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Pawan Kalyan Celebrates Jana Sena Formation Day with Tribals

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Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister and Jana Sena Party chief Pawan Kalyan celebrated the 13th Formation Day of the Jana Sena Party among tribal communities in the agency area of Paderu in Aluri Sitarama Raju district on Saturday.



Pawan Kalyan participated in the programme along with party leaders, government officials, and local residents. He hoisted the party flag and addressed a gathering of tribal people and party workers who had assembled in large numbers to mark the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, Pawan Kalyan said he deliberately chose a tribal village to celebrate the party's formation day in order to highlight the issues faced by tribal communities. He said that development must reach every corner of the state, including remote tribal habitations that often remain neglected.

During his visit, the Deputy Chief Minister also inspected development works being carried out in the region. He reviewed the construction of

roads and other infrastructure projects aimed at improving connectivity in tribal areas. These works are intended to ensure that residents of remote villages have better access to healthcare services, educational institutions, and essential facilities.

Pawan Kalyan interacted with several tribal residents during the programme and listened to their concerns regarding roads, drinking water, and other basic amenities. He assured them that the government would continue to prioritize development in agency areas and work towards improving their living conditions.

The Deputy Chief Minister said the Jana Sena Party has always stood for the welfare of common people and marginalized communities. By celebrating the party's formation day in a tribal village, he said, the party wanted to send a message that it remains closely connected with the people and their struggles.

Local leaders of the Jana Sena Party and government officials also attended the programme. They welcomed the Deputy Chief Minister and expressed appreciation for his decision to celebrate the party's anniversary in a tribal area. Party cadres from various parts of the district participated in the event and took part in the celebrations.

The programme created a festive atmosphere in the village, with party workers and local residents actively participating in the celebrations. Cultural performances and interactions between the leader and villagers added to the significance of the event.

The Jana Sena Party, founded in 2014, has grown into an influential political force in Andhra Pradesh. The party leadership said celebrating the formation day among tribal communities reflects its commitment to addressing their issues and ensuring their development.

Pawan Kalyan concluded the programme by reaffirming his dedication to tribal welfare and promising continued efforts to improve infrastructure and opportunities in the agency areas of the state.



Modi to Inaugurate Redeveloped Kakinada Railway Station on March 31

Kakinada, 14 March 2026 | TPN Bureau:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will virtually inaugurate the redeveloped Kakinada Town Railway Station on March 31 as part of the nationwide railway station modernization programme.

Railway officials said the redevelopment project was completed at an estimated cost of ₹31.37 crore. The project is part of efforts by the Indian Railways to enhance passenger convenience, improve infrastructure, and modernize railway stations to meet growing travel demands.

As part of the redevelopment works, several new passenger-friendly facilities have been introduced at the station. A modern booking office has been set up along with a special ticket counter for Divyangjan passengers to ensure better accessibility.

The station premises have been upgraded with modular toilets, stainless steel seating arrangements, improved drinking water facilities, and enhanced cleanliness measures. Granite flooring has been laid on Platform 1, while shelters on the platforms have been strengthened to protect passengers from heat and rain.

To improve accessibility within the station, four passenger lifts have been installed to connect the platforms through the existing foot over-bridge. These lifts will help elderly passengers, women, and persons with disabilities move easily between platforms.

The circulating area outside the station has also been redesigned and developed across nearly 7,200 square metres. The redevelopment includes landscaped spaces, pedestrian pathways, better parking facilities, lane markings, and improved street lighting. Entry and exit points at the station have been widened and a boundary wall has been constructed to regulate traffic flow and enhance security.

Additional modern features include CCTV surveillance systems, digital coach display boards, and advanced train information display systems to keep passengers updated about train arrivals and departures. Signage across the station has also been improved for better navigation.

Officials said the redevelopment of Kakinada Town Railway Station marks an important step in upgrading railway infrastructure in Andhra Pradesh. The improvements are expected to enhance the overall travel experience for passengers and accommodate the increasing number of commuters using the station.

The inauguration by Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to mark a significant milestone in the modernization of railway stations in the region, bringing better facilities and convenience to passengers traveling through Kakinada.

Chandrababu Visits Bhatti Vikramarka's Residence, Blesses Newlyweds

Hyderabad, March 14 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu visited the residence of Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka in Hyderabad and conveyed his blessings to the newly married couple, Surya Vikramaditya and Sakshi.

Chandrababu Naidu arrived at Bhatti Vikramarka's residence and was warmly welcomed by the Deputy Chief Minister and his family members. During the visit, the Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister met the newlyweds, greeted them, and wished them a happy and prosperous married life. He also presented his best wishes

to the couple and spent some time interacting with the family in a cordial atmosphere.

Bhatti Vikramarka's son Surya Vikramaditya recently got married in a grand ceremony held on March 5. The wedding was attended by several prominent leaders, public representatives, and well-wishers from different walks of life who gathered to bless the couple.

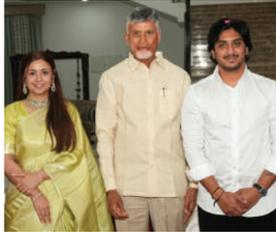
Earlier, Bhatti Vikramarka had personally travelled to Andhra Pradesh to invite Chandrababu Naidu to the wedding ceremony. However, due to his official engagements and a busy schedule, the Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister could not attend the event at that time.

During his visit to Hyderabad, Chandrababu Naidu

took the opportunity to personally meet Bhatti Vikramarka's family and bless the newly married couple. His visit was seen as a gesture of goodwill and respect, reflecting cordial relations between leaders from the neighbouring Telugu states.

The meeting between the two leaders was marked by a warm and friendly atmosphere. They also exchanged pleasantries and discussed various matters briefly while interacting with family members and close associates present at the residence.

The wedding of Surya Vikramaditya had earlier witnessed the presence of several political leaders and prominent personalities who attended the ceremony to extend their blessings to the couple. Family members expressed happiness over



Chandrababu Naidu's visit and appreciated his gesture of personally coming to convey his wishes.

Chandrababu Naidu's visit added significance to the celebrations, as the Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister personally congratulated the couple and wished them success, happiness, and prosperity in their married life.

Chandrababu Naidu Greet Pawan Kalyan on Jana Sena Formation Day



Amaravati, March 14 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu extended his greetings to Deputy Chief Minister and Pawan Kalyan on the occasion of the 13th Formation Day of the Jana Sena Party.

In a message shared on social media, Chandrababu Naidu congratulated Pawan Kalyan and party leaders, acknowledging the role played by the Jana Sena Party in the development of Andhra Pradesh and in fulfilling the aspirations of the Telugu people. He said the party has been working with dedication to serve the people and contribute to the progress of the state.

The Chief Minister also conveyed his best wishes to party workers, leaders, and supporters who have been actively working for the welfare of the public. He praised the efforts of "Jana Sainiks" and "Veera Mahilas," the dedicated cadres of the party, for their commitment and service to society.

Chandrababu Naidu noted that the contributions of the Jana Sena Party have become significant in the state's political landscape. He appreciated the efforts of the party leadership and cadres who continue to work among the people and address public concerns.

The Jana Sena Party, founded by

Pawan Kalyan in 2014, has emerged as an important political force in Andhra Pradesh politics. Over the years, the party has expanded its organisational network and built a strong support base among youth and various sections of society.

In the 2024 Andhra Pradesh Assembly elections, the Jana Sena Party formed an alliance with the Telugu Desam Party and other partners, which resulted in a major electoral victory. Following the elections, Pawan Kalyan assumed office as the Deputy Chief Minister in the state government.

The formation day celebrations of the Jana Sena Party are being observed across Andhra Pradesh with enthusiasm by party workers and supporters. Various programmes such as flag hoisting, social service activities, and public meetings are being organised in several districts to mark the occasion.

Leaders of the party and alliance partners have expressed confidence that the Jana Sena Party will continue to play an important role in strengthening governance and promoting development in the state.

Chandrababu Naidu's message on the formation day highlighted the continued cooperation between the alliance partners and recognized the contributions of the Jana Sena Party and its leadership in the state's political and developmental journey.

Lokesh Celebrates Son Devansh Panchakattu Ceremony

Amaravati, March 14 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Minister Nara Lokesh celebrated the traditional Panchakattu ceremony of his son Nara Devansh in a family gathering attended by relatives and close associates. The ceremony was held at the family residence with traditional rituals and prayers.



The Panchakattu ceremony is an important cultural tradition in many Telugu families, symbolizing a milestone in a young boy's life. During the ceremony, Devansh was dressed in traditional attire and the rituals were conducted according to Vedic customs under the guidance of priests. Special prayers were offered seeking blessings for the child's health, prosperity, and bright future.

Family elders and well-wishers participated in the

event and blessed Devansh on the auspicious occasion. The ceremony was conducted in a traditional and spiritual atmosphere with the family following customary practices that have been part of Telugu culture for generations.

Nara Lokesh and his wife Nara Brahmani took part in the rituals along with other members of the family. The couple expressed happiness

while celebrating the important occasion with their son and relatives. Priests conducted special pujas and rituals as part of the ceremony while family members gathered to witness the event.

The Panchakattu ceremony holds special cultural significance as it reflects the importance of preserving traditional values and customs in Telugu households. It is often

seen as a moment when elders bless the child and pray for his future success and well-being.

Relatives and close friends attended the event and conveyed their good wishes to the family. The gathering was marked by a warm and festive atmosphere as the family celebrated the occasion with traditional rituals and cultural practices.

Photos from the ceremony showing Devansh dressed in traditional Panchakattu attire along with his parents and family members have been widely shared among supporters and well-wishers. Many people conveyed their blessings and greetings to the young Devansh and the family on the occasion.

The event concluded with elders offering blessings to Devansh and wishing him a bright future, while the family expressed gratitude to those who attended and shared the joyous moment.

“Ours is a People-Friendly Government”: Pawan Kalyan

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Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan stated that the coalition government in the state is a “people-friendly government” committed to resolving public issues and working for the welfare of citizens.

Speaking on the occasion of the 13th formation day of the Jana Sena Party, Pawan Kalyan emphasised that the government is focused on addressing the problems of people and delivering governance that is accessible and responsive. He said the administration is ready to reach out to people wherever necessary and listen to their concerns.

The Deputy Chief Minister highlighted that the coalition government is working with a strong commitment to public service and development. According to him, the administration aims to ensure that governance becomes more transparent and people-centric.

During his interactions with citizens in tribal areas, Pawan Kalyan also underlined the importance of development in remote villages. While visiting a tribal village in the Paderu region, he reviewed local problems and instructed officials to address them immediately. He said the government is prioritising infrastructure and wel-



fare schemes in tribal regions.

He mentioned that roads and connectivity are being improved in remote villages to ensure better access to healthcare and other essential services. As part of these efforts, the government reportedly sanctioned funds to construct roads in small tribal settlements that previously lacked proper connectivity.

Pawan Kalyan further noted that the coalition government believes in balancing develop-

ment and welfare, ensuring that government programmes reach people at the grassroots level. He reiterated that leaders and officials must work with dedication and sincerity to meet the expectations of the public.

The Jana Sena chief said that public representatives must remain accessible to citizens and continuously review the implementation of welfare schemes. He stressed that the trust placed in the government

by voters should be honoured through effective governance and development initiatives.

Reaffirming his commitment, Pawan Kalyan stated that the government will continue to focus on solving public grievances and strengthening infrastructure in rural and tribal areas. He concluded by saying that the administration’s main goal is to ensure that governance remains people and responsive to the needs of society.

B.C. Janardhan Reddy Highlights Development and BC Welfare at Gowda Community Office Inauguration

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Andhra Pradesh Minister B. C. Janardhan Reddy addressed members of the Gowda community after inaugurating a new Gowda Community Office in Avuku town of Banaganapalle constituency. Speaking at the event, the minister expressed happiness that the Gowda community, which had lacked unity for nearly two decades, has now come together and formed a committee to work collectively for the welfare of the community.

During the programme, members of the community felicitated the minister. Responding to the gesture, Janardhan Reddy said he felt grateful for the affection and blessings shown by the people. He emphasized that the Telugu Desam Party has always stood as a strong supporter of Backward Classes (BCs). According to him, BC communities have been the backbone of the party, particularly during challenging political periods.

The minister recalled that the party has historically provided significant representation to the Gowda community. He mentioned that senior leader Devineni Devender Goud was given the important Home Min-



istry in the past. Similarly, the current government has entrusted the key Revenue portfolio to Anagani Satya Prasad, which reflects the party’s commitment to empowering the Gowda community and other BC groups.

Janardhan Reddy further stated that the government is supporting traditional occupations and communities dependent on them. As part of this initiative, around 10 percent of liquor shops have been allotted

to members of the Gowda community and toddy tappers, providing them with economic opportunities and livelihood support. He also recalled earlier initiatives such as the Adarana scheme introduced by the TDP government to strengthen traditional occupations.

Focusing on development, the minister highlighted several infrastructure projects being undertaken in the Banaganapalle constituency. He said that ₹540 crore has been allocated under

the Jal Jeevan Mission to ensure safe drinking water supply to every household in the constituency. The long-standing drinking water problems in Avuku and surrounding areas are expected to be resolved through this project.

In addition, the government has initiated development works such as CC roads and drainage systems worth ₹6 crore in Avuku town. The minister said these works are part of efforts to repay the trust and support shown by the people during the last elections.

Janardhan Reddy also acknowledged the support of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, stating that the government is committed to welfare and development beyond political differences. He added that the state is moving forward on a development path under the leadership of Narendra Modi, Chandrababu Naidu, Pawan Kalyan, and Nara Lokesh.

The minister concluded by stating that the government aims to maintain peace and harmony in villages while delivering welfare-oriented governance and development to all sections of society.

AP Government to Introduce BC Protection Act Soon: Savitha



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The Andhra Pradesh government is preparing to introduce a BC Protection Act aimed at safeguarding the dignity, rights, and security of backward classes in the state. State BC, EWS Welfare, Handlooms and Textiles Minister S. Savitha announced that the proposed legislation will soon be implemented to ensure protection for members of backward communities.

Speaking to the media after a meeting of BC ministers held in Vijayawada on Saturday, Minister Savitha stated that the proposed law will protect the wealth, dignity, and lives of people belonging to 138 backward class communities in the state. She warned that strict legal action will be taken against anyone who insults or abuses BC communities in the name of caste or profession, or engages in social or economic boycott.

The meeting was conducted under the leadership of Minister Savitha and was attended by senior ministers including Kinjarapu Atchannaaidu, Kollu Ravindra, and Anagani Satya Prasad. MLC Beeda Ravichandra Yadav also participated in the meeting. Ministers Vasamsetti Subhash, Kondapalli Srinivas, and Satya Kumar Yadav joined the discussions through video conference.

Minister Savitha said the coalition government is committed to fulfilling all promises made to BC communities during the elections. She explained that the meeting was organised to finalise the structure of the BC Protection Act and give the draft legislation its final shape. According to her, min-

isters had already held two earlier meetings regarding the proposed law, and a draft of the act has already been prepared.

