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Naidu Alleges Previous YSRCP Government Was Full of Scandals and Controversies

Nandyal, March 9:

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Monday strongly criticised the previous government led by Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, alleging that the administration of the YSR Congress Party was filled with several scandals and controversies that affected governance and public trust in Andhra Pradesh.

Addressing a public gathering during a pattadar passbook distribution programme in Nandyal district, the Chief Minister accused the earlier government of allowing widespread corruption and irregularities across multiple sectors. He claimed that the previous administration failed to maintain transparency and accountability in governance, resulting in several controversies that impacted the state's reputation and administration.

Naidu alleged that serious irregularities had taken place in the excise sector during the tenure of the previous government. He claimed that the liquor policy implemented at that time led to several problems, including allegations of illegal activities and financial mismanagement. According to him, the system created opportunities for corruption and caused hardship for many people.

The Chief Minister also criticised the earlier administration over alleged issues in the land



survey and land records management system. He stated that the land re-survey conducted during the previous government resulted in numerous mistakes and discrepancies in land records across the state. According to him, many farmers received pattadar passbooks containing incorrect details about their landholdings, leading to confusion and disputes.

Naidu said that several farmers had approached the government with complaints about errors in their passbooks and land records. He pointed out that such mistakes had created difficulties for farmers in accessing crop loans, selling their land, or availing government schemes. He emphasised that land records must be maintained with utmost accuracy as they directly affect the livelihood and financial security of farmers.

The Chief Minister further alleged that the previous government had misused public funds for political publicity. He claimed that money was spent on installing survey stones bearing the image of the former

chief minister during the land survey programme, which he described as unnecessary expenditure of public resources.

Highlighting the steps taken by the current government, Naidu said the administration has decided to rectify the errors in land records and issue new pattadar passbooks with advanced security features. These new passbooks, he said, include QR codes and digital verification systems designed to improve transparency and prevent tampering.

He assured farmers that the government is committed to protecting their land rights and ensuring that all records are corrected after proper verification. Officials have been instructed to resolve farmers' grievances quickly and ensure that no genuine landowner faces difficulties due to administrative errors.

Naidu emphasised that the present government aims to restore public confidence in governance by maintaining transparency, accountability, and efficient administration. He added that strict action would be taken against corruption and irregularities in any department.

The Chief Minister reiterated that the state government is focused on correcting the mistakes of the past while building a more transparent and farmer-friendly system that supports agricultural communities and strengthens the overall development of Andhra Pradesh.



Nara Lokesh Unveils NTR Statue in Revendrapadu

Amaravati, March 10:

Nara Lokesh, Minister for IT, Electronics and Education in Andhra Pradesh, unveiled a statue of legendary actor, former Chief Minister and Telugu Desam Party founder N. T. Rama Rao at Revendrapadu village in Duggirala mandal on Monday. The event was held in a festive atmosphere with the participation of a large number of party leaders, supporters and local residents.

Lokesh received a grand welcome from party activists and villagers upon his arrival in Revendrapadu. Supporters gathered in large numbers and accompanied him in a procession through the village streets before the statue unveiling ceremony. Party workers raised slogans praising NTR and Lokesh, creating an enthusiastic atmosphere during the programme.

After formally unveiling the statue, Lokesh garlanded it and paid floral tributes to NTR. Speaking on the occasion, he recalled the remarkable contributions of NTR to the people of Andhra Pradesh and the Telugu community. He said NTR was not only a charismatic leader but also a visionary who worked tirelessly for the welfare and self-respect of Telugu people.

Lokesh highlighted that NTR's leadership transformed the political landscape of the state and brought significant welfare reforms that benefited millions of people. He said the ideals and principles of NTR continue to inspire leaders and party workers even today.

During the programme, Lokesh also paid tribute to B. R. Ambedkar, the architect of the Indian Constitution, by garlanding his statue located in the village. He said Ambedkar's vision of equality, social justice and empowerment continues to guide the nation.

Following the ceremony, Lokesh interacted with local residents and party workers who had gathered for the event. Villagers welcomed him warmly and expressed their appreciation for the development initiatives being taken up by the government. Several residents also raised local issues related to infrastructure and public services during the interaction.

Lokesh assured them that the government is committed to addressing public concerns and improving basic facilities in villages. He stated that development of rural areas remains a priority and that the administration is working towards strengthening infrastructure and public services across the state.

The event was attended by several local leaders, public representatives and party functionaries from the region. Their presence added significance to the occasion, which turned into a major gathering of supporters and admirers of NTR.

Party leaders said installing statues of NTR in villages and towns across the state is a way of remembering his historic role in shaping the political identity of Andhra Pradesh. They added that such initiatives help keep alive the legacy of a leader who dedicated his life to public service and the welfare of the Telugu people.

Farmers' Grievances Addressed During Pattadar Passbook Distribution

Kurnool, March 9:

Several farmers received immediate relief for their long-pending land-related issues when they raised their concerns during a pattadar passbook distribution programme attended by N. Chandrababu Naidu, Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, at Kothaburuju village in the Dhone constituency of Kurnool district.

During the programme, farmers directly approached the Chief Minister with complaints related to land disputes, survey errors, and delays in issuing pattadar passbooks. Naidu listened to their grievances and instructed the concerned officials to resolve the problems immediately.

One farmer from Pyapili mandal informed the Chief Minister that his agricultural land measuring over four acres had been encroached upon and that repeated petitions to local officials had not produced any result. Responding strongly, Naidu directed revenue officials



to take immediate action and warned that strict measures would be taken against those illegally occupying farmers' lands.

Another farmer from Gospadu mandal complained about an error in the recent land re-survey that wrongly classified his agricultural land under a different category. Because of this mistake, he was unable to obtain crop loans or sell the property. The Chief Minister

questioned the officials about the error and directed them to verify the records and correct the issue without delay.

In a separate case, a farmer from Kothaburuju village said he had not received his pattadar passbook as his land had been marked under a different classification. Naidu instructed district officials to examine the issue and ensure that the farmer receives the passbook within a month af-

ter completing the required verification.

The Chief Minister emphasised that accurate land records are crucial for farmers as they directly impact their access to crop loans, government benefits, and the ability to carry out land transactions. He urged officials to maintain transparency and efficiency in updating land records and resolving disputes.

Naidu also advised farmers to avoid prolonged legal battles over land disputes whenever possible and encouraged them to resolve issues amicably within families to prevent unnecessary complications.

Officials said the programme was part of the government's initiative to distribute new pattadar passbooks and address issues arising from previous land surveys. They added that direct interactions between farmers and government officials help ensure faster grievance redressal and improve confidence among farmers regarding land administration.

ED Intensifies Probe into Andhra Pradesh Liquor Scam; Key Accused Questioned

Amaravathi 09.03.2026 TPN Bureau:

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has intensified its investigation into the alleged Andhra Pradesh liquor scam, summoning several key accused for questioning. On Monday, the main accused in the case — K. Dhanunjaya Reddy, Krishna Mohan Reddy, Venkatesh Naidu, and Chanakya — appeared before ED officials for interrogation. According to officials, Krishna Mohan Reddy left the ED office after about two hours of questioning, while the remaining accused continued to be interrogated by investigators. The questioning is part of the ongoing probe into alleged irregularities in the state's liquor policy during the previous government's tenure. During the interrogation, ED officials reportedly sought

detailed information about how the liquor policy was formulated at the time. Investigators also questioned the accused about why several transactions were allegedly conducted only in cash, raising suspicions of illegal financial dealings.

Another key focus of the investigation is the decision to grant approvals to several new liquor brands while sidelining many well-known and established brands. Officials are attempting to determine whether these approvals were part of a larger scheme designed to benefit specific companies or individuals.

Preliminary findings by the Enforcement Directorate suggest that the alleged irregularities may have caused a loss of around ₹4,000 crore to the state exchequer. Investigators suspect that large sums of money generated through the scheme were routed through shell companies be-



fore eventually being diverted back into accounts linked to the accused.

As part of the probe, the ED has already attached assets worth more than ₹441 crore belonging to some of the accused in the case. These include properties linked to Raj Kesireddy, Vasudeva Reddy, and Chanakya.

Officials stated that the in-

vestigation is still ongoing and further questioning of the accused is expected as the agency continues to trace financial transactions, identify the flow of funds, and determine the full extent of the alleged scam. The ED is also examining documents and financial records to establish how the suspected illegal proceeds were generated and distributed.

IPS Officer Sunil Naik Questioned for Fifth Day in Raghurama Krishna Raju Case



Amaravathi 09.03.2026 TPN Bureau:

The investigation into the alleged custodial torture of Andhra Pradesh Deputy Speaker K. Raghurama Krishna Raju continued on Monday, with IPS officer M. Sunil Naik appearing for the fifth consecutive day of questioning. The interrogation was conducted at the CCS Police Station in Guntur by the investigation officer, Vakula Jindal Damodar, Superintendent of Police of Vizianagaram District.

Officials questioned Sunil Naik for nearly seven hours, from around 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., regarding the circumstances surrounding the alleged custodial torture incident. Prior to being taken to the CCS Police Station, investigators reportedly conducted a scene recreation related to the incident at the regional office of the Crime Investigation Department Andhra Pradesh (CID).

The interrogation followed directions issued earlier by the Andhra Pradesh High Court, which had instructed Sunil Naik to cooperate with the investigation. As per the court's orders, he appeared before investigators for five days from March 5 to March 9.

Although many expected the questioning to conclude on Monday, developments in court have ex-

tended the process. Sunil Naik had filed a petition seeking anticipatory bail, and the matter came up for hearing in the High Court on Monday. During the proceedings, government lawyers presented their arguments, while the court granted time until March 12 for the defence counsel to present their submissions.

At the request of the investigating officer, the High Court directed Sunil Naik to continue cooperating with the investigation and to appear before the authorities until March 12. As a result, officials are preparing to question him for an additional three days as part of the ongoing probe.

The case centers around an incident that occurred during the previous state government's tenure, when Raghurama Krishna Raju was in CID custody. At the time, he appeared before a court reportedly with swollen legs and in a condition that made it difficult for him to walk, raising serious allegations of custodial torture.

The investigation aims to determine the circumstances surrounding the incident and establish whether any officials were responsible for the alleged mistreatment while the MP-turned-Deputy Speaker was in custody. Authorities stated that further questioning and evidence examination will continue as part of the probe.

### APSPDCL Targets No.1 Position Among Power Distribution Companies in India



Amaravathi 09.03.2026 TPN Bureau :

Andhra Pradesh Southern Power Distribution Company Limited (APSPDCL) has announced an ambitious strategic plan aimed at becoming the No.1 power distribution company in India by delivering reliable, affordable, and consumer-friendly electricity services. The initiative is aligned with the vision of the Government of Andhra Pradesh to strengthen the power sector through energy efficiency and renewable energy adoption.

According to APSPDCL Chairman and Managing Director Siva Sankar Lotheti, the discom has adopted a comprehensive roadmap to accelerate energy efficiency improvements while promoting clean and green power. The strategy focuses on expanding solar energy generation, deploying advanced storage technologies, and integrating energy-efficient solutions across the distribution network.

As part of the plan, APSPDCL has set ambitious targets for feeder-level solarisation under the PM-KUSUM 2.0 scheme for the financial years 2026-27 to 2029-30. The company aims to add 550 MW of solar capacity each year, resulting in a total of 2,200 MW of solarisation over four years.

In addition, the utility is implementing a 500 MW / 1000 MWh Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) in the first stage to support renewable energy integration and improve grid stability.

To gather expert insights on renewable energy technologies and energy efficiency initiatives,

CMD Siva Sankar Lotheti held a virtual interaction with renowned energy expert Ajay Mathur, former Director General of the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) and former head of the International Solar Alliance. The meeting was attended by APSPDCL Directors Ayub Khan and Guravaiah, along with senior officials including Chief General Managers.

During the interaction, Dr. Ajay Mathur assured full support to the state and appreciated Andhra Pradesh for adopting integrated clean energy policies, strengthening distribution companies, and promoting distributed renewable energy systems.

The CMD also highlighted the state government's initiative to transform Kuppam constituency in Chittoor district into India's first Net-Zero model constituency. The "Model Green Constituency" project focuses on sustainable development and large-scale adoption of renewable energy.

Key initiatives under the programme include the installation of 4.36 MW solar capacity benefiting 7,489 SC and ST consumers under the PM-SGMBY ULA model during FY 2025-26. Additionally, a 50 MW / 100 MWh Battery Energy Storage System supported by Viability Gap Funding under the CPSU component is being implemented.

The programme also includes installation of 39.75 MWp solar rooftop systems benefiting more than 48,000 residential consumers, including BC and OC households.

### Centre Warns Public Against Fake Website Mimicking Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan



Amaravathi 09.03.2026 TPN Bureau :

The Government of India has issued an important warning to the public regarding a fake website that is allegedly being used by cyber fraudsters to cheat unsuspecting people. Authorities have urged citizens to remain vigilant and avoid falling prey to online scams designed to steal money and personal information.

According to the government, fraudsters have created a fake website resembling the official portal of Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan. The suspicious website — sarvashikshaabhiyan.com — is reportedly being used to lure people with promises of job opportunities and recruitment offers. Through this fraudulent portal, individuals are being asked to pay money under the pretext of securing employment.

The warning was issued by the Press Information Bureau's PIB Fact Check unit through a post on X (formerly Twitter). The fact-checking division clarified that the fake website has no connection with the Government of India or with the Samagra Shiksha programme.

Officials emphasized that the only official website for Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan is the government portal samagra.education.gov.in. Citizens have been advised to verify all information related to government recruitment or official notifications

through authentic government websites before applying for any job.

The PIB Fact Check unit further cautioned people not to share personal details such as identity documents, bank information, or contact details on unknown or suspicious websites. Cyber criminals often design fake websites that look similar to official government portals in order to deceive users and collect sensitive information.

