime nation, India has the responsibility to contribute to stability and security in the global maritime domain.

The Defence Minister also stressed the importance of self-reliance in defence production. He said that building strong domestic capabilities is the best way to protect the country from supply-chain disruptions and global uncertainties.

According to Singh, advanced and precision technologies are increasingly shaping modern defence systems. Strengthening indigenous defence manufacturing and supporting defence public sector undertakings will be crucial for India's long-term security strategy.

Concluding his remarks, Rajnath Singh said the evolving global situation clearly shows that the world is entering a period of rapid geopolitical transformation. In such an environment, nations must remain prepared for uncertainty while strengthening their economic and strategic resilience.

India Has Adequate Fuel Stocks Amid Iran War, Refineries Told to Boost LPG Production



Amid rising global concerns over a possible energy crisis triggered by the escalating Iran conflict, the Indian government has assured that the country currently has sufficient fuel reserves. At the same time, authorities have directed refineries across the country to increase production of cooking gas to prepare for any potential supply disruptions.

Government sources say India has adequate stocks of crude oil and petroleum products, including petrol, diesel and liquefied petroleum gas (LPG). Oil companies have also been advised to increase imports from regions outside the Gulf so that domestic fuel supply remains stable even if tensions in the Middle East worsen.

The precautionary steps come as the ongoing conflict involving Iran raises fears about the security of global energy supply routes. One of the biggest concerns is the Strait of Hormuz, a narrow but extremely important waterway through which nearly one-fifth of the world's oil supply is transported. Any disruption in this region could have serious consequences for global energy markets and countries that depend heavily on oil imports.

India, which imports a large share of its crude oil

from the Middle East, is particularly sensitive to developments in the region. A significant portion of India's crude oil shipments pass through the Strait of Hormuz, making the situation closely monitored by policymakers and energy companies.

Despite these concerns, officials say there is no immediate cause for alarm. According to government sources, India currently has enough energy reserves to sustain the country for several weeks. These reserves include both crude oil and refined petroleum products stored in strategic reserves, refineries and other storage facilities across the country.

To strengthen preparedness, the government has asked both public and private sector refineries to increase LPG production. Cooking gas is one of the most widely used fuels in Indian households, and officials want to ensure uninterrupted supply even if imports are affected due to the geopolitical tensions.

India is also exploring alternative energy supply options in case the Middle East conflict continues for a prolonged period. In recent years, the country has diversified its crude oil sourcing strategy and now imports significant quantities from countries outside the Gulf

region. Energy companies are actively working to secure additional crude oil shipments from different parts of the world. This diversification is aimed at reducing the risk of supply disruptions caused by geopolitical tensions in any single region.

Another concern related to the crisis is the possibility of rising global oil and gas prices. Conflicts in major energy-producing regions often lead to sharp increases in international energy prices, which can affect domestic fuel costs and inflation levels in many countries.

Experts warn that while India's current reserves provide short-term stability, prolonged disruptions in shipping routes in the Middle East could eventually tighten supply chains and push prices higher. This is why the government is closely monitoring the situation and preparing contingency plans to safeguard the country's energy needs.

For now, officials emphasize that India's energy security remains stable. With adequate reserves, diversified import sources and increased domestic LPG production, the country is taking proactive steps to ensure that households and industries continue to receive uninterrupted fuel supplies despite the ongoing global uncertainty.

“Blue Sparrow From Space”: The Precision Strike That Killed Iran’s Supreme Leader



In one of the most dramatic developments in the escalating Middle East conflict, Iran’s Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei was reportedly killed in a highly precise missile strike involving an advanced weapon system known as the Blue Sparrow. The incident marked a major turning point in tensions between Iran, Israel and the United States, underscoring how modern warfare increasingly relies on high-tech weaponry and intelligence-driven operations.

According to reports, the 86-year-old Iranian leader had spent several weeks moving between highly secure underground bunkers amid fears of Israeli attacks on Tehran. Iran’s leadership had taken extraordinary precautions to protect him as tensions in the region intensified. However, the circumstances surrounding his death suggest that even these extensive security measures were not enough to prevent a carefully planned and technologically sophisticated strike.

The attack reportedly occurred when Khamenei briefly emerged from his underground shelter to attend an important meeting with senior government and military officials in central Tehran. The gathering was believed to involve discussions about the ongoing conflict and Iran’s strategy in responding to military pressure from Israel and its allies. Within a short time of his arrival at the compound, a missile struck the location with extraordinary accuracy, killing Khamenei and several other high-ranking officials who

were present at the meeting.

The weapon believed to have been used in the strike was Israel’s Blue Sparrow missile system. This advanced missile is designed to travel along a quasi-ballistic trajectory, allowing it to climb toward the edge of the atmosphere before descending rapidly toward its target. Such a flight pattern makes it extremely difficult for conventional air defence systems to intercept it, especially when the missile approaches its target at high speed during the final phase of its descent.

The missile is typically launched from a fighter aircraft and guided toward its destination using advanced navigation and targeting technologies. Because of its unique trajectory and precision guidance, it is capable of striking highly protected targets such as fortified command centres or underground facilities. The system is widely regarded as one of the most sophisticated tools in Israel’s missile arsenal.

Intelligence experts believe the strike was the result of prolonged surveillance and detailed planning. Israeli intelligence agencies had reportedly monitored Khamenei’s movements for an extended period, searching for an opportunity when he would appear outside Iran’s network of heavily fortified underground facilities. Such moments were extremely rare, given the strict security protocols surrounding the Iranian leader.

When intelligence indicated that Khamenei would attend the

meeting in Tehran, the operation was reportedly activated quickly. The missile strike was timed to coincide precisely with the gathering of senior officials, maximizing its impact on Iran’s leadership structure.

The death of Khamenei represents a monumental event in Iran’s political history. He had served as the country’s supreme leader since 1989 and held ultimate authority over Iran’s political, military and religious institutions. For decades he was the central figure shaping Iran’s domestic and foreign policy, as well as its strategic posture in the Middle East.

His sudden death created an immediate leadership crisis within Iran. The country’s political system places enormous power in the hands of the supreme leader, meaning that his absence leaves a major gap at the top of the government. Iran’s political and religious institutions will now have to navigate the complex process of choosing a successor while maintaining internal stability.

At the same time, the strike dramatically heightened tensions across the region. Iran quickly vowed retaliation, warning that those responsible for the attack would face severe consequences. The government signaled that it would respond through both military and strategic measures against Israel and any countries perceived to have supported the operation.

Security analysts believe the incident could trigger a new phase in the ongoing conflict. The killing of such a powerful

and symbolic leader is likely to deepen hostilities and increase the risk of further military escalation between Iran and its adversaries.

Beyond the immediate political consequences, the strike also highlighted the evolving nature of modern warfare. Precision weapons, real-time intelligence gathering and advanced missile systems are increasingly shaping how conflicts unfold. The ability to target high-level leadership figures with extraordinary accuracy represents a dramatic shift from traditional battlefield confrontations.

The reported use of the Blue Sparrow missile in this operation demonstrated how technological advancements allow countries to strike targets at great distances with minimal warning. Such capabilities raise new questions about defence strategies and the vulnerability of even the most heavily protected individuals.

As the Middle East grapples with the aftermath of the attack, the geopolitical implications are expected to unfold over the coming weeks and months. The loss of Iran’s supreme leader has reshaped the political landscape of the region and intensified an already volatile conflict.