The proposed legislation is expected to include strict punishments for about 15 different types of harassment faced by BC communities. The minister said the law aims to provide strong legal protection against discrimination, insults, and social exclusion.

Officials also explained that expert opinions and recommendations from the Central Advocate General and the National BC Commission were taken into consideration while preparing the draft of the law. The state government also plans to gather opinions from BC MLAs, MLCs, and BC associations across five zones of the state before finalising the act.

Ministers Atchannaaidu and Kollu Ravindra stated that protecting BC communities is a key objective of the coalition government. They emphasised that consultations with BC organisations across the state are necessary to ensure that the law is comprehensive and free from controversies.

Minister Savitha reiterated that the government’s goal is to ensure dignified living conditions for BC communities and to help them progress in all sectors. She added that Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu is committed to strengthening the welfare and empowerment of backward classes in the state.

Senior officials from the BC Welfare Department and other government representatives also participated in the meeting.

No Need to Panic Over Gas Supply in AP: Payyavula Keshav



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Andhra Pradesh Finance Minister Payyavula Keshav assured the public that the state government is closely monitoring the supply and usage of LPG cylinders and that people need not panic about shortages.

Speaking to the media after a review meeting with officials, the minister said both the central and state governments are taking necessary measures to ensure uninterrupted supply of cooking gas to consumers across the state. He urged people not to believe rumours regarding shortages and warned that strict action would be taken against those involved in black-marketing of LPG cylinders.

Keshav said the government has implemented several measures to regulate gas usage and prevent misuse. According to the new guidelines, refill booking intervals have been fixed—25 days in urban areas and 45 days in rural areas. For households that have double cylinders, bookings will be allowed once every 32 days. These steps are aimed at ensuring fair distribution and preventing unnecessary hoarding of cylinders.

He also stated that LPG cylinders will be delivered only after OTP verification, a measure introduced to prevent diversion of cylinders and to curb illegal sale in the black market. The minister explained that a large portion of bookings are already being made online, and OTP-based delivery will further strengthen transpar-

ency in the distribution system.

The minister noted that officials from oil companies such as Indian Oil Corporation, Bharat Petroleum and HPCL, along with civil supplies authorities, participated in the review meeting to assess the daily LPG requirements and supply situation in the state. Special monitoring systems and control rooms have also been set up at the Real Time Governance Society (RTGS) and district collector offices to track gas availability and distribution.

Keshav explained that the current concerns over LPG supply are partly linked to global tensions in the Gulf region, which have affected shipping routes and fuel transport. However, he said the Union Government is taking steps to strengthen supply systems and increase gas production by refineries to avoid shortages.

He emphasised that the government is prioritising domestic LPG supply and ensuring that essential institutions such as hospitals and hostels receive adequate cylinders. At the same time, discussions are being held with hotels, dealers and associations to manage consumption and explore alternative arrangements if necessary.

Reassuring the public, Payyavula Keshav said the government is using real-time data analysis and constant monitoring to ensure that LPG cylinders remain available and that consumers do not face any inconvenience.

Natural Farming Key to Tackling Climate Change: Agriculture Department

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The Andhra Pradesh Agriculture Department has emphasized that natural farming practices are the most effective tool to address the challenges posed by climate change. Special Chief Secretary (Agriculture) Budithi Rajasekhara highlighted the importance of promoting sustainable agricultural practices to safeguard farmers from climatic uncertainties.

Reviewing preparations for the “Raithanna Meekosam” programme, Rajasekhara stated that the initiative will begin on March 16 and continue across the state, with the closing programme scheduled for March 25, which will be attended by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu. The programme aims to directly engage with farmers and raise awareness about climate-resilient farming practices.

Under the initiative, officials from the Agriculture Department and allied sectors will interact with farmers in every Village Rythu Seva Kendra (RSK) jurisdiction. Staff from agriculture departments, cooperative societies, and Water Users Associations will work together to develop action plans that support farmers in adapting to climate-related challenges.



Rajasekhara noted that the department has already conducted region-wise assessments of climate change projections for the upcoming Kharif season using advanced AgriTech and DeepTech approaches. Based on these studies, farmers will be educated about natural farming practices that help conserve soil moisture, improve soil health, and withstand extreme weather conditions such as drought and intense heat.

The Special Chief Secretary also pointed out that global developments, including the ongoing Gulf war situation, have already started affecting sectors

linked to agriculture, including poultry production, aquaculture, fertilizers, edible oil, and gas supply. Additionally, early forecasts indicating the possibility of El Niño conditions could have an impact on the upcoming Kharif season, making it essential to prepare farmers in advance.

To address these challenges, the department is promoting several natural farming techniques such as Pre-Monsoon Dry Sowing (PMDS), seed pellets or seed balls, contour trenches, and contour bunds. These practices help in conserving soil and water, improving

moisture retention, and strengthening crop resilience against climatic stress.

Rajasekhara explained that farmers can utilize early summer showers to practice PMDS using 32-variety seed kits. This method helps generate fodder, protects soil from extreme heat, improves organic matter, and enhances the soil’s ability to retain moisture and nutrients.

Speaking during the review meeting, T. Vijay Kumar, Executive Vice Chairman of Rythu Sadhikara Samstha, said Andhra Pradesh is implementing natural farming practices on a scale rarely seen in other parts of the country. He urged field-level officials to treat climate challenges like El Niño as an opportunity to strengthen the resilience of the agricultural sector.

Senior officials from the agriculture and allied departments, including horticulture, fisheries, and animal husbandry, along with district-level officers, participated in the review meeting. The department expressed confidence that the Raithanna Meekosam programme will help farmers adopt sustainable farming methods and better prepare for climate-related risks in the coming agricultural season.

Argument Between Perni Nani and Police Over Section 30 in Machilipatnam

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A brief tense situation arose in Machilipatnam after former minister and YSR Congress Party leader Perni Nani had a heated argument with police officials regarding the implementation of Section 30 restrictions in the town. The incident took place when Perni Nani attempted to proceed with a programme in the area and questioned the police over the restrictions placed on public gatherings.

According to reports, police officials had imposed Section 30 of the Police Act in certain parts of Machilipatnam as part of precautionary measures to maintain law and order. The provision requires individuals or organisations to obtain prior permission from the police before conducting rallies, meetings, or public gatherings.

When the police stopped the programme citing the restrictions, Perni Nani confronted the officials and demanded an explanation for enforcing the order. He questioned the basis on which the restrictions were imposed and asked why political leaders and party workers were not allowed to conduct their activities. The exchange between the leader and the police quickly drew attention from local residents and party supporters present at the location.

During the argument, Perni Nani reportedly insisted that democratic activities and politi-



cal programmes should not be restricted without proper justification. He also asked the police to clarify the circumstances under which Section 30 was implemented and whether prior notice had been given to political parties.

Police officials present at the spot explained that the restrictions were imposed strictly as a precautionary measure to prevent any disturbance to public order. They maintained that the police department has the authority to enforce Section 30 whenever there is a possibility

of tension or law and order issues. The officials further stated that any organisation planning to hold meetings or rallies must obtain permission in advance when such restrictions are in force.

Despite the argument, the situation remained under control as police personnel continued to monitor the developments closely. Supporters and onlookers gathered at the location, but no untoward incidents were reported during the exchange.

Section 30 of the Police Act is

commonly used by authorities to regulate processions, protests, and public meetings in order to maintain peace and prevent potential conflicts. The provision allows the police to control public gatherings and ensure that activities are conducted in a lawful and orderly manner.

The brief confrontation between Perni Nani and the police has sparked discussions in political circles, with supporters debating the necessity and timing of the restrictions imposed in Machilipatnam.

Key Development in Mithun Reddy Bail Case



Amaravathi 14.03.2026 TPN Bureau:

In a significant development in the alleged Andhra Pradesh liquor scam case, the Andhra Pradesh High Court delivered an important ruling regarding the bail granted to YSRCP MP P. V. Mithun Reddy. The court refused to cancel his bail but made certain modifications to the earlier order issued by the Vijayawada ACB court.

The case relates to the alleged multi-crore liquor scam in the state, in which Mithun Reddy has been named as Accused No. 4 (A4) by the investigating agencies. The Crime Investigation Department (CID) had approached the High Court challenging the bail order granted earlier by the ACB court and sought cancellation of the relief given to the MP.

During the hearing, the prosecution argued that some observations made by the ACB court in its bail order went beyond its jurisdiction and could weaken the ongoing investigation. The lawyers representing the CID contended that the trial court had commented on the admissibility of certain evidence, including technical data such as Google Takeout records and statements of witnesses recorded under Sections 161 and 164 of the Criminal Procedure Code. They argued that these remarks could affect the investigation and might influence other accused persons to seek bail on similar grounds.

After hearing the arguments, the High Court bench led by Justice Venkata Jyothirmayi Pratapa observed that the ACB court had indeed made some remarks that were outside the scope of deciding a bail petition. The High Court noted that the investigation in the case is still in progress and that no chargesheet has been filed so far, making such observations premature.

However, the High Court declined to cancel the bail granted to Mithun Reddy. Instead, it ordered that the controversial observations made by the ACB court in its earlier bail order should not influence the ongoing investigation. Those particular remarks were effectively set aside or stayed by the High Court while allowing the bail to continue.

The court's decision means that Mithun Reddy will continue to remain on bail while the investigation into the liquor scam proceeds. At the same time, the High Court clarified that the probe agencies are free to continue their investigation without being affected by the earlier comments made in the trial court's bail order.

The ruling has drawn significant attention in political and legal circles, as the liquor scam case has been one of the major controversies in Andhra Pradesh politics. The investigation into the case is still ongoing, and further developments are expected as the authorities continue their probe.

Jana Sena Foundation Day Celebrated with Service Activities in Rajahmundry Urban

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The foundation day celebrations of the Jana Sena Party were held enthusiastically in Rajahmundry Urban, where party leaders and activists organised a series of service activities across the city.

The programmes were conducted under the leadership of Rajahmundry City In-charge Anu Sri Satyanarayana. From early morning to late evening, several events were organised to mark the party's formation day, drawing participation from leaders, party workers, and supporters.

The celebrations began at 6:00 am at Devi Chowk, where party members distributed breakfast to the public. Later at 8:00 am, the party flag was hoisted at the Jana Sena Party office. At 9:00 am, a large blood donation camp was organised, where many party activists and volunteers participated in donating blood as part of the service activities.

Following this, party leaders and workers organised a massive car rally, travelling through



several wards of the city. During the rally, party leaders interacted with residents and conducted various programmes including flag hoisting ceremonies and cake-cutting events at multiple locations.

The rally and celebrations covered several important areas of the city including Electricity Colony, Lalacheruvu, Devakivada, Quarry Market, Anand Nagar, Raja Theatre area, Lali-

tha Nagar, 40th Ward, 41st Ward, Nandamganni Raju Junction, Devi Chowk, Jampeta, Annapurnampeta and Swamy Theatre area. At each location, party supporters gathered in large numbers to participate in the celebrations.

Prominent personalities including Ganta Swaroopa Devi and Priya Soujanya attended the programmes and encouraged party activists

who were involved in the service initiatives.

Later in the afternoon, a lunch programme was arranged for party workers and volunteers at the Jana Sena Party office as part of the celebrations. The gathering provided an opportunity for leaders and cadres to interact and strengthen organisational coordination.

In the evening, the celebrations continued at Ramalayam Junction, where party leaders distributed plant saplings to the public as part of an environmental awareness initiative. Cultural programmes were also organised at the venue, adding festive spirit to the event.

Party leaders said the celebrations reflected the strong commitment of Jana Sena cadres towards social service and public welfare. A large number of party leaders, activists, Jana Sainiks, and supporters participated in the programmes, making the foundation day celebrations in Rajahmundry Urban grand and memorable.

Narayana Announces Plans for Modern Amenities in Amaravati Villages

Amaravathi 14.03.2026 TPN Bureau:

Andhra Pradesh Municipal Administration and Urban Development Minister Ponguru Narayana has announced that international-standard infrastructure and modern amenities will soon be provided in villages located in the Amaravati capital region.

During his visit to capital villages such as Ananthavaram and Nekkallu, the minister participated in village meetings along with local representatives and officials of the Amaravati development authorities. Addressing residents, he said the state government is committed to developing the capital region in a comprehensive manner while ensuring that surrounding villages receive all necessary facilities.

Narayana explained that the government has prepared a detailed plan to provide key infrastructure facilities in the villages within a short period. According to him, the works will include underground water pipelines, storm-water drainage systems, cement roads, and street lighting. These amenities will be developed with modern



standards so that residents of the capital villages can enjoy better living conditions.

The minister stated that the government intends to complete the development works within six months after the projects begin, ensuring that people in the capital villages receive improved civic infrastructure without long delays. He emphasised that the development of Amaravati is not limited only to government buildings and ad-

ministrative complexes but also includes improving the quality of life in nearby villages.

Narayana also mentioned that large-scale construction activities are currently underway in the Amaravati capital region, with nearly 30,000 workers engaged in various development projects. These works are part of the broader plan to transform Amaravati into a well-planned and modern capital city.

Providing further updates, the minister said that residential quarters for officials, MLAs and MLCs are expected to be completed by June this year. In addition, major road infrastructure is being developed across the capital region, including trunk roads and layout roads that will improve connectivity between villages and key administrative zones.

He added that the government aims to complete around 360 kilometres of trunk roads and nearly 1,500 kilometres of layout roads by June 2027, which will significantly strengthen the transportation network of the capital city. Iconic buildings planned for Amaravati are expected to be completed by December 2028, marking a major milestone in the development of the state capital.

The minister reiterated that the government is determined to fulfil the promises made to farmers and residents who supported the development of Amaravati. He assured villagers that their needs and suggestions would be considered while implementing development projects in the region.

Gooty Fort Utsav Begins with Grand Celebrations



Amaravathi 14.03.2026 TPN Bureau:

The Gooty Fort Utsav began with grandeur and enthusiasm at the historic Gooty Fort in Anantapur district. The festival witnessed the participation of local leaders, officials, and residents, highlighting the historical and cultural importance of the ancient fort.

The event was inaugurated in the presence of local representatives and dignitaries, who emphasised the need to promote the fort as a major tourism destination in Andhra Pradesh. During the inaugural programme, leaders spoke about the historical significance of the fort and its potential to attract tourists from across the state and country.

Addressing the gathering, Member of Parliament Ambica G. Lakshminarayana hinted that around ₹40 crore could be allocated for the development of the Gooty Fort area in the future. The proposed funds are expected to be used for improving tourism infrastructure, restoring historic structures, and enhancing visitor facilities at the fort.

The MP said the historic monument has great potential to become a major heritage tourism centre. He stressed that developing proper infrastructure, including roads and visitor amenities, would help increase tourist inflow and generate economic opportunities for local residents.

Officials also highlighted the

importance of preserving the fort's heritage while promoting tourism. Cultural programmes, traditional performances, and public gatherings were organised as part of the festival to celebrate the rich history associated with the fort.

Leaders noted that the state government is focusing on promoting tourism across Andhra Pradesh by developing historic monuments and heritage sites. They expressed hope that the Gooty Fort festival would help bring greater recognition to the site and encourage more visitors to explore its history.