The government also stressed that individuals should carefully check the authenticity of a website before submitting applications or making payments online. It recommended that users confirm whether a website belongs to a government domain, such as those ending in .gov.in, which are typically used for official government platforms in India.

Authorities have once again urged citizens to stay alert while browsing online and to avoid clicking on suspicious links circulated through social media, emails, or messaging platforms. People who encounter such fake websites are encouraged to report them to the appropriate cybercrime authorities.

With cyber fraud cases increasing across the country, the government continues to promote digital awareness and public vigilance to prevent people from becoming victims of online scams.

## Andhra Pradesh Emerging as a New Hub for Film Industry: Major Reforms in Cinematography Sector

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Andhra Pradesh is steadily emerging as a promising destination for the film industry with the state government introducing a series of reforms aimed at promoting cinema, tourism, and creative industries. Under the leadership of Cinematography Minister Kandula Durgesh, several initiatives have been taken over the past 20 months to transform the state into a vibrant creative industry hub.

For decades, the Telugu film industry was associated first with Chennai and later with Hyderabad. However, the natural beauty and diverse landscapes of Andhra Pradesh are now attracting increasing attention from filmmakers. The state offers a wide range of scenic locations including the lush coconut groves of Konaseema, the coffee plantations of Araku, the stunning limestone formations of Borra Caves, the forests of Maredumilli, the majestic canyon at Gandikota, the hill station Horsley Hills, and picturesque coastal stretches such as Visakhapatnam and Suryalanka Beach.

Recognizing this potential, the government is creating a film-friendly ecosystem that encourages production activities within the state. One of the innovative ideas proposed by Minister Kandula Durgesh is to display the real names of shooting locations in films.



This initiative is expected to strengthen the connection between cinema and tourism, encouraging visitors to explore these destinations.

The state government has also introduced several key policy reforms. As part of the new film policy, incentives are being offered for the construction of film studios, dubbing theatres, and re-recording facilities. These measures aim to make Andhra Pradesh a major hub for post-production work. The introduction of a single-window clearance system has simplified the process of obtaining permissions for film shoots, making it easier for filmmakers—especially those producing small-budget films—to operate within the state.

In addition, films shot entire-

ly in Andhra Pradesh are eligible for cash subsidies, while low-budget films may receive GST exemptions. The government is also working on a unified policy regarding cinema ticket pricing to bring clarity and balance for producers, theatre owners, and audiences.

The government is also focusing on the welfare of artists and cultural revival. Long-pending Nandi Awards and television awards are planned to be presented in 2026, bringing renewed enthusiasm among artists. The government will also confer special awards on the birth anniversary of social reformer Kandukuri Veeresalingam, marking it as Telugu Theatre Day.

Another important initiative is the creation of a data bank for

the 24 crafts of the film industry, which will help identify and provide employment opportunities to local talent. Plans are also underway to establish a Film and Television Institute in Andhra Pradesh to train aspiring artists and technicians.

A major future project is the proposed Trans Media Entertainment City, which is expected to be developed with an investment of several hundred crores. The project will include theme parks, gaming zones, and digital production infrastructure, positioning the state as a center for entertainment and digital innovation.

The Andhra Pradesh Film Development Corporation is also playing a key role in promoting the industry by producing documentaries and new reels on government development programmes to be screened in theatres across the state.

Officials believe that with the vision of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, the support of Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, and the initiatives taken by Minister Kandula Durgesh, Andhra Pradesh is well on its way to becoming a major production hub for the Indian film industry. If these opportunities are effectively utilized, the state could soon emerge not only as a preferred shooting destination but also as a global centre for film production and creative industries.

### Bhumi Pooja Held for DoubleTree by Hilton Five-Star Hotel and Convention Center in Amaravati

Amaravathi 09.03.2026 TPN Bureau :

A significant step toward strengthening hospitality and infrastructure development in Amaravati was marked with the Bhumi Pooja ceremony for the construction of a five-star DoubleTree by Hilton Amaravati Hotel & Convention Center on Sunday, March 8. The prestigious project will be developed by Malaxmi Infra Ventures India Pvt. Ltd. at Mandadam in the People's Capital Amaravati.

According to officials of the Andhra Pradesh Capital Region Development Authority (APCRDA), the project will include a five-star hotel and a large convention center aimed at boosting tourism, hospitality, and business activities in the capital region. The hotel will be constructed on approximately four acres of land and will feature around 200 well-equipped guest rooms designed to meet international hospitality standards.

In addition to the hotel, a spacious convention center will also be developed as part of the project. The convention facility will be built on about 2.5 acres



and will have a seating capacity of nearly 10,000 people, making it one of the largest event venues in the region. The project is expected to host large-scale conferences, corporate meetings, exhibitions, and cultural events, contributing to Amaravati's emergence as a major destination for business and tourism.

Representatives of the company stated that the total investment for the hotel and convention center project is estimated

to be around ₹330 crore. Once completed, the facility is expected to generate employment opportunities for hundreds of people directly and indirectly, while also supporting the growth of local businesses and services in the surrounding areas.

The Bhumi Pooja ceremony was attended by several key dignitaries and officials. APCRDA Commissioner K. Kannababu, IAS, participated in the event and emphasized that such pro-

jects will accelerate infrastructure development in Amaravati. He noted that the establishment of high-quality hospitality facilities is essential for attracting national and international investors, business leaders, and tourists to the capital city.

Also present at the programme was Tadikonda constituency MLA Tenali Sravan Kumar, along with Malaxmi Group Chairman Harish Chandra Prasad Yarlagadda and Managing Director of Malaxmi Projects Private Limited Sandeep Mandava. They expressed confidence that the project will play a key role in enhancing Amaravati's status as a modern and vibrant capital city.

Officials stated that the development of premium hotels, convention centers, and commercial infrastructure is part of a broader plan to transform Amaravati into a world-class urban hub. The DoubleTree by Hilton project is expected to significantly contribute to the city's hospitality sector and support the region's long-term economic growth.

### 9,000 Free Bicycles Distributed to Government School Students in Addanki, Says Gottipati Ravi Kumar

Amaravathi 09.03.2026 TPN Bureau :

Students in government schools in Addanki constituency are receiving strong support through educational and development initiatives, with around 9,000 bicycles already distributed free of cost to students with the support of donors, said Andhra Pradesh Energy Minister Gottipati Ravi Kumar.

On Monday, the minister distributed 364 bicycles to students from government high schools in Bommanampadu, Shankarappadu, and Dharmavararam villages of Addanki mandal. The initiative aims to help students commute easily to schools and encourage them to continue their education.

During the visit, the minister also inaugurated several development works in Bommanampadu village. These included CC roads and side drainage canals constructed at a cost of ₹20 lakh, as well as an intake-based protected drinking water scheme worth ₹35 lakh. In Dharmavararam village, he inaugurated internal CC roads and drainage facilities built with an investment of ₹30 lakh.

Addressing the gathering after distributing the bicycles, Ravi Kumar said that additional development works worth ₹6 crore, including new tar roads



and other infrastructure, will soon be taken up in the village. He also announced that all 10th-class students in the constituency will receive bicycles within the next two to three days.

The minister encouraged students to focus on their studies and achieve excellent results in their examinations, bringing pride to their schools and families. He also noted that the bicycle distribution programme has inspired philanthropists from Ongole to contribute ₹12 lakh for installing protected drinking water plants in eight schools in the constituency.

Ravi Kumar emphasized that if donors continue to support government institutions, gov-

ernment schools can develop on par with private schools. He also said that creating a healthy learning environment in schools without political influence is a priority, in line with the vision of Andhra Pradesh Education Minister Nara Lokesh.

He further stated that after the coalition government assumed office under Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, around 16,300 teacher posts were filled across the state, strengthening the education system. By the end of the current academic year in April, the remaining 2,000 bicycles needed for students in Addanki's government high

schools will also be distributed.

The minister acknowledged the support of several organizations and donors, including NREDCAP, SEIL Energy India Limited, and Assist NGO, for contributing to the bicycle distribution initiative.

Ravi Kumar also urged people to take advantage of the PM Surya Ghar Scheme, which promotes rooftop solar energy. He explained that the central government provides a subsidy of ₹78,000 per household, while backward class families can receive an additional ₹20,000 subsidy, and the scheme is fully free for SC and ST households.

He highlighted that installing solar panels once can help households generate their own electricity and save power bills for up to 25 years. As an example, the minister mentioned that 611 tribal families in Palutla village of Yerragondapalem constituency have already been provided free electricity through solar panels and battery storage systems.

Local leaders, officials, and residents participated in the programme and welcomed the initiatives aimed at improving education, infrastructure, and renewable energy adoption in the constituency.

# Nara Lokesh Inaugurates Community Hall in Nulakapeta, Mangalagiri



**Amaravathi 09.03.2026 TPN Bureau:**

A newly constructed community hall was inaugurated by Andhra Pradesh Minister for Education and IT Nara Lokesh in Nulakapeta area of Mangalagiri on Monday. The facility, located in Tadepalli, was built to serve as a common venue for social, cultural, and community activities for residents of the locality.

The community hall was constructed with Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds amounting to ₹65 lakh provided with the support of Srirangam Foundation. The project aims to provide a dedicated space where local residents can organize meetings, cultural programmes, social gatherings, and welfare activities.

Minister Lokesh received a warm welcome from local leaders, party workers, and residents when he arrived at Nulakapeta for the inauguration ceremony. Supporters and members of the Telugu Desam Party gathered in large numbers and greeted the minister with enthusiasm. Following the welcome, the minister formally inaugurated the newly constructed community hall by cutting the ribbon.

As part of the inauguration ceremony, interfaith prayers were conducted, symbolizing communal harmony and unity among people from different religious backgrounds. After the formal opening, Minister Lokesh interacted with local residents and posed for photo-

graphs with community members and party leaders present at the event.

Speaking on the occasion, local leaders appreciated the establishment of the community hall and stated that the facility would greatly benefit residents of Nulakapeta and surrounding areas. They noted that the hall would provide an important venue for community meetings, social functions, educational programmes, and public events.

The programme was attended by several prominent leaders and officials. Among those present were Srirangam Foundation founder P. Chandra Kiran Reddy, Andhra Pradesh Padmashali Welfare and Development Corporation Chairman Nandam Abaddayya, and Tiru-

mala Tirupati Devasthanams Board Member Tammiseti Janaki Devi.

Other dignitaries who participated in the event included Guntur Parliament Telugu Desam Party General Secretary Pothineni Srinivasa Rao, Tadepalli Town TDP President Vallabhaneni Venkata Rao, District Collector A. Thameem Ansariya, and MTMC Commissioner Shaik Aleem Basha, along with several local leaders, party workers, and residents.

The newly inaugurated facility is expected to play a vital role in strengthening community engagement in the region while providing residents with a modern and accessible space for a wide range of public and social activities.

# Bhumana Karunakar Reddy Questions TTD's ₹12.5 Crore Land Purchase for Temple in Amaravati



**Amaravathi 09.03.2026 TPN Bureau:**

Former chairman of the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD), Bhumana Karunakar Reddy, has strongly criticized the decision to purchase land for constructing a temple in Amaravati. He questioned why TTD had spent ₹12.5 crore to acquire land for building a temple dedicated to Lord Venkateswara at Venkatayapalem.

Addressing the media, Bhumana alleged that Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and the current TTD governing board had taken controversial decisions regarding the project. He claimed that the move to purchase land for the temple was unprecedented in the history of TTD.

According to him, in most cases, devotees or charitable organizations voluntarily donate land for the construction of temples. However, in this case, TTD reportedly spent ₹12.5 crore to purchase land, which he said raised serious questions about the decision-making process. He argued that such a move amounted to the misuse of devotees' funds and demanded an explanation from the authorities.

Bhumana further alleged that the government was allocating land free of cost to various private organizations and institutions, but was selling land to TTD for a temple project. He said this ap-

proach was inappropriate and urged the Andhra Pradesh Capital Region Development Authority (APCRDA) to immediately return the ₹12.5 crore paid by TTD for the land.

In addition to raising concerns about the land purchase, Bhumana also commented on allegations being made against current TTD Chairman B. R. Naidu. Referring to reports of inappropriate behavior towards women, he said a person facing such allegations should not continue to hold the prestigious position of TTD chairman. He demanded that the chairman step down from the post immediately.

Bhumana also linked recent incidents in Tirumala, including the overturning of a ghee tanker, to what he described as administrative failures. He remarked that such incidents reflected poorly on the management of the temple and symbolically suggested that they indicated the displeasure of Lord Venkateswara.

The former TTD chairman concluded by accusing the current coalition government of failing to protect the sanctity and traditions of Tirumala. He urged authorities to take immediate corrective steps to safeguard the reputation and spiritual importance of one of the country's most revered pilgrimage centers.

# Chandrababu Naidu Reviews R&B Department Photo Exhibition Showcasing Road Development Technologies

**Amaravathi 09.03.2026 TPN Bureau:**

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu closely examined the Roads and Buildings (R&B) Department stall and photo exhibition during his visit to various departmental stalls set up at Kothaburu. The exhibition highlighted the state government's initiatives and technological advancements in road construction and maintenance.

During the visit, the Chief Minister interacted with officials and reviewed displays showcasing ongoing infrastructure projects across the state. R&B Minister B. C. Janardhan Reddy briefed the Chief Minister on the progress of road repair and development works in Nandyal District. He informed that the district has successfully achieved 100 percent implementation of the Mission Pothole-Free Roads programme, ensuring improved road conditions for commuters.

Minister Janardhan Reddy also explained that the department is adopting advanced technologies in road construction and maintenance, following the Chief Minister's guidance to modernize infrastructure. As



part of this initiative, the department has begun using Danish Fiber Technology, an innovative road repair technique developed in Denmark. This technology is designed to enhance the durability and strength of roads.

