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Chandrababu Naidu Seeks Report on MP Putta Mahesh in Drugs Case

Amaravati, March 15 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has sought a detailed report regarding allegations involving Eluru MP Putta Mahesh Yadav in connection with a drugs case that has recently drawn political attention in the region.

According to sources, the development follows a police raid conducted at a private farmhouse gathering on the outskirts of Hyderabad. The event reportedly took place in the Moinabad area and was attended by several individuals, including political figures and business personalities.

Initial reports suggest that a number of individuals present at the farmhouse were subjected to medical tests following the raid. Preliminary screening tests reportedly indicated the presence of narcotic substances in some participants.

Following the emergence of the allegations, Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu instructed the party leadership to seek an



explanation from the MP and examine the issue carefully. Party sources indicated that the leadership intends to review the matter based on official reports before deciding on further action.

The ruling party leadership has reiterated its firm stand against drug abuse and illegal activities. Senior leaders emphasized that the party maintains a strict policy against involvement in narcotics-related offences and that appropriate action will be taken if any wrongdoing is established.

Meanwhile, the incident has triggered political discussions across Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. Opposition leaders have demanded a transparent investigation and called for strict enforcement of the law, ir-

respective of the political position of those involved.

Police officials have clarified that the investigation is still underway and that further details will be revealed once the inquiry is completed. Authorities are also examining the origin of the suspected narcotic substances and whether they were brought to the location or consumed elsewhere before the gathering.

The case has attracted significant attention in political circles, with many observers stating that the outcome of the investigation could have broader implications. Officials said the government is closely monitoring developments and that the matter will be handled strictly in accordance with the law.

Further action is expected after the submission of the detailed report and completion of the ongoing investigation.



AP to Launch Statewide FMD Vaccination Drive

Vijayawada, March 15 | TPN Bureau

The Andhra Pradesh government is set to launch a statewide vaccination drive to protect cattle and buffaloes from Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD), one of the most contagious viral diseases affecting livestock.

The vaccination campaign will be carried out under the National Animal Disease Control Programme, with the Animal Husbandry Department taking the lead in implementing the initiative. Officials said the drive will cover all eligible cattle and buffaloes, including calves aged above four months.

To ensure maximum coverage, the vaccination programme will be conducted through a door-to-door approach. Veterinary teams, livestock inspectors, and field-level staff will visit villages and households where cattle and buffaloes are reared.

According to officials, the programme will be conducted in two phases to ensure that all eligible animals are vaccinated. The first phase will focus on covering the majority of cattle and buffaloes across the state. The second phase will concentrate on vaccinating animals that may have been missed in the initial

round and ensuring comprehensive coverage.

The Animal Husbandry Department has already made extensive preparations for the campaign. Large quantities of vaccines have been supplied to various districts, and veterinary teams have been mobilized to implement the drive efficiently. Authorities believe that the coordinated efforts of veterinary staff and local officials will help achieve the target of vaccinating a large number of livestock within the stipulated time.

Foot-and-Mouth Disease is known to cause severe health problems in animals, including fever, blisters in the mouth and feet, loss of appetite, and a sharp decline in milk production. The disease spreads rapidly among livestock and can lead to significant economic losses for farmers, especially those who depend on dairy farming as a primary source of income.

Officials said that preventing outbreaks through vaccination is crucial for protecting livestock productivity and ensuring the stability of the rural economy. Healthy livestock contribute significantly to milk production, agricultural activities, and the overall income of rural households.

The government hopes that the statewide vaccination campaign will strengthen disease control measures and improve livestock health across Andhra Pradesh. Farmers have been encouraged to actively participate in the programme to ensure the success of the vaccination drive and protect their animals from the harmful effects of the disease.

Tiger Scare Near Annavaram Temple

Annavaram, March 15 | TPN Bureau

Tension gripped villages surrounding the famous Annavaram Temple after reports of a tiger sighting near the temple area created panic among residents and devotees. Authorities have issued alerts and stepped up surveillance to ensure the safety of the public.