During the event, speakers also mentioned that Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has shown interest in improving infrastructure around the fort area. Plans include strengthening road connectivity and providing better facilities for tourists visiting the monument.

The organisers said the festival will include cultural shows, exhibitions, and awareness programmes highlighting the fort's heritage. Local residents and tourists participated enthusiastically, making the opening day of the festival vibrant and memorable.

The Gooty Fort Utsav is expected to continue with several cultural and tourism-related events aimed at showcasing the historical significance of the fort and promoting heritage tourism in the region.

2,256 TIDCO Houses Ready for Housewarming on Ugadi in Jakkampudi

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A total of 2,256 houses constructed under the TIDCO housing scheme at Jakkampudi are ready for beneficiaries to enter their new homes on the auspicious occasion of Ugadi, said NTR District Collector G Lakshmitha. The houses have been completed as part of the state government's initiative to fulfil the dream of providing permanent housing to the poor.

On Saturday, the District Collector visited the TIDCO housing project site at Jakkampudi along with Dhyana Chandra HM, Vijayawada Municipal Corporation Commissioner, and B Chinnodu, Project Director of the housing project. During the inspection, the officials reviewed the construction quality and the development of basic infrastructure in the housing complex.

The Collector closely examined various facilities provided for the residents, including sanitation systems, drinking water supply arrangements, internal roads, and overall environmental development in the area. Expressing satisfaction over the quality of construction, he noted that the project has been designed to provide a comfortable and convenient living environment for the beneficiaries.

Officials informed the Collector that an elevated water tank with a capacity of 5 lakh litres has been completed to provide drinking water supply to residents of Site-A. In addition, construction of another water tank with a capacity of 14 lakh litres for other sites is



currently underway. To ensure proper sanitation management, a Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) has also been installed and made ready for operation. Drainage systems, electricity connections, and internal road networks have also been developed to support the residential community.

Speaking on the occasion, Collector G. Lakshmitha said that fulfilling the dream of owning a house for economically weaker sections remains

a major priority of the government. He added that the district administration has been working in line with the directions of the state government to speed up the construction and completion of TIDCO housing projects.

The Collector explained that 1,104 houses constructed in 23 blocks at Site-A and 1,152 houses in 24 blocks at Site-D are now ready to be handed over to beneficiaries, taking the total to 2,256 houses. Arrangements are

being made to enable beneficiaries to perform housewarming ceremonies during the Ugadi festival.

He further stated that the houses currently under construction in Site-B and Site-C are expected to be completed by June this year and handed over to beneficiaries soon. The Collector directed officials to work in coordination to ensure the timely completion of all remaining housing units in the district.

APTA Urges Morning Classes at SSC Exam Centres

The Andhra Pradesh Primary Teachers Association (APTA) has requested the School Education Department to conduct primary school classes in the morning hours at centres where SSC examinations are being held, citing concerns over the intense summer heat affecting young students.

According to the association, Class 10 (SSC) examinations are scheduled to begin on March 16, and authorities have issued instructions to conduct regular school classes in exam centres from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm during the examination period. However, APTA leaders expressed concern that the after-

noon schedule may cause serious inconvenience to primary school children.

APTA State President Prakash Rao and State General Secretary M. G. Mehdi stated that children studying in Classes 1 to 5 are particularly vulnerable to extreme heat conditions during the afternoon hours. They explained that the temperature around 1:00 pm is usually at its peak during this time of the year, making it difficult for young students to travel to and attend school comfortably.

In a letter addressed to officials of the School Education

Department, the APTA leaders urged the authorities to reconsider the schedule and conduct primary school classes during the morning hours instead. They argued that this arrangement would be safer and more convenient for young children, especially during the summer season.

The association also pointed out that in previous years, when SSC examinations were conducted at certain school centres, primary classes were organised in the morning session to avoid disruption and ensure the safety of younger students. Following a similar practice this year would help

reduce the difficulties faced by children and their parents.

APTA leaders emphasised that the welfare of students should be the top priority while making such arrangements. They appealed to the School Education Department to take immediate steps and modify the schedule at SSC exam centres so that primary school students are not forced to attend classes during the hottest part of the day.

The association expressed hope that the authorities would positively respond to their request and take appropriate action in the interest of the students' health and safety.

International-Standard Infrastructure Planned for Villages: Narayana

Tulluru, March 15 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Municipal Administration and Urban Development Minister P. Narayana said the government is committed to developing villages with infrastructure that meets international standards, particularly in the capital region of Amaravati. He stated that comprehensive infrastructure works are being taken up to transform villages into well-planned and modern habitations.

The minister participated in Gram Sabha meetings held in Ananthavaram and Nekkal villages of Tulluru mandal on Saturday. The meetings were attended by local MLA Shraavan Kumar and officials of the Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA). During the interaction, the minister reviewed the progress of development works being undertaken in the villages and discussed plans for further infrastructure improvements.

Speaking at the meetings, Narayana said the government has been organizing Gram Sabhas to inform residents about the development activities being carried out in their villages. He explained that several essential infrastructure works have already begun and that the government aims to complete these projects within six months from the date of commencement.

The minister stated that a wide range of infrastructure facilities are being provided in the villages. These include underground water supply systems, stormwater drainage net-



works, modern street lighting, and the construction of cement concrete roads. According to him, these works are designed to ensure improved living conditions and long-term urban planning standards in the capital region villages.

Narayana also highlighted the progress of construction activities in Amaravati. He said that nearly 30,000 workers are currently engaged in various projects related to the development of the capital city. The government is accelerating works to ensure that key infra-

structure and administrative buildings are completed within the scheduled timeline.

He further stated that residential quarters for government officials, MLAs, and MLCs are expected to be completed by June this year. These housing facilities are part of the broader plan to establish a fully functional administrative capital with adequate accommodation for public representatives and government staff.

Looking ahead, the minister said the construction of several iconic buildings in Amaravati

is planned to be completed by December 2028. These landmark structures are expected to enhance the city's identity and reflect modern architectural standards.

After addressing the gathering, Narayana interacted with villagers and received representations regarding various local issues and development needs. Officials assured residents that their concerns would be examined and appropriate action would be taken to resolve them as part of the ongoing development initiatives in the region.

Leaders Pay Tribute to NTR on 75 Years of Pathala Bhairavi



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Leaders and admirers paid rich tributes to legendary actor and former Chief Minister N. T. Rama Rao on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the iconic Telugu film Pathala Bhairavi. The event was held at NTR Bhavan in Guru Nanak Colony in Vijayawada, where prominent leaders remembered the immense contribution of NTR to cinema and politics.

Speaking on the occasion, NTR's son Nandamuri Ramakrishna and Vijayawada Member of Parliament Kesineni Sivanath said that NTR has secured a permanent place in the hearts of Telugu people through his remarkable achievements. They described him as a visionary leader who brought immense pride and recognition to the Telugu community.

Nandamuri Ramakrishna, along with MP Kesineni Sivanath and Vasantha Krishna Prasad, paid floral tributes to the statue of NTR at NTR Bhavan. Several leaders and party workers gathered to remember the legendary figure who created history both as a film star and as a political leader.

The speakers recalled that NTR was not only a celebrated actor but

also a transformative leader who made a significant impact on Andhra Pradesh politics. Through his performances in mythological and social films, he became a cultural icon among Telugu audiences. Later, by entering politics, he played a historic role in shaping the political landscape of the state.

The leaders highlighted that NTR's dedication to the welfare of Telugu people and his efforts to uphold their pride earned him immense respect and admiration. His legacy continues to inspire generations of political leaders, actors, and admirers across the state.

Former Vijayawada Mayor Koneru Sridhar, leader Koneru Kishore, and several NTR admirers participated in the event. On the occasion, MP Kesineni Sivanath and other leaders felicitated Nandamuri Ramakrishna.

Marking the completion of 75 years since the release of Pathala Bhairavi, NTR fans and leaders of the Telugu Desam Party celebrated the milestone by cutting a cake amid enthusiastic celebrations. The programme concluded with party workers and fans recalling the enduring legacy of NTR and his invaluable contribution to Telugu culture and politics.

No Shortage of Cooking Gas Cylinders in NTR District: MP Kesineni Sivanath



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Vijayawada Member of Parliament Kesineni Sivanath clarified that there is no shortage of cooking gas cylinders in NTR district and urged consumers not to panic over rumours regarding the supply of LPG cylinders.

Speaking to the media in Vijayawada on Saturday, the MP assured the public that adequate stocks of domestic LPG cylinders are available across the district. He said consumers need not worry about any shortage and appealed to them not to believe misleading information circulating about the availability of cooking gas.

Kesineni Sivanath warned that strict action would be taken against anyone attempting to create an artificial shortage of LPG cylinders or trying to sell them in the black market. He stated that authorities are closely monitoring the situation and will not tolerate any illegal practices that inconvenience consumers.

The MP said that both the central and state governments are keeping a close watch on the distribution of cooking gas cylinders. He mentioned that Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu are continuously monitoring the supply and distri-

bution system to ensure uninterrupted availability of LPG for households.

He further explained that the supply of LPG to India is being maintained steadily through international sources, including shipments arriving through major global maritime routes. Because of this, there is no possibility of a shortage of domestic cooking gas in the country.

Kesineni Sivanath also said that officials are regularly reviewing the functioning of major LPG distribution companies such as Indian Oil Corporation and Bharat Petroleum in the district. Authorities are closely tracking the availability of LPG cylinders at distribution centres to ensure that supply meets public demand.

The MP emphasised that steps are being taken to ensure that consumers do not face any inconvenience while booking or receiving LPG cylinders. He reiterated that the district administration and gas agencies are working together to maintain a smooth supply chain.

Appealing to the public, Kesineni Sivanath said people should not believe rumours about gas shortages and assured that sufficient LPG cylinders are available to meet the needs of all households in NTR district.

CPM Leader Criticises Centre Over MGNREGS, Highlights Public Issues During Padayatra

Narasapuram Rural, March 14:

CPI(M) district secretary J. N. V. Gopalan strongly criticised the central government, alleging that it is weakening the rural employment guarantee scheme by collaborating with the ruling alliance. He made these remarks during the 16th day of the CPM's district-level public awareness padayatra, which continued across Narasapuram and Mogalturu mandals.

The padayatra, which began on February 26, has been highlighting the problems faced by rural residents. During the march, people from several villages raised their concerns before the CPI(M) leaders, complaining about poor civic amenities and the lack of proper infrastructure in their localities.

Residents reported that the drainage system in many villages is in a poor condition, with wastewater flowing between houses, leading to foul smell and increasing mosquito infestation. They said the situation is causing health issues among villagers and demanded immediate action from authorities. In KP Palem North Ambedkar Colony, locals informed the padayatra team that they are facing severe drainage problems along with a shortage of safe drinking water.

Responding to the complaints, Gopalan immediately brought



the matter to the attention of the panchayat secretary. Officials reportedly assured that steps would be taken soon to resolve the problems.

During the interaction, a woman named Bandaru Manikumari from East Thallu village told the team that she is physically unable to walk and has been struggling without a pension. She said that despite visiting the panchayat office multiple times, her issue has not been resolved.

Speaking on the occasion, Gopalan criticised the policies of the central government led by Narendra Modi regarding the

Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS). He alleged that while the government claims to increase workdays under the scheme, it has failed to allocate adequate funds in the budget.

According to him, the reduction of budget allocations and the introduction of new conditions such as GPS-based monitoring have made it difficult for rural labourers to get employment under the scheme. He demanded that pending wages be cleared immediately, the minimum daily wage be increased to ₹600, and at least 200 workdays

be provided to labourers.

Gopalan also called for the removal of the rule requiring workers' photographs to be taken twice daily during work, stating that it creates unnecessary complications for labourers. He warned that if the issues are not addressed soon, the party would intensify its agitation.

Several CPM leaders and activists, including district and mandal committee members, participated in the padayatra and interacted with residents to collect their grievances.

Coalition Government Committed to Welfare of Muslims: Minister Kandula Durgesh

Mega Bike Rally Marks Jana Sena Foundation Day Celebrations in Rajanagaram



Rajanagaram, East Godavari:

The 13th foundation day celebrations of the Jana Sena Party created a festive atmosphere in Rajanagaram constituency as a massive bike rally organised by party leaders and supporters drew huge participation from cadres and youth.

The rally was led by Rajanagaram MLA Battula Balaramakrishna, who headed the mega procession that witnessed the participation of thousands of Jana Sena activists, youth, and Veera Mahilas. The large-scale rally showcased the party's strength and enthusiasm among its supporters in the constituency.

The rally began around 4 pm from the Diwan Cheruvu highway area and moved forward with a long convoy of bikes and cars. The main roads of Rajanagaram and Korukonda were filled with vehicles as party supporters rode together raising slogans and celebrating the party's foundation day.

People gathered in large numbers along the roadsides to witness the rally and greet MLA Battula Balaramakrishna. When the rally reached Gadala in Korukonda mandal, local residents wel-

comed the MLA and his wife Battula Venkata Lakshmi with garlands and a warm reception. Women performed traditional mangala harathi, while youth cheered enthusiastically to mark the occasion.

The rally later continued through several villages including Madhurapudi, Burugupudi, and Korukonda. In every village, local leaders and residents welcomed the MLA and the rally participants with flower showers, creating a celebratory atmosphere throughout the region.

The procession concluded near the famous Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Temple Korukonda, where party leaders addressed supporters and highlighted the significance of the foundation day.

Party leaders stated that the massive participation in the rally clearly reflected the growing support for the Jana Sena Party in the Rajanagaram constituency. They added that such events strengthen the bond between the party leadership and grassroots workers.

A large number of party leaders, activists, Jana Sainiks, and Veera Mahilas participated in the rally, turning the event into a grand celebration of the party's 13th foundation day.

TDP Cadres Are the Foundation of the Party: Leaders at Ward Committees' Oath Ceremony

Ramachandrapuram, March 14:

Leaders of the Telugu Desam Party stated that party workers are the backbone and foundation of the organisation during the oath-taking ceremony of ward committees held in Ramachandrapuram town on Saturday.

The oath-taking ceremony for the presidents and committee members of 2nd, 7th, and 8th wards was conducted in a grand manner under the leadership of senior TDP leader Vasamsetti Satyam and AMC Chairman Akkala Rishwanth Roy, who attended the programme as chief guests.

During the event, the newly elected ward presidents and committee members took an oath pledging to remain committed to the party's principles and to work with dedication for public service. The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from party leaders, activists, and supporters.

Speaking on the occasion, Vasamsetti Satyam emphasised that every party worker must contribute to strengthening the



Telugu Desam Party at the grassroots level. He urged the leaders and members to identify the problems faced by people in their respective areas and work towards resolving them effectively. By addressing public issues and staying connected with the people, the party can further strengthen the trust and confidence of citizens, he said.

AMC Chairman Akkala Rishwanth Roy also addressed the gathering and advised the newly appointed ward presi-

dents and committee members to remain accessible to the public. He stressed that leaders must actively communicate the party's development initiatives and welfare programmes to the people and work for the progress of the town.