According to R&B Executive Engineer Sridhar Reddy, the use of Danish Fiber Technology can significantly extend the lifespan of roads. While conventional roads typically last for a shorter duration, this advanced method can increase their durability by an additional five to nine years.

Officials informed the Chief Minister that the technology would require an additional expenditure of around ₹4 lakh per kilometre. Overall, this would increase the total project cost by approximately four percent. However, they emphasized that the long-term benefits of improved durability and reduced maintenance would outweigh the additional cost.

Minister Janardhan Reddy further explained that the technology has already been implemented on an experimental basis on the Sanjamala-Mudigedu road in the Banaganapalle con-

stituency of Nandyal district. Early results from the pilot project have been encouraging, demonstrating better road strength and longevity.

Officials also informed the Chief Minister that the same technology is being utilized in the construction and maintenance works on the Bengaluru-Amaravati National Highway, indicating the state's commitment to adopting modern engineering practices in infrastructure development.

During the review, the Chief Minister also inquired about the progress of road repair works across the state. In response, the minister stated that roads whose works had been initiated during the previous government but remained incomplete would also be repaired and completed using the recently sanctioned ₹500 crore funds.

The Chief Minister asked officials about the timeline for completing road repair works across the state. Minister Janardhan Reddy assured him that the works are progressing rapidly and are expected to be completed by May or June this year, ensuring smoother and safer transportation for the public.

# YS Sharmila Slams Government Over Alleged Spurious Milk Tragedy in Rajamahendravaram

**Amaravathi 09.03.2026 TPN Bureau:**

Andhra Pradesh Congress Committee President Y. S. Sharmila strongly criticized the state government over the deaths of 11 people allegedly caused by consuming adulterated milk in Rajamahendravaram. She described the incident as "government killings" and blamed criminal negligence and failure of the food safety system for the tragedy.

Sharmila made these remarks while speaking to the media after visiting victims undergoing treatment at KIMS Hospital. She met several affected individuals and expressed concern over their condition, stating that some victims were still battling for their lives on ventilator support.

According to Sharmila, the tragedy was not an accident but a result of serious administrative lapses. She alleged that a local milk trader named Varalakshmi had been operating her business for nearly 11 years without a valid license. Despite this, food safety authorities reportedly failed to take action.



Sharmila questioned how such an illegal operation could continue for so many years without the knowledge of officials.

She further claimed that the milk consumed by the victims contained Ethylene Glycol, a toxic substance, which allegedly caused severe illness among consumers. Several people reportedly fell critically ill after drinking the milk, leading to multiple fatalities.

Sharmila also accused authorities of failing to curb the growing issue of food adultera-

tion in the state. She alleged that essential items such as milk, ghee, liquor, and even drinking water were increasingly being adulterated, while enforcement agencies were not taking adequate measures to prevent such practices.

Highlighting staff shortages in the food safety department, Sharmila stated that a major city like Rajamahendravaram reportedly has only one food safety officer, and even that officer is not always available locally. She said this situation

clearly reflected the lack of resources and attention given to food safety monitoring.

The Congress leader demanded that Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu take moral and administrative responsibility for the incident. She called on the government to immediately recruit more personnel in the food safety department and conduct strict inspections to prevent similar incidents.

Sharmila also urged the government to increase the compensation announced for the victims' families. While the government reportedly declared ₹10 lakh as ex gratia for each deceased person's family, she demanded that it be raised to ₹25 lakh.

She also criticized former Chief Minister Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy for not visiting the victims so far, stating that his absence raised questions about his concern for ordinary citizens. Sharmila warned that unless the government strictly enforces food safety regulations, such tragic incidents could occur again in the future.

# Jagan Accuses Naidu of 'Political Dramas' Instead of Implementing Promises



**Amaravathi 09.03.2026 TPN Bureau:**

YSR Congress Party chief and former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy has accused Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu of engaging in "political dramas" rather than fulfilling key promises made to the public, particularly women, ahead of the elections.

In a statement issued by the YSR Congress Party, Jagan alleged that the Telugu Desam Party-led coalition government had failed to implement several welfare commitments announced during the 2024 election campaign. He questioned how the government could speak about women's empowerment when many promises made to women had not yet been fulfilled.

Jagan specifically referred to the proposed Adabidda Nidhi scheme, under which the government had reportedly promised ₹1,500 per month to women aged between 19 and 59 years. According to him, around 1.8 crore women in the state were expected to benefit from the scheme. If implemented, each beneficiary would receive ₹18,000 annually and about ₹54,000 over three years, he said, asking when the government plans to release the payments.

The former chief minister also raised questions about the implementation of other promises made to households. He pointed out that

the government had pledged to provide three free LPG cylinders every year but had allegedly allocated insufficient funds for the programme in the budget. Jagan claimed that the allocations were significantly lower than the amount required to fully implement the scheme.

Referring to the Deepam-2 scheme, he said the state has about 1.59 crore active LPG connections and alleged that the government still owes thousands of crores in support that was promised to beneficiaries. According to him, the gap between the promises made before the elections and the actual implementation now clearly shows the government's failure to deliver.

Jagan further argued that the current administration's performance has been disappointing for women's welfare in the state. He described the situation as a "dark phase" for women's empowerment and urged the government to prioritize fulfilling its commitments rather than focusing on publicity-driven political activities. As of the report, there was no immediate response from the ruling party regarding Jagan's allegations.

The remarks highlight the continuing political confrontation between the YSRCP and the ruling coalition in Andhra Pradesh, with both sides frequently accusing each other of governance failures and political propaganda.

# Police Commissioner Reviews Security and Parking Arrangements at Indrakeeladri Temple

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With the number of devotees visiting the famous Indrakeeladri Hill steadily increasing, Rajasekhar Babu, Commissioner of Police of Vijayawada, conducted a field inspection on Monday to review security, traffic management, and parking arrangements at the hill shrine.

The inspection was carried out at the Kanaka Durga Temple, one of the most prominent pilgrimage centers in Andhra Pradesh. The visit was aimed at ensuring smooth movement of devotees and vehicles, particularly in view of the rising footfall at the temple.

During the inspection, the Police Commissioner was accompanied by temple chairman Radhakrishna Gandhi, temple Executive Officer Sina Naik, and a special grade Deputy Collector. Senior police officials, including Additional Deputy Commissioners of Police, Assistant Commissioners of Police, the One Town Circle Inspector, and traffic police personnel, also participated in the inspection.

The officials visited several key locations on Indrakeeladri Hill, including the main temple area, surrounding premises, and the Indrakeeladri Ghat Road, which serves as the primary route for vehicles heading to the hilltop temple. They closely examined traffic movement and the availability of parking spaces to identify areas where improvements could be



made. Commissioner Rajasekhar Babu emphasized the importance of regulating traffic on the ghat road to prevent congestion, especially during peak hours when large numbers of devotees visit the temple. He directed police and traffic officials to implement effective traffic control measures and ensure that vehicles are properly guided to designated parking areas.

The team also inspected several potential locations on the hill where additional parking facilities could be arranged. Officials were instructed to take necessary steps to provide convenient parking spaces so that

devotees do not face difficulties while visiting the temple.

Following the field inspection, the Commissioner held a special review meeting with temple authorities to discuss issues related to traffic management, parking arrangements, and overall security on the hill. During the meeting, officials reviewed the existing arrangements and explored ways to strengthen coordination between the police department and the temple administration.

Authorities stressed that proper planning and coordination are essential to manage the increasing influx of devotees, particularly during weekends, festival days, and special occasions.

Measures are being planned to streamline vehicle movement, improve crowd management, and enhance security around the temple premises.

After completing the inspection and review meeting, Commissioner Rajasekhar Babu visited the temple and offered prayers to Goddess Kanaka Durga. He also performed special rituals seeking the blessings of the deity.

Officials stated that the police department will continue to monitor the situation closely and implement necessary measures to ensure the safety and convenience of devotees visiting Indrakeeladri Hill.

# Amaravati Development Activities Continue in Krishna Region



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Development activities related to the capital city Amaravati and surrounding areas in the Krishna region are gaining momentum as the state government continues to focus on infrastructure expansion and connectivity improvements.

The Amaravati capital region has been witnessing multiple infrastructure initiatives aimed at strengthening transportation, administrative facilities, and public services. Authorities have been prioritizing road networks, connectivity projects, and urban infrastructure to accelerate the development of the capital area.

Officials have stated that improving connectivity between Vijayawada, Guntur, and the Amaravati capital zone remains a key focus. Several road and bridge projects are being planned or implemented to ensure smooth access to the capital region. These works are expected to support the movement of people, materials, and services, thereby boosting economic activity in the region.

The state government and the Andhra Pradesh Capital Region Development Authority (APCRDA) are overseeing many of these projects. Infrastructure expansion includes

development of roads, drainage systems, water supply facilities, and public utilities in the capital region villages that contributed land for the Amaravati project.

According to officials, the capital city development plan also focuses on creating a modern urban environment with international standards. Authorities aim to integrate advanced urban planning features, including smart infrastructure, better transportation corridors, and sustainable development practices.

In addition to roads and basic infrastructure, plans are also underway to strengthen regional connectivity through highway and railway projects linking Amaravati with other major cities. Improved connectivity is expected to play a crucial role in attracting investments, industries, and institutions to the capital region.

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Officials believe that consistent development efforts in the capital area will contribute significantly to the state's economic growth and administrative efficiency. As Amaravati continues to evolve, infrastructure development is expected to remain a major priority for the government.

# SAP Chairman Ravi Naidu Extends Financial Aid to Ailing Powerlifting Champion Bollineni Chandrika

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International powerlifting champion Bollineni Chandrika has received financial assistance after falling ill, drawing support from the sports community and government representatives in Andhra Pradesh. The aid was provided by Ravi Naidu, Chairman of the Sports Authority of Andhra Pradesh (SAP), who personally visited her in the hospital and offered financial support.

According to reports, Bollineni Chandrika, widely recognized as the "Strong Woman of Andhra Pradesh," has been suffering from health issues and is currently undergoing treatment. Her illness has caused concern among athletes and sports enthusiasts across the state, as she is known for bringing recognition to Andhra Pradesh through her achievements in international powerlifting competitions.

During his visit to the hospital, Ravi Naidu enquired about Chandrika's health condition and spoke with doctors to understand the progress of her treatment. He also interacted with her family members and assured them that the state government and sports authorities



would extend the necessary support during this difficult time.

As an immediate gesture of assistance, Ravi Naidu handed over financial aid of ₹1 lakh to help cover her medical expenses. He stated that athletes who bring pride and recognition to the state deserve strong support from the government, especially during times of personal hardship or health challenges.

Speaking on the occasion, the SAP Chairman praised Chandrika's determination and fighting spirit, noting that she has served as an inspiration to many young athletes across Andhra Pradesh. According to him, her achievements in powerlifting have not only highlighted her personal strength but also showcased the sporting talent emerging from the state.

Ravi Naidu emphasized that Chandrika's journey in sports reflects dedication, perseverance, and commitment. He said that athletes like her motivate many young people to pursue careers in sports and strive for excellence at national and international levels. Supporting such sportspersons, he added, is both a responsibility and a duty of the government.

Members of the sports community have also expressed their concern over Chandrika's health and wished her a speedy recovery. Many have acknowledged her contribution to powerlifting and her role in promoting strength sports in Andhra Pradesh.

Officials from the Sports Authority of Andhra Pradesh indicated that the department is closely monitoring her situation and will continue to provide assistance if required. They reiterated that the government remains committed to encouraging and supporting athletes who represent the state with distinction.

For many aspiring sportspersons, Bollineni Chandrika's story represents resilience and determination. Her achievements in powerlifting have made her a role model for young athletes, especially women who aspire to excel in strength-based sports.

As she continues her treatment, sports officials, fellow athletes, and supporters across the state are hoping for her quick recovery and return to good health. The gesture of financial assistance from the SAP Chairman has been widely appreciated as a sign of solidarity with athletes who have brought honor and recognition to Andhra Pradesh on the global stage.

# VMC Commissioner Dhyanchandra Calls for Planned

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The Commissioner of the Vijayawada Municipal Corporation, Dhyanchandra, has directed officials to carry out desilting works across the city in a systematic and well-planned manner in preparation for the upcoming monsoon season. The instructions were given during a review meeting held on Monday with department heads to assess ongoing development activities in Vijayawada.

During the meeting, the Commissioner emphasized that effective coordination between the Public Health and Engineering departments is essential to complete desilting operations thoroughly. He stated that drains located within each secretariat jurisdiction should be identified using maps and cleaned simultaneously to ensure better results.

Dhyanchandra explained that both minor and major drains must be desilted together through proper coordination between departments. If major drains are cleaned first and minor drains later without coordination, the overall purpose of desilting would not be achieved.



Therefore, a comprehensive approach is required to ensure that the entire drainage network functions efficiently.

The Commissioner instructed officials to mark desilted areas on maps after completing the work. Public Health staff and Engineering staff were asked to use different colors to indicate the sections cleaned by their respective departments. Once desilting in a particular secretariat jurisdiction is completed, officials should conduct field inspections to identify any remaining gaps and ensure the

work is fully completed.

He further noted that desilting must continue until the final outlet points of the drainage system are cleared. Only then can the city prevent water stagnation on roads during the rainy season. Completing the process thoroughly will help improve drainage flow and reduce the risk of urban flooding.

To address the increasing mosquito problem in the city, the Commissioner also instructed officials to deploy long-arm equipment to remove accumu-

lated silt and waste from deeper canal sections. These measures are expected to help improve sanitation and public health conditions.

In addition, Dhyanchandra directed officials to immediately remove any unauthorized constructions obstructing drainage or public spaces. He also called for intensifying the property tax collection drive across the city and asked fire department personnel to conduct surprise inspections to prevent fire hazards.