What happens next will likely depend on how Iran responds and how global powers attempt to manage the escalating tensions. For now, the strike that eliminated Ayatollah Ali Khamenei stands as one of the most consequential and dramatic events in the history of the modern Middle East.

Iran’s Underground Missile Cities May Be Strategic Liability in Escalating Conflict

Iran has long promoted its underground missile bases—often called “missile cities”—as a symbol of military strength and deterrence. Built deep beneath mountains and reinforced terrain, these secretive facilities are designed to store, transport, and launch ballistic missiles while protecting them from aerial strikes. However, recent analyses suggest that these underground networks may also represent a significant vulnerability if conflict in the Middle East intensifies.

Over the past decade, Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) has frequently released footage and images showing vast tunnel complexes filled with missiles mounted on launch platforms. These bases are believed to be spread across different parts of the country and are intended to ensure Iran can maintain a missile capability even during heavy bombardment. By hiding weapons underground, Iran aims to shield them from enemy surveillance and air attacks while preserving the ability to retaliate quickly.

Despite these advantages, military experts say the same underground infrastructure could become a strategic weakness during a large-scale war: Once the locations of



these missile facilities are identified through intelligence gathering, satellite monitoring, or cyber surveillance, they can become fixed targets. Modern bunker-busting bombs and precision-guided munitions are specifically designed to penetrate deep underground structures, potentially destroying key missile stockpiles or blocking launch tunnels.

Another concern is that underground bases rely heavily on limited entry and exit points. These tunnels and launch corridors must open to the surface in order for missiles to be deployed. If these access points are damaged or sealed during attacks, the missiles inside could effectively become trapped, preventing them from being used when needed most.

Logistical challenges also play a role. Underground facilities require power, ventilation, communication systems, and transport routes within the tunnel networks. Dis-

rupting these systems through cyber operations, electronic warfare, or targeted strikes could cripple the functionality of entire bases without necessarily destroying them outright.

Additionally, concentrating large numbers of missiles in specific locations can increase the risk of catastrophic losses. If a single base is successfully hit, it could destroy a substantial portion of Iran’s missile inventory at once. This concentration of assets may undermine the very survivability these facilities were designed to ensure. As tensions continue to rise across the Middle East, analysts argue that the effectiveness of Iran’s underground missile cities will depend on secrecy, mobility, and redundancy. While these fortified bases project power and resilience, advances in surveillance and precision weaponry mean they may not be as invulnerable as once believed.

Pakistan Considers Weekly Fuel Price Revision as Middle East War Threatens Oil Supply



Pakistan is planning a significant change in its fuel pricing policy as rising tensions in the Middle East raise concerns about disruptions to global oil supply. The government is considering shifting from the current fortnightly petrol price revision system to a weekly mechanism in order to respond more quickly to fluctuations in international oil markets.

The proposal comes as the ongoing conflict in West Asia continues to create uncertainty in global energy markets. Pakistan, which relies heavily on imported crude oil and petroleum products, is particularly vulnerable to any disruptions in international supply chains. Officials believe that more frequent price adjustments would help the government manage sudden changes in import costs and prevent large price shocks in the domestic market.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif recently chaired high-level discussions with government officials to evaluate the possible impact of the crisis on Pakistan’s fuel supply and economy. During the meeting, authorities reviewed several contingency measures aimed at ensuring adequate fuel availability and controlling the financial burden on the government.

Currently, petroleum prices in Pakistan are revised every two weeks based on international oil prices and currency fluctuations. However, policymakers believe that the rapidly changing global situation requires a more flexible pricing mechanism. By revising fuel prices every week, the government hopes to react faster to market move-

oil markets and geopolitical developments to ensure that the country is prepared for any sudden disruptions. Energy officials are also examining alternative supply routes and potential partnerships with friendly nations to secure additional crude oil shipments if required.

Another factor putting pressure on Pakistan’s fuel supply chain is the sharp increase in shipping and insurance costs for oil tankers. Rising geopolitical risks have made transporting oil more expensive, and these additional costs could eventually translate into higher fuel prices for consumers.

For a country already dealing with economic challenges and inflation, a sudden spike in petrol and diesel prices could have serious consequences. Fuel costs directly affect transportation, electricity generation, and the prices of essential goods. Any major increase could further strain household budgets and increase inflationary pressure.

By introducing weekly fuel price revisions, the government hopes to spread out the impact of rising import costs and avoid sudden dramatic price hikes. This approach could make price adjustments more gradual and manageable for consumers while helping authorities maintain financial stability in the energy sector.

The proposal is currently under review and will likely require approval from the Economic Coordination Committee of the federal cabinet before it can be implemented. If approved, the new system could come into effect in the near future.

As global tensions continue to influence energy markets, Pakistan’s move reflects the challenges faced by many oil-importing nations trying to balance supply security, economic stability, and consumer affordability in an increasingly uncertain world.

US Keen on Trade With India, But Warns It Won’t Repeat ‘China Mistake’

The United States has signalled strong interest in expanding trade ties with India, but also made it clear that future economic cooperation will be shaped by lessons learned from its past engagement with China. Speaking at the global policy forum Raisina Dialogue in New Delhi, US Deputy Secretary of State Christopher Landau said Washington wants deeper economic cooperation with India while ensuring that American interests remain protected.

Landau’s remarks highlighted how the US views India as an increasingly important partner in the evolving global economic and geopolitical landscape. However, he emphasized that any trade arrangement between the two countries would be structured carefully to avoid repeating what American policymakers consider a strategic miscalculation in their earlier economic engagement with China.

According to Landau, the United States previously supported China’s integration into the global trading system with the expectation that American companies would gain access to a massive market and efficient supply chains. Instead, China’s economic growth and industrial expansion eventually turned it into a powerful competitor for the US in global trade and manufacturing.

He suggested that Washington would adopt a more cautious approach while strengthening economic ties with India. The objective, he said, is to ensure that trade agreements remain fair and beneficial for American businesses and workers. Landau



indicated that the US does not want to repeat a situation where generous market access or concessions allow another country to become a direct commercial rival in the future.

Despite this caution, Landau stressed that the US strongly values its relationship with India. He described India’s rise as one of the defining developments of the 21st century and suggested that cooperation between the two democracies could create enormous economic opportunities. The US believes that closer trade relations could unlock significant potential for both countries, especially in areas such as technology, energy, manufacturing, and supply chains.

Landau’s comments also reflected the broader foreign policy approach associated with US President Donald Trump, whose “America First” doctrine places strong emphasis on protecting domestic economic interests. The policy prioritizes ensuring that international trade agreements benefit American industries and workers rather than relying solely on global economic integration.

However, Landau clarified that the “America First” philosophy does not mean the United States intends to isolate itself from the world. Instead, he said cooperation with other countries remains essential for achieving strategic and economic goals. The United States still views partnerships and alliances as important tools for addressing global challenges and maintaining stability in international markets.

In that context, the growing partnership between India and the United States has become a key element of Washington’s strategic thinking. Both countries share concerns about supply chain resilience, emerging technologies, and geopolitical developments in Asia. Strengthening trade ties is therefore seen as part of a broader effort to deepen collaboration between the two nations.

Landau also suggested that future agreements between India and the US would be built on the principle of mutual benefit rather than one-sided concessions. This approach, he indicated, reflects a more pragmatic

understanding of global economic competition. Countries are expected to pursue their own national interests while still cooperating in areas where those interests align.