According to officials from the forest department, the tiger has reportedly been moving through several areas in the Prathipadu region over the past two weeks. The animal is believed to have travelled through forest patches and rural settlements before reaching villages located close to the temple town. The recent sighting has raised concerns as the temple attracts a large number of pilgrims eve-

ry day. Forest officials said the tiger was suspected to have moved through areas such as Shankhavaram and Urakonda before crossing the Kattipudi route and entering agricultural lands near Mandapam village. From there, it is believed to have moved towards regions closer to Annavaram, which triggered fear among villagers and devotees visiting the temple.

Following the reports, the forest department immediately launched a search operation to track the movement of the tiger. Officials said special teams have been deployed in the affected areas to monitor the animal's movement and ensure that it does not pose a threat to people living in nearby villages.

Authorities have also issued

precautionary advisories to local residents and farmers working in the surrounding areas. Villagers have been warned not to venture alone into fields or forest fringes, especially during early morning and late evening hours when wildlife movement is more common. People were also advised to remain alert and immediately inform officials if they notice any signs of the tiger.

Temple authorities have taken additional measures to ensure the safety of devotees visiting the hill shrine. Announcements have been made through public address systems advising pilgrims to follow safety instructions and avoid isolated routes around the temple premises. Devotees were also asked not to stop vehicles unnecessarily along forest stretches near the temple.

Meanwhile, the forest department has deployed a large team of personnel to locate and capture the tiger safely. Officials said nearly a hundred staff members, including tracking teams and wildlife experts, are involved in the search operation. The teams are carefully monitoring footprints and other signs to determine the animal's exact location.

If necessary, authorities said the tiger would be tranquilized and safely relocated to a suitable forest habitat. Officials have assured that all possible steps are being taken to protect both the public and the wild animal.

Until the situation is fully under control, authorities have urged villagers and pilgrims to remain cautious and strictly follow the safety guidelines issued by the forest department.

Chandrababu Naidu Consoles Kavuri Sambasiva Rao's Family

Hyderabad, March 15 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu visited the residence of former Union Minister Kavuri Sambasiva Rao and consoled his bereaved family members following the senior leader's demise. The Chief Minister expressed deep condolences and paid tribute to the veteran politician, recalling his long public service and contributions to the state and the nation.

During the visit, Chandrababu Naidu met with the family members and conveyed his heartfelt sympathies over the loss. He remembered Kavuri Sambasiva Rao as a dedicated leader who served the people with commitment and sincerity throughout his political career. The Chief Minister said



the late leader earned respect across political parties for his straightforward nature and dedication to public welfare.

Naidu paid floral tributes to the departed leader and spent some time with the family, sharing memories of his association with Kavuri Sambasiva Rao in public life. He noted that the veteran politician played a significant role in national politics and represented Andhra Pradesh effectively in Parliament for several years.

Kavuri Sambasiva Rao was widely regarded as a senior statesman who contributed to

the political and economic development of the region. Over the decades, he built a reputation as an experienced administrator and a respected leader who remained closely connected with the people. His long career in public service earned him admiration from colleagues and supporters alike.

Speaking on the occasion, Chandrababu Naidu said the state had lost a senior leader whose services would be remembered for years to come. He described Kavuri Sambasiva Rao as a leader who always worked with dedication

for the welfare of society and maintained cordial relations with leaders across party lines.

Several political leaders, party workers, and well-wishers also visited the residence to pay their respects and extend condolences to the grieving family. Many leaders recalled his valuable guidance, experience, and contribution to public life over the years.

The passing of the veteran leader has left a void in the political landscape of Andhra Pradesh. Leaders and supporters remembered him as a dignified and committed public representative who worked tirelessly for the development of the state.

Chandrababu Naidu prayed for the departed soul and expressed hope that the family members would find strength and courage to cope with the loss during this difficult time.

Gramin Dak Sevaks Key to Last-Mile Connectivity: Pemmasani



Chennai, March 15 | TPN Bureau

Union Minister of State for Communications Dr. Pemmasani Chandra Sekhar said that Gramin Dak Sevaks (GDS) play a crucial role in connecting villages with government services and strengthening the country's communication network. Addressing the GDS Sammelan held in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, the minister emphasized that postal employees working in rural areas are not merely the "last mile" of governance but in fact represent the "first mile" that ensures the reach of government initiatives to the grassroots.