Several senior officials attended the review meeting, including Additional Commissioners Dr. D. Chandrasekhar and A. Ravindra Rao, Chief City Planner K. Sanjay Ratnakumar, Chief Medical Health Officer Dr. K. Arjuna Rao, Chief Engineer (In-charge) P. Satya Kumari, and Superintendent Engineer Chandrasekhar, along with other engineering, estate, horticulture, and municipal officials.

The meeting concluded with officials being instructed to implement the desilting plan promptly to ensure the city remains prepared for the monsoon season.

# Bhumi Pooja Held for DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Amaravati



Amaravati, March 9:

A significant step toward strengthening the hospitality and convention infrastructure in the capital region was taken as the Bhumi Pooja ceremony for a five-star \*\*DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel and Convention Center was held at Mandadam in the People's Capital Amaravati on Sunday.

The prestigious project is being developed by Malaxmi Infra Ventures India Pvt. Ltd., which plans to invest approximately ₹330 crore for the development of the hotel and convention facilities. The initiative is expected to significantly enhance the infrastructure needed to host business meetings, large-scale conferences, and international events in the capital region.

According to the project details shared during the ceremony, the five-star hotel will be constructed on a four-acre site and will feature 200 modern guest rooms. The hotel is being designed to cater to business travelers, tourists, and delegates who visit Amaravati for official meetings and events. The facility will include premium hospitality services and amenities expected from a globally recognized brand.

Along with the hotel, a large convention center will also be developed as part of the project. The convention center will be constructed on 2.5 acres of land and will have a seating capacity of around 10,000 people. Once completed, it will be one of the major venues in the region capable of hosting conferences, exhibitions, cultural pro-

grammes, and large public gatherings.

Officials believe that the development of such facilities will strengthen Amaravati's position as an emerging hub for administration, business, and international events. With increasing infrastructure development in the capital region, projects like this are expected to attract more investors and global organizations.

The Bhumi Pooja ceremony was attended by \*\*Andhra Pradesh Capital Region Development Authority Commissioner K. Kannababu, Tadikonda MLA Tenali Sravan Kumar, Harish Chandra Prasad Yarla-gadda, Chairman of the Malaxmi Group, and Sandeep Mandava, Managing Director of Malaxmi Projects Private Limited. Representatives from APCRDA, company officials, and other dignitaries were also present on the occasion.

Speaking at the programme, officials highlighted that the addition of a globally recognized hospitality brand like DoubleTree by Hilton would enhance the prestige of Amaravati and support the city's long-term development goals. They expressed confidence that the project would boost tourism, business activities, and employment opportunities in the region.

Once completed, the hotel and convention center are expected to play a key role in supporting the growing administrative and commercial activities in Amaravati while also positioning the city as a destination for major national and international events.

# National Seminar on Nomadic Tribal Livelihoods Held at Central Tribal University

**Amaravathi 09.03 2026 TPN BUREAU:**

A one-day National Seminar on “Cultural Knowledge and Livelihood Sustainability of Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes: A Social Work Perspective” was organized by the Department of Social Work at Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh in Vizianagaram district. The seminar brought together academicians, social activists, and policy experts to discuss the cultural heritage, challenges, and livelihood opportunities of nomadic and semi-nomadic tribal communities in India.

Padma Shri awardee and renowned social activist Girish Prabhune attended the programme as the Chief Guest. Addressing the gathering, he stated that nomadic and denotified tribal communities hold a unique and valuable place in India’s cultural heritage. According to him, these communities possess rich traditions in art, traditional occupations, indigenous knowledge systems, and nature-based lifestyles that have been preserved for generations.

However, he pointed out that despite their cultural richness, many of these communities continue to face significant so-



cial and economic challenges. He stressed that access to education, employment opportunities, and social recognition are crucial for their progress and inclusion in mainstream society. He also highlighted the importance of strengthening skill development programmes and raising social awareness among youth from these communities to improve their livelihood opportunities and ensure sustainable development.

Speaking on the occasion, T. Srinivasan, In-Charge Vice-Chancellor of the university, observed that nomadic and semi-nomadic tribal communities have preserved their distinct

cultural traditions and lifestyles for centuries. However, he noted that modernization, rapid urbanization, and changing livelihood patterns are posing serious challenges to their traditional ways of life.

He emphasized that preserving the cultural knowledge of these communities while simultaneously creating sustainable livelihood opportunities has become a major responsibility for social scientists, social workers, and policy makers. According to him, academic research and policy interventions must work together to support these communities and protect their cultural identity.

Several other dignitaries also addressed the seminar. These included retired IAS officer Dasari Srinivasulu, Suvarna Rawal, Chairperson of Bhatke Vimukt Vikas Parishad in Maharashtra, Ekka Chandrasekhar, Regional Service Head of Seva Bharati South India, Jitendra Mohan Mishra, In-Charge Registrar of the university, and M. Saratchandra Babu, Dean of the School of Social Sciences and Humanities.

The speakers collectively stressed the need for a comprehensive understanding of the issues faced by nomadic and semi-nomadic tribal communities. They emphasized that effective collaboration between government agencies, social service organizations, and educational institutions can significantly accelerate their social and economic development.

The seminar was coordinated by Nagesh M., Assistant Professor in the Department of Social Work. Heads of various departments, guest faculty members, and a large number of students from the university actively participated in the programme, making the seminar a meaningful platform for dialogue on tribal cultural preservation and sustainable livelihoods.

## Vasanthi Subhash Extends ₹30,000 Financial Aid to Kidney Patient in Konaseema



**Amaravathi 09.03 2026 TPN BUREAU:**

In a compassionate gesture towards a struggling family, Andhra Pradesh Labour Minister Vasanthi Subhash extended financial assistance of ₹30,000 to a kidney patient battling severe health and financial difficulties in Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema district.

According to local sources, the beneficiary, Vasanthi Srinivas, a resident of Kesanakurru Palem village in I. Polavaram mandal of Mummdivaram constituency, has been suffering from severe kidney failure. Reports indicate that both of his kidneys have been damaged, and he is currently undergoing urgent medical treatment. The family, already facing serious financial hardships, has been struggling to meet the expenses required for his treatment and daily survival.

Understanding the gravity of the situation, local coalition party leaders brought the issue to the attention of Minister Subhash. After learning about the family’s condition and the patient’s medical emergency, the minister responded promptly and decided to extend immediate financial support.

As part of this assistance, Minister Subhash provided a cheque of ₹30,000 to the family to help them manage the medical expenses. The financial aid is expected to provide some relief to the family

during this difficult period as they continue treatment for Srinivas.

The minister’s gesture has been widely appreciated by local residents and party members, who described it as a humanitarian act that reflects the government’s commitment to supporting people in distress. Leaders from the coalition party who accompanied the family also thanked the minister for responding quickly and extending help without delay.

Expressing their gratitude, Srinivas and his wife Rekha said the assistance came at a crucial time when they were struggling to arrange funds for treatment. They stated that the minister’s support has given them hope and encouragement to continue fighting the illness.

The couple thanked Minister Subhash for understanding their situation and standing by them in their time of need. They also acknowledged the efforts of local party leaders who helped bring their problem to the minister’s attention.

Such acts of support from public representatives play an important role in addressing the urgent needs of vulnerable families, especially those facing serious health challenges. The financial assistance provided by Minister Subhash has offered not only monetary relief but also emotional support to the family during their difficult journey.

# Minister Kollu Ravindra Vows to Develop Machilipatnam as a Model Constituency

**Amaravathi 09.03 2026 TPN BUREAU:**

Andhra Pradesh Minister for Mines, Geology and Excise, Kollu Ravindra, said that he is committed to transforming Machilipatnam constituency into a model constituency in the state by prioritizing rural development, healthcare, education, and infrastructure.

The minister made these remarks while inaugurating several development works in Chinapuram village of Machilipatnam Rural Mandal on March 9, 2026. The projects were launched in the presence of Konakalla Narayana Rao, Chairman of AP-SRTC, along with local leaders and officials.

As part of the programme, the minister inaugurated a Block Public Health (PHC) building constructed with ₹60 lakh from the 15th Finance Commission funds. In addition, around 40 development works were initiated, including the development of a cremation ground, compound wall construction, and a funeral facility building undertaken with ₹4.79 crore under the employment guarantee scheme. Five new Anganwadi buildings, constructed at a cost of ₹20 lakh, were also inaugurated to improve childcare and early education facilities



ties in the village.

The minister visited the newly developed facilities and inspected the quality of construction. He reviewed the infrastructure at the PHC, interacted with medical staff, and examined the availability of medical equipment. He also checked the quality of construction in the Anganwadi centres.

Addressing a public meeting later, Ravindra stated that the development of villages is the foundation for the overall development of the state. He recalled that several development initiatives were undertaken between 2014 and 2019, but claimed that rural development slowed down during the previous government’s tenure.

He added that after the coalition government came to power again, development activities have resumed across the region. The newly constructed PHC building, built at a cost of about ₹20 lakh, will help provide immediate healthcare services to people living in nearby villages. The minister also announced plans to establish another PHC soon in Thallapalem village.

Ravindra further stated that two Urban Health Centres have already been established in Machilipatnam town. In addition, new PHCs are being constructed in Pedapatnam, Gokavaram, Polatitippa, and Arise Palem under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission at a cost of around ₹1.80 crore.

He said the government is giving high priority to public health under the leadership of Narendra Modi, N. Chandrababu Naidu, and Health Minister Y. Satya Kumar Yadav. Efforts are also being made to combat diseases such as cancer, especially among young girls, by providing free vaccines worth ₹4,000.

The minister also emphasized the government’s focus on natural farming to prevent health issues caused by excessive chemical usage in agriculture. Additionally, he announced plans to improve infrastructure in rural areas, including the expansion of the road from Machilipatnam to Chinapuram and the construction of bridges and drainage systems worth ₹38 crore.

Ravindra expressed confidence that the works would be completed within six months and stated that efforts are underway to establish an MSME park in the region to generate employment opportunities for local youth. With the upcoming completion of the Machilipatnam Port, he said new industries would be encouraged in the region, creating more jobs and boosting economic growth.

## Rural Healthcare Strengthened as Minister Vasanthi Subhash Launches Container Clinics and Mobile Medical Unit



**Amaravathi 09.03 2026 TPN BUREAU:**

A major step towards improving rural healthcare services was taken in Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema district as Andhra Pradesh Labour Minister Vasanthi Subhash inaugurated three container health clinics and a mobile medical unit in the Ramachandrapuram constituency. The initiative, implemented with financial support from Kia Motors under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programme, aims to bring accessible and affordable healthcare services directly to rural communities.

The healthcare facilities were inaugurated in Draksharamam, K. Gangavaram, and Kajuluru mandals, providing essential medical services to people living in remote villages. The programme was launched in the presence of Kia Motors Chief Administrative Officer T. Hoo In Kim, Senior Legal Advisor Jingo Yan, Satyam Vasanthi Foundation head Vasanthi Satyam, and AMC Chairman Akkala Rishwanth Roy, among other officials and local leaders.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Subhash expressed happiness that his long-cherished vision of strengthening healthcare services in rural areas had become a reality. He stated that the container clinics and the “Doctor on Wheels” mobile medical unit were established to ensure that villagers receive medical care close to their homes without the need to travel long distances.

According to the minister, patients only need to give a missed call, after which an electric auto will reach their home and transport them to the nearest clinic. At the clinic, doctors and medical staff will conduct health check-ups, provide medicines, and carry out necessary blood tests on the spot.

The clinics are equipped with modern medical technologies,

including an Artificial Intelligence-based stethoscope that can quickly detect heart-related problems. The test results will be transmitted through a mobile application to specialist doctors in cities like Mumbai and Hyderabad, who can then review the reports and provide expert medical advice promptly.

Minister Subhash noted that around 450 people in the Ramachandrapuram constituency have reportedly died of heart attacks in the past 19 months, and the new healthcare facilities are intended to help detect such conditions early and prevent avoidable deaths. The clinics will operate with minimal service charges and will have doctors and medical staff available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Kia Motors has contributed ₹2 crore through its CSR funds to support the initiative. The minister thanked the company for its cooperation in strengthening rural healthcare infrastructure.

In addition, he announced that efforts are underway to construct a corporate-level hospital in the constituency with support from ONGC CSR funds worth ₹5 crore and assistance from the Satyam Vasanthi Foundation. Donors have also come forward to provide land for the project, and steps will soon be taken to accelerate the process.

Kia Motors CAO T. Hoo In Kim stated that the company undertook the project as part of its social responsibility and assured continued support for such welfare initiatives in the future. He praised Minister Subhash for his dedication to improving healthcare services for the people.

Several public representatives, officials, doctors, and leaders from various coalition parties attended the programme, welcoming the initiative and expressing hope that it would greatly benefit rural communities.

# All-Women Crew Operates Guntur–Rayagada Express to Mark International Women’s Day

**Amaravathi 09.03 2026 TPN BUREAU:**

In a remarkable initiative celebrating women’s empowerment, the East Coast Railway’s Waltair Division operated the Guntur–Rayagada Express with a complete all-women crew from Visakhapatnam to Rayagada on the concluding day of the week-long celebrations of International Women’s Day. The special train service was flagged off by Divisional Railway Manager Lalit Bohra at Visakhapatnam Railway Station.

The initiative highlighted the growing role of women in the railway sector and showcased their contributions across multiple operational areas. Waltair Division has been consistently promoting women’s participation in railway services, providing opportunities in track maintenance, train operations, ticket checking, and administrative roles.

Women employees in the division are actively involved in crucial functions such as Route Relay Interlocking operations, locomotive handling, train management, and station administration. In addition, all-women teams have been established at loco sheds, where they are responsible for maintaining important locomotive components and ensuring smooth



train operations.