The remarks come at a time when both nations are exploring ways to expand bilateral trade and investment. Negotiations between the two sides have been underway for some time, and officials have indicated that discussions are progressing toward a potential agreement that could reshape economic ties between the two countries.

If concluded successfully, such a deal could strengthen cooperation across several sectors and create new opportunities for businesses on both sides. It could also reinforce the strategic partnership between India and the United States at a time when global economic alliances are increasingly influenced by geopolitical considerations.

At the same time, the cautious tone in Landau’s comments underscores how past experiences continue to shape American trade policy. The US appears determined to balance its enthusiasm for deeper cooperation with India with safeguards designed to protect its long-term economic interests.

Ultimately, Landau’s message was clear: the United States welcomes stronger trade relations with India and recognizes the country’s growing global influence. But Washington intends to ensure that future economic partnerships are structured carefully so that both nations benefit without repeating the strategic mistakes of the past.

Bears Take Control as Sensex Crashes 1,097 Points; Nifty Slips to 24,450

Indian equity markets witnessed a sharp decline on March 6 as investors turned cautious amid global uncertainties and rising crude oil prices. Benchmark indices ended the trading session deep in the red, with heavy selling pressure seen across several sectors. The downturn signaled the return of bearish sentiment in the market after a brief recovery in the previous session.

The BSE Sensex plunged 1,097 points, or 1.37 percent, to close at 78,918.90, while the Nifty 50 dropped 315.45 points, or 1.27 percent, to settle at 24,450.45. The indices opened on a weak note and remained under pressure throughout the session, eventually closing near the day's lowest levels.

Market participants attributed the decline to a broad-based sell-off across sectors, particularly in financial and realty stocks. Investor sentiment was dampened by rising geopolitical tensions and a surge in global crude oil prices, which raised concerns about inflation and economic stability. These developments prompted traders to adopt a cautious approach and triggered profit-booking in several heavyweight stocks.

The broader markets showed relatively better resilience compared with the benchmark indices. The Nifty Midcap index declined around 0.7 percent, while the Nifty Smallcap index slipped 0.2 percent during the session. Although these segments also ended in the red, the fall was less severe compared to the large-cap indices,



indicating that selling pressure was mainly concentrated in frontline stocks.

Among the major losers on the Nifty were ICICI Bank, Axis Bank, Shriram Finance, UltraTech Cement, and Eternal, which witnessed notable selling pressure. Financial stocks in particular dragged the indices lower, reflecting cautious investor sentiment toward banking and lending companies amid the uncertain global environment.

Despite the broader weakness, a few stocks managed to post gains. Bharat Electron-

ics, Reliance Industries, NTPC, ONGC, and Sun Pharma emerged as the top performers of the day. These stocks helped limit the downside to some extent, though their gains were not enough to offset the broader market losses.

Sectoral indices presented a mixed picture. Segments such as auto, realty, PSU banks, and private banks ended the day lower by 1-2 percent, reflecting strong selling pressure in interest-rate-sensitive sectors. In contrast, the defence index

surged nearly 3 percent, making it one of the standout performers of the session. Capital goods stocks also showed strength, gaining about 1.3 percent, while the power sector index rose around 0.4 percent.

Market analysts pointed to rising geopolitical tensions as a key trigger behind the sharp fall in equities. Ongoing global conflicts and tensions have pushed crude oil prices higher in international markets. For an oil-importing country like India, rising crude prices can have serious

economic implications, including increased inflation and a widening trade deficit.

Another factor weighing on market sentiment was the weakness in the Indian rupee against the US dollar. Currency depreciation often raises concerns about capital outflows and imported inflation, both of which can impact corporate earnings and economic growth. As a result, investors preferred to reduce exposure to equities and move toward safer assets.

The sharp fall also reflects

a broader trend that has been building up over the past few sessions. Both the Sensex and the Nifty have recorded notable declines during the week, highlighting the growing caution among investors amid uncertain global conditions.

Technical analysts believe the Nifty is now approaching an important support zone. According to market experts, the 24,000 level could act as a crucial support, while the 25,000 level may emerge as a major resistance point in the near term. If the index slips below the support zone, fur-

ther downside pressure cannot be ruled out.

Volatility in global markets has also contributed to nervous sentiment among investors. Rising crude oil prices, geopolitical tensions, and mixed economic signals from major economies have created a challenging environment for equity markets worldwide.

Despite the near-term pressure, some market experts believe that corrections like these often create opportunities for long-term investors. Market pullbacks allow investors to accumulate fundamentally strong stocks at more attractive valuations. However, analysts advise investors to remain cautious and selective while investing during volatile phases.

For now, the return of bearish momentum suggests that markets may continue to witness fluctuations in the coming sessions. Investors will keep a close eye on global developments, crude oil prices, currency movements, and foreign institutional investor activity for cues about the market's next direction.

In conclusion, the steep fall in the Sensex and Nifty highlights the fragile state of investor sentiment in the face of global uncertainties. With geopolitical tensions rising, oil prices climbing, and investors turning cautious, the market appears to have entered a phase of heightened volatility. The coming days will be crucial in determining whether the indices stabilize or face further pressure as global risks continue to evolve.

SEBI Approves IPO Plans of Bonbloc Technologies, Milestone Gears and Eastman Auto

India's capital markets regulator, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), has approved the initial public offering (IPO) proposals of three companies—Bonbloc Technologies, Milestone Gears, and Eastman Auto & Power. With this clearance, the companies can now proceed with their plans to raise funds from the public markets and list their shares on the stock exchanges.

SEBI issued its observations on the draft offer documents of these companies in early March. The regulator cleared the draft papers of Eastman Auto & Power and Bonbloc Technologies on March 5, followed by Milestone Gears on March 6. Once SEBI provides its observations, it indicates that the review process of the draft IPO documents has been completed, allowing companies to move forward with the next stages of the public offering.

Bonbloc Technologies is a technology-focused company that develops enterprise software solutions using emerging technologies such as blockchain, artificial intelligence, data science, and the Internet of Things. The company intends to raise funds through a combination of a fresh issue of shares and an offer for sale by existing shareholders. The capital raised through the IPO will mainly be used to support expansion plans, strengthen technology infrastructure, and enhance its product development capabilities.

Milestone Gears, another company that has received SEBI approval, operates in the precision engineering and manufacturing sector. The company produces gears and mechanical components used in automobiles and industrial machinery. With rising demand in the automotive and engineering sectors, Milestone Gears plans to use the IPO proceeds to expand its manufacturing capacity, upgrade technology, and improve operational efficiency. A successful listing will also help the company strengthen its financial position and increase its visibility among



investors.

Eastman Auto & Power is also preparing to enter the public markets after receiving regulatory approval. Unlike the other two companies, Eastman Auto & Power had chosen the confidential filing route while submitting its draft IPO documents. This process allows companies to file preliminary papers with the regulator without publicly disclosing detailed financial and strategic information during the early stage.

Eastman Auto & Power operates in the power solutions and energy transition sector, manufacturing products such as batteries, solar power systems, and power management equipment. The company is expected to use the funds raised through the IPO to expand its manufacturing facilities, strengthen research and development, and increase its presence in renewable energy and energy storage markets.

The approvals granted to these companies highlight the continued strength of India's primary market. Over the past few years, several companies across different industries—including technology, manufacturing, and renewable energy—have chosen to raise capital through public listings.