Speaking at the gathering, Dr. Pemmasani highlighted the dedication and commitment of Gramin Dak Sevaks in delivering essential services to people in remote villages. He noted that their efforts help bridge the gap between rural communities and government schemes, making them an indispensable part of the country's administrative and service delivery framework. Without their presence and dedication, he said, many welfare schemes and services would struggle to reach the rural population.

The minister also praised the Tamil Nadu Postal Circle for its remarkable performance, noting that it currently ranks second in the country in terms of overall revenue generation. He congratulated the postal officials and staff for their hard work and efficiency, stating that their achievements reflect the growing importance of India Post in the modern economy. According to him, such performance

demonstrates how the postal network continues to evolve while maintaining its strong connection with communities across the nation.

Dr. Pemmasani underscored the importance of Gramin Dak Sevaks in realizing the national vision of "Viksit Bharat", which focuses on inclusive growth and development across both urban and rural regions. He said that the postal network, especially through its rural workforce, has a unique role in supporting financial inclusion, digital services, and communication infrastructure in villages.

The minister further highlighted the ongoing transformation of India Post into a modern logistics and service network. He pointed out that the postal department is expanding beyond traditional mail delivery and increasingly becoming a key player in logistics, financial services, and e-commerce support. These changes, he said, are enabling the department to remain relevant and competitive in a rapidly evolving digital era.

Encouraging postal employees to continue their commitment to excellence, Dr. Pemmasani urged them to focus on improving service quality and expanding revenue opportunities. He said that innovation, efficiency, and dedication would help the postal department achieve new milestones while strengthening public trust.

The event concluded with the minister appreciating the contribution of postal employees and urging them to remain motivated in their mission to serve people across the country, particularly in rural and remote areas.

Andhra Pradesh Emerges as Role Model in Energy-Efficient Innovations

Amaravathi 15.03.2026 TPN Bureau:
The Government of Andhra Pradesh has taken a significant step towards promoting energy-efficient technologies by implementing the National Efficient Cooking Programme (NECP) in all Anganwadi Centres across the state. The initiative is being implemented with the support of Energy Efficiency Services Limited under the Ministry of Power.

According to officials, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has given approval to supply energy-efficient induction stoves to all Anganwadi Centres on a saturation basis through the Women Development and Child Welfare Department. The programme is aimed at promoting

safer, modern and energy-efficient cooking practices in Anganwadi kitchens while also contributing to environmental sustainability.

This decision comes at a time when the world is facing challenges related to energy shortages and rising fuel costs. By adopting energy-efficient technologies, Andhra Pradesh has set a national benchmark in implementing innovative and sustainable solutions while simultaneously supporting welfare programmes for women and children.

Under Phase-I of the programme, EESL has already supplied 11,400 energy-efficient induction stoves along with utensils to Anganwadi Centres



across the state. The implementation of this phase was closely monitored by the concerned department and has reportedly

achieved encouraging results.

Following the success of the first phase, the state government has now issued orders to procure an additional 44,346 induction stoves with utensils for the remaining Anganwadi Centres under the Women Development and Child Welfare Department. With this expansion, the programme aims to achieve 100 percent coverage of all Anganwadi Centres in Andhra Pradesh.

Officials highlighted several key benefits of the programme. By switching to 1200-watt induction stoves, the state is expected to significantly reduce recurring LPG expenditure. Estimates indicate that the transition could result in annual

savings of around ₹24 crore in LPG costs.

In addition to cost savings, the initiative will also contribute to environmental protection. Experts estimate that the programme could help avoid nearly 28,327 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions every year, supporting India's climate commitments and efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The use of induction stoves also improves safety in Anganwadi kitchens by eliminating open flames, thereby reducing fire hazards. Furthermore, the technology creates cleaner and cooler working conditions for Anganwadi workers, which is particularly beneficial during the summer months.

Narayana Attends HUDCO UiWIN Regional Conference in Visakhapatnam

Amaravathi 15.03.2026 TPN Bureau:
Andhra Pradesh Municipal Administration and Urban Development Minister P. Narayana attended the first regional conference of HUDCO UiWIN as the chief guest in Visakhapatnam. The two-day workshop was organised to discuss fund mobilisation for infrastructure development in municipalities and strengthening urban local bodies.