Special women’s security teams such as Meri Saheli and Subhadra Vahini are also functioning under the division to ensure the safety and well-being of women passengers at railway stations and on trains. These teams have been playing a significant role in strengthening passenger security and building confidence among women travellers.

As part of the International Women’s Day celebrations, a series of events were organized at Sri Srinivasa Kalyana Mandapam. During the programme, a seminar titled “Understanding Child Psychology – A Guide for Working Women” was delivered by Pragati Prapapati, a primary

teacher at Kendriya Vidyalaya. A workshop on psychology and stress management was also conducted by Bhaghyasree Anant Barbadikar from Art of Living Foundation.

Additionally, an awareness session on women’s health and nutrition was presented by Divisional Medical Officer Dr. Bhashini Priyanka. The programme concluded with fun activities and games designed to encourage participation and provide relaxation for the attendees. Guest speakers were felicitated for their valuable insights and contributions.

Addressing the gathering, DRM Lalit Bohra emphasized that International Women’s Day is not merely a celebration but

a reminder of the continuous efforts required to achieve gender equality and empower women in all sectors. He noted that more than 1,600 women employees are currently working in Waltair Division and contributing significantly in various fields.

He further assured that the railway administration would take necessary steps to provide better workplace facilities for women employees. Bohra also welcomed suggestions from staff to improve the working environment and make Waltair Division a role model for women’s empowerment.

Senior officials including ADRM (Infrastructure) E. Santharam, ADRM (Operations) K. Rama Rao, Senior Divisional Personnel Officer Jusuf Kabir Ansari, along with branch officers, women staff, RPF personnel, sportswomen, and civil defence members attended the programme.

The DRM also appreciated the efforts of the East Coast Railway Women’s Welfare Organization, led by its President Jyotsna Bohra, for supporting initiatives aimed at boosting the morale and welfare of women employees and strengthening the spirit of Nari Shakti within the railway workforce.

## 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 सुसूती भी, भरोसेमंद भी, महत 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.



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## 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.

## Delhi High Court Stays Remarks Against CBI Officers In Liquor Policy Case

The Delhi High Court has stayed certain remarks made by a trial court against officers of the Central Bureau of Investigation in connection with the controversial Delhi liquor policy case. The High Court also issued notices to Arvind Kejriwal and Manish Sisodia, seeking their response to a petition filed by the investigating agency.

The development came after the CBI challenged a trial court order that had discharged several accused in the case, including Kejriwal and Sisodia. While clearing the accused, the trial court had made strong observations about the conduct of CBI officers and even recommended departmental action against the investigating officer.

During the High Court hearing, the CBI argued that these remarks were unfair and damaging to the agency's reputation. The agency claimed that its investigation into the alleged irregularities in the Delhi excise policy was conducted in a thorough and



scientific manner. Government law officers also told the court that the trial court's judgment ignored crucial evidence collected during the investigation.

According to the CBI, the discharge order effectively amounted to an acquittal without a proper trial in what it described as a serious corruption case. The agency further argued that the trial court had

incorrectly evaluated the evidence at an early stage instead of allowing the case to proceed to trial.

The High Court took note of these arguments and temporarily stayed the controversial remarks made against the investigating officers. It also issued notices to Kejriwal, Sisodia and other accused individuals, asking them to respond to the CBI's appeal

challenging their discharge from the case.

The case relates to allegations of corruption and irregularities in the now-scrapped Delhi excise policy introduced by the city government. The policy had triggered a major political controversy, with opposition parties accusing the government of favouring certain liquor businesses. The allegations led to investigations by both the CBI and the Enforcement Directorate.

Earlier, a special court had dismissed the charges against the accused, citing lack of sufficient evidence to proceed with the trial. However, the CBI has now approached the High Court seeking to overturn that decision and revive the case.

The High Court will continue hearing the matter after receiving responses from the accused, and its decision could have significant implications for the high-profile investigation and the political debate surrounding the liquor policy controversy.

## “Dialogue And Diplomacy Only Solution”: Jaishankar On Iran War Amid Parliament Chaos



India's External Affairs Minister Subrahmanya Jaishankar told Parliament that dialogue and diplomacy remain the only solution to the escalating conflict in West Asia. His statement came during a heated session in the Rajya Sabha, where opposition members raised strong concerns about the ongoing tensions involving Iran and the wider Middle East region.

Addressing lawmakers, Jaishankar said the situation in West Asia has become a matter of serious concern due to rising violence and instability. He stressed that India believes the crisis must be resolved through peaceful means and urged all sides involved in the conflict to avoid further escalation. According to him, maintaining stability in the region is extremely important because of its close economic and strategic ties with India.

The minister highlighted that millions of Indians live and work across the Gulf re-

gion, making their safety a top priority for the government. He assured Parliament that authorities are closely monitoring developments and are taking necessary steps to protect Indian citizens. Indian diplomatic missions in the region are actively assisting nationals and maintaining constant communication with local authorities.

Jaishankar also informed lawmakers that the government has issued travel advisories asking Indian citizens to avoid non-essential travel to Iran. Indians currently living there have been advised to stay in contact with the Indian embassy and follow official guidance due to the deteriorating security situation.

During his statement, the minister acknowledged that the conflict has already had tragic consequences involving Indian nationals. He mentioned that two Indian mariners had lost their lives while another person connected to maritime activity

in the region was reported missing. The government, he said, is providing assistance to the affected families and working to gather more details about the incident.

Apart from humanitarian concerns, Jaishankar also underlined the broader economic implications of the crisis. The Middle East plays a crucial role in India's energy security and trade, as it remains one of the country's largest suppliers of crude oil and natural gas. Any prolonged conflict in the region could potentially disrupt energy supplies and affect global oil prices.

Concluding his remarks, Jaishankar outlined the government's key priorities in dealing with the situation. These include promoting peace through diplomacy, ensuring the safety of Indian citizens abroad, and safeguarding India's strategic and economic interests during a period of heightened global tensions.

## Centre Extends LPG Refill Booking Gap To 25 Days To Prevent Hoarding

The central government has increased the minimum waiting period for booking a refill of domestic LPG cylinders from 21 days to 25 days in an effort to prevent hoarding and black marketing of cooking gas.

According to government sources, the move was taken after authorities observed unusual booking patterns in several parts of the country. In some cases, consumers who previously booked cylinders after long intervals suddenly began placing orders within a few days, raising concerns about panic buying and stockpiling.

Officials said the revised booking rule aims to ensure fair distribution of LPG cylinders among households and prevent unnecessary pressure on the supply chain. By increasing the gap between book-



ings, the government hopes to discourage consumers from ordering cylinders earlier than required.

The decision comes at a time when global energy markets are witnessing uncertainty due to rising tensions in West Asia. Authorities believe the new rule will help maintain stable supplies and prevent panic buying during a period

of geopolitical instability.

Alongside the change in booking rules, the government has also directed oil refineries to increase LPG production to ensure adequate availability across the country. Officials have instructed that domestic consumers should be prioritised over commercial users so that households do not face shortages.

The government is also exploring additional international sources to strengthen India's LPG supply chain. Several countries have reportedly shown interest in supplying LPG to India, which could help diversify the country's fuel imports and maintain stable reserves.

Officials have reassured the public that India currently has sufficient fuel reserves and that there is no immediate shortage of petrol, diesel, or cooking gas. They also indicated that fuel prices are unlikely to rise unless global crude oil prices increase sharply.

The new rule is expected to stabilise demand, prevent panic bookings, and ensure that genuine domestic consumers continue to receive regular LPG cylinder supplies without disruption.

## Delhi–Manchester IndiGo Flight Makes U-Turn After 7 Hours Amid Iran War



An IndiGo flight travelling from Delhi to Manchester was forced to return to the Indian capital mid-air after flying for nearly seven hours due to sudden airspace restrictions linked to the escalating conflict in West Asia.

According to flight tracking data, IndiGo flight 6E33 had already covered a significant distance before making a U-turn near the border between Ethiopia and Eritrea. The aircraft had departed from Delhi earlier in the day and was expected to reach Manchester in about 11 hours under normal conditions.

The airline later confirmed that the decision to turn back was taken because of last-minute restrictions imposed on certain airspaces as tensions continue to rise in the Middle East. Safety concerns and rapidly changing conditions in the region forced the airline to alter its flight plan.

To avoid the conflict zones, the aircraft had already been following an unusual southern route through the Gulf of Aden and parts of Africa instead of the traditional flight path across West Asian airspace. However, new restrictions introduced

during the journey made it impossible for the plane to continue safely toward its destination.

IndiGo said that passenger and crew safety remained its top priority and that the aircraft had to return to its origin as a precautionary measure. The airline also indicated that flights passing through or near the Middle East may face diversions, delays, or longer routes as the geopolitical situation continues to evolve.

The Delhi-Manchester service had only recently resumed after a brief gap and marked one of IndiGo's long-haul international routes. The sudden disruption highlights how global conflicts can directly affect international aviation, forcing airlines to change routes or cancel flights at short notice.

Airlines around the world have been closely monitoring the situation in West Asia, as airspace closures or restrictions in the region can significantly impact travel between Asia and Europe. With tensions still high, aviation authorities and airlines are continuing to assess flight paths to ensure passenger safety.

## Opposition Targets Government Over Iran War, Drops Plan For Trust Vote Against Speaker



The second half of Parliament's Budget Session began with sharp political tensions as opposition parties shifted their focus to criticising the government over the ongoing Iran war and its possible impact on India's economy.

Initially, several opposition leaders had planned to move a no-confidence motion against Om Birla. However, the move was eventually dropped as opposition parties reportedly lacked the numbers needed to pass such a motion in the House.

Instead, opposition MPs chose to focus their criticism on the government's response to the escalating conflict involving Iran and Israel. They argued that the ongoing tensions in the Middle East could push global crude oil prices higher, which may have serious economic consequences for India.

As the session resumed, opposition members raised slogans and displayed placards inside Parliament, demanding a discussion on the situation. Several MPs expressed concerns about the possible rise in fuel prices and the broader economic impact if the conflict continues to escalate.

During the proceedings, Sub-

rahmanya Jaishankar addressed lawmakers and briefed Parliament on the developments in West Asia. He explained India's diplomatic approach and outlined the government's efforts to monitor the situation closely.

Opposition leaders also questioned the government about the safety of Indian citizens currently in Iran. They demanded details about evacuation plans and asked what steps were being taken to ensure the safe return of Indians if the conflict worsens.

The issue quickly turned into a major political flashpoint, highlighting how global geopolitical tensions can influence domestic politics. Opposition parties insisted that the government must provide clear answers on how it plans to handle potential economic fallout from rising oil prices and protect Indian nationals abroad.

With strong exchanges already taking place at the start of the session, the remaining days of Parliament's Budget Session are expected to witness heated debates on foreign policy, energy security, and the government's strategy in dealing with the evolving crisis in the Middle East.

## Has Himanta Biswa Sarma Softened His Stand On “Miyas” Ahead Of Assam Polls?



Himanta Biswa Sarma has recently shown signs of moderating his tone on the controversial “Miya” issue as the state prepares for the 2026 Assam Legislative Assembly election, although his broader political stance has largely remained unchanged.

The term “Miya” is often used in Assam to refer to Bengali-speaking Muslims, many of whom are believed by some political groups to have origins in migration from Bangladesh. The issue has been politically sensitive for years and has frequently appeared in debates over identity, land rights, and immigration in the state.

In the past, Sarma had adopted an aggressive stance on the issue, speaking strongly about eviction drives, alleged illegal immigration, and demographic changes in Assam. His comments and policies drew both support from sections of Assamese nationalist groups and criticism from opposition parties and civil

society groups who accused him of targeting a particular community.

However, recent statements suggest that Sarma is reframing his rhetoric ahead of the elections. Instead of directly attacking the community, he has begun emphasizing themes such as “illegal land encroachment,” “protecting indigenous rights,” and “law-based eviction drives.” His messaging appears to focus more on administrative action and governance rather than direct community-specific criticism.

Political observers say this shift may be part of a broader electoral strategy. The BJP leadership in Assam is aiming to consolidate its core voter base while avoiding excessive polarization that could trigger backlash or legal challenges during the election period.

At the same time, Sarma has not fully abandoned the political narrative around the issue. He continues to highlight con-

cerns about land encroachment and demographic balance, arguing that the government's policies are meant to protect indigenous communities and maintain social stability in the state.

Opposition parties, including the Congress and regional groups, claim the change in tone is purely tactical and meant to soften public perception ahead of the polls. They argue that the government's policies and past statements still reflect a confrontational approach toward the Bengali-speaking Muslim population.

The upcoming Assam election will be crucial for Sarma and the ruling party, which is seeking another term in power. Analysts believe the campaign will revolve around identity politics, development, immigration, and governance, with the “Miya” issue continuing to play a role—though perhaps in a more carefully framed political narrative than before.

## “US Will Regret This”: Iran Warns After American Submarine Sinks Warship Near Sri Lanka



Iran has issued a strong warning to the United States after a US submarine sank an Iranian naval warship in the Indian Ocean, around 2,000 miles from Iran's coastline. The incident has sharply escalated tensions between the two countries and raised fears that the conflict could spread beyond the Middle East.

The Iranian warship, a frigate named IRIS Dena, was reportedly struck by a torpedo fired from a US submarine near the southern coast of Sri Lanka. The vessel had recently taken part in a multinational naval exercise hosted by India and was on its return journey when the attack occurred in international waters.

According to reports, the

strike caused severe damage to the ship, which sank soon afterward. Rescue operations were launched in the surrounding waters, and several sailors were pulled from the sea. However, Iranian officials said the attack resulted in heavy casualties, with dozens of sailors killed and many others injured.

Iran strongly condemned the strike and described it as an act of aggression. Iranian authorities said the warship was far from Iranian territory and claimed it was not involved in combat operations at the time of the attack. Officials warned that the United States would “bitterly regret” the action and vowed that Iran would respond at a time and place of its

choosing.