During the ceremony, the following members took oath as ward presidents and secretaries:

2nd Ward: Galinki Suribabu (President), Gallidevara Sudhakar (Secretary)

7th Ward - Ganesh Nagar: Tekumudi Samuel (President), Medishetti Sri Masenu (Secretary)

8th Ward - Gangamalla Vari Veedhi: Chikkala Veeraswamy (President), Bhupathi Sandhyarani (Secretary)

Along with them, several executive committee members also took the oath of office.

The event was organised under the leadership of Town TDP President Undavelli Siva, Cluster-1 leader Medishetti Suryanarayana, and Cluster-2 In-charge Kanchumarthi Baburao. Several other party leaders, including unit in-charges, vice-presidents, secretaries, councillors, and former councillors, attended the programme and extended their support to the newly appointed committee members.

The programme concluded in an enthusiastic atmosphere with party workers expressing confidence that the new ward committees would strengthen the party at the grassroots level and work actively for public welfare and development.

Coalition Government Committed to Welfare of Muslims: Minister Kandula Durgesh

Nidadavole, March 14:

Andhra Pradesh Tourism, Culture and Cinematography Minister Kandula Durgesh stated that the coalition government is strongly committed to the welfare and development of the Muslim community.

The minister made these remarks while participating as the chief guest at a grand Iftar gathering organised at the Rotary Club in Nidadavole on Saturday. During the event, he joined members of the Muslim community in prayers and later shared the Iftar meal with them, highlighting the spirit of unity and communal harmony.

Speaking on the occasion, Durgesh said the holy month of Ramadan represents harmony, brotherhood, and spiritual devotion. He appreciated the discipline and devotion with which Muslims observe fasting during the sacred month, noting that it sends a strong message of faith, patience, and dedication to society.

The minister said the spirit of "Hindu-Muslim Bhai Bhai" should always prevail in society and stressed the importance of people living together in peace and mutual respect. He expressed hope that the blessings of Allah would bring prosperity, happiness, and peace to everyone.

Durgesh also highlighted the core practices of Islam such as Namaz, Roza, Hajj, and the importance of strong faith and devotion to Allah. He said observing fasting with such



dedication reflects the spiritual strength and commitment of the Muslim community.

Quoting the teachings of the Quran, the minister said the holy scripture guides humanity towards peace, compassion, and righteous living. He added that the discipline observed during Ramadan inspires people to follow a path of self-control, kindness, and spiritual reflection.

Reaffirming the government's commitment, Durgesh said the coalition government places high priority on the welfare of minorities and will continue to work for their progress and well-being. He assured that various welfare initiatives aimed at supporting the Muslim community will be implemented effectively.

The event witnessed the participation of several members of the Muslim community, local leaders, and dignitaries who gathered to celebrate the spirit of Ramadan and communal harmony.

Jana Sena Party Marks 13th Foundation Day with Celebrations in Tirupati

Tirupati, March 14:

The 13th foundation day of the Jana Sena Party was celebrated with enthusiasm in Tirupati on Saturday. Party leaders and workers organised special programmes, including flag hoisting, cake cutting, and distribution of sweets to mark the occasion.

As part of the celebrations, MLA Arani Srinivasulu hoisted the party flag at his office and cut a cake along with party leaders and activists. Sweets were distributed among party workers and supporters to commemorate the day.

Party leaders also organised a food distribution programme near the Sri Venkateswara Rammarain Ruia Government General Hospital (Ruia Hospital), providing meals to the needy as part of the foundation day celebrations.

Later, in the local 27th and 32nd wards, sweets were distributed among residents under the leadership of 32nd Ward Vice President Adapala Balu. The programme was attended by Tirupati Jana Sena Party General Secretary Suman Babu, 27th Ward President Galla Adi Keshavulu, and party leaders including Gopi Swami, Sudhakar,



Neelam Pawan Kumar, Chaitanya, Harish, Prabhakar, and Balu, along with several party activists.

Speaking on the occasion, Suman Babu said that party cadres and supporters across the state and around the world celebrate the foundation day like a festival. He stated that the party will continue to work towards fulfilling the ideals and vision of its leader Pawan Kalyan, who he said is committed to serving the people.

He added that Jana Sena leaders, Veera Mahilas, and Jana Sainiks remain dedicated to the party's mission of public service and social change. Suman Babu also expressed hope that in the coming years, party supporters would see their leader Pawan Kalyan rise to higher positions in public life.

He concluded by extending greetings to all Jana Sena leaders, Veera Mahilas, and party workers on the occasion of the party's 13th foundation day

High Court Orders PSR Anjaneyulu to Cooperate in Raghurama Case



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The Andhra Pradesh High Court has directed senior IPS officer P. S. R. Anjaneyulu to cooperate with the ongoing investigation in the case related to alleged custodial torture of K. Raghu Rama Krishna Raju. The court instructed the officer to attend the investigation whenever summoned by authorities and assist in the probe.

The order was issued while hearing a petition filed by P. S. R. Anjaneyulu seeking anticipatory bail in connection with the case. During the proceedings, the High Court directed him to fully cooperate with investigators and make himself available for questioning as required. At the same time, the court asked the investigating authorities not to take coercive action against him while the investigation is underway.

The case pertains to allegations made by Raghu Rama Krishna Raju, who claimed that he was subjected to custodial torture during his time in CID custody under the previous government. Following his complaint, police registered a case and launched an investigation into the alleged incident. Several senior police officials have been named in connection with the case, and investigators are examining their roles.

During the hearing, the court observed that investigators may

need to question Anjaneyulu along with another IPS officer, Sunil Kumar Naik, who is also linked to the case. The court noted that joint questioning could help investigators gather clarity on the events surrounding the alleged incident and determine the involvement of the officials concerned.

Legal counsel representing the investigation team informed the court that questioning the officers is necessary to verify facts and gather evidence related to the case. The defence counsel, meanwhile, argued that Anjaneyulu had approached the court seeking legal protection while cooperating with the investigation.

After considering the submissions made by both sides, the High Court disposed of the anticipatory bail petition with directions that the officer should assist the investigation whenever required. The court also made it clear that investigators must follow due legal procedures while conducting the inquiry.

The case involving Raghu Rama Krishna Raju has attracted considerable attention in Andhra Pradesh's political and legal circles. Authorities are continuing the investigation to determine the circumstances surrounding the alleged custodial torture and the role played by the officials involved.

Trump, Netanyahu and the Iran War: A Strategic Gamble Turning Risky

The ongoing confrontation involving Iran, Israel, and the United States has sparked a crucial debate in global politics: is former U.S. President Donald Trump beginning to question the wisdom of supporting Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's aggressive strategy against Iran? What initially appeared to be a swift and decisive military campaign is increasingly turning into a complicated and potentially costly conflict with uncertain consequences.

A War Born from Strategic Calculations

The roots of the conflict lie in a series of political and strategic calculations made by leaders in Washington and Tel Aviv. In recent months, internal protests and political unrest within Iran created an impression among some international observers that the Iranian government was vulnerable. Israeli leadership believed that this moment provided a rare opportunity to significantly weaken Iran's political and military establishment.

Prime Minister Netanyahu has long regarded Iran as Israel's most serious security threat. Concerns over Iran's nuclear ambitions, missile capabilities, and its support for militant groups across the Middle East have shaped Israel's security doctrine for decades. From Israel's perspective, confronting Iran directly could potentially eliminate or significantly weaken this long-standing threat.

Donald Trump, who has often favored bold and direct approaches in foreign policy, appeared willing to support Israel's position. The belief among supporters of the strategy was that strong military pressure could weaken Iran's leadership, encourage internal unrest, and possibly trigger political change within the country.

With these assumptions in mind, the United States and Israel launched a series of coordinated military strikes targeting Iran's military installations, missile systems,

and strategic infrastructure. The campaign was presented as a limited but powerful operation intended to dismantle Iran's military capabilities and force its leadership into submission.

Iran's Unexpected Resilience

However, the conflict did not unfold exactly as expected. Instead of collapsing under the pressure of military strikes, Iran responded with force. Iranian missile and drone attacks targeted various strategic locations in the region, including military installations and shipping routes. These retaliatory strikes demonstrated that Iran still possessed significant military capabilities despite the initial attacks.

More importantly, the expectation that Iranian society would quickly turn against its leadership has not materialized in the way some strategists predicted. While many Iranians have expressed dissatisfaction with their government over economic and political issues, foreign military attacks often produce a different reaction. External threats can create a sense of national unity, strengthening support for the country's leadership rather than weakening it.

As a result, the Iranian government has managed to maintain its authority and project defiance in the face of military pressure. Instead of showing signs of immediate collapse, the leadership has vowed to continue resisting external intervention and defend the country's sovereignty.

Different Political Incentives

The war also reflects different political calculations in Israel and the United States. For Netanyahu, confrontation with Iran aligns with long-standing national security priorities. Israeli leaders have consistently warned about Iran's growing regional influence and potential nuclear capabilities. A conflict with Iran reinforces Israel's

argument that it faces a major existential threat that requires decisive action.

Domestic politics may also play a role in shaping Israel's approach. During times of war or national security crises, political leaders often gain greater public support as the country rallies behind its government. In such circumstances, internal political disputes can temporarily fade into the background.

The situation is somewhat different for the United States. While Washington initially presented the operation as swift and decisive, the financial and strategic costs of the conflict are becoming increasingly evident. Military campaigns involving advanced weapons systems, logistics, and regional deployments are extremely expensive. If the conflict continues for an extended period, the financial burden on the United States could grow significantly.

The Problem of an Unclear Endgame

One of the most significant challenges facing the U.S.-Israel strategy is the lack of a clearly defined long-term objective. Military strikes can damage infrastructure and weaken an opponent's capabilities, but they do not automatically produce political change.

If the ultimate goal of the campaign is to force regime change in Iran, that objective raises difficult questions. Removing or weakening a government is only the first step in a much larger and more complicated process. Without a detailed plan for what comes afterward, such strategies can create instability rather than lasting solutions.

History has shown that military victories do not always translate into political success. Even if Iran's military infrastructure suffers heavy damage, the country's leadership could survive and eventually rebuild its capabilities. In that case, the conflict might achieve only temporary gains while creating



long-term tensions.

Economic and Global Consequences

The conflict also has broader implications for the global economy. The Middle East remains one of the world's most important energy-producing regions, and any large-scale military confrontation there can disrupt global oil markets. Even the possibility of escalation can cause sharp fluctuations in energy prices.

Higher oil prices affect economies across the world, increasing transportation costs, raising inflation, and slowing economic growth. For the United States and its allies, these economic consequences could become a major concern if the conflict drags on.

Additionally, prolonged instability in the region can affect international trade routes and create uncertainty in global financial markets.

Trump's Public Confidence

Despite these growing complications, Donald Trump has publicly maintained a tone of confidence regarding the military cam-

paign. He has suggested that the operation has significantly weakened Iran's strategic capabilities and that the conflict may not last long.

Trump has also emphasized the close coordination between the United States and Israel, highlighting the strong relationship between his administration and Netanyahu's government. Public statements from both sides stress unity and determination to achieve their objectives.

However, political observers note that leaders often express confidence during military conflicts even when uncertainties remain behind the scenes. Governments typically seek to project strength and stability in order to maintain domestic and international support.

The Risk of Regional Escalation

Another major concern is the possibility that the conflict could expand beyond the immediate confrontation between Iran and Israel. Iran maintains relationships with various political groups and militias across the Middle East. These net-

works could potentially become involved in the conflict, widening the scope of the war.

If additional actors enter the conflict, the situation could become far more complex and difficult to control. Regional escalation might draw in other countries, disrupt shipping lanes, and create long-term instability throughout the Middle East.

Such a scenario would significantly increase the strategic and economic costs of the war for all parties involved.

A Strategic Gamble

Ultimately, the confrontation between Iran, Israel, and the United States represents a high-stakes strategic gamble. Supporters of the military campaign argue that decisive action is necessary to prevent Iran from expanding its influence and developing stronger military capabilities.

Critics, however, warn that military solutions alone rarely resolve deep political conflicts. Without a clear diplomatic pathway or long-term strategy, the war could evolve into a prolonged struggle with unpredictable

consequences.

For Netanyahu, maintaining pressure on Iran may reinforce Israel's security priorities and political narrative. For Trump, however, the calculation may be more complicated. American leaders must consider not only military outcomes but also economic costs, public opinion, and global stability.

Conclusion

The unfolding conflict demonstrates how quickly strategic assumptions can be tested in real-world situations. What began as a military campaign intended to weaken Iran rapidly has instead developed into a complex geopolitical struggle with uncertain outcomes.

While both Trump and Netanyahu continue to project confidence in their strategy, the long-term consequences of the conflict remain unclear. If the war continues or expands, the initial decision to pursue aggressive military action could ultimately be judged either as a bold strategic move—or as a risky miscalculation with far-reaching consequences.

LPG Crisis Amid the Iran War: Will Your Piped Gas Supply Be Affected?

The ongoing conflict involving the United States, Israel, and Iran has triggered a global energy shock that is being felt far beyond the battlefield. One of the most immediate consequences has been disruptions in the supply of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), a fuel used by millions of households and businesses for cooking and heating. In India, the emerging LPG shortage has raised an important question for consumers: will the crisis also affect piped natural gas (PNG) supplies used in many urban homes?

How the War Disrupted Energy Supplies

The root of the current LPG crisis lies in disruptions to global energy trade routes in the Middle East. One of the most critical routes is the Strait of Hormuz, a narrow waterway through which a large share of the world's oil and gas shipments pass. When tensions rise in this region, shipping becomes risky and energy supplies can slow down.

The conflict has created uncertainty for shipping companies transporting fuel across the Gulf. Some vessels have avoided the area due to security risks, while others have faced delays. This disruption has reduced the flow of LPG shipments and pushed global energy prices higher.

Countries that depend heavily on imported fuel, including India, are particularly sensitive to such changes. When global shipments slow down, the effects quickly spread through domestic markets, leading to shortages and higher prices.

The Growing LPG Shortage India relies heavily on LPG

cylinders for household cooking. Hundreds of millions of homes use LPG as their primary cooking fuel, making it one of the most important energy sources for daily life.

As global supplies tighten due to the conflict, the availability of LPG cylinders has started to decline in several regions. Commercial users such as restaurants, hotels, and catering services have reported difficulty obtaining enough cylinders to run their operations.

In some cities, eateries have even been forced to return temporarily to traditional cooking fuels like firewood or coal in order to keep their kitchens running. Such developments highlight how quickly international geopolitical tensions can affect everyday life in distant countries.

To manage the situation, authorities have begun prioritizing household LPG consumption over commercial demand. The aim is to ensure that families continue to have access to cooking fuel even if supplies remain limited.

Why Piped Gas Is Less Vulnerable

Despite the pressure on LPG supplies, piped natural gas (PNG) networks in many Indian cities have remained relatively stable so far. The reason lies in the fundamental differences between how LPG and PNG are delivered to consumers.

LPG is typically supplied through cylinders that must be transported through a long distribution chain involving international imports, shipping routes, storage facilities, and road transport. If any part of this chain is disrupted, deliveries can be delayed or reduced.