The programme was organised by Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO). The workshop brought together officials and representatives from several southern states to deliberate on strategies for financing urban infrastructure projects and improving civic amenities in growing cities.

Among those who attended the event were Member of Parliament Magunta Srinivasulu Reddy, Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs Secretary Srinivas Katikithala, and HUDCO Chairman and Managing Director Sanjay Kulshrestha. Senior officials from the states of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and the Union Territory of Puducherry also participated in the conference.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Narayana said it was encouraging that HUDCO has sanctioned loans worth nearly ₹51,000 crore to Andhra Pradesh since the state's bifurcation. He noted that such financial support has played a crucial role in implementing infrastructure and housing projects in the state.

The minister pointed out that urban local bodies are currently facing several challenges in implementing development projects due to limited financial

resources. He stressed that there is a strong need to accelerate infrastructure development, especially in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities, which are witnessing rapid population growth and urban expansion.

Narayana said the UiWIN initiative launched by HUDCO will make it easier for municipalities to mobilise funds for infrastructure projects. Under the programme, urban local bodies will be able to secure loans by leveraging their existing assets as collateral, thereby enabling

them to undertake development works more efficiently.

He also emphasised that cities should be developed with better living standards and modern infrastructure so that they become attractive destinations for investments and economic growth. The minister thanked HUDCO for its continued support in strengthening urban development initiatives in Andhra Pradesh.

Speaking to the media on other issues, Narayana said the Central Government has once again sought a report on the proposed Visakhapatnam Metro project. He expressed confidence that both the Visakhapatnam and Vijayawada Metro projects would be launched soon and stated that the tendering process has already been initiated to avoid further delays.

The minister also mentioned that a vigilance inquiry is underway into housing projects taken up during the previous government's tenure. In addition, he announced plans for the construction of a semi-ring road in Visakhapatnam, adding that the proposal is currently being reviewed by the Visakhapatnam Metropolitan Region Development Authority (VMRDA).

SSC Public Examinations 2026: Schedule Released by Board of Secondary Education, Andhra Pradesh

DATE DAY	SUBJECT & PAPER	MAXIMUM MARKS	TIME	PAPER CODE
16.03.2026 MONDAY	First Language (Group - A)	100	09:30 AM to 12:45 PM	OIT & O2 T, O1A & O2A, O1K & O2K, O1U & O2U, O1'O' & O2'O' and O1H & O2H
	First Language Paper-I (Composite Course)	70	09:30 AM to 12:45 PM	O3T, O3U
18.03.2026 WEDNESDAY	Second Language	100	09:30 AM to 12:45 PM	09H, 09T, 1 IE
21.03.2026 SATURDAY	English	100	09:30 AM to 12:45 PM	13E & 14E
23.03.2026 MONDAY	Mathematics	100	09:30 AM to 12:45 PM	15E & 16E, 15T & 16T, 15A & 16A, 15K & 16K, 15U & 16U, 15'O' & 16'O' and 15H & 16H
				19E, 19T, 19A, 19K, 19U, 19'O' and 19H
25.03.2026 WEDNESDAY	Physical Science	50	09:30 AM to 11:30 AM	20E, 20T, 20A, 20K, 20J, 20'O', & 20H
28.03.2026 SATURDAY	Biological Science	50	09:30 AM to 11:30 AM	21E & 22E, 21T & 22T, 21A & 22A, 21K & 22K, 21I & 22I, 21'O' & 22 and 21H & 22H
30.03.2026 MONDAY	Social Studies	100	09:30 AM to 12:45 PM	21E & 22E, 21T & 22T, 21A & 22A, 21K & 22K, 21I & 22I, 21'O' & 22 and 21H & 22H
31.03.2026 TUESDAY	First Language Paper-II (Composite Course)	30	09:30 AM to 11:15 AM	04S, 05, 06 and 06 H
01.04.2026 WEDNESDAY	OSSC Main Language Paper-I (Sanskrit, Arabic, Persian)	100	09:30 AM to 12:45 PM	23, 25 & 27
	OSSC Main Language Paper-II (Sanskrit, Arabic, Persian)	100	09:30 AM to 12:45 PM	24, 26 & 28
	SSC Vocational Course (Theory)	40	09:30 AM to 11:30 AM	31 to 38 to to 100

EXAMINATION TIME TABLE

Amaravathi 15.03.2026 TPN Bureau:
The Board of Secondary Education, Andhra Pradesh (BSEAP) has officially released the time table for the SSC/OSSC/Vocational Public Examinations – March 2026. These examinations are an important milestone for thousands of students across the state, marking the completion of their secondary education. According to the schedule issued from the board of office at Mangalagiri on February 4, 2026, the examinations will begin on March 16, 2026, and continue until April 1, 2026.