The United States acknowledged that one of its submarines carried out the strike. American defense officials said the action was part of a broader military operation targeting Iranian naval assets amid the ongoing regional conflict. They stated that the Iranian vessel was considered a legitimate military target.

The incident has triggered a sharp diplomatic dispute between the two nations. Iran insists the vessel was returning from a naval exercise and was not fully armed, while the United States maintains that the ship posed a potential threat.

The sinking of the warship also highlights how the conflict is expanding geographically.

While tensions have largely been centered in the Middle East, this incident occurred deep in the Indian Ocean, raising concerns about maritime security in the region.

Sri Lanka reportedly conducted search-and-rescue operations for sailors after the attack. Meanwhile, other Iranian naval vessels in the region moved closer to nearby ports to assist with rescue efforts and provide support.

Security experts warn that the incident could trigger further escalation between Iran and the United States. Any retaliatory action could increase tensions in major shipping routes, including key oil transport corridors, potentially affecting global trade and energy markets.

## Why Attacking Turkey, a NATO Member, Is a High-Risk Move for Iran



Tensions in the Middle East have intensified after reports that a missile launched from Iran toward Turkish airspace was intercepted by air-defense systems. The incident has raised concerns that the conflict could spread beyond its current boundaries, especially because Turkey is a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

Turkey shares a long border with Iran and holds a strategically important position in the region. While Iran has launched missile and drone attacks against several countries hosting US military assets, Turkey had largely avoided being directly drawn into the conflict. However, the reported missile incident has highlighted the risks involved if Iran targets a NATO member.

One of the main reasons attacking Turkey would be dangerous for Iran is NATO's collective defense principle, known as Article 5. According to this rule, an armed attack against one NATO member is considered an attack against all members.

If Article 5 were invoked, the alliance's more than 30 member nations could respond collectively, potentially bringing several powerful militaries into the conflict.

Even if Article 5 is not immediately triggered, an attack on Turkey would likely result in strong political and military consequences. NATO could increase defensive deployments in the region and provide additional support to Turkey. The alliance already maintains advanced air-defense systems capable of intercepting incoming missiles.

Another factor that makes such an attack risky is Turkey's strong military capability. Turkey has the second-largest military force in NATO after the United States. Its armed forces include a large standing army, modern air force, advanced drone technology, and well-developed defense infrastructure. A direct confrontation with Turkey could therefore open another major front in an already complex regional conflict.

Turkey also occupies a crucial geographic location between Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. The country hosts several important NATO facilities and military bases, some of which are used by United States forces. Any attack on Turkish territory could therefore threaten NATO infrastructure and draw a stronger response from Western allies.

Diplomatically, targeting Turkey could also further isolate Iran on the global stage. Turkey has often attempted to maintain balanced relations in regional disputes and has sometimes acted as a mediator between conflicting sides. An attack on Turkey could damage those diplomatic channels and push Ankara closer to Western military alliances.

Overall, analysts believe that attacking Turkey would be a high-risk strategy for Iran. Such a move could transform a regional conflict into a broader confrontation involving NATO, significantly increasing the scale and consequences of the ongoing tensions.

## US Tests 'Doomsday' Minuteman III Missile Amid Rising Iran-Israel War Tensions

The United States has conducted a test of its nuclear-capable Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) amid rising tensions linked to the ongoing conflict involving Iran, Israel, and the United States. The missile launch has drawn global attention because it occurred at a time when geopolitical tensions in the Middle East are already high.

The test was carried out from Vandenberg Space Force Base in California. According to the US Air Force, the missile used in the test was unarmed and the launch was part of a routine exercise intended to verify the reliability and effectiveness of the country's strategic missile systems. Officials emphasized that the test had been scheduled years in advance and was not directly related to the ongoing conflict in the Middle East.

After being launched, the missile traveled thousands of kilometers across the Pacific Ocean before reaching its designated target area near Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshall Islands. The missile carried test re-entry vehicles that allowed engineers and defense experts



to collect data on its flight performance, navigation systems, and targeting accuracy.

The Minuteman III is one of the most powerful weapons in the US nuclear arsenal. It is a land-based intercontinental ballistic missile designed to carry nuclear warheads over extremely long distances. With a range of roughly 13,000 to 14,000 kilometers, the missile is capable of striking targets almost anywhere in the world within a short period of time.

This missile system forms an important part of the US nuclear deterrence strategy and is a key component of the country's nuclear triad, which includes land-based missiles, submarine-launched ballistic missiles, and nuclear-capable strategic bombers. The Minuteman III has been in service since the 1970s and continues to play a major role in maintaining the United States' strategic defense capabilities.

Although the test was de-

scribed as routine, its timing has attracted significant international attention. The ongoing tensions between Iran, Israel, and the United States have already led to military confrontations, missile strikes, and naval incidents in different regions.

Security analysts believe that such tests often serve as demonstrations of military readiness and deterrence, especially during periods of geopolitical instability. They show that the country's strategic weapons systems remain fully operational and capable of responding to potential threats.

The missile test comes at a time when global leaders and defense experts are closely monitoring developments in the Middle East. Any further escalation in the conflict could have serious implications for regional stability and global security.

While US officials maintain that the launch was part of a routine testing program, the event has nevertheless highlighted the heightened tensions surrounding the ongoing conflict and the growing concerns about possible wider military escalation.

## Second Iranian Warship Moves Toward Sri Lanka After US Submarine Attack

A second Iranian naval vessel is heading toward Sri Lanka just a day after a US submarine sank an Iranian warship in the Indian Ocean. The development has heightened tensions in the region and raised concerns about further confrontation between the United States and Iran as the conflict continues to expand beyond the Middle East.

The earlier incident involved the Iranian frigate IRIS Dena, which was struck by a torpedo fired from a US submarine near the southern coast of Sri Lanka. The ship sank after the attack, leading to significant casualties among its crew. The strike marked a rare instance of submarine warfare in recent years and has intensified hostilities between the two countries.

Following the sinking of the frigate, another Iranian vessel has moved toward Sri Lankan waters. Reports indicate that the ship was operating in the same region when the attack on the first vessel took place and is now approaching the island nation. The movement has raised concerns that the vessel could also become a potential target if tensions escalate further.



Sri Lanka has unexpectedly found itself at the center of the situation because the naval incident occurred close to its coastline. The Sri Lankan government has been carefully managing the developments while maintaining a neutral stance. Authorities in the country have conducted rescue operations for sailors from the sunken Iranian warship and provided humanitarian assistance to those affected by the

attack.

Officials said more than 200 crew members from the second Iranian vessel were brought ashore for medical examinations and safety measures. Sri Lankan authorities stated that the action was taken for humanitarian reasons to ensure the well-being of the sailors and maintain maritime safety in the area.

The sinking of the first Iranian warship and the movement

of another vessel toward Sri Lanka have drawn international attention to the Indian Ocean region. Analysts believe that increasing naval activity and military operations in the area could create new security challenges for global shipping routes.

Important sea lanes that pass through the Indian Ocean are used for international trade and energy transportation. Any instability in this region could affect shipping operations and disrupt the flow of goods and oil supplies.

Diplomatic tensions have also intensified following the incident. Iran strongly condemned the attack and warned that the United States would face consequences. Meanwhile, American officials defended the strike, saying it was part of a broader military effort targeting Iranian naval capabilities.

With another Iranian warship now approaching Sri Lanka, the situation remains highly sensitive. Experts warn that any further confrontation at sea could deepen the conflict and increase security risks across the wider region.

## Who Is Jiang Xueqin? Professor Behind Viral Trump-Iran War Prediction



A Chinese-Canadian academic, Jiang Xueqin, has recently gone viral on social media after an old lecture resurfaced in which he appeared to predict several major global developments, including the return of Donald Trump to power and a possible conflict involving the United States and Iran. As tensions in the Middle East intensify, many online users are revisiting his earlier remarks and referring to him as “China's Nostradamus.”

Jiang Xueqin is an educator, historian, and geopolitical analyst based in Beijing. Born in China and raised partly in Canada, he later studied at Yale University, where he earned a degree in English literature. Over the years, he has worked in journalism, education reform, and international development before becoming a teacher of history and philosophy in Beijing.

Apart from teaching, Jiang has gained attention through his YouTube channel titled “Predictive History.” In his lectures,

he studies patterns from world history, geopolitics, and strategic theory to analyze how major global events might unfold. His method is inspired by the concept of “psychohistory,” a fictional idea from Isaac Asimov's Foundation novels that suggests historical trends can be predicted by studying patterns in large groups of people.

The lecture that recently went viral was recorded in 2024. In it, Jiang made several predictions about global politics. He suggested that Donald Trump could return to power in the United States and that a confrontation between the US and Iran might eventually take place. He also argued that such a conflict could prove extremely difficult for the United States.

In his analysis, Jiang compared a potential US conflict with Iran to the Sicilian Expedition during the ancient Peloponnesian War. In that historical event, Athens launched a massive military campaign against Sicily but ultimately suf-

fered a disastrous defeat. Jiang used the comparison to explain how large-scale military interventions in distant regions can become strategically complicated and costly.

He also highlighted factors such as Iran's geography, large population, and potential for prolonged resistance as reasons why a major military confrontation could turn into a long and difficult conflict.

Because some of his earlier predictions appear to resemble current global developments, the lecture quickly spread across social media platforms. Many users began describing him as “China's Nostradamus,” although Jiang himself presents his ideas as historical analysis rather than prophecy.

The renewed attention has turned Jiang from a relatively lesser-known educator into a widely discussed figure online, with many people now examining his earlier lectures to see whether his other geopolitical predictions might also come true.

## Sensex Plunges Over 1,300 Points, Nifty Slips Near 24,000 Amid Oil Price Surge and Global Tensions



Indian stock markets witnessed a sharp decline on Monday as rising geopolitical tensions in the Middle East and a spike in global crude oil prices triggered heavy selling across sectors. Benchmark indices ended the session significantly lower, although they recovered partially from the day's steep intraday losses.

The BSE Sensex dropped 1,352.74 points, or about 1.71 percent, to close at 77,566.16. Meanwhile, the NSE Nifty50 fell 422.40 points, or 1.73 percent, settling at 24,028.05. During the trading session, markets experienced even deeper losses, with the Sensex plunging more than 2,400 points and the Nifty slipping below the 23,700 mark before regaining some ground toward the end of the day.

The sharp fall in the market

was largely attributed to escalating tensions in West Asia, particularly concerns surrounding Iran and the broader regional conflict. These developments pushed global crude oil prices above the \$100-per-barrel level, raising worries about inflation and economic stability. For India, which relies heavily on imported crude oil, higher prices could lead to an increased import bill and additional pressure on the economy.

The surge in oil prices also affected the Indian rupee and added to the volatility in financial markets. The India VIX, commonly referred to as the market's "fear gauge," rose sharply during the session, indicating heightened uncertainty among investors. Analysts noted that prolonged geopolitical instability and sustained

high oil prices could impact corporate profitability and economic growth.

Sector-wise, all major indices on the National Stock Exchange closed in negative territory. Banking, automobile, and consumer durable stocks were among the biggest losers during the session. The PSU banking index recorded particularly steep declines as selling pressure intensified across financial stocks.

Broader markets were also not spared. Midcap and small-cap stocks faced significant selling, with both indices ending the day around two percent lower. This indicated that the weakness was widespread across the market and not limited to large-cap companies.

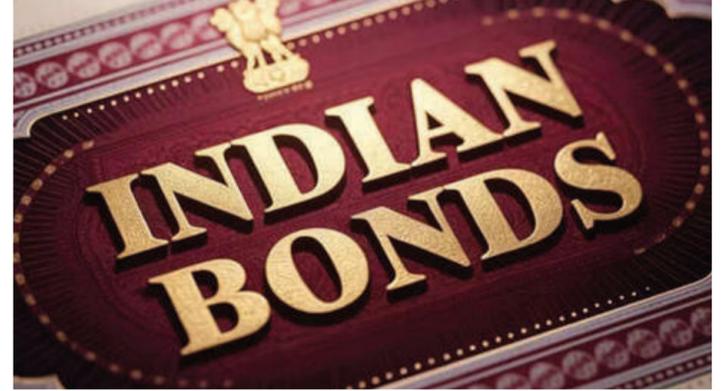
Early trading saw panic selling as investors rushed to reduce exposure to riskier assets

amid global uncertainty. Several frontline stocks declined sharply, while only a few companies managed to remain in positive territory. The overall market capitalisation of companies listed on the BSE also fell significantly during the session.

Despite the steep losses, markets managed to recover some ground in the latter half of the day as crude oil prices eased slightly. This helped benchmark indices trim a portion of their intraday losses before the closing bell.

Market experts believe volatility may continue in the near term as investors closely monitor geopolitical developments and fluctuations in global oil prices. These factors are expected to remain key drivers of market sentiment in the coming days.

## Indian Government Bonds Decline as Oil Prices Surge Amid Ongoing Middle East Conflict



Indian government bond prices fell sharply as global crude oil prices jumped nearly 25 percent following escalating tensions in the Middle East. The surge in oil prices has raised concerns about inflation and economic stability in India, putting pressure on the country's bond market.

The sudden spike in crude oil prices unsettled financial markets and pushed government bond yields higher. Brent crude prices climbed to around \$115 per barrel as the conflict in the Middle East showed no signs of easing. The situation has created fears of disruptions in global oil supply, particularly through major shipping routes that are vital for energy transportation.

As oil prices surged, the yield on India's benchmark 10-year government bond increased significantly during trading. The yield on the 6.48 percent 2035 bond rose by several basis points to around 6.75 percent. Since bond prices

and yields move in opposite directions, the rise in yields reflects a decline in bond prices in the market.