PNG works differently. It is delivered directly to homes through underground pipeline networks that distribute gas continuously from supply points to households. Once the pipeline infrastructure is established, gas flows steadily without the need for cylinder deliveries.

This makes piped gas systems less vulnerable to short-term disruptions in international shipping or transportation.

India's Natural Gas Supply System

India meets its natural gas demand through a combination of domestic production and imports. A portion of the gas used in the country is produced within India, while the rest is imported from international suppliers.

The imported gas typically

arrives as liquefied natural gas (LNG) at specialized terminals, where it is converted back into gas and distributed through pipelines. These pipelines connect to city gas networks that supply homes, industries, and businesses.

Because the gas already flows through established infrastructure within the country, consumers using PNG may not immediately feel the effects of international shipping disruptions.

Potential Risks to Piped Gas

Although piped gas supplies are currently more stable than LPG cylinders, they are not completely immune to global events. If the conflict continues for a long time or escalates further, broader disruptions in the natural gas market could eventually occur.

One possible risk is damage

or disruption to energy infrastructure in the Middle East. If gas production facilities or export terminals are affected by the conflict, global supply could decline.

Another concern involves shipping routes used to transport liquefied natural gas to importing countries. If tanker movement becomes unsafe or heavily restricted, imports could be delayed.

Finally, even if supplies remain stable, global price increases may eventually raise the cost of natural gas for consumers.

A Possible Shift Toward Piped Gas

Ironically, the current LPG shortage could encourage more households to shift toward piped natural gas where it is available. Many energy experts have long argued that

PNG is a cleaner, safer, and more reliable alternative to cylinder-based cooking fuel.

One major advantage is convenience. With piped gas, households no longer need to wait for cylinder deliveries or worry about running out of fuel unexpectedly. The gas flows continuously through pipelines, ensuring a steady supply.

PNG is also considered environmentally friendlier compared to traditional fuels. It produces fewer emissions and burns more efficiently, making it an attractive option in cities trying to reduce pollution.

As the LPG crisis highlights the vulnerability of cylinder-based supply chains, urban households may increasingly consider switching to piped gas connections.

Government Response and Long-Term Planning

The Indian government has been taking steps to manage the current situation and reduce future risks. Authorities are encouraging energy companies to increase domestic production and ensure that household LPG demand is met.

At the same time, long-term plans are focusing on expanding the city gas distribution network to more cities and towns across the country. By increasing the reach of pipeline infrastructure, policymakers aim to create a more reliable and resilient energy system.

Expanding PNG networks can also reduce dependence on imported LPG, which is more vulnerable to geopolitical tensions and global market disruptions.

Lessons From the Crisis

The current LPG shortage

demonstrates how closely connected global energy systems have become. A conflict taking place thousands of kilometers away can quickly influence fuel supplies and prices in countries across the world.

It also shows the importance of energy diversification. Countries that rely on a single type of fuel or a limited number of supply routes are more exposed to international crises.

By investing in multiple energy sources and expanding domestic infrastructure, governments can reduce the risk of similar disruptions in the future.

Conclusion

The ongoing conflict in the Middle East has created a ripple effect across global energy markets, leading to disruptions in LPG supplies in several countries, including India. While the availability of LPG cylinders has tightened due to shipping disruptions and rising prices, piped natural gas systems have remained relatively stable for now.

However, the situation is still evolving. If the conflict continues or expands, even natural gas markets could eventually feel the impact. For the moment, households connected to piped gas networks appear better protected from the immediate effects of the LPG shortage.

In the long run, the crisis may strengthen the case for expanding piped gas infrastructure and reducing dependence on cylinder-based fuel systems. Such changes could make India's energy supply more secure and resilient in an increasingly uncertain global environment.

Modi Hands Over Land Rights to 28,000 Tea Workers in Historic Assam Move



Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched a major initiative granting land ownership rights to thousands of tea garden workers in Assam, describing the move as a way of “repaying a debt” to a community that has supported the country’s tea industry for generations.

In the first phase of the programme, land titles were issued to more than 28,000 families living in labour lines within tea estates. For decades, these workers had lived on plantation land without legal ownership, leaving them vulnerable and excluded from many government welfare benefits.

Speaking at the event, Modi

said the initiative aims to correct a historic injustice faced by tea garden communities. He also highlighted his personal connection to the workers, recalling how Assam’s tea has reached distant parts of India and supported livelihoods across the country.

The land ownership documents are expected to provide long-term security and dignity to the recipients. Officials say legal ownership will allow families to build permanent homes, access institutional loans, and benefit more easily from housing, sanitation, and social welfare schemes.

The programme is being implemented across multiple

tea estates and districts, with thousands more workers expected to benefit in future phases. The tea garden community in Assam has historically been among the most marginalized groups, many of whose ancestors were brought to the region during the colonial era to work on plantations and remained landless for generations.

During the same visit, the Prime Minister also launched and inaugurated several major development projects in the state, including initiatives in infrastructure, energy, and connectivity aimed at boosting economic growth in the Northeast and improving living standards.

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma described the land distribution as the fulfillment of a long-standing demand and a recognition of tea workers’ contribution to the state’s economy. He emphasized that the tea industry, central to Assam’s identity, was built on the labour of these communities.

Overall, the move marks a significant social reform in the region. By converting long-term occupants into legal landowners, the government aims to provide stability, economic opportunity, and a stronger sense of belonging to families who have lived on plantation land for generations.

Amit Shah’s Poll Pitch in Punjab Focuses on Drugs, Conversions, Governance

Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched a sharp political campaign in Punjab ahead of the 2027 Assembly elections, promising a drug-free state and a law against religious conversions if the Bharatiya Janata Party comes to power.

Addressing a large rally in Moga, Shah declared that the party would contest the next elections on its own with the goal of forming the government, marking a shift from its earlier role as a junior alliance partner in the state. He described the event as the beginning of the BJP’s preparations for the upcoming polls.

A central theme of his speech was the fight against drug abuse, which he said has severely damaged Punjab’s youth and social fabric. Shah promised that a “double-engine” government led by the BJP at both the Centre and the state would eliminate the drug trade within two years of taking office. He urged voters to give the party a chance, arguing that previous govern-



ments had failed to solve the problem.

The Union minister also announced that the first legislation introduced by a BJP government in Punjab would be an anti-conversion law aimed at preventing forced religious conversions. He claimed that such conversions had been encouraged in the past for political reasons and framed the

proposed law as a measure to protect social harmony.

Shah launched strong attacks on the ruling Aam Aadmi Party government led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann. He accused the administration of failing on law and order, allowing gangster activity to rise, and mismanaging the state’s finances. He also alleged that the Punjab govern-

ment was being controlled from New Delhi by AAP’s national leadership.

Highlighting broader concerns, Shah said farmers were struggling, industries were moving out, and unemployment remained high. He argued that Punjab had already given opportunities to major parties such as the Congress, Shiromani Akali Dal, and AAP, and should now consider the BJP as an alternative.

The rally took place in the politically crucial Malwa region, which holds a large share of the state’s Assembly seats and often plays a decisive role in election outcomes.

Overall, Shah’s address signaled the BJP’s intent to make law and order, drug abuse, religious issues, and governance failures central themes of its campaign. By promising strong action and legislative changes, the party aims to position itself as a force for “change” in a state where it has historically had limited electoral success.

Supreme Court Stays Defamation Case Against Lawyer Over Posts on Mamata Banerjee

The Supreme Court of India has temporarily halted criminal defamation proceedings against lawyer and political figure Koustav Bagchi over social media posts that shared excerpts from a book about Mamata Banerjee’s personal life.

A bench of the top court issued a notice to the West Bengal government and ordered that the status quo be maintained, effectively pausing further action in the case while the matter is examined. The decision came after Bagchi challenged earlier court orders that allowed the defamation proceedings to continue.

What Triggered the Case

The controversy dates back to May 2025, when Bagchi posted extracts from a book written by former bureaucrat Dipak Kumar Ghosh on social media. The book reportedly contained claims about Banerjee’s private life prior to her becoming chief minister. Bagchi also discussed the material publicly, including in television appearances.



A complaint was subsequently filed alleging that the posts amounted to criminal defamation. A trial court took cognisance of the case and issued a summons to Bagchi, which he later challenged in higher courts.

Legal Journey So Far

Bagchi first approached the Calcutta High Court seeking to quash the proceedings, but the

court declined to intervene. Following this setback, he moved the Supreme Court, arguing that the case should be dismissed.

During the hearing, his counsel maintained that the social media posts merely reproduced content from a book already in the public domain. The defence also argued that defamation charges involving statements about public fig-

ures must meet specific legal standards.

Undertaking Before the Court

To reduce the controversy, Bagchi agreed to remove the disputed material from his social media accounts and filed an undertaking to that effect. The court took note of this assurance while granting interim protection from further proceedings.

What Happens Next

By ordering status quo, the Supreme Court has not ruled on the merits of the case but has paused the trial until it hears detailed arguments from all parties. The outcome could have wider implications for how courts handle defamation complaints related to social media posts that reference published material about public figures.

The case continues to attract attention due to its political sensitivity and its potential impact on free speech, privacy, and the limits of criticism involving elected leaders.

LPG Crisis Sparks Uproar in Lok Sabha, House Adjourned Twice



Proceedings in the Lok Sabha were disrupted amid intense protests by Opposition members over a reported shortage of cooking gas and rising prices, forcing the House to be adjourned twice during the day.

As soon as the session began, Opposition MPs raised slogans and demanded an immediate discussion on the LPG situation, arguing that households across the country were facing severe difficulties in obtaining cylinders. The protests prevented normal functioning, including Question Hour, prompting the Speaker to first suspend proceedings until noon.

When the House reconvened, the disruptions continued. Members again entered the well of the House and persisted with demonstrations, compelling the Chair to adjourn the session a second time until the afternoon. The repeated interruptions underscored the intensity of the political confrontation over the

issue.

Opposition leaders blamed the crisis on global supply disruptions and escalating energy costs linked to tensions in West Asia, saying the situation had directly affected ordinary citizens. They urged the government to acknowledge the problem and hold a structured debate in Parliament to address shortages and price pressures.

The government, however, accused the Opposition of deliberately obstructing parliamentary business. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju criticized the protests as indiscipline and political theatrics, insisting that procedures should be followed to raise issues rather than disrupting proceedings.

Meanwhile, Speaker Om Birla repeatedly appealed to members to maintain decorum and allow scheduled business to continue. He warned that persistent disorder undermines parliamentary functioning and deprives lawmakers of the

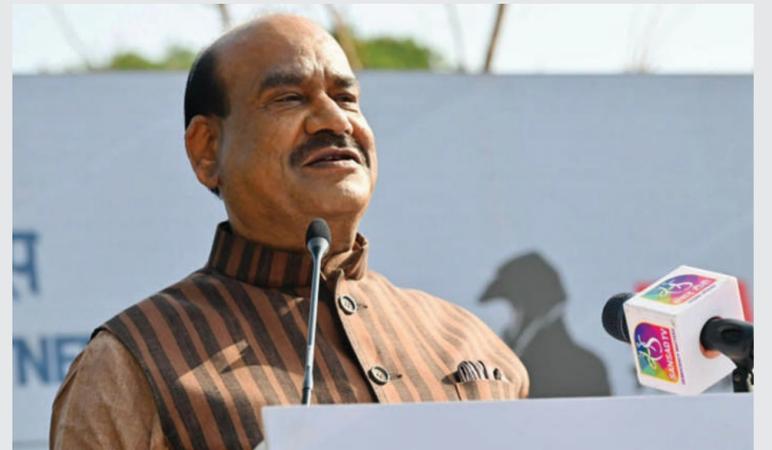
opportunity to raise other important public matters.

The disruptions also overshadowed legislative work planned for the day, including discussions related to government spending proposals. Despite attempts to resume normal proceedings later, protests continued to dominate the session.

Outside Parliament, Opposition parties also staged demonstrations to highlight what they described as the hardship faced by common people due to the alleged shortage of LPG cylinders. They claimed the government’s assurances about adequate supply did not reflect ground realities in many regions.

Overall, the episode reflects how rising fuel costs and supply concerns have become a major political flashpoint. With both sides unwilling to back down, the LPG issue has emerged as a contentious national debate, affecting parliamentary functioning as well as public discourse.

Opposition Pushes for Debate on West Asia Crisis, Government Says It May Consider



The Opposition has intensified its demand for a detailed parliamentary discussion on the escalating crisis in West Asia, arguing that the conflict has significant implications for India’s economy, energy security, and citizens living abroad. The issue was raised during a meeting of the Business Advisory Committee (BAC), which decides the legislative agenda of Parliament.

During the meeting, Opposition leaders urged the government to allow a full debate in both Houses, particularly focusing on the functioning of the Ministry of External Affairs in light of the ongoing conflict. They stressed that developments in the region could directly affect fuel prices, trade, and the safety of millions of Indians working in Gulf countries.

The government did not immediately commit to a debate but indicated that it could consider the request. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju said he

would consult senior leadership before taking a final decision. Meanwhile, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla suggested that the matter could potentially be discussed under Rule 193, which allows short-duration debates on urgent public issues without a formal vote.

The government, however, offered to schedule discussions on the functioning of other ministries, including Railways, Agriculture, and Home Affairs. Opposition members maintained that the External Affairs portfolio was the most relevant given the geopolitical situation.

The crisis in West Asia has become a major political issue in India due to its potential economic fallout. Rising oil prices, supply disruptions, and instability in shipping routes could have direct consequences for inflation and growth. Additionally, the region hosts a large Indian diaspora, making safety concerns a priority.

The BAC meeting also addressed parliamentary scheduling. Both Houses are set to observe a brief recess for upcoming festivals, after which sessions will resume over a weekend to clear pending legislative business. Among the government’s priorities is the passage of key bills that have been awaiting debate.

Separately, Opposition parties reiterated their demand to revoke the suspension of several MPs who have been protesting outside Parliament for weeks. The Speaker indicated that this issue could be discussed with the government.

Overall, the push for a West Asia debate reflects broader anxieties about the global conflict’s impact on India. While the government has not ruled out a discussion, its cautious stance suggests that the timing and format of any debate will depend on political consensus and legislative priorities.

Why Kharg Island – Iran’s “Crown Jewel” – Is Central to the US-Israel Conflict



Kharg Island, a small but strategically critical landmass in the Persian Gulf, has become a focal point in the ongoing confrontation involving Iran, the United States, and Israel. Though only about 20 square kilometres in size, the island is the backbone of Iran’s oil export system and a crucial link in global energy supply chains.

Situated roughly 28 kilometres off Iran’s Bushehr coast, Kharg serves as the country’s primary oil export terminal. It handles the vast majority of Iran’s crude shipments, making it essential to the nation’s economy and government revenues. The island hosts extensive infrastructure, including massive storage tanks,

pipelines, loading facilities, and ports capable of servicing large oil tankers.

Crude oil from several major offshore and onshore fields is transported to Kharg through a complex pipeline network. Once stored and processed, it is loaded onto tankers bound for international markets. This steady flow of exports generates the financial resources that support Iran’s economy and state operations. Any disruption to this system would significantly weaken the country’s fiscal capacity.