The examinations will start with the First Language (Group-A) paper on March 16, which will be conducted from 9:30 AM to 12:45 PM. This paper carries a maximum of 100 marks. On the same day, the First Language Paper-I (Composite Course) will also be conducted for 70 marks during the same time slot. Following this, the Second Language examination will be held on March 18, also from 9:30 AM to 12:45 PM.

The English examination is scheduled for March 21, giving students a gap of two days to prepare after the second language paper. After English, the Mathematics examination, which is considered one of the most crucial subjects, will be conducted on March 23. This paper will also carry 100 marks and will be held during the morning session.

Science subjects are divided into two parts. The Physical Science examination will take place on March 25, carrying 50 marks and lasting from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM. Similarly,

the Biological Science examination will be conducted on March 28, also for 50 marks within the same time duration. The Social Studies examination, another major subject, is scheduled for March 30 from 9:30 AM to 12:45 PM, with a maximum of 100 marks.

The First Language Paper-II (Composite Course) examination will be held on March 31, from 9:30 AM to 11:15 AM, carrying 30 marks. Additionally, students appearing for the OSSC main language subjects such as Sanskrit, Arabic, and Persian will write their Paper-I on March 31 and Paper-II on April 1, each carrying 100 marks. For students enrolled in vocational courses, the SSC Vocational Theory examination will be conducted on April 1 from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM.

The Board has clarified that the time table applies to both SSC Academic Course and OSSC candidates, as the subjects and papers are common for them. The board also warned students to carefully check the question paper combinations before answering, as writing the wrong paper may lead to cancellation of their performance. Furthermore, candidates must appear only at the examination center allotted to them, otherwise their examination will be cancelled.

Students across Andhra Pradesh are now preparing seriously for these examinations, aiming to achieve good results and build a strong academic future. The release of the time table has given them a clear roadmap for their preparation in the coming weeks.

Write Exams with Mental Calmness and Achieve Excellent Results: Savitha



Amaravathi 15.03.2026 TPN Bureau:
S. Savitha, Minister for BC, EWS Welfare, Handlooms and Textiles in Andhra Pradesh, extended her best wishes to students from BC hostels and MJAP schools who are appearing for the Class 10 public examinations beginning today.

In a statement issued on Sunday, the minister urged students not to experience anxiety or mental pressure while writing their examinations. She advised them to remain calm and confident so that they can achieve excellent results. According to her, maintaining mental peace and focus during examinations will help students perform better and reach their academic goals.

The minister said that a total of 13,604 students from BC hostels and MJAP schools across the state are appearing for the Class 10 examinations this year. Among them, 8,068 students belong to BC hostels, while 5,536 students are from MJAP schools. She noted that the government has taken several steps to help these students prepare well for the exams.

Savitha stated that the department has provided special training programmes and study materials to students from BC hostels and MJAP schools to help them

achieve better results. Special attention has also been given to students from economically and socially disadvantaged backgrounds, ensuring that they receive adequate academic support.

Highlighting the importance of Class 10 in a student's life, the minister said the examinations represent a crucial stage in shaping their future. She encouraged students to work hard under the guidance of their teachers and strive to secure good marks, thereby fulfilling the aspirations of their parents and educators.

The minister also mentioned that the government has arranged free bus transportation for students appearing for the examinations. She advised students to reach their examination centres well in advance by carrying their hall tickets and other necessary documents.

Savitha emphasised that the government is giving top priority to the education of BC students by improving facilities in BC hostels and MJAP schools. She said the government has been strengthening infrastructure in these institutions and providing nutritious food menus to ensure the health and well-being of students.

The minister noted that students from MJAP schools had achieved excellent results in last year's Class 10 examinations and expressed hope that this year both BC hostel and MJAP students would strive to achieve 100 percent pass results, thereby fulfilling the goals set by the government.