Market participants said the sharp increase in crude oil prices has created uncertainty for investors. Higher oil prices could increase inflationary pressure in the Indian economy because India imports more than 80 percent of its crude oil needs. When oil becomes more expensive, the country's import bill rises, which can weaken the currency and push up domestic prices.

Analysts warned that if crude oil prices remain elevated for a longer period, inflation could increase significantly in the coming months. Higher inflation would make it more difficult for the Reserve Bank of India to ease monetary policy. As a result, investors are demanding higher yields on government bonds to compensate for potential inflation risks.

The weakening of the Indian rupee has also con-

tributed to pressure in the bond market. A weaker currency increases the cost of imports, further adding to inflation concerns. This combination of rising oil prices and currency depreciation has made investors cautious.

In response to the situation, the Reserve Bank of India is expected to take steps to stabilize the bond market. The central bank may conduct open market operations to purchase government securities and provide liquidity to the financial system. Such measures could help limit the rise in bond yields and maintain stability in the market.

Overall, the decline in Indian government bonds highlights how global geopolitical tensions and rising energy prices can quickly affect domestic financial markets. The outlook for the bond market will largely depend on the movement of crude oil prices and developments in the Middle East conflict in the coming weeks.

## Rupee Falls to Record Low of ₹92.34 Amid Rising Crude Oil Prices

The Indian rupee weakened sharply on Monday, closing at a record low of ₹92.34 against the US dollar. The fall came as rising global crude oil prices triggered concerns about India's growing import bill and its impact on the country's economy. The currency faced strong pressure throughout the trading session due to global uncertainties and increased demand for the US dollar.

In the previous session, the rupee had closed at ₹91.74 against the dollar. The decline of around 60 paise in a single day reflects the growing volatility in the foreign exchange market. During the day, the rupee moved within a wide trading range as traders reacted to developments in global energy markets and geopolitical tensions.

One of the main reasons behind the rupee's weakness is the sharp rise in crude oil prices in international markets. Oil prices surged amid concerns over possible supply disruptions due to escalating tensions in the Middle East. The uncertainty surround-



ing oil supply routes has made investors cautious and increased pressure on currencies of oil-importing countries like India.

India imports more than 80 percent of its crude oil requirements from overseas markets. When oil prices rise, the country needs to spend more dollars on imports. This increases the demand for the US dollar and leads to depre-

ciation of the rupee. A weaker rupee also raises the cost of imports and can contribute to inflation in the domestic economy.

Market participants also reported that the Reserve Bank of India intervened in the foreign exchange market to limit the rupee's fall. The central bank is believed to have sold dollars in the market to stabilize the currency

and prevent excessive volatility. However, despite these efforts, the rupee remained under pressure due to strong global factors.

Analysts say that investors and importers have been actively buying dollars to hedge against further depreciation of the rupee. At the same time, exporters have been cautious about selling their dollar earnings immediately, hoping to benefit from a weaker rupee in the coming days.

Experts believe that the outlook for the rupee will largely depend on the movement of crude oil prices and global market sentiment. If oil prices continue to remain high, the pressure on the rupee may persist. Some analysts warn that the currency could weaken further toward the ₹93 per dollar level if the current trend continues.

Overall, the rupee's record fall highlights the vulnerability of emerging market currencies to global economic developments and fluctuations in commodity prices.

## Crude Oil Eases but Remains Above \$104 as G7 Considers Releasing Emergency Reserves

Global crude oil prices retreated slightly on Monday but continued to remain above \$104 per barrel as investors closely monitored developments in the Middle East conflict. Although prices eased from earlier highs, ongoing geopolitical tensions and concerns about possible supply disruptions kept oil markets under pressure.

Earlier in the day, oil prices had surged sharply, briefly approaching \$120 per barrel. The spike reflected growing fears that the escalating conflict in the Middle East could disrupt global energy supplies. One of the biggest concerns is the potential impact on the Strait of Hormuz, a crucial shipping route through which a large share of the world's oil is transported. Any disruption in this route could significantly affect global supply and push prices even higher.

However, crude prices pulled back from their peak after reports that the Group of Seven (G7) nations were considering releasing oil from their strategic emergency reserves. The move is being discussed as a possible measure



to stabilize global energy markets and control the sharp rise in oil prices caused by the ongoing conflict.

Officials from major economies have reportedly held discussions to assess the situation and explore options to prevent further disruption to energy supplies. One of the key proposals involves a coordinated release of oil from

strategic reserves maintained by several large economies. These reserves are designed to be used during emergencies such as major supply shortages, geopolitical conflicts, or natural disasters that threaten energy security.

The possibility of such action had an immediate impact on oil markets. Prices dropped significantly from their earlier highs

once news of the potential reserve release emerged. Some oil benchmarks reportedly fell by more than \$15 within a short period after the discussions became public. Despite the decline, prices remained above \$104 per barrel, showing that the market continues to remain cautious.

The Middle East conflict has already caused volatility across global financial markets. Rising oil prices are a major concern because they can increase inflation, raise transportation and manufacturing costs, and slow economic growth in many countries.

Energy analysts say the future direction of oil prices will depend largely on how the geopolitical situation develops. If tensions escalate further or supply routes are disrupted, oil prices could remain elevated despite efforts by major economies to increase supply through reserve releases.

For now, investors and energy markets are closely watching the decisions of the G7 countries and any coordinated steps they may take to stabilize the global oil market.

## Sedemac Mechatronics Shares Likely to Debut With Modest Gains; Analysts Suggest Partial Profit Booking



Shares of Sedemac Mechatronics are expected to make a modest debut on the stock exchanges, with market analysts advising investors to consider partial profit booking on listing day. The company's shares are scheduled to list on March 11 on both the BSE and the NSE after the successful completion of its initial public offering (IPO).

The ₹1,087-crore IPO of the Pune-based automotive electronics company was open for subscription from March 4 to March 6 and received nearly three times the bids for the shares available. The issue was priced in a band of ₹1,287 to ₹1,352 per share and attracted interest from both institutional and retail investors.

According to market estimates, the stock is currently commanding a grey market premium of around ₹70 per share. This indicates a potential listing gain of roughly 5 percent over the upper end of the IPO price band. Some estimates suggest a slightly lower premium, pointing to expected gains in the range of 3 to 5 percent, indicating a

relatively moderate listing performance.

Analysts believe investors who received share allotments may consider booking partial profits at the time of listing while retaining a portion of their holdings for the long term. They note that the company operates in a niche segment of the automotive electronics industry and has strong technological capabilities, which could support long-term growth prospects. However, the relatively high valuation of the IPO has prompted experts to recommend a cautious investment strategy.

Founded in 2007 and headquartered in Pune, Sedemac Mechatronics designs and manufactures advanced electronic control units (ECUs) used in vehicles and industrial applications. The company specializes in powertrain control technologies, including integrated starter generator controllers and ECU systems widely used in two-wheelers and three-wheelers.

The company has developed proprietary sensor-less motor control

technology aimed at improving efficiency and reducing system costs. Over the years, it has built strong relationships with several major original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) in the mobility and industrial sectors. Its products are used not only in India but also in international markets such as the United States and Europe.

At the upper end of the price band, the company's valuation is considered relatively high compared with its earnings. This suggests that much of the expected growth may already be factored into the stock price. Because of this, analysts advise investors to remain cautious and avoid taking excessive exposure after the listing.

Overall, while Sedemac Mechatronics is viewed as a technology-driven company with promising long-term prospects, market experts recommend a balanced approach. Investors may benefit from booking partial profits on listing day while holding the remaining shares to participate in potential future growth.

## “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



A man in Manchester recently found himself in a bizarre and embarrassing situation after getting trapped inside a traditional red phone box while attempting to order a kebab. The unusual incident took place in the city's Deansgate area and eventually required firefighters to come to his rescue.

According to reports, the man stepped into the iconic British phone booth intending to use the telephone inside to place a food order. However, things quickly took an unexpected turn when the heavy door of the booth slammed shut behind him and locked automatically, leaving him stuck inside the small space.

The situation soon became frustrating when the man realized that the phone inside the booth was not working. What was supposed to be a quick stop to order a late-night meal suddenly turned into an awkward predicament, as he had no easy way to get out of the booth.

Friends who were with

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.

## Hero's Welcome Awaits Sanju Samson in Kerala After T20 World Cup Glory

Indian cricket star Sanju Samson is set to receive a grand welcome in his home state of Kerala following India's triumphant campaign in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026. The wicketkeeper-batter played a crucial role in India's historic victory, and his impressive performances have made him a national hero and a source of immense pride for the people of Kerala.

The Kerala government has announced plans to organize an official reception to honour Samson for his outstanding contribution to India's World Cup success. The celebration is expected to take place in the state capital, Thiruvananthapuram, where thousands of fans are likely to gather to celebrate their hometown star. State leaders and officials have praised Samson for bringing recognition and pride to Kerala through his achievements on the international stage.

Samson's journey in the tournament has been remarkable. After facing criticism and inconsistent performances earlier in the season, the talented batter made a strong comeback during the crucial stages of the competition. His fearless batting style and aggressive approach helped India dominate important matches and maintain momentum throughout the tournament.

One of the defining moments



of Samson's campaign came in the final against New Zealand, where he played a sensational innings of 89 runs. His powerful knock helped India post a massive total and eventually secure a commanding victory, sealing another T20 World Cup title for the country. His performances throughout the tournament proved his ability to deliver under pressure on the biggest stage.

Back in Kerala, celebrations erupted as soon as India lifted

the trophy. Samson's hometown witnessed joyous scenes with fans bursting crackers, waving Indian flags, and celebrating the success of their local hero. Posters and banners featuring the cricketer appeared across several areas, reflecting the pride and excitement among residents.

Samson's family also expressed immense happiness over his achievements. They spoke about the difficult phases he had faced earlier in his career

and said they always believed he would eventually prove himself at the highest level of the sport.

The upcoming reception in Kerala is expected to be a memorable celebration. Fans are eager to honour the cricketer who inspired millions with his determination and match-winning performances. For Samson, the World Cup triumph marks a defining moment in his career and strengthens his bond with the state that has supported him throughout his journey.

## Gambhir Rejects Samson-Yuvraj Comparisons After India's T20 World Cup Triumph



India head coach Gautam Gambhir has firmly dismissed comparisons between Sanju Samson and legendary all-rounder Yuvraj Singh following Samson's impressive performances in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026. Gambhir said it is unfair to compare players from different eras and stressed that every cricketer deserves to build his own identity in the game.

India recently secured a memorable victory in the tournament, defeating New Zealand in the final to lift the T20 World Cup title. Samson played a significant role in the team's success, delivering crucial performances at key moments and emerging as one of the standout players of the campaign.

Speaking after the victory, Gambhir praised Samson's resilience and determination. The Indian coach highlighted that Samson's journey in international cricket has been full of challenges. The wicketkeeper-batter had faced criticism and inconsistency earlier in his career, but he managed to turn things around when the team needed him the most. According to Gambhir, such comebacks reflect a player's true character and mental strength.

Gambhir also emphasized that comparing Samson with a legend like Yuvraj Singh does not do justice to either player. Yuvraj remains one of India's most celebrated match-winners, especially for his remarkable contributions

in major ICC tournaments. However, Gambhir believes that Samson should not be judged against past icons but should instead be allowed to create his own legacy in Indian cricket.

The coach also highlighted Samson's fearless approach during the World Cup campaign. His aggressive batting style and confidence at the crease helped India build strong totals and maintain pressure on the opposition throughout the tournament. Gambhir noted that Samson showed great maturity and composure in high-pressure situations.

Gambhir further revealed that the team management always had faith in Samson's ability. Even during difficult phases in his career, the management continued to back him because of his immense talent and potential. According to the coach, supporting players during tough times is essential for building a strong and successful team.

India's World Cup triumph has once again highlighted the depth of talent in the squad. With players like Samson stepping up on the biggest stage, Gambhir believes the future of Indian cricket looks extremely promising.

For Samson, this tournament could mark a turning point in his international career. Rather than being compared with past legends, he now has the opportunity to establish himself as one of the key players in India's next generation of cricket stars.

## Axar Patel's Heartwarming Family Post After T20 World Cup Win Goes Viral



India's T20 World Cup 2026 triumph sparked celebrations across the country, but one emotional moment involving Indian all-rounder Axar Patel captured the hearts of fans on social media. Shortly after India lifted the trophy, the cricketer shared a touching Instagram post featuring his wife and young son, and the post quickly went viral across the internet.

India secured a memorable victory over New Zealand in the final of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026, delivering a dominant

performance to claim the prestigious title. The team produced an outstanding display in the final, posting a massive total and eventually defeating New Zealand by a huge margin, adding another historic achievement to Indian cricket.

Following the victory, Axar Patel took to Instagram to share a special family moment from the celebrations. In the post, the all-rounder was seen holding the T20 World Cup trophy while posing with his wife, Meha Patel, and their son. The heartwarming

photograph reflected the joy and pride of the moment, capturing a personal and emotional side of the triumph beyond the cricket field.

Axar described the win as one of the most unforgettable moments of his life and expressed gratitude for being part of such a historic achievement for Indian cricket. The image of the cricketer celebrating with his family highlighted the sacrifices and unwavering support that players often receive from their loved ones throughout their

careers.

Fans quickly flooded the comment section with congratulatory messages and heartfelt reactions, praising the cricketer not only for his contributions on the field but also for sharing such a beautiful family moment. Many social media users described the picture as one of the most wholesome images from India's World Cup celebrations.

Axar Patel played an important role in India's campaign as a key all-rounder in the squad. His ability to contribute with both bat and ball provided balance to the team throughout the tournament. His performances in crucial moments helped India maintain momentum and dominate important matches during the competition.

The viral post also reminded fans that cricket victories are celebrated not only by players and supporters but also by the families who stand behind them through every challenge. For Axar Patel, lifting the World Cup trophy was a proud professional achievement, but sharing that joy with his family made the moment even more special.