Strong participation from retail and institutional investors has made the IPO market an attractive option for businesses seeking to fund expansion and reduce debt. Favorable economic conditions and growing investor interest in equity markets have also contributed to the increas-

ing number of companies planning public issues.

After receiving SEBI's observations, companies must complete several steps before launching their IPOs. These include updating financial disclosures, finalizing the issue size, determining the price band, and preparing the final prospectus. Once these formalities are completed, the companies can announce the IPO dates and open the issue for subscription.

During the subscription period, investors will have the opportunity to apply for shares through the book-building process. After the allotment process is completed, the companies' shares will be listed on the stock exchanges, allowing trading to begin.

For investors, the upcoming IPOs of Bonbloc Technologies, Milestone Gears, and Eastman Auto & Power could provide opportunities to invest in companies operating in fast-growing sectors such as technology, engineering, and energy solutions. However, market experts advise investors to carefully evaluate factors such as financial performance, industry outlook, and company valuation before investing in any IPO.

Overall, SEBI's approval for these IPO proposals reflects the continued momentum in India's capital markets. As these companies move closer to launching their public issues, investors and market participants will closely watch their performance and the response from the market once the shares are listed.

RBI Deploys \$12 Billion to Defend Rupee as Middle East Conflict Pushes Currency to Record Low



The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has stepped in aggressively to support the Indian rupee after the currency slipped to a record low amid rising geopolitical tensions in the Middle East. According to market estimates, the central bank deployed nearly \$12 billion this week to stabilize the rupee and control volatility in the foreign exchange market.

The rupee came under significant pressure as escalating conflict in the Middle East rattled global financial markets and pushed investors toward safe-haven assets like the US dollar. The situation also triggered a surge in global crude oil prices, which further weighed on the Indian currency. During the week, the rupee slipped past the 92 per dollar level, marking its weakest point in history before the RBI intervened to limit further losses.

Market participants indicated that the central bank was active across several segments of the currency market. The RBI reportedly sold dollars in the spot market as well as in the forwards and futures markets. Intervention was also seen in the offshore non-deliverable forward market, which plays a key role in determining sentiment toward emerging market currencies.

One of the key strategies used by the RBI was selling dollars before domestic markets opened for trading. By doing so, the central bank aimed to send a strong signal to currency traders and

help stabilize the rupee early in the session. Once the rupee began to recover, additional dollar sales during the trading day helped maintain stability and prevent further depreciation.

The pressure on the rupee intensified after tensions in the Middle East expanded across the Gulf region. The crisis caused oil prices to jump sharply, raising concerns for India, which relies heavily on imported crude oil. Rising oil prices increase the demand for dollars in the domestic market and widen the country's current account deficit, both of which can weaken the rupee.

The geopolitical turmoil has also triggered capital outflows from Indian financial markets. Foreign investors have been pulling funds out of Indian equities as global risk appetite declines. At the same time, many importers have rushed to hedge their dollar payment obligations, anticipating further weakness in the rupee. This surge in demand for dollars has added additional pressure on the currency.

Despite the challenges, the RBI has substantial foreign exchange reserves that allow it to intervene in the market when needed. India currently holds forex reserves of more than \$700 billion, providing the central bank with significant resources to manage currency volatility and maintain stability in the financial system.

The RBI typically states that its currency market interventions are in-

tended to curb excessive volatility rather than defend a specific exchange rate level. However, during periods of intense market pressure, the central bank often steps in more forcefully to prevent disorderly movements in the rupee.

Economists say the future direction of the rupee will largely depend on global developments, especially the trajectory of the Middle East conflict and international oil prices. If geopolitical tensions continue or oil prices rise further, the rupee could remain under pressure in the near term.

Higher crude prices not only affect the currency but also increase India's import bill and raise inflation risks for the economy. As a result, policymakers will be closely monitoring the situation in global markets.

Market analysts believe the RBI may need to remain active in the currency market if volatility persists. While the recent intervention helped stabilize the rupee temporarily, ongoing geopolitical uncertainty could continue to create pressure on emerging market currencies.

Overall, the RBI's swift action has helped prevent a sharper fall in the rupee and reassured market participants during a period of heightened global uncertainty. However, the situation remains fluid, and the central bank may need to continue using its reserves strategically to protect the currency from further shocks.

“Soggy Paper Straw” Memes Go Viral as Global Tensions Dominate Social Media



As global tensions and war-related headlines dominate conversations online, social media users have turned to humour to express their frustration and disbelief. In a surprising trend, the humble paper straw has become the internet's latest symbol of irony, with memes about “soggy paper straws” spreading rapidly across platforms like X, Instagram and Reddit.

The viral meme trend highlights what many users see as a contrast between individual environmental efforts and large-scale geopolitical conflicts happening around the world. In many of these memes, people joke about being encouraged to adopt eco-friendly habits—such as using paper straws instead of plastic—while world leaders simultaneously escalate political and military tensions.

One widely shared meme shows a person struggling to drink through a soft, collapsing paper straw while news headlines about global conflicts appear in the background. The humour lies in the apparent contradiction: individuals are asked to make small lifestyle changes to protect the planet, while major powers appear to engage in actions that could cause far greater damage on a global scale.

Another popular meme jokes that while global leaders talk about serious geopolitical confrontations, ordinary people are trying to “save the planet” with paper straws that quickly become soggy and difficult to use. The relatable frustration has struck a chord with

many internet users, leading to thousands of shares and reposts.

The trend also taps into a long-running complaint about paper straws themselves. Introduced by many restaurants and cafes as an alternative to plastic in order to reduce environmental pollution, paper straws have often been criticised by customers for becoming soft and unusable after only a few minutes. Some social media users humorously claim that the straws start dissolving before they can even finish their drinks.

While the jokes may seem lighthearted, they also reflect how people use humour to deal with serious world events. During periods of political tension, economic uncertainty or conflict, the internet often becomes a place where satire and memes help people process overwhelming news.

Memes have long served as a form of social commentary, allowing users to express opinions and frustrations in a humorous way. In this case, the soggy paper straw has become an unexpected symbol representing the gap many people feel between small individual actions and much larger global issues.

Ultimately, the viral trend shows how quickly everyday objects can turn into powerful internet symbols. What began as a simple joke about paper straws has evolved into a broader reflection on modern life, responsibility and the way people react to major events in the digital age.

Indian Woman Celebrates Holi With Japanese Landlord In US, Viral Video Warms Hearts



A heartwarming video of an Indian woman celebrating Holi with her Japanese landlord in the United States has gone viral on social media, drawing praise for its message of friendship and cultural connection. The clip captures a joyful moment between the two women as they celebrate the festival of colours together, despite being far away from home.

The video was shared on Instagram by the Indian woman, who revealed that she currently lives alone in the US. With no friends or family nearby to celebrate the festival, she expected to spend Holi quietly. However, her elderly Japanese landlord stepped in to make the day special by joining her in the celebration.

In the short clip, the two women can be seen smiling and laughing as they gently apply organic yellow colour to each other's cheeks. The simple yet meaningful celebration reflects a warm bond between the tenant and her landlord. At one point in the video, the Indian woman affectionately refers to her landlord as “pookie,” highlighting the close and friendly relationship they share.

While sharing the video online, the woman explained that her landlord joined her for the festival because she knew she was living alone in the country. She also described the elderly woman as “the sweetest,” expressing gratitude for the thoughtful gesture that made her Holi celebration memorable.