She also directed district BC welfare officers and staff to remain with the students during the examination period and ensure that they are safely escorted back to their hostels and schools after completing their exams.

Students Should Write Exams with Confidence, Says Atchannaidu

Amaravathi 15.03.2026 TPN Bureau:
Kinjarapu Atchannaidu, Minister for Agriculture, Co-operation, Animal Husbandry, Marketing, Dairy Development and Fisheries in Andhra Pradesh, extended his best wishes to students appearing for the Class 10 public examinations that are scheduled to begin across the state from Monday.



In a statement issued on Sunday, the minister encouraged students to approach the examinations with confidence and a calm mindset, without succumbing to unnecessary pressure. He said the Class 10 examinations mark an important milestone in a student's academic journey and play a significant role in shaping their future.

The minister advised students to remain focused on their goals and to put forth their best efforts during the examinations. He emphasised that hard work and dedication always yield positive results and urged students to believe in their abilities while writing the exams.

"At this important stage of your academic life, concentrate on your goals and work sincerely. The efforts you have put into your studies will definitely bring good results. Attend the examinations with courage and confidence," Atchannaidu said while conveying his message to the students.

He also highlighted that the Class 10 board examinations represent a crucial step for students who aspire to pursue higher education and build a successful career. By performing well in these examinations, students can open doors to better academic opportunities and shape their long-term aspirations.

Apart from encouraging

students, the minister also issued instructions to the concerned officials to ensure that all necessary arrangements are made at examination centres across the state. He directed authorities to provide adequate basic facilities for students, so that they can write the examinations in a comfortable and stress-free environment.

Considering the summer heat, Atchannaidu stressed the importance of ensuring sufficient drinking water facilities at all examination centres. He also suggested that medical teams be kept ready wherever required to handle any emergencies and ensure the well-being of students during the examination period.

The minister further asked officials to work in close coordination to ensure the smooth and peaceful conduct of the examinations throughout the state. He said proper planning and coordination among departments would help prevent any inconvenience to students.

Concluding his message, Atchannaidu once again wished all the students success and encouraged them to remain confident, stay focused, and strive to achieve the best possible results in the upcoming examinations.

Putta Mahesh Denies Involvement in Moinabad Drugs Case

Eluru, March 15 | TPN Bureau

Eluru Member of Parliament Putta Mahesh Kumar Yadav has denied allegations linking him to the Moinabad farmhouse drugs case and stated that he has not committed any illegal act. The MP said attempts were being made to unnecessarily drag his name into the controversy and urged people not to believe misleading reports.

The controversy surfaced after a police raid at a farmhouse in Moinabad near Hyderabad where a private party was being held. Following the raid, several people who attended the gathering were reportedly taken into custody for questioning. Reports that some participants were suspected of consuming narcotic substances triggered widespread discussion and political reactions.

Responding to the allegations, Putta Mahesh Kumar Yadav released a video statement clarifying his position. In the statement, the MP maintained that he had not engaged in any unlawful activity and that the claims being circulated against him were not true. He emphasized that he respects the law and has nothing to hide in the matter.

Mahesh said he is ready to cooperate fully with the authorities if required and expressed confidence that the truth would come out through a fair investigation. He also appealed to his supporters and the public to remain calm and not be misled by rumors or



speculation surrounding the case.

The incident has drawn significant attention in political circles as it involves individuals connected to public life. Several political leaders have commented on the issue, demanding clarity and a transparent investigation into the events that took place at the farmhouse gathering.

Within the Telugu Desam Party, to which the MP belongs, the leadership has also taken note of the reports. Party leaders have reportedly sought clarification from Putta Mahesh Kumar Yadav regarding the matter. The party has indicated that it will review the situation after examining the facts and the MP's response.

Meanwhile, authorities are continuing their investigation into the farmhouse incident. Officials are examining various aspects of the case, including statements from those present at the gathering and other evidence collected during the raid.

Political observers note that the case has attracted public attention due to the alleged involvement of prominent personalities. The investigation is expected to determine whether any laws were violated during the event.

Putta Mahesh Kumar Yadav reiterated that he is confident the investigation will establish the facts and clear his name. He said he remains committed to cooperating with the authorities and continuing his public responsibilities.