Kharg’s geographical features further enhance its importance. The surrounding waters are deep enough to accommodate supertankers, allowing large

volumes of oil to be shipped efficiently. Much of Iran’s coastline lacks such depth, making alternative export routes less practical. The island’s facilities can handle multiple large vessels at once, reinforcing its role as the nation’s primary energy gateway.

Because of its economic and strategic value, Kharg Island is heavily defended. It has long been considered both Iran’s greatest asset and its most vulnerable target in times of conflict. Damage to the island’s infrastructure or a blockade of its shipping lanes could halt a substantial portion of Iran’s oil exports, with serious consequences for its economy.

The island’s importance extends far beyond Iran’s borders. Disruptions to oil flows from Kharg could tighten global supply, drive up energy prices, and intensify inflation worldwide. Such ripple effects make it a critical concern for international markets and geopolitical stability.

In essence, Kharg Island is far more than a remote outpost—it is the heart of Iran’s oil lifeline and a strategic prize in the broader conflict. Control over or damage to this single location could influence not only Iran’s economic survival but also global energy security, which is why it is often described as the country’s “crown jewel.”

Trump Says US Struck Iran’s Kharg Island in Major Escalation

U.S. President Donald Trump has announced that American forces carried out a significant strike on Iran’s strategically crucial Kharg Island, marking a sharp escalation in the ongoing confrontation involving Iran, the United States, and Israel. Located in the Persian Gulf, the island is widely considered the backbone of Iran’s oil export system and a pillar of its economy.

According to Trump, the operation targeted military installations on the island and was described as highly successful. He claimed that key defense assets were destroyed, weakening Iran’s military presence at one of its most sensitive locations. The strike signals a direct attempt to pressure Tehran while demonstrating U.S. operational reach in the region.

Reports indicate that the attack deliberately avoided oil infrastructure, which handles the majority of Iran’s crude exports. Trump suggested this restraint was intentional but warned that energy facilities could become targets if Iran disrupts shipping in the nearby



Strait of Hormuz — one of the world’s most critical routes for global oil transport.

Kharg Island is regarded as Iran’s economic lifeline, as most of the country’s oil shipments pass through its terminals. A prolonged disruption there could severely damage government revenues, strain the economy, and limit Tehran’s

ability to fund military and state activities.

Analysts view the strike as a calculated signal rather than an attempt to cripple Iran’s economy immediately. By hitting military assets while sparing export facilities, the United States appears to be warning Iran of its capability to escalate further without triggering an instant

shock to global energy markets.

The development has heightened fears of a broader regional conflict. Iran has warned of retaliation and signaled that attacks on its strategic assets could prompt counterstrikes against U.S. interests in the Gulf. Increased military activity in the region has further intensified concerns about a wider war.

Global markets are also watching closely. Any serious disruption to Kharg Island’s operations could reduce oil supply, push prices sharply higher, and fuel inflation worldwide. Given the island’s central role in energy flows, even limited damage has the potential to create ripple effects across economies.

In essence, the strike on Kharg Island represents one of the most consequential developments in the conflict so far. By targeting Iran’s key export hub—while holding back from destroying its oil facilities—the United States has applied significant pressure while leaving room for further escalation if tensions continue to rise.

Dubai Hit Again, US Embassy in Baghdad Targeted as Regional Attacks Escalate

Violence linked to the ongoing Iran-US-Israel conflict has spread across the Middle East, with fresh explosions reported in Dubai and a strike targeting the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad within hours. The incidents highlight the widening scope of the confrontation beyond traditional conflict zones and into major urban and diplomatic centers.

In Dubai, a building in the city’s financial district was damaged after debris from an intercepted aerial threat struck its exterior. Authorities said air defense systems successfully neutralized the incoming object, and the damage was caused by falling fragments rather than a direct impact. This marked the second such incident in less than 24 hours, unsettling residents and causing temporary panic, though no casualties were reported.

Witnesses described loud explosions and vibrations that shook nearby structures, underscoring how even limited physical damage can have a significant psychological effect in a densely populated global business hub. Officials stated that emergency services responded



quickly and the situation was contained.

At nearly the same time, the U.S. Embassy compound in Baghdad came under attack. Security sources indicated that a drone struck within the fortified Green Zone, sending plumes of smoke into the air. Some reports suggested the impact occurred near a helipad inside the complex. The embassy, long con-

sidered one of the most secure diplomatic facilities in the region, has frequently been a target during periods of heightened tension.

The attack is widely viewed as part of a retaliatory pattern against U.S. interests following recent military actions involving Iran and allied groups. Iraq remains a sensitive arena, where various armed factions

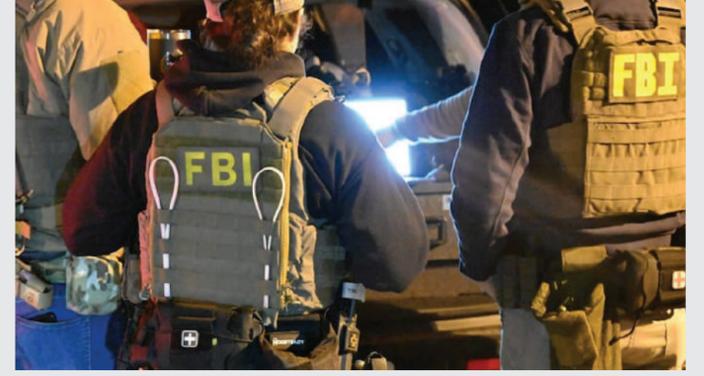
operate and where foreign diplomatic missions face persistent security risks.

These incidents come as hostilities intensify across the region, with missile launches, drone strikes, and interceptions reported in multiple countries. Governments have raised alert levels, while civilians face growing uncertainty as violence edges closer to commercial centers and residential areas.

Although the physical damage in both cases appears limited, the strategic implications are significant. Dubai is a major international financial hub, and any threat to its safety carries global economic concerns. Meanwhile, attacks on diplomatic missions represent a direct challenge to international relations and regional stability.

Overall, the near-simultaneous strikes signal a dangerous expansion of the conflict, increasingly affecting civilian infrastructure and foreign interests. Analysts warn that continued escalation could destabilize the broader region and heighten risks for global trade, energy supply, and security.

11 Indians Arrested in US for Staging Fake Robberies to Secure ‘U Visa’



Eleven Indian nationals have been arrested in the United States for allegedly staging fake armed robberies in an attempt to fraudulently obtain immigration benefits under the U-Visa programme. The individuals face federal charges related to conspiracy and visa fraud, which carry serious legal consequences.

Authorities say the group orchestrated a series of staged robberies at businesses such as convenience stores, liquor outlets, and fast-food restaurants. The goal was to allow employees present during the incidents to present themselves as victims of violent crime — a key requirement for eligibility under the U-Visa scheme, which is meant to protect genuine victims who assist law enforcement.

Investigators allege that the crimes were carefully planned to appear authentic. In several cases, a participant posed as an armed robber, entered the establishment with what appeared to be a firearm,

took money from the cash register, and fled. The incidents were deliberately captured on surveillance cameras to create convincing evidence of a violent crime.

To strengthen the illusion, those inside the businesses reportedly delayed calling the police, allowing the staged attacker to escape and reducing suspicion that the event had been prearranged. Officials believe this tactic helped maintain the appearance of a genuine robbery.

The investigation also revealed that some participants allegedly paid money to take part in the scheme so they could later claim victim status. Organizers are accused of distributing funds to business owners who permitted their premises to be used for the staged incidents.

The arrests occurred across multiple U.S. states, reflecting the coordinated nature of the operation. The accused have appeared before federal courts, and further legal proceedings are expected as the case

moves forward. If convicted, the suspects could face significant penalties, including prison terms, fines, and supervised release. Under U.S. law, conspiracy to commit visa fraud is treated as a serious offense, particularly when it involves fabricated crimes and misuse of programs intended to protect vulnerable individuals.

Officials stressed that the allegations highlight how immigration protections designed for genuine victims can be exploited through organized deception. Such schemes not only violate the law but also undermine trust in humanitarian visa programs and divert resources away from legitimate applicants.

Overall, the case underscores the severe consequences of attempting to manipulate immigration systems through fabricated incidents. It also serves as a warning that authorities are actively monitoring and prosecuting efforts to misuse legal protections for personal gain.

Trump’s “Watch What Happens” Warning to Iran After Kharg Island Strike



U.S. President Donald Trump issued a stark warning to Iran following American airstrikes on the country’s crucial oil hub, Kharg Island, signaling a sharp escalation in the ongoing conflict. In a strongly worded message, he told Iranian leaders to “watch what happens,” suggesting that further action could follow if hostilities continue.

Trump claimed that U.S. forces had inflicted severe damage on Iran’s military capabilities, including its navy, air defenses, missile systems, and drone infrastructure. He portrayed the operation as part of a broader campaign aimed at weakening Iran’s ability to sustain military operations and project power in the region.

The strikes reportedly focused on military targets on Kharg Island, which plays a central role in Iran’s oil exports and economic stability. Although the island hosts critical energy infrastructure, the attacks were said to have avoided major oil facilities.

Trump indicated that this restraint was deliberate but warned that such assets could be targeted in the future if Iran interferes with shipping in the nearby Strait of Hormuz — a vital route for global oil supplies.

Kharg Island is widely considered Iran’s economic lifeline, as most of the country’s crude exports pass through its terminals. Any significant disruption there could drastically reduce government revenues and strain the nation’s economy. Because of its strategic importance, the island has long been viewed as both a valuable asset and a potential vulnerability during conflict.

Trump’s remarks also underscored concerns about maritime security in the Persian Gulf. Iran has previously threatened to disrupt commercial traffic through the Strait of Hormuz, and the United States has signaled that any such move could trigger further military action. The warning suggests Washington is attempting to deter

Iran from escalating attacks on shipping or U.S. interests.

The tone of the message was notably aggressive, emphasizing U.S. military strength and readiness to escalate if necessary. Analysts see this as part of a pressure strategy designed to demonstrate dominance while leaving room for additional action depending on Iran’s response.

At the same time, such rhetoric has heightened fears of retaliation and a broader regional conflict. Increased military deployments and heightened alert levels across the Middle East reflect concerns that the confrontation could intensify further.

In essence, the “watch what happens” warning highlights the volatile state of the crisis. By combining direct military action with strong rhetoric, the United States has signaled both resolve and willingness to escalate, keeping the region on edge as tensions continue to rise.

Smallcap Index Defies Weakness in Individual Stocks

India's smallcap segment has shown notable resilience, outperforming key benchmark indices even as many individual stocks recorded sharp declines of 10-22 percent. This contrast highlights how an index can remain stable—or even advance—despite significant losses across a large portion of its constituents.

During the period, broader market sentiment remained uncertain, with large-cap benchmarks weighed down by global concerns, profit-taking, and sector-specific pressures. In comparison, the smallcap index held up relatively well. Strong gains in a limited number of stocks helped offset steep corrections in others, allowing the overall index to stay buoyant.

Market experts explain that this divergence is typical of the smallcap universe. Unlike large-cap indices, which are heavily influenced by a few dominant companies, smallcap indices consist of numerous smaller firms spread across diverse sectors. Because of this structure, strong rallies in select stocks can compensate for widespread declines, masking underlying weakness in market breadth.

Sectoral performance played a crucial role in shaping outcomes. Companies in industries with strong growth prospects or earnings visibility attracted investor interest, pushing some stocks sharply



higher. At the same time, firms facing operational challenges, valuation concerns, or cyclical headwinds experienced heavy selling. Profit-taking after earlier rallies also contributed to sudden corrections in several counters.

Domestic institutional participation provided additional support to the segment. Long-term investors often view smallcap companies as future growth leaders, maintaining exposure even during volatile phases. This sustained interest helped prevent a deeper fall in the index despite turbulence at

the stock level.

However, analysts warn that index resilience should not be mistaken for uniform strength across the sector. Performance dispersion within smallcaps remains extremely high, meaning investors may face significant gains or losses depending on stock selection. Factors such as limited liquidity, higher volatility, and sensitivity to economic cycles can amplify both upside and downside moves.

Valuation concerns also linger after the strong run-up seen in previous periods. When expectations are high, even minor

disappointments in earnings or guidance can trigger sharp sell-offs. As a result, corrections in individual stocks can be swift and severe.

In essence, the smallcap index's ability to outperform broader benchmarks despite steep declines in many stocks underscores the dual nature of this segment. While it offers substantial growth potential, it also carries elevated risk. Careful research, diversification, and a long-term perspective remain essential for investors navigating the unpredictable smallcap space.

Wall Street Falls, Records Weekly Loss as Iran Conflict Fuels Inflation Concerns



U.S. stock markets ended lower and posted a weekly decline as escalating fears of rising inflation and slower economic growth. Investors remained cautious throughout the week, closely monitoring developments that could disrupt global energy supplies and push oil prices higher.

All three major indices—the Dow Jones Industrial Average, S&P 500, and Nasdaq—finished in negative territory. The technology-heavy Nasdaq saw the steepest drop, dragged down by losses in major tech stocks, while overall market sentiment stayed fragile amid uncertainty about the conflict's potential economic impact.

Surging crude oil prices were a central driver of the sell-off. The conflict has raised concerns about disruptions to supply routes in the Middle East, particularly through key shipping channels vital to global oil distribution. As prices climbed sharply, investors worried that higher energy costs would feed

into broader inflation, squeezing consumers and businesses alike.

Rising inflation fears also complicated expectations around interest rates. If price pressures intensify, central banks may delay or scale back potential rate cuts, keeping borrowing costs elevated for longer. This prospect dampened risk appetite and prompted investors to shift toward safer assets, leading to widespread selling in equities.

Market movements were closely tied to fluctuations in oil prices, with stocks swinging as news about the conflict evolved. Analysts noted that uncertainty over the duration and outcome of the war has amplified volatility, making investors reluctant to take aggressive positions.

Sector-wise, losses were widespread across the market. Technology and financial stocks faced significant pressure, contributing heavily to the decline, while smaller companies also struggled amid risk-off sentiment. In contrast, energy stocks

showed relative resilience, benefiting from higher crude prices.

Beyond equities, the broader economic implications of the conflict added to market anxiety. Sustained increases in oil prices can raise transportation and production costs worldwide, potentially triggering a chain reaction of higher prices across goods and services. Such conditions could weaken consumer spending, compress corporate margins, and slow economic momentum.

Despite the downturn, some market participants believe conditions could stabilize if geopolitical tensions ease or energy prices retreat. However, until there is greater clarity, volatility is expected to remain elevated.

In essence, Wall Street's weekly loss underscores how geopolitical shocks—especially those affecting energy markets—can quickly unsettle global financial systems. With inflation risks rising and uncertainty surrounding the conflict, investors are likely to remain cautious in the near term.

SEBI Chief Warns of Growing Tension Between Market Speed and Stability

SEBI Chairman Tuhin Kanta Pandey has highlighted a key challenge facing regulators today: balancing the lightning-fast pace of modern financial markets with the need to maintain long-term stability. Speaking at a major financial summit, he noted that technological advances and the instant spread of information have dramatically transformed market behavior.