The video quickly gained attention online, with thousands of viewers praising the landlord's kindness and willingness to embrace another culture. Many social media users said the clip was a beautiful reminder that festivals have the power to bring people together regardless of nationality, language or background.

Several commenters admired the warm relationship between the two women. Many described the moment as wholesome and heartwarming, saying it perfectly reflected the true spirit of Holi—a festival that celebrates joy, togetherness and friendship.

Others said the video highlighted how small acts of kindness can have a big impact, especially for people living far away from their families. Some viewers even joked that the landlord should one day visit India to experience a grand Holi celebration in its full spirit.

Holi, often known as the festival of colours, is one of the most widely celebrated festivals in India. It marks the arrival of spring and symbolises the triumph of good over evil. Traditionally, people celebrate by throwing coloured powders, sharing sweets and spending time with loved ones.

For those living abroad, festivals can sometimes feel lonely. However, this touching moment between an Indian tenant and her Japanese landlord shows how compassion and companionship can turn even a simple celebration into a truly special memory.

“Activa Uncle” Helps Stranded Biker in Bengaluru Traffic, Wins Hearts Online

In a heartwarming incident that has captured the attention of social media users, a stranger in Bengaluru came to the rescue of a biker whose motorcycle broke down in the middle of heavy traffic. The simple yet thoughtful gesture has been widely praised online, with many calling it a “true Bengaluru moment.”

The story was shared by a Reddit user who described the stressful experience he faced while returning from a site visit. The man, an architecture student, said his motorcycle suddenly displayed an “Engine Temp High” warning before shutting down completely on a busy road between KR Puram and Kasturinar. With traffic building up around him, he had no choice but to push the bike along the crowded street.

The situation quickly turned exhausting. Surrounded by impatient vehicles and constant honking, the biker struggled to move the heavy motorcycle through the congested road. The challenge became even tougher when he had to push the bike uphill on a bridge while trying to navigate through slow-moving traffic.

Just when the situation seemed overwhelming,



help arrived unexpectedly. An elderly man riding a Honda Activa scooter noticed the struggling biker and stopped to check on him. After learning about the problem, the stranger immediately offered to help push the motorcycle to the nearest service centre.

The two then worked together to move the stalled bike through the busy Kasturinar-Ramamurthy Nagar stretch. The older man carefully assist-

ed the rider as they made their way through the traffic, helping guide the bike around obstacles and vehicles on the road. At one point, they even had to maneuver around a stalled bus blocking part of the route.

During the journey, the pair also had a brief conversation about modern motorcycles and how their sensors can sometimes cause the engine to shut down when certain issues are detected. Despite the

difficulty of the situation, the unexpected help made the experience much less stressful for the stranded rider.

After some effort, they eventually reached a service centre in Banaswadi. However, before the biker could properly thank the man or offer him something in appreciation, the stranger quietly left the spot without waiting for recognition.

Reflecting on the moment later, the rider said

the act of kindness left a strong impression on him. In the midst of chaotic city traffic, the stranger's willingness to stop and help reminded him that compassion still exists in everyday life.

The story has since resonated with many people online, who praised the anonymous “Activa uncle” for his generosity and shared similar experiences of strangers stepping forward to help when it mattered most.

Google Techie's Rs 1.43 Lakh Monthly Expense Breakdown In Bengaluru Sparks Online Discussion

A young professional working at Google has gone viral on social media after sharing a detailed breakdown of her monthly expenses while living in Bengaluru. The video, posted by 24-year-old techie Pooja Narula, revealed that she spent about Rs 1.43 lakh in February, sparking discussions about the rising cost of living in India's technology hub.

In the video, Narula explained that her spending included both regular living costs and several one-time expenses that pushed the total higher than usual. She began by listing her fixed monthly costs, which make up the basic portion of her budget while staying in the city.

According to her breakdown, her rent for a room in Bengaluru came to Rs 22,400 per month. She also spends about Rs 2,800 on services such as hiring a maid and a cook. Utility bills, including electricity and other basic services, add another Rs 2,000 to her monthly expenses.



Apart from essential costs, Narula also shared details about her lifestyle spending. She revealed that she usually spends around Rs 2,000 every weekend on social activities, which totals about Rs 8,000 a month. These outings include meeting friends, dining out and other leisure activities.

However, she clarified that February was not a

typical month for her financially because it included several additional expenses. During the month, she travelled home, which resulted in Rs 16,000 spent on flight tickets and another Rs 2,000 on airport cab rides.

The tech professional also had to move to a new house during the same period. The relocation process cost Rs 3,000 for mov-

ers and packers, and she paid a security deposit of Rs 66,600, which significantly increased her total spending for the month.

In addition to these costs, Narula mentioned that she spent around Rs 20,000 on dining plans and gifts for friends, further adding to the overall amount. After calculating all these expenses, she concluded that her total

spending for February reached approximately Rs 1.43 lakh.

While acknowledging that the figure may appear high, she explained that many of the expenses were temporary and not part of her regular monthly budget. Once those one-time payments are cleared, she expects her future monthly spending to be much lower.

The video quickly attracted attention online, with many viewers sharing their thoughts about the high cost of living in Bengaluru. Some people were surprised by the total amount, while others pointed out that relocation costs and housing deposits can significantly increase expenses in a single month.

The post has since sparked wider conversations on social media about budgeting, lifestyle spending and the financial realities faced by young professionals living in major metropolitan cities.

Man Rescued After Getting Trapped in Manchester Phone Box While Trying to Order Kebab



him tried to help by pulling on the door and attempting to force it open from outside, but their efforts were unsuccessful. The door appeared to be locked with a mechanism that could only be opened using special keys typically held by maintenance workers or telecom engi-

neers. As a result, the man remained trapped while his friends continued trying to free him.

The incident reportedly lasted for more than an hour. During that time, passersby began to notice the strange situation, and some gathered nearby to watch. A few even record-

ed videos of the unusual scene on their phones as the man waited inside the phone box.

At one point, the trapped man attempted to remove a glass panel from the lower part of the booth in an effort to escape. Although he managed to loosen the panel, it

still did not provide enough space for him to climb out safely.

With no other option left, his friends eventually called the fire brigade for assistance. Firefighters soon arrived at the scene and assessed the situation before working to open the stuck door. After a brief effort, they successfully forced the door open and freed the man from the booth.

Once he stepped out, the man appeared both relieved and slightly embarrassed by the ordeal. He reportedly thanked the firefighters who had come to help him and shook hands with them before leaving the area.

The unusual incident has since amused many people online. Social media users have joked about the situation, with some wondering whether the man ever managed to get the kebab he had originally tried to order. Others simply found the story a humorous reminder that even simple plans can sometimes lead to unexpected situations.

India Set for T20 World Cup Final Clash Against New Zealand in Ahmedabad



India have booked their place in the final of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026, setting up a blockbuster title clash against New Zealand in Ahmedabad. After a thrilling semi-final victory over England, the Men in Blue are now just one step away from lifting the trophy in front of their home crowd.

The semi-final between India and England at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai turned out to be one of the most exciting matches of the tournament. India posted a massive total of 253 for 7, powered by a stunning innings from Sanju Samson, who smashed 89 runs off just 42 balls. His aggressive batting included a flurry of boundaries and sixes, putting England under immense pressure and setting a daunting target.

England responded strongly during their chase. Young batter Jacob Bethell produced a sensational knock, scoring a blistering century that kept England in the contest. The English side fought hard throughout the innings and

pushed the game deep into the final overs.