Station Bail Granted to MP Putta Mahesh in Drugs Case



Hyderabad, March 15 | TPN Bureau

Eluru Member of Parliament Putta Mahesh Kumar Yadav was granted station bail by police in connection with the alleged drugs case linked to a farmhouse party in the Moinabad area on the outskirts of Hyderabad. The development comes after authorities detained and questioned several individuals during a police raid conducted at the private gathering.

According to police officials, the raid was carried out after receiving information about suspected drug consumption during a party at a farmhouse in Moinabad. Several people, including political figures and businesspersons, were reportedly present at the location when the police team arrived and conducted the operation.

Following the raid, police detained the attendees and conducted preliminary questioning. Medical tests were also carried out on those present as part of the investigation to determine whether any narcotic substances had been consumed. Authorities also examined the premises and collected evidence to verify the allegations.

After initial procedures, police granted station bail to Putta Mahesh Kumar Yadav and others involved in the case. Station bail allows individuals to be released from police custody while the investigation continues, provided they cooperate with the inquiry

and appear before authorities whenever required.

Police officials stated that the investigation is still underway and that further details will emerge once laboratory reports and other evidence are examined. Authorities are also working to determine the origin of the suspected narcotic substances and whether they were consumed at the location or brought there by individuals attending the gathering.

The farmhouse where the party reportedly took place is believed to belong to a political figure, and several guests had gathered there for the private event. The incident has drawn significant attention in political circles due to the involvement of a sitting Member of Parliament.

Meanwhile, officials have emphasized that the investigation will be conducted in accordance with the law and that appropriate action will be taken based on the findings. They stated that no individual will receive special treatment and that all those involved will be required to cooperate with the investigation.

The case has triggered discussions across political and public circles, with many observers closely following the developments. Authorities said further action will depend on the results of the ongoing inquiry and the evidence gathered during the course of the investigation.

Sharmila Targets TDP Over Putta Mahesh Drugs Controversy

Vijayawada, March 15 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Congress Committee president Y. S. Sharmila has strongly criticised the Telugu Desam Party following the controversy involving Eluru Member of Parliament Putta Mahesh Kumar Yadav in connection with an alleged drugs party case in Hyderabad.

Addressing the media, Sharmila said the incident has raised serious concerns about the conduct expected from elected representatives. She alleged that the involvement of a sitting MP in such a controversy has damaged the credibility of public life and called for immediate action by the party leadership.

The Congress leader questioned how a public representative could be linked to such allegations and said political leaders must maintain discipline and responsibility in their personal and public conduct. She stated that those who hold important positions in government and Parliament must set an example for society.

Sharmila also criticised the ruling party for what she described as its silence on the issue. She demanded that the Telugu Desam Party clarify its stand and take strict action if the allegations against the MP

are proven. According to her, political parties should not hesitate to act against their own members when controversies of this nature arise.

The controversy emerged after police conducted a raid at a farmhouse in the Moinabad area on the outskirts of Hyderabad during a private gathering. Several individuals who were present at the party were reportedly detained and questioned by authorities as part of the investigation.

Police officials also conducted medical examinations on those who attended the gathering to determine whether any narcotic substances had been consumed. The case has since attracted significant attention in political circles, particularly because it involves a sitting Member of Parliament.

Sharmila said the issue should be investigated thoroughly and transparently so that the truth can come out. She stressed that the law must apply equally to all individuals regardless of their political position or influence.

The Congress leader also expressed concern about the growing menace of drugs and called for stronger efforts to curb illegal narcotics activities. She said the government must take strict



measures to prevent such incidents and protect young people from the harmful effects of drug abuse.

Meanwhile, the case has triggered intense political reactions across Andhra Pradesh, with leaders from various parties commenting on the incident.

Observers believe the controversy could have wider political implications as the investigation continues.

Authorities have stated that the inquiry is ongoing and that further action will be taken based on the evidence collected during the investigation.

Sunitha Demands Justice in Viveka Murder Case



Kadapa, March 15 | TPN Bureau

YS Sunitha Reddy, daughter of former minister Y. S. Vivekananda Reddy, held a press conference on Saturday and reiterated her demand for justice in her father's murder case. She expressed concern over the pace of the investigation and urged authorities to ensure that all those responsible are brought to

justice.