According to Pandey, news now travels within seconds, opinions circulate rapidly through digital platforms, and markets react almost immediately. This compressed reaction time can intensify volatility, making it harder for regulators to ensure orderly functioning while allowing markets to remain efficient and competitive.

He pointed out that India's capital markets have expanded significantly in size, depth, and participation over recent years. Greater retail involvement, stronger institutional presence, and broader sector representation have contributed to this growth. However, increased scale also means greater exposure to global developments. Economic shocks, geopolitical tensions, or policy changes in other countries



can quickly influence domestic markets due to growing financial interconnectedness.

Pandey also emphasized the impact of new technologies such as algorithmic trading, artificial intelligence, and advanced analytics. These tools enable high-frequency decision-making and large-volume transactions, accelerating market movements. While such innovations improve efficiency and liquidity, they can

also amplify sudden price swings, especially during uncertain periods.

Despite these risks, he expressed confidence in the resilience of India's financial system. Strong regulatory frameworks, improved market infrastructure, and diversified participation have helped markets withstand episodes of global volatility. Nonetheless, he stressed that maintaining investor confidence

requires continuous vigilance and adaptive policymaking.

The SEBI chief also cautioned investors against reacting impulsively to short-term market fluctuations. Volatility, he said, is an inherent feature of dynamic markets and often increases during periods of global uncertainty. History shows that markets typically stabilize over time, rewarding those who remain patient and focused on long-term fundamentals rather than short-term noise.

Looking ahead, Pandey underscored the need for further strengthening of financial markets, including the development of deeper bond markets and expanded institutional participation. Sustainable growth, he suggested, will depend not only on speed and innovation but also on safeguards that protect stability and transparency.

In summary, his remarks reflect a central dilemma of modern finance: as markets become faster, more complex, and more interconnected, regulators must ensure that efficiency does not undermine stability. Achieving this balance will be crucial for preserving trust and supporting the continued evolution of India's capital markets.

Geopolitical Tensions Rise — But Why Gold Prices Aren't Soaring



Gold is widely regarded as the ultimate safe-haven asset, typically rising sharply during wars, crises, or periods of global uncertainty. Yet despite escalating geopolitical tensions in West Asia, gold prices have not surged as strongly as many investors anticipated. Instead, they have remained relatively range-bound, reflecting a complex mix of opposing forces in the global economy.

A key factor limiting gold's rise is the strength of the U.S. dollar. Because gold is priced globally in dollars, a stronger greenback makes the metal more expensive for buyers using other currencies, reducing international demand. In times of crisis, investors often rush into dollar-denominated assets such as U.S. government bonds, boosting the currency and dampening gold's appeal.

Rising crude oil prices have also influenced the outlook. Higher oil costs increase inflation risks worldwide, which would

normally support gold. However, they also raise expectations that central banks—especially in major economies—will keep interest rates elevated for longer to control inflation. Since gold does not generate interest or dividends, higher rates make yield-bearing investments more attractive, drawing funds away from bullion.

This inverse relationship between interest rates and gold prices has played a major role in keeping gains subdued. As borrowing costs remain high and returns on financial instruments improve, investors are less inclined to hold non-yielding assets, even during uncertain times.

Another reason for gold's muted performance is that it had already delivered a strong rally in the preceding period, touching record levels. After such gains, markets often enter a consolidation phase as traders lock in profits rather than initiate fresh positions. This profit-taking can offset safe-haven buying during

crises. Investor preference for liquidity has also shifted behavior. In highly uncertain environments, market participants may prioritize cash and easily tradable financial assets over commodities. This trend has recently favored the dollar and government securities rather than physical gold.

Looking ahead, gold's direction will depend on how competing factors evolve. A major escalation in conflict, a sharp economic slowdown, or weakening of the dollar could trigger a strong rally. Conversely, persistent inflation combined with high interest rates and a firm dollar may continue to cap gains.

In essence, gold is caught in a tug-of-war between geopolitical risk pushing prices upward and macroeconomic forces pulling them down. Until one side clearly dominates, the metal is likely to remain volatile but not dramatically higher, despite the uncertain global environment.

Indian Markets Post Sharpest Weekly Drop in Nearly Four Years as Rupee Slides to Record Low

Indian equity markets recorded their steepest weekly decline in almost four years, shaken by intense global uncertainty, rising crude oil prices, and heavy selling pressure. Benchmark indices tumbled throughout the week, reflecting a sharp shift in investor sentiment toward caution and risk aversion.

The downturn was broad-based, with losses seen across most sectors. Investors reduced exposure amid concerns over inflation, slowing global growth, and persistent foreign fund outflows. The correction wiped out substantial market value, highlighting the scale of the sell-off and the fragile mood prevailing on Dalal Street.

A major trigger behind the decline was escalating geopolitical tensions in West Asia, which pushed crude oil prices sharply higher. For an oil-import-dependent economy like India, rising energy costs raise fears of higher inflation, increased fiscal strain, and pressure on corporate profitability. These concerns weighed heavily on equities and prompted sustained selling throughout the week.

At the same time, the Indian



rupee weakened dramatically, hitting a new all-time low against the US dollar. The currency's fall reflected strong demand for dollars, capital outflows, and worries about the country's external balance as import bills rise with costlier oil. The depreciation added another layer of stress to financial markets.

A weaker rupee can have wide-

ranging economic consequences. It increases the cost of imports, fuels inflation, and can squeeze corporate margins, particularly for companies dependent on foreign inputs. Currency weakness may also deter foreign investors, further amplifying market volatility and creating a negative cycle for equities.

Sector-wise, energy-sensitive industries, financial stocks, and

other cyclical sectors faced the brunt of selling pressure. Defensive segments offered limited support, but overall market breadth remained weak, indicating that declines were widespread rather than confined to a few large companies.

Market participants noted that such sharp corrections often occur during periods of global instability. Sudden movements in oil prices, exchange rates, and geopolitical developments can rapidly alter risk perceptions and trigger large capital shifts across markets.

Despite the severity of the fall, analysts believe volatility could persist in the near term as investors closely monitor global developments, commodity trends, and currency movements. Stability in these areas will be crucial for restoring confidence.

In essence, the week represented one of the toughest phases for Indian markets in recent years. A combination of geopolitical risks, soaring crude prices, foreign outflows, and a sharply depreciating rupee created a perfect storm that drove equities lower and heightened uncertainty about the near-term outlook.

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Just when the situation seemed overwhelming,



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

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

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

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

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

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

Reflecting on the moment later, the rider said

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

However, she clarified that February was not a

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

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

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

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

spending for February reached approximately Rs 1.43 lakh.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BCCI to Honour Binny, Dravid, Mithali at Annual Gala; Gill, Mandhana Named Top Internationals

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) is set to celebrate the sport's biggest icons and current stars at its prestigious Naman Awards 2026, recognising excellence across Indian cricket. The ceremony will take place in New Delhi and will honour achievements spanning international, domestic, and age-group cricket.

Three legendary figures — Roger Binny, Rahul Dravid, and Mithali Raj — will receive Lifetime Achievement honours for their extraordinary contributions to the game. Binny and Dravid will be presented with the prestigious Col. C. K. Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award, the highest recognition given by the BCCI, while Mithali Raj will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award for Women.

Binny, a key member of India's 1983 World Cup-winning team, is being recognised not only for his playing career but also for his long service as a



coach, selector, and administrator. Dravid, widely regarded as one of India's greatest batsmen and mentors, has played a pivotal role in shaping modern Indian cricket both as a player and as a coach at various levels. Mithali Raj, meanwhile, is celebrated for transforming women's cricket in India and leading the national team to unprecedented

global prominence.

A major highlight of the event will be the recognition of all five Indian teams that have recently won ICC trophies, marking an extraordinary period of success for Indian cricket across formats and age groups. This includes triumphs by senior men's and women's teams as well as youth squads.

Current stars will also be honoured. Shubman Gill has been named Best Men's International Cricketer for the 2024-25 season, reflecting his outstanding performances across formats. Smriti Mandhana will receive the corresponding award in the women's category after another stellar year with the bat.

The annual Naman Awards serve as the BCCI's flagship celebration of cricketing excellence, recognising both past legends and present performers. By honouring icons alongside current stars, the ceremony highlights the continuity of India's cricketing legacy — from pioneers who built the foundation to players carrying the game forward today.

Overall, the event underscores the depth of talent and history within Indian cricket, celebrating achievements that have shaped the sport's growth and global stature while inspiring the next generation of players.

Saina Nehwal Warns BWF Over Proposed Scoring Change



Indian badminton legend Saina Nehwal has urged the Badminton World Federation (BWF) to proceed cautiously with its proposed overhaul of the sport's scoring system, warning that the move could alter badminton's core character.

The governing body is considering replacing the current best-of-three games to 21 points format with a shorter 3x15 system. A final decision is expected at an upcoming annual meeting. Nehwal cautioned that such a major shift should not be rushed, emphasizing that the existing system has stood the test of time and helped shape the modern game.

According to the Olympic medalist, the 21-point format preserves badminton's intensity, endurance, and competitive balance — qualities that define elite-level play. She noted that many iconic matches derive their drama from sustained physical and mental battles, which might be diminished if games become significantly shorter.

Nehwal stressed that any change must ensure rallies remain high in quality and that the overall standard of competition does not decline. Shorter games, she suggested, could reduce the physical grind that often separates top athletes from the rest, potentially making outcomes more unpredictable but less demanding.

Beyond the scoring debate, she also raised concerns about player welfare.

The international badminton calendar is already packed, with top players competing almost year-round. Limited recovery time, she said, increases the risk of injuries, fatigue, and burnout — issues that can shorten careers and affect performance.

The former world No. 1 called for better scheduling, more recovery windows between major tournaments, and stronger support in areas such as sports science and rehabilitation. In her view, protecting athletes' health should remain a priority alongside efforts to make the sport faster or more appealing to audiences.

Nehwal also praised the emerging generation of Indian shuttlers, noting that long-term success at the highest level depends on fitness, discipline, tactical awareness, and mental resilience over an extended season. While acknowledging that the sport must evolve, she maintained that changes should strengthen—not dilute—its competitive spirit.

Overall, her remarks reflect a broader debate within badminton: whether shorter formats can boost entertainment value without compromising the sport's physical demands and traditional identity. As the BWF considers its decision, Nehwal's warning underscores the need to balance innovation with the qualities that have made badminton one of the fastest and most demanding racquet sports in the world.

Sourav Ganguly Warns Gautam Gambhir — Says His “Real Test” Is Still Ahead

Former India captain Sourav Ganguly has issued a clear caution to India head coach Gautam Gambhir despite the team's recent success under his leadership. While acknowledging Gambhir's achievements, Ganguly stressed that the toughest challenge is yet to come.

Under Gambhir's coaching, India has enjoyed an impressive run in international cricket, securing major ICC titles and building strong momentum across formats. These accomplishments have drawn widespread praise and quickly established him as a successful coach. However, Ganguly believes that success in shorter tournaments alone does not fully define a coach's legacy.

According to Ganguly, Gambhir's “real test” will be the 50-over ICC Cricket World Cup in 2027, scheduled to be held in South Africa. He noted that conditions there—particularly pitches, bounce, pace, and weather—are vastly different from those in the subcontinent



and will present a serious challenge for the team.

The former skipper emphasized that sustained performance in major global tournaments, especially in demanding overseas conditions, is what ultimately determines greatness. India has come close to World Cup success in recent years but has fallen short at crucial stages,

making the upcoming edition especially significant.

Ganguly also suggested that the tournament could be a defining moment for several senior players, potentially representing one of their final opportunities to capture a 50-over World Cup title. This adds extra pressure on the coaching staff to assemble a balanced squad capable of

adapting to unfamiliar conditions while maintaining consistency.

At the same time, Ganguly expressed confidence in Gambhir's capabilities. He described him as a strong leader with a talented pool of players at his disposal, indicating that success is achievable if preparation and execution are handled effectively. His remarks were widely interpreted as constructive guidance rather than criticism.

In essence, Ganguly's message is that triumphs in other formats are important, but winning the ODI World Cup—particularly in challenging foreign conditions—remains the ultimate benchmark in international cricket. The 2027 tournament will test strategy, squad depth, adaptability, and mental resilience on the biggest stage.

For Gambhir, the warning serves as both pressure and motivation. The next World Cup cycle could determine whether his tenure is remembered as merely successful or truly historic.

“Wasn't Saying Nice Things”: Salman Agha Opens Up on Controversial Run-Out Row



Pakistan all-rounder Salman Ali Agha has spoken out after a heated on-field incident that sparked widespread debate about the “spirit of cricket” during an ODI against Bangladesh. The controversy centered on his unusual run-out by Bangladesh captain Mehdi Hasan Miraz, which divided opinions among players and fans alike.

The dismissal occurred when a defensive shot from Mohammad Rizwan trickled toward Agha at the non-striker's end. The ball struck Agha's pad and bat, and believing the play had effectively ended, he stepped out of his crease to pick it up and return it. At that moment, Miraz rushed in, grabbed the ball first, and threw it at the stumps while Agha was outside his ground. The appeal was upheld, and he was given out under the laws of the game.

Although technically legal, the incident triggered a fierce debate about sportsmanship. Agha later said he was caught off guard and did not expect a run-out attempt in that situation, as he assumed the ball was dead after making contact with him. He maintained that he had no intention of attempting a run.

The Pakistani player also revealed that tempers flared immediately afterward. Reflecting on the confrontation, he admitted that harsh words were exchanged between players from both teams. He acknowledged that neither side was particularly polite, describing the exchange as something that happened in the heat of the moment.

Despite his frustration, Agha accepted that the dismissal was within the rules. However, he indicated that he personally might have handled the situation differently, emphasizing the importance many players still place on the traditional spirit of the game.

The incident quickly became one of the most talked-about moments of the match, overshadowing other on-field action. It also reignited long-running debates in cricket about the balance between strict adherence to the rules and the unwritten code of fair play.

In essence, Agha's remarks reflect both disappointment and acceptance — acknowledging the legality of the decision while questioning its sportsmanship. The episode highlights how split-second decisions in high-pressure international cricket can spark controversies that extend far beyond the boundary line.

Suresh Raina Urges CSK to Change Sanju Samson's Role Ahead of IPL 2026



Former India star Suresh Raina has advised Chennai Super Kings to alter Sanju Samson's batting role for the 2026 season of the Indian Premier League, suggesting the wicketkeeper-batter should bat at No. 3 rather than open the innings.

Samson joins CSK after a high-profile move and is coming off a strong run of form, including impressive performances in T20 cricket as an opener. However, Raina believes the team would benefit more if he anchors the innings at one-down, providing stability between the top order and middle order.

According to Raina, CSK should open with captain Ruturaj Gaikwad and young batter Ayush Mahre, allowing Samson to walk in at No. 3. This, he argues, would create a balanced batting structure and ensure an experienced presence at a crucial position.

He also outlined a potential lineup in which aggressive players such as Dewald Brevis and Shivam Dube could follow Samson, forming a powerful middle order capable of accelerating after a steady start.