However, India's bowlers held their nerve when it mattered most. Despite England's powerful batting effort, they finished on 246 for 7, falling just seven runs short of the target. The narrow victory ensured India's entry into the final and kept their hopes of winning the championship alive.

The match also produced several records, including one of the highest aggregate scores in a men's T20 World Cup game. With nearly 500 runs scored by both teams combined, the contest turned into a run-fest that kept fans on the edge of their seats until the very end. India's explosive batting display and disciplined bowling in the crucial moments proved decisive.

Following the victory, India will now travel to Ahmedabad for the grand finale. The final will be held at the Narendra Modi Stadium, the world's largest cricket stadium, which is expected to witness a packed crowd eager to watch the high-

voltage clash.

New Zealand secured their place in the final after a commanding performance in the first semi-final against South Africa. The Black Caps chased down their target comfortably, defeating South Africa by nine wickets. Their dominant victory demonstrated the strong form they have maintained throughout the tournament.

For India, the final represents an opportunity to achieve several historic milestones. If they defeat New Zealand, India could become the first host nation to win the T20 World Cup, the first team to successfully defend the title, and the first side to win three men's T20 World Cup trophies. These possibilities have added even greater excitement ahead of the final.

India's journey to the final has been marked by strong performances across departments. The batting unit has consistently produced big scores, with players like Sanju Samson leading the charge. Meanwhile, the

bowling attack, led by experienced pacers and disciplined spinners, has delivered crucial breakthroughs during key moments.

However, the final will not be an easy challenge. New Zealand have a reputation for performing well in ICC tournaments and are known for their calm and strategic approach in high-pressure matches. Their balanced squad and disciplined bowling attack make them a formidable opponent.

Cricket fans around the world are eagerly waiting for the much-anticipated showdown between the two teams. With both sides in excellent form and a world title at stake, the final promises to deliver high drama and thrilling cricket.

As India head to Ahmedabad for the decisive clash, expectations from millions of fans are sky-high. The team now stands just one step away from glory, with a chance to create history on home soil and add another memorable chapter to Indian cricket.

Bumrah Should Have Been Player of the Match in India's Thrilling Semi-Final Win, Says Former India Star



India's dramatic victory over England in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026 semi-final has sparked a debate over the Player of the Match award, with former Indian cricketer Irfan Pathan saying that pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah deserved the honour instead.

India defeated England by seven runs in a high-scoring encounter to secure a place in the final against New Zealand. Batting first, India posted a massive total of 253/7 in their 20 overs. The innings was powered by a brilliant knock from wicketkeeper-batter Sanju Samson, who smashed 89 runs off just 42 balls. His aggressive batting helped India set a daunting target and put England under pressure early in the match.

Despite the huge target, England produced a spirited chase and kept the match alive until the very end. Young batter Jacob Bethell played a sensational innings, scoring 105 runs off only 48 balls and leading England's fightback. His fearless batting ensured that India could not relax at any stage of the chase, and the contest turned into a nail-biting finish.

While Samson's batting was widely praised, many experts believed the turning point came during the final stages of England's innings when Jasprit Bumrah delivered a crucial spell. In particular, his 18th over proved decisive. At a time when England were building strong momentum and looked capable of chasing down the total, Bumrah conceded just six runs in that over. The tight bowling halted England's charge and shifted the pressure back onto the batting side.

Bumrah finished the match with fig-

ures of 1 for 33 from his four overs and also took the key wicket of England captain Harry Brook. His ability to control the game under pressure was once again on display, reinforcing his reputation as one of the best death-over bowlers in world cricket.

Following the match, former India all-rounder Irfan Pathan shared his opinion that Bumrah's impact on the game was greater than anyone else's. According to him, while Samson's explosive innings laid the foundation for India's big total, it was Bumrah's composure and precision in the closing overs that ultimately ensured India crossed the finish line.

Interestingly, Samson himself expressed similar views during the post-match presentation. Although he was named Player of the Match for his batting heroics, the Indian wicketkeeper said Bumrah's performance was equally deserving of the award. Samson praised the fast bowler as a once-in-a-generation talent who consistently delivers in high-pressure moments.

The semi-final clash turned out to be one of the most thrilling matches of the tournament, with both teams producing exceptional performances. Nearly 500 runs were scored in the match, making it a memorable contest for fans around the world.

In the end, India managed to hold their nerve and secure a narrow victory, booking their place in the final of the T20 World Cup. With confidence high and momentum on their side, the Indian team will now prepare for the title clash against New Zealand, hoping to cap off their impressive campaign with another world championship.

Heart Rate Hit 175: Suryakumar Yadav Admits Nerves After India Edge England in T20 World Cup Thriller



India captain Suryakumar Yadav admitted that his heart was racing during the tense closing moments of a dramatic T20 World Cup semi-final against England, revealing that his heart rate might have reached "160-175" as his team held on for a narrow seven-run victory.

The high-scoring contest, played at Mumbai's Wankhede Stadium, turned into one of the most thrilling matches of the tournament. India posted a massive total of 253 for 7 after being sent in to bat, thanks largely to a blistering knock from Sanju Samson. The opener smashed 89 runs from just 42 balls, striking eight fours and seven sixes to put the Indian side in a commanding position. Contributions also came from Shivam Dube, Ishan Kishan, Hardik Pandya and Tilak Varma, who chipped in with quick runs to push the total beyond the 250 mark.

Despite the huge target, England mounted a fierce chase and kept the pressure on India until the final moments. Young batter Jacob Bethell produced a sensational innings, scoring 105 off 48 balls and almost pulling off a remarkable victory for his team. England's aggressive batting meant that the match remained alive deep into the final overs.

Suryakumar later admitted that the closing stages were extremely nerve-

racking. The Indian skipper said that while the team believed they had put up a strong total, England's relentless chase kept everyone on edge. He even joked that if someone had checked his heart rate during the last few overs, it would have been well above normal levels.

The captain also revealed a lighthearted exchange with England skipper Harry Brook during the game. Suryakumar said he asked Brook how many more runs India needed because England were chasing the target so strongly that even a score of over 250 did not feel completely safe.

India's bowlers eventually stepped up at crucial moments to secure the win. Jasprit Bumrah delivered a calm and effective spell at the death, conceding only 33 runs in his four overs and helping to pull the match back in India's favour. Hardik Pandya also contributed with key wickets, while the fielding unit played an important role in restricting England's charge.

With the victory, India advanced to their second consecutive T20 World Cup final. The team will now face New Zealand in the title clash in Ahmedabad. While acknowledging that the final will bring pressure and nerves, Suryakumar said the squad and support staff are excited about the opportunity to fight for another world title.

Aravindh Chithambaram Defeats Van Foreest at Prague Chess Festival; D Gukesh Held to Another Draw

Indian Grandmaster Aravindh Chithambaram delivered a strong performance at the Prague Chess Festival by defeating Dutch Grandmaster Jorden van Foreest in the eighth round of the prestigious tournament. However, it was another disappointing day for reigning world champion D Gukesh, who was forced to settle for yet another draw.

Aravindh's victory came after a tense and closely contested battle that remained balanced for much of the game. Both players showed great accuracy in the early and middle stages, but the match eventually turned in Aravindh's favour after van Foreest made a costly mistake in the later stages. The Indian grandmaster remained calm and quickly took advantage of the opportunity to convert the game into a win.