As celebrations continue across the country, Axar Patel's heartfelt post remains one of the most memorable and emotional highlights from India's triumphant T20 World Cup campaign.

## Varun Chakravarthy Trolls Pakistan With 'Tea Cup' Photo After India's T20 World Cup Win



Indian spinner Varun Chakravarthy left fans amused after sharing a humorous post on social media following India's victory in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026 final. The mystery spinner posted a photo of himself holding the trophy while sipping tea from a cup, a gesture widely interpreted as a playful dig at Pakistan.

India defeated the New Zealand national cricket team by 96 runs in the final held at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad to lift the T20 World Cup title. Batting first, the India national cricket team posted a massive total of 255 for 5 in 20 overs. In response, New Zealand were bowled out for 159, giving India a dominant victory in the championship match.

Soon after the win, Chakravarthy shared a picture on Instagram showing himself posing with the World Cup trophy and sipping tea. The image quickly went viral online, with fans interpreting it as a cheeky reference to the popular "tea is fantastic" meme often used in India-Pakistan cricket banter.

Social media users flooded the post with comments and laughing emojis,

with many praising the spinner's sense of humor. Fans widely shared the image across platforms, making it one of the most talked-about moments after the final.

This was not the first time Chakravarthy used the tea-cup gesture to tease Pakistan. He had earlier posted similar pictures during previous cricket tournaments, which had also gone viral among cricket followers. The recurring joke has now become a lighthearted symbol of the online rivalry between supporters of the two nations.

The playful exchange reflects the intense but entertaining nature of the cricket rivalry between the India national cricket team and the Pakistan national cricket team. Matches between the two sides are among the most watched sporting events in the world and often trigger humorous exchanges among fans on social media.

With India celebrating another global title, Chakravarthy's viral post added an extra touch of fun to the celebrations and once again showed how cricket victories often spill over into friendly online rivalry.

## Mitchell Santner Reacts After New Zealand Lose T20 World Cup Final to India

Mitchell Santner, captain of New Zealand national cricket team, admitted that India national cricket team were the better side after his team suffered a heavy defeat in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026 final.

Speaking after the match, Santner said India played "outstanding cricket" and deserved the victory. He acknowledged that New Zealand struggled to contain India's powerful batting performance and later found the target far too difficult to chase.

India had set a massive total after their top order delivered a dominant performance. Aggressive batting in the powerplay and strong middle-overs acceleration helped them post one of the highest totals seen in a T20 World Cup final. New Zealand's bowlers found it difficult to stop the run flow, which eventually put their team under immense pressure.

During the chase, New Zealand lost wickets at regular intervals and failed to build any significant partnerships. The Indian bowlers maintained tight control throughout the innings, preventing the Kiwi batters from gaining momentum.

Santner admitted that the



large target forced New Zealand to take risks early in the innings. According to him, once a couple of key wickets fell, the pressure increased and the chase became extremely challenging.

Despite the disappointment, Santner praised his team's overall performance in the tournament. He highlighted that reaching the final of a global event is

a significant achievement and said the team had played consistently well throughout the competition.

He also credited India's bowling attack for executing their plans effectively during the final. Santner noted that the Indian bowlers kept attacking the stumps and maintained discipline, making it difficult for New

Zealand's batters to score freely.

Santner concluded by saying the team would learn from the experience and come back stronger in future tournaments. While the defeat was disappointing, he emphasized that the players would take pride in their journey to the final and focus on improving for upcoming international competitions.

## Viral "Ramayana" Set Photo Triggers Negative Comments on Sai Pallavi



A photo that allegedly shows actors Ranbir Kapoor and Sai Pallavi from the sets of the upcoming mythological film Ramayana has recently gone viral on social media, sparking widespread discussion and criticism online.

The ambitious epic, directed by Nitesh Tiwari, is one of the most highly anticipated Indian films currently in production. In the film, Ranbir Kapoor will portray Lord Rama, while Sai Pallavi has been cast as Goddess Sita. Ever since the project was announced, fans have been eager to see how the actors will appear in these iconic mythological roles.

Recently, an image began circulating widely across social media platforms. The photo appeared to show Ranbir Kapoor and Sai Pallavi dressed in traditional attire resembling the characters of Lord Rama and Sita. Because the film is being made on a grand scale and the makers

have maintained strict secrecy around the project, the image quickly caught the attention of fans and movie enthusiasts.

However, the viral picture also led to a wave of mixed and negative reactions online. Some social media users criticized Sai Pallavi's appearance in the image and claimed that she did not seem suitable for the role of Sita. These comments quickly spread across online discussions, creating a debate about the actress and her portrayal in the film.

At the same time, many people questioned whether the image was genuine. With the rise of artificial intelligence and advanced photo editing tools, several users pointed out that such images can easily be created or altered digitally. Because of this, some believe that the viral picture may not actually be from the movie's sets and could instead be an edited or AI-generated image.

It is also worth noting

that the makers of Ramayana have not officially released any first-look images of the lead actors in their mythological avatars so far. As a result, the authenticity of the viral photo remains uncertain, and fans are being cautious about believing everything that circulates online.

The makers have been maintaining tight security around the production to prevent leaks and protect the visual experience of the film. Since it is a large-scale mythological project, the team is reportedly putting great effort into ensuring that every detail—from costumes to visual effects—meets high standards.

With excitement around the film continuing to grow, fans are now eagerly waiting for the makers to unveil the official first look of Ranbir Kapoor as Lord Rama and Sai Pallavi as Sita. Until then, the viral image remains just another topic of debate on social media.

## Fresh Trouble for Vijay's Jana Nayagan



Tamil superstar Vijay's much-anticipated film Jana Nayagan has once again found itself in the spotlight due to fresh issues surrounding its release. The project, directed by H. Vinoth, has already been facing multiple hurdles related to censorship and legal procedures, and the latest developments suggest that the challenges are far from over.

Earlier, the film encountered problems during the certification process. The Central Board of Film Certification reportedly raised objections to certain scenes in the movie. Some portions were believed to contain sensitive content that could potentially affect religious sentiments and the portrayal of certain institutions. As a result, the film was referred to a revising committee for further evaluation, which restarted the certification process and led to delays in its planned release.

Now, new concerns have surfaced again, adding further complications to the situation. Re-

ports indicate that discussions about the film's controversial elements have resurfaced, and the matter has once again drawn attention. These ongoing issues have created uncertainty about when the movie will finally receive clearance and reach audiences in theatres.

Jana Nayagan holds special importance in Vijay's career. The film is widely believed to be his last cinematic project before he fully transitions into active politics. Because of this, the movie has generated immense curiosity and excitement among fans and the film industry alike. Vijay had earlier hinted that such obstacles could arise once he made the decision to enter politics, acknowledging that the circumstances might impact the film and its producers.

The makers have been trying to resolve the situation through proper legal and procedural channels. However, the process has taken several twists and turns, including legal discussions and

repeated reviews of the film's content. These developments have slowed down the certification process and pushed the film's release further down the line.

Despite the ongoing setbacks, the production team remains hopeful about finding a resolution soon. Once the revising committee completes its evaluation and provides its recommendations, the filmmakers are expected to make the necessary changes to obtain the final certification required for release.

Produced by KVN Productions, Jana Nayagan features a strong supporting cast that includes Pooja Hegde, Bobby Deol, and Prakash Raj in important roles. The film's music is composed by Anirudh Ravichander, which has also raised expectations among fans.

For now, fans are eagerly waiting for a positive update from the makers. They are hopeful that the ongoing issues will be settled soon so that Vijay's much-awaited film can finally make its way to the big screen.

## No Item Songs In Pawan-Harish Shankar Films Anymore, Says Team

A recent update about the upcoming film Ustaad Bhagat Singh has caught the attention of fans of Pawan Kalyan and director Harish Shankar. Reports suggest that the film will not feature the kind of item songs that were common in their earlier collaborations.

The movie is one of the most anticipated projects for Pawan Kalyan and is being directed by Harish Shankar. The film stars Sreeleela and Raashii Khanna as the female leads. A couple of songs from the film have already been released and have received a positive response from fans.

Many fans had expected the film to include a catchy item song similar to the one seen in Gabbar Singh, the blockbuster film that previously brought Pawan Kalyan and Harish Shankar together. The music album of that movie became extremely popular, and the item number in particular was a massive hit among audiences.

However, reports indicate that Harish Shankar has clarified that such songs will not be



part of his future films with Pawan Kalyan. The director reportedly believes that portraying the star in sequences where the hero chases or flirts with an item girl does not suit Pawan Kalyan's current image and status.

With Pawan Kalyan now holding a significant political and public profile, the filmmaker feels it would be more appropriate to present him in a different manner on screen. As a result, fans should not expect the typical mass-style item songs that were once common in commercial entertainers.

This decision reflects a shift in how the actor will be portrayed in future collaborations with Harish Shankar. While the films will still retain mass entertainment elements, the makers appear to be focusing more on story, action, and character-driven moments rather than traditional item numbers.

Despite this change, expectations for Ustaad Bhagat Singh remain extremely high among fans, and the film continues to generate strong buzz ahead of its release.

## Atlee Plans Massive Action Schedule for Allu Arjun's Upcoming Film

Director Atlee is currently preparing for a major action schedule for his highly anticipated film with Allu Arjun. The project, tentatively referred to as AA22xA6, is progressing steadily, and the team is gearing up for an intense phase of filming in the coming weeks.

According to the latest updates, the makers are planning a large-scale action schedule as part of the next stage of production. This segment of the shoot will reportedly include high-octane action sequences designed on a grand scale. The team is said to be working on complex stunt choreography and elaborate setups to ensure that the action scenes stand out as one of the film's main highlights.

The collaboration between Allu Arjun and Atlee has generated enormous excitement ever since it was officially announced. It marks the first time the stylish star and the blockbuster director are working together, which has raised expecta-



tions among fans and industry observers alike.

A portion of the film's shooting has already been completed, and the production team is now focusing on organizing the upcoming schedules to maintain smooth progress. The planned action schedule is expected to be

particularly important, as it will feature several key sequences involving the lead actor.

The film is reportedly being mounted on a massive scale with top-notch technical standards and high production values. The makers are said to be investing heavily in visual effects and

large action set pieces to create a visually spectacular cinematic experience.

This project also holds special significance in Allu Arjun's career as it comes after the massive success of the Pushpa franchise, which expanded his popularity across India and international markets. Fans are eager to see him in a new avatar and are curious about how Atlee will present the star in this big-budget entertainer.

The film reportedly features Deepika Padukone as the female lead and is being produced by Sun Pictures. With Atlee known for delivering stylish commercial entertainers packed with action, drama, and strong emotional moments, expectations for this project are extremely high.

As preparations continue for the upcoming action schedule, fans are eagerly waiting for more official updates from the makers regarding the progress of the film and its future shooting plans.

## New Update On Ravi Teja's Irumudi



A fresh update has emerged regarding the upcoming film Irumudi, starring Ravi Teja. The shooting of the movie is currently progressing at a fast pace, with the team actively filming important sequences involving the main cast.

The project is being directed by Shiva Nirvana, known for his emotional storytelling style. The collaboration between Ravi Teja and the director has already generated strong buzz among fans, as it is expected to present the actor in a different light compared to his recent mass-entertainer films.

Reports suggest that the current schedule includes several key scenes featuring veteran actor Sai Kumar along with other supporting cast members. The production team is said to be working quickly to complete the film's shoot within a tight schedule.

The movie is being produced by Mythri Movie Makers, one of the prominent production houses in

Telugu cinema. Music for the film is being composed by G. V. Prakash Kumar, which has raised expectations among music lovers and fans alike.

Interestingly, Irumudi is believed to be an emotional drama, a genre that Ravi Teja has not explored much in recent years. Industry buzz also hints that the actor might appear in a dual role, though the makers have not officially confirmed this detail yet.

The film's first look had earlier created curiosity among audiences by showing Ravi Teja in the avatar of an Ayyappa devotee, suggesting that the story could include spiritual or emotional elements alongside action and drama.

With shooting progressing smoothly and strong buzz surrounding the project, Irumudi is shaping up to be one of Ravi Teja's most anticipated upcoming films. Fans are now eagerly waiting for further updates about the teaser, songs, and the film's official release date.

## Sivaji Reacts To Mixed Reviews For Sampradayini Suppini Suddapooosani



Actor and producer Sivaji recently responded to the mixed reactions received by his latest film Sampradayini Suppini Suddapooosani. The movie, which features Sivaji and Laya in lead roles, has been receiving varied opinions from audiences and critics since its release.

Reacting to the mixed talk surrounding the film, Sivaji expressed disappointment and claimed that some individuals were deliberately spreading negative comments about the movie on social media. According to him, attempts were made online to create a perception that the film had failed even before audiences could form their own opinion.

In a video message, Sivaji said he strongly believes in the film and feels that viewers should decide its fate rather than early online reactions. He criticized those who quickly labelled the film as having "mixed talk" soon after release, saying such comments can influence the audience's perception and impact a film's performance.

The film is directed by Sudheer Sriram and is described

as a dark crime comedy. The story revolves around an ordinary family that finds itself caught in a complicated situation after the sudden death of a police officer. The narrative explores how the family tries to deal with the unexpected incident and the challenges that follow.

While some viewers appreciated the performances of Sivaji and the emotional moments in the film, others felt that the screenplay and narrative structure could have been stronger. Critics pointed out that the film's tone shifts between dark comedy and drama, which may not work equally well for all audiences.

Despite the mixed feedback, Sivaji remains confident about the project and believes that the true verdict will come from theatre audiences rather than early social media discussions. He urged people to watch the film in theatres and form their own opinion.

As the film continues its theatrical run, it remains to be seen whether positive word-of-mouth from audiences will help it gain momentum at the box office.