Beyond batting, Raina suggested that Samson

should take over primary wicketkeeping duties for the franchise. This recommendation points toward a gradual transition from veteran keeper MS Dhoni, who remains an influential figure but is in the later stage of his playing career.

Samson's arrival represents a major step in CSK's squad evolution as the franchise looks to build a new core while maintaining its traditional balance of experience and youth.

Raina's advice reflects a tactical approach: using Samson's versatility not just for explosive starts but for controlling the tempo of the innings. Batting at No. 3 often requires adaptability — consolidating early if wickets fall or accelerating if the openers provide a strong platform.

Ultimately, the suggestion highlights CSK's strategic dilemma — whether to maximize Samson's attacking instincts at the top or deploy him as a stabilizing force in the middle. If implemented, the change could significantly shape the team's batting dynamics in IPL 2026 and influence their chances of mounting another title challenge.

14-Year-Old Vaibhav Sooryavanshi Gets Big Warning Ahead of IPL 2026



Teen prodigy Vaibhav Sooryavanshi has received a strong reality check ahead of the 2026 season of the Indian Premier League, with former India cricketer Robin Uthappa cautioning that the youngster may struggle to replicate his sensational debut campaign.

Sooryavanshi stunned the cricket world last season by becoming the youngest player in IPL history and delivering extraordinary performances for Rajasthan Royals. At just 14, he smashed records, including a blistering century in only 35 balls and an explosive strike rate across the tournament — feats that instantly made him one of the most talked-about young talents in the sport.

However, Uthappa believes the upcoming season will be far tougher. He noted that while the teenager is immensely gifted, he appeared to be “riding his luck” at times during his breakout run. With bowlers now having studied his technique and shot selection, opponents are expected to target his weaknesses more systematically.

The former international also pointed out that the element of surprise — which often benefits newcomers — has largely disappeared. According to him, teams now have data, video analysis, and tactical plans specifically designed to counter the young batter, making adaptation crucial for survival

at the elite level.

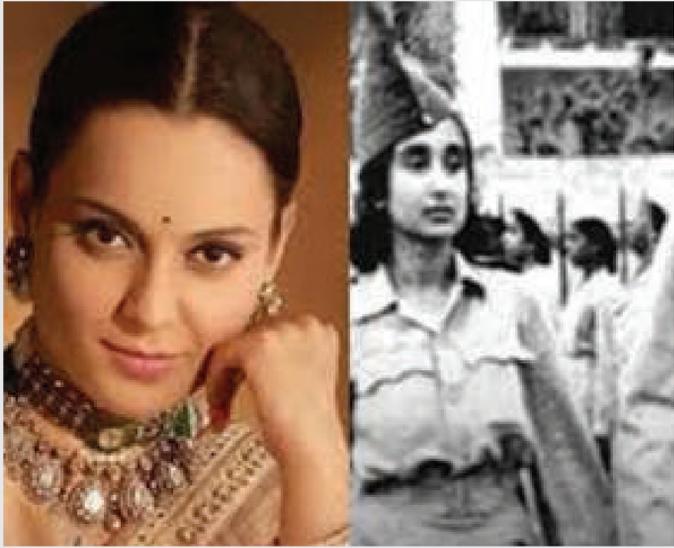
Despite the warning, Uthappa did not dismiss Sooryavanshi's potential. He predicted that the youngster will still score runs but suggested that the season will serve as a vital learning phase rather than another record-shattering campaign. Such early challenges, he said, are essential for long-term development.

Sooryavanshi's rise has been extraordinary. From becoming the youngest IPL signing to producing fearless batting displays against seasoned international bowlers, he has already achieved milestones that many players take years to reach. His debut season numbers confirmed him as a rare prodigy capable of dominating even the world's best attacks.

Experts widely agree that the biggest challenge now is consistency. Young players often experience fluctuations once opponents decode their game, making the second season a true test of skill, temperament, and adaptability under pressure.

Ultimately, the message is clear: raw talent brought Sooryavanshi instant fame, but sustained success will depend on how he evolves. IPL 2026 could prove a defining chapter — either cementing his status as a future superstar or exposing the inevitable growing pains of a teenager competing at the highest level.

Kangana Ranaut to Play Spy Neera Arya in Upcoming Biopic



Bollywood actor Kangana Ranaut is set to portray legendary freedom fighter and spy Neera Arya in a new biographical film, marking another major milestone in her career. The project aims to bring to life the extraordinary story of a woman who played a crucial role in India's struggle for independence.

Neera Arya, an enigmatic figure in India's freedom movement, was known for her courage, intelligence, and deep commitment to the cause. She operated as an undercover agent during the fight against British rule and is remembered for her daring missions and sacrifices. Despite her significant contributions, her story has largely remained untold on the big screen — a gap this biopic intends to fill.

Kangana's selection for the role has created a buzz in the film community, with many lauding her dramatic skills and her ability to embody complex, strong-willed characters. According to insiders, the actor has already begun preparing intensely for the part, studying Neera Arya's life, mannerisms, and historical context to deliver an authentic performance.

The film is expected to delve into Arya's early life, her recruitment into the freedom struggle, and her transformation into a key operative within the resistance. It will likely explore her undercover missions, the challenges she faced

in a male dominated movement, and her steadfast resolve in the face of adversity.

While production details, including the director and release date, have not yet been officially confirmed, sources indicate that the makers are aiming for a release that aligns with significant national anniversaries related to India's independence movement. The biopic is being positioned as both a tribute to Neera Arya and an inspiring tale of bravery and patriotism.

Kangana, known for her strong on screen presence and penchant for real life portrayals, has previously taken on roles that highlight powerful women. Her involvement in this project underscores her ongoing interest in stories with historical and cultural resonance.

The announcement has generated excitement among audiences eager to see a lesser known chapter of India's freedom history immortalised on film. If successful, the biopic could shed light on a remarkable figure whose contributions deserve wider recognition, while also reinforcing Kangana's reputation as an actor willing to tackle challenging and meaningful roles.

Overall, the project holds the promise of combining compelling storytelling with historical significance, offering both entertainment and education to viewers.

Raashii Khanna Fires Back at Criticism Over Dress Choice



Tollywood actress Raashii Khanna has responded firmly to online criticism about her outfit choice at a recent public event, making it clear that fashion preferences are personal and not open to unwelcome judgment.

The controversy began when photos of Raashii in a stylish dress went viral on social media. While many fans praised her look, some commentators questioned her fashion sense and offered unsolicited opinions about what she should or should not wear. The remarks sparked a wave of debate among netizens, with supporters quickly defending her right to choose her own style.

In response, Raashii addressed her critics with confidence, emphasising that personal fashion is a matter of individual expression. She highlighted that clothing choices reflect personal taste and comfort, and that no one should feel obligated to conform to narrow expectations or unwritten rules about how women — or public figures — should dress.

Her reply resonated with many followers, who applauded her stance on self-expression and body positivity. Several fans shared supportive comments

online, saying that actors and actresses should be free to wear what they like without fear of criticism or judgment.

Raashii's handling of the situation was widely described as graceful yet assertive, balancing respect for her audience with a clear message about self-confidence. It also reignited broader conversations about how celebrities are often subjected to intense scrutiny over appearance, far beyond what is expected of public figures in other professions.

The debate echoes a larger cultural shift, where society increasingly questions outdated norms around fashion, gender, and personal autonomy. Many see Raashii's reaction not just as a defence of her wardrobe choice, but as part of a larger movement encouraging individuals to embrace authenticity without shame.

Ultimately, the episode strengthened her connection with fans who admire both her on screen work and her outspoken approach to issues involving personal freedom and respect. It also served as a reminder that fashion, like art, is subjective — and that criticism should never overshadow creativity or self-expression.

Adah Sharma Turns Antihero in Super Velli

Actress Adah Sharma is set to appear in a bold new avatar in the upcoming Bollywood film Super Velli, where she will play an antihero — a departure from her earlier roles.

In the action drama, Adah's character is complex, layered, and morally ambiguous, marking a significant shift from conventional protagonists. The role is being touted as one of her most challenging yet, requiring intense preparation and a strong screen presence. Industry insiders say the character blends shades of grey, making it both unpredictable and intriguing for audiences.

According to the filmmakers, Super Velli will combine stylish action with gripping drama, and Adah's antihero turn is expected to be one of the film's highlights. Directors and writers worked closely with her to shape nuances in the character that go beyond typical "good vs bad" portrayals.



Fans and critics are already expressing buzz over promotional stills and glimpses released by the production team, which hint at a gritty and visually striking look for her role. Adah's transformation — from costume, makeup, and attitude to dialogue delivery — has been widely

praised on social media, increasing anticipation for the film.

Super Velli is reportedly still in its production stages, with shooting progressing in key locations. The makers are focusing on creating a distinct cinematic style, emphasizing strong performances and detailed world

building to support the narrative's darker tones.

Adah Sharma, who has previously been seen in a mix of genres including horror, thriller, and masala entertainers, says she was drawn to the project because it allowed her to explore uncharted emotional territory. In interviews, she has described the role as one that offered her a chance to break typecasting and showcase versatility.

While an official release date has not yet been announced, expectations are building as updates continue to flow from the set. If Super Velli delivers on its promise, Adah's performance could become a defining moment in her career and a standout role in contemporary Hindi cinema.

Overall, the film is shaping up to be one of the more intriguing Bollywood projects in the pipeline, especially for viewers eager to see established stars in unconventional roles.

Rashmika Mandanna's "Cocktail 2" Set for June 19 Release

The upcoming Bollywood film Rashmika Mandanna in a lead role, titled Cocktail 2, is scheduled to hit theatres worldwide on June 19, 2026. The announcement has generated strong excitement among fans, as the movie serves as a sequel to the popular 2012 romantic drama that was a major box-office success.

Directed by Homi Adajania, the film brings together a fresh star cast including Shahid Kapoor and Kriti Sanon alongside Rashmika. The trio's pairing has sparked curiosity, as the sequel aims to recreate the emotional drama and modern relationship themes that made the original film memorable.

The makers recently unveiled first-look posters showcasing the three lead actors, offering a glimpse of their stylish characters and the film's contemporary tone. These visuals suggest a story centered on romance, friendship, and complex relationships, staying true to the spirit of the earlier installment while introducing a new narrative.

To build anticipation, the film's first teaser is set to premiere in theatres ahead of another major release, giving audi-



ences an early preview of what to expect. This strategy is often used for big-ticket Bollywood projects to maximize reach and excitement before the main release.

Produced by Maddock Films, the project completed principal photography earlier this year. The team has since moved into post-production, focusing on ed-



iting, music, and other finishing touches to prepare the film for its summer release window.

"Cocktail 2" is widely seen as one of the most anticipated romantic entertainers of 2026. Industry observers expect the film to appeal particularly to younger audiences due to its urban setting, stylish presentation, and star power.

With a popular franchise name, a high-profile cast, and a prime release date, the movie is positioned as a major summer attraction. If audience response matches expectations, it could emerge as one of the season's biggest box-office performers and further strengthen Rashmika Mandanna's presence in Bollywood.

"Peddi" Post-Production Work in Full Swing



The upcoming Telugu film Peddi, starring Ram Charan, has entered an intensive post-production phase as the makers race to complete work ahead of its scheduled release.

Directed by Buchi Babu Sana, the film has already generated significant buzz due to its high-profile cast and large production scale. Following the completion of principal photography, technical teams are now focused on editing, visual effects, sound design, and background scoring to shape the final version of the movie.

Reports indicate that post-production activities are progressing rapidly across multiple departments simultaneously. The filmmakers are prioritizing visual quality and technical polish, suggesting that the project will feature grand visuals and a cinematic presentation suited for big-screen viewing.

Music for the film is being composed by Academy Award winner A. R. Rahman, which has further heightened expectations. His involvement signals a major emphasis on the film's soundtrack and background score, both considered crucial elements in large-scale commercial entertainers.

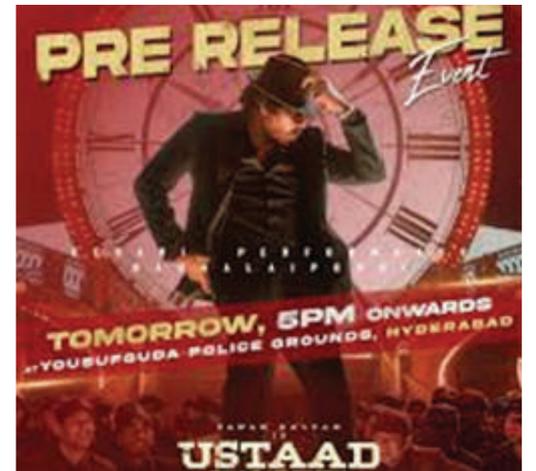
"Peddi" also stars Janhvi Kapoor and Kannada superstar Shiva Rajkumar in key roles, adding pan-Indian appeal to the project. The combination of stars from different industries is expected to widen the film's reach across multiple language markets.

Industry observers believe the film could be one of the biggest releases of the year for Telugu cinema. The production team is reportedly planning an extensive promotional campaign once post-production nears completion, including teaser launches, music releases, and large public events.

The movie is being mounted on a grand scale, with emphasis on action sequences, emotional storytelling, and strong character arcs. Given Ram Charan's popularity following recent blockbuster successes, expectations among fans are extremely high.

If the current pace continues, the film is expected to be ready well in time for its planned theatrical release. With its star power, technical backing, and large budget, "Peddi" is shaping up to be a major cinematic event and a significant milestone in Ram Charan's career.

"Ustaad Bhagat Singh" Pre-Release Event on March 15 in Hyderabad



The makers of the upcoming Telugu action film Ustaad Bhagat Singh have announced a grand pre-release event on March 15, 2026, as part of the final promotional push ahead of the movie's theatrical release.

The event will be held at the Police Grounds in Yousufguda, Hyderabad, and is expected to begin in the evening, drawing thousands of fans. Organizers are planning the function on a massive scale, anticipating a huge turnout given the popularity of the film's lead star Pawan Kalyan.

Pawan Kalyan, along with the film's cast and crew, will attend the event, with his speech likely to be the main attraction of the evening. Extensive security arrangements are expected due to the anticipated crowd, as fan enthusiasm around the project is exceptionally high.

Directed by Harish Shankar, the film has generated strong buzz through teasers, songs, and promotional content released in recent weeks. The

pre-release celebration is expected to further boost excitement before the movie hits theatres.

Large-scale pre-release events play a key role in Telugu film promotions, especially for star-driven projects. With Pawan Kalyan's massive fan base, the gathering is expected to resemble a festival atmosphere rather than a conventional film function.

The movie is scheduled for a worldwide theatrical release on March 19, 2026, coinciding with the Ugadi festival. It features Pawan Kalyan in a powerful police officer role and is produced on a high budget, with music composed by Devi Sri Prasad.

Overall, the pre-release event marks the final countdown for one of the most anticipated Telugu films of the year. If fan turnout matches expectations, the function could become one of the biggest promotional events in recent Tollywood history, setting the stage for a high-energy box-office opening.