The turning point came when van Foreest played an inaccurate knight move followed by an imprecise king manoeuvre. Aravindh capitalised immediately, gaining a decisive advantage. Demonstrating excellent technique in the endgame, he steadily increased the pressure and forced his opponent into a losing position. The win was significant as van Foreest had been among the leaders of the tournament for several rounds.

Meanwhile, the overall lead in the tournament was taken by Uzbekistan's talented Grandmaster Nodirbek Abdusattorov. He climbed to the top of the standings after defeating Czech Grandmaster David Navara. With this victory, Abdusattorov moved to 5.5 points and now leads the competition by half a point heading into the final round.

Abdusattorov has been in excellent form throughout the



tournament and continues to strengthen his reputation as one of the most exciting young players in world chess. If he manages to hold onto his lead in the final round, it would mark another major achievement in his rapidly rising career.

On the other hand, it has been a difficult campaign for India's teenage world champion D Gukesh. In the latest round, he faced Germany's Grandmaster Vincent Keymer. The match was a long and strategic contest, with both players trying to create winning chances. However, neither side could secure a decisive advantage, and the game ultimately ended in a draw.

The result extended Gukesh's winless streak in the tournament. Despite entering the event as one of the favourites, the young champion has struggled to find consistent form. Earlier

in the competition, he suffered defeats against strong opponents including Jorden van Foreest and Nodirbek Abdusattorov.

Time pressure and minor tactical errors have also played a role in some of his setbacks during the tournament. Nevertheless, Gukesh remains one of the brightest young stars in the chess world. At a very young age, he has already achieved remarkable milestones and is widely regarded as one of the future faces of international chess.

The Prague Chess Festival, held in the historic city of Prague in the Czech Republic, is considered one of the most prestigious tournaments in the global chess calendar. The Masters category features ten elite grandmasters competing in a round-robin format, making every round highly competitive.

With just one round remaining, the race for the title is still open. Nodirbek Abdusattorov holds a narrow lead, but several players are still within striking distance. Aravindh Chithambaram's victory has improved his standing and boosted his confidence heading into the final round.

For Indian chess fans, the tournament has brought mixed results. Aravindh's impressive win highlights India's growing strength in the global chess arena. At the same time, Gukesh's struggles show how challenging top-level tournaments can be, even for the reigning world champion.

As the final round approaches, all eyes will be on whether Abdusattorov can secure the title or if the tournament will witness another dramatic twist before the champion is decided.

Will Rashmika Mandanna Continue Acting After Marriage with Vijay Deverakonda?



The journey of a heroine in the film industry is often colorful yet unpredictable. One of the biggest turning points in an actress's career is marriage, which frequently raises questions about her professional future. A similar discussion is now taking place around Rashmika Mandanna after her reported marriage to Vijay Deverakonda.

Rashmika Mandanna, popularly known as the "National Crush," has built a remarkable career across multiple film industries. From Tollywood to Bollywood, she has created a strong identity for herself with several successful films and a massive fan following. However, her marriage to Vijay Deverakonda during the peak of her career has sparked curiosity among fans and industry observers about how it might affect her professional journey.

In the film industry, the career paths of heroes and heroines are often very different. Male actors usually continue to

act in films consistently even after marriage. In contrast, many actresses tend to slow down their careers after getting married, either due to personal priorities, family responsibilities, or a shift in the kind of roles they choose.

Before marriage, Rashmika was extremely busy with projects in Telugu, Tamil, and Hindi cinema. She was also actively trying to strengthen her presence in Bollywood. The Hindi film industry offers different types of roles and storytelling styles compared to South Indian cinema. Glamour, bold characters, and intense competition are often part of the Bollywood landscape.

This has led to speculation about whether Rashmika will continue accepting the same kinds of roles after marriage. Some fans wonder if she will reduce the number of films she signs or become more selective about the characters she portrays. Another question being discussed widely is whether she

will avoid highly glamorous roles in the future and instead focus on performance-oriented characters.

At the same time, Rashmika's marriage to Vijay Deverakonda—one of the most popular actors in Telugu cinema—could also create new challenges in balancing their professional schedules and personal lives. Both stars have demanding careers, and managing them alongside married life may require careful planning.

Despite these uncertainties, fans remain optimistic about Rashmika's future in cinema. Many believe that her talent, popularity, and determination will ensure that she continues to shine on the big screen even after marriage.

Ultimately, the films she chooses in the coming years will decide how the next phase of Rashmika Mandanna's career unfolds. For now, audiences are eagerly waiting to see what exciting projects she will take up in her new chapter of life.

Nani Applauds Sree Vishnu's 'Mrithyunjay', Calls It an Engaging Thriller



Actor Nani has showered praise on the upcoming Telugu film Mrithyunjay, starring Sree Vishnu, after watching the movie ahead of its theatrical release. His positive remarks have generated considerable excitement among fans and the film industry, creating strong buzz around the project before it hits theatres.

Sree Vishnu expressed his happiness over the encouraging response the film has received from early preview screenings. The actor said that several people from the industry watched the movie and appreciated the effort put in by the team. He revealed that Nani also watched the film earlier and shared his thoughts, which boosted the morale of the cast and crew.

After viewing the film, Nani took to social media to share his reaction. He said he enjoyed watching the movie and that it kept him engaged from start to finish. According to him, the story unfolds in a

gripping manner and holds the audience's attention throughout. Nani also mentioned that Sree Vishnu is widely known for his impressive comic timing and entertaining performances, but in this film he surprises viewers by presenting a different side of his acting ability.

The actor also congratulated producer Sandeep Gunnam on his debut production venture. Nani said he had always believed Gunnam would support unique and interesting stories, and he was glad to see him backing a project that attempts something different from the usual commercial formulas. He wished the entire team success and expressed hope that the film would receive strong support from audiences.

Mrithyunjay is an investigative thriller directed by Hussain Sha Kiran. The film features Reba Monica John as the female lead opposite Sree Vishnu. It is produced by Sandeep Gunnam and Vi-

nay Chilakapati under the banners of Lightbox Media and Picture Perfect Entertainment.

The film has already been receiving encouraging feedback from a few members of the film fraternity who attended early screenings. With Nani's appreciation adding to the growing curiosity, expectations around the movie have increased significantly. Fans of Sree Vishnu are especially eager to see him in a fresh and intense role in this thriller.

The technical team includes cinematographer Vidhya Sagar, music composer Kaala Bhairava, editor Sreekar Prasad and production designer Manisha A. Dutt. With a talented crew and strong early reactions, Mrithyunjay is expected to attract audiences looking for a gripping and refreshing cinematic experience.

With positive word-of-mouth already building, the film is heading into theatres with promising momentum.

Telangana CM Revanth Reddy Personally Congratulates Newlyweds Vijay Deverakonda and Rashmika Mandanna

Tollywood stars Vijay Deverakonda and Rashmika Mandanna, who recently tied the knot, continue to receive warm wishes from fans, celebrities and political leaders. Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy personally visited the couple to congratulate them and bless their new journey together.

The popular actors entered into marriage recently after years of friendship and rumored relationship, marking one of the most talked-about weddings in the South Indian film industry. The couple got married in a private ceremony attended by close family members and friends, and the celebrations were followed by several post-wedding events and rituals.

After the wedding, Vijay Deverakonda hosted traditional ceremonies in his hometown and also organized community feasts for local residents. These celebrations reflected the couple's desire to share their happiness with fans and well-wishers.

A grand wedding reception was later held in Hyderabad, which saw the presence of several prominent personalities from the film industry, politics and other fields. Many leading actors and celebrities attended



the event to bless the newly married couple.

However, Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy could not attend the reception as he was away in Delhi on official work at the time. Once he returned to Hyderabad, the Chief Minister made a special visit to Vijay Deverakonda's residence to personally congratulate the couple.

During the visit, Revanth Reddy presented a bouquet to Vijay Deverakonda and Rashmika Mandanna and extended his best wishes for their married life. The gesture was widely appreci-

ated by fans, and photos from the meeting quickly went viral on social media.

The images show the Chief Minister interacting warmly with the newlyweds, reflecting the friendly relationship between the film fraternity and political leaders in Telangana. Fans of both actors shared the photos widely online, expressing happiness at seeing their favourite stars receive blessings from prominent figures.

The wedding of Vijay Deverakonda and Rashmika Mandanna had already generated massive attention across social

media. The couple has long been one of the most beloved on-screen pairs in Telugu cinema, having worked together in successful films that strengthened their popularity among audiences.

Their marriage marked the culmination of years of speculation about their relationship. For a long time, the two actors had maintained privacy about their personal lives, though their strong bond was often noticed by fans and media.

After their wedding, the couple also participated in several traditional rituals and visits to temples to seek blessings for their new life. In addition, their team organized charitable activities such as distributing sweets and food offerings at temples across the country as part of the celebrations.

With the wedding festivities continuing and congratulatory messages pouring in from all sides, Vijay Deverakonda and Rashmika Mandanna have become one of the most talked-about celebrity couples in the country. The personal visit by the Chief Minister added another memorable moment to their wedding celebrations, making the occasion even more special for the newlyweds.

Mokshagna Set for Grand Tollywood Debut with Sequel to Balakrishna's Classic Film

For more than a decade, fans of the Nandamuri family have been eagerly waiting to see Mokshagna, the son of veteran actor Nandamuri Balakrishna, make his entry into Telugu cinema. Several announcements and rumours about his debut surfaced over the years, but none of them materialised. Now, according to the latest buzz in the film industry, the long-awaited launch of Mokshagna as a hero is finally taking shape with a major project.

Earlier, it was widely reported that Mokshagna would be introduced in a film directed by Prasanth Varma, the filmmaker known for creating unique cinematic concepts that appeal strongly to younger audiences. The plan was reportedly to introduce Mokshagna as part of Prasanth Varma's cinematic universe. The idea generated considerable excitement among movie lovers, as the director's style and storytelling were expected to give the young actor a strong start.

However, for various reasons, that project appears to have been put on hold. While there has been no official announcement explaining the change in plans, industry sources suggest that a new strategy has been devised for Mokshagna's launch.

The latest development indicates that Mokshagna may make his debut in the sequel to the



iconic science-fiction film Aditya 369, which starred Balakrishna and became a landmark movie in Telugu cinema. The sequel, tentatively titled Aditya 999 Max, is expected to carry forward the time-travel concept that made the original film so memorable. According to reports, Balakrishna himself has contributed the story idea for this ambitious project.

The responsibility of shaping the script for contemporary audiences is believed to have been given to director Krish Jagarlamudi. The filmmaker shares a successful association with Balakrishna, having previously directed the historical epic Gautamiputra Satakarni. Because of that collaboration, the Nandamuri family reportedly has

strong confidence in his ability to handle a large-scale and visually rich project.

The proposed film is expected to combine elements of socio-fantasy and science fiction, making it a visually grand production. The story will reportedly feature sequences set in different time periods, including ancient history and the future, much like the original film. With the help of advanced visual effects and high production values, the makers aim to create a cinematic spectacle that appeals to modern audiences.

Dialogue writer Burra Sai Madhav is also said to be associated with the project, adding further strength to the creative team. If the project moves forward as planned, it could be-

come one of the most ambitious films in Mokshagna's career debut.

Sources suggest that Mokshagna has already undergone training in acting and dance to prepare for his entry into films. The young actor is said to have been quietly working on his skills for some time, ensuring that he is ready to face the camera with confidence when the right opportunity arrives.

There is also speculation that Balakrishna himself may appear in an important role in the film, which would allow father and son to share screen space for the first time. Such a moment would be particularly special for fans of the Nandamuri family, who have long wanted to see the legacy of the family continue on the big screen.

An official announcement regarding the project is expected soon. Reports suggest that the makers may organise a grand launch event to formally introduce Mokshagna as a hero. Once the announcement is made, it is likely to put an end to years of speculation surrounding his debut.

For Nandamuri fans, Mokshagna's entry into Tollywood is a highly anticipated moment. If the project indeed turns out to be the sequel to Aditya 369, it could mark the beginning of a new chapter for the Nandamuri legacy in Telugu cinema.

Vijay and Trisha Arrive Together at Wedding Reception, Viral Video Sparks Buzz

A recent video featuring Vijay and Trisha Krishnan arriving together at a wedding reception has gone viral on social media, triggering widespread discussion among fans and film followers. The two popular Tamil cinema stars were spotted attending the event together in Chennai, and their joint appearance has once again brought them into the spotlight.

The clip shows Vijay stepping out of a car holding a bouquet of flowers, while Trisha follows him moments later. The duo then proceeds to greet the hosts and attend the reception. Their coordinated arrival immediately caught the attention of fans and social media users, leading to intense speculation about their relationship and renewed discussions around earlier rumours.

The reception they attended was reportedly hosted by the family of a well-known film industry figure, whose son recently got married. The event saw the presence of several prominent personalities from the film and business communities, making it a high profile gathering. Vijay and Trisha attended the function to congratulate the newlyweds and spent some time interacting with guests.



What particularly grabbed attention was the fact that both stars reportedly arrived in the same vehicle and appeared at the venue together. Photos and videos from the event quickly spread across social media platforms, with fans sharing and discussing the footage widely. In some clips, the actors are also seen wearing outfits in similar shades, which further fueled the buzz among netizens.

The viral moment has gained even more attention because it comes at a time when Vijay's personal life has been under intense public scrutiny. Reports about marital issues between Vijay and his wife Sangeetha have been circulating for some time. Recently, news about a divorce

petition reportedly filed by his wife surfaced online, making headlines across the entertainment industry.

Amid these developments, Vijay's public appearance alongside Trisha has led to fresh speculation among fans and commentators. Some social media users have linked the viral video to earlier rumours that the two actors share a close bond. However, neither Vijay nor Trisha has issued any official statement addressing these claims.

Both actors have worked together in several successful Tamil films over the years and share a strong on-screen chemistry that has been appreciated by audiences. Because of their long professional association, they

have often been seen attending industry events together. Their latest public appearance, however, has generated much more curiosity due to the ongoing personal and political discussions surrounding Vijay.

Apart from his film career, Vijay has also been actively focusing on politics. He recently launched his political party and has been preparing to contest upcoming elections, which has kept him in the public spotlight for reasons beyond cinema.

Meanwhile, Trisha continues to remain one of the most prominent actresses in South Indian cinema, balancing multiple film projects across languages. Despite the constant rumours and speculation surrounding her personal life, she has largely chosen to remain silent and focus on her work.

For now, the viral wedding reception video remains a hot topic among fans. Whether it was simply a casual appearance by two colleagues or something more significant is still unclear. Until either Vijay or Trisha addresses the speculation directly, the viral clip is likely to continue fueling conversations across social media and entertainment circles.