Addressing the media, Sunitha said that it has been several years since her father was murdered, yet the family continues to struggle for justice. She stated that the case is not merely about her family but about ensuring that truth and justice prevail in society. According to her, the investigation must be

carried out transparently so that the real culprits behind the crime are identified and punished.

Sunitha alleged that there were several unanswered questions in the case and said she has been continuously raising them before investigative agencies and courts. She stressed that the investigation should not be influenced by political pressure or other external factors. She also said that her fight is not against any individual but for justice for her father.

During the press meet, Sunitha pointed out that the murder of Vivekananda Reddy shocked the entire state and raised serious concerns about law and order. She said that the people of Andhra Pradesh deserve to know the truth about what happened and who was responsible for the crime.

She also expressed disappointment over the delays in the legal process and said that the case has been prolonged for years. According to her, justice delayed would only increase the

pain of the victim's family. She emphasized that the investigation should move forward quickly so that the matter can be resolved in a fair and lawful manner.

Sunitha stated that she has approached various authorities and legal forums in her pursuit of justice. She reaffirmed her determination to continue the legal battle until the truth is fully revealed. She also thanked those who have supported her in the fight for justice.

The press conference comes at a time when the case has once again come into public discussion following recent developments in the investigation and court proceedings. Political observers say the issue continues to attract attention due to the high-profile nature of the case and its impact on state politics.

Sunitha concluded by saying that she remains hopeful that the legal system will ultimately deliver justice and ensure accountability for the murder of her father.

Putta Mahesh Not Fit to Continue as MP: Kakani Govardhan Reddy



Nellore, March 15 | TPN Bureau

YSR Congress Party leader Kakani Govardhan Reddy has alleged that Eluru Member of Parliament Putta Mahesh Kumar Yadav is not eligible to continue as an MP following the controversy surrounding the alleged drugs case linked to a farmhouse party.

Speaking to the media, Kakani Govardhan Reddy criticised the MP and said that a public representative facing such serious allegations should step down from the position on moral grounds. He stated that elected leaders are expected to maintain high standards of conduct and accountability, and any allegations that damage public trust must be addressed responsibly.

The YSRCP leader said that the incident has raised serious questions about the behaviour expected from people holding public office. He argued that leaders who represent the people in Parliament must set an example through their actions and uphold ethical standards in both personal and public life.

Kakani Govardhan Reddy further alleged that the MP was linked to a drugs party incident and said the matter should be investigated thoroughly. He demanded strict action if the allegations are proven and stressed that the law must apply equally to everyone, irrespective of political position or influence.

He also criticised the leadership

of the ruling party, stating that it should take immediate action against the MP and ensure that the issue is addressed transparently. According to him, political parties must act responsibly and uphold discipline within their ranks when controversies involving their leaders emerge.

The remarks come amid ongoing investigations into the alleged drugs party incident that took place at a farmhouse on the outskirts of Hyderabad. Police had reportedly conducted a raid at the location and detained several individuals who were present at the private gathering.

The case has sparked intense political debate in Andhra Pradesh, with opposition leaders demanding accountability and strict enforcement of the law. Several political figures have called for a fair and transparent investigation to determine the facts surrounding the incident.

Meanwhile, authorities have stated that the investigation is continuing and that further action will depend on the evidence collected during the inquiry. Officials said that all individuals connected to the case will be required to cooperate with the investigation.

The controversy has attracted considerable public attention, with political observers noting that the outcome of the investigation could have broader implications in the state's political landscape.

Public Grievance Redressal Platform to Address Civic Issues in Vijayawada

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The Vijayawada Municipal Corporation will organise its weekly Public Grievance Redressal Platform on Monday to receive and resolve complaints related to civic issues in the city.

According to Municipal Commissioner Dhyanaachandra HM, the initiative aims to provide citizens with a direct opportunity to present their problems to officials and ensure prompt action. The programme, which is conducted every Monday, will be held this week as well as at the Vijayawada Municipal Corporation main office as well as at the respective zonal offices across the city.

The commissioner stated that the platform has been introduced to strengthen communication between the civic administration and the public. Through this programme, officials can directly listen to the concerns of residents and take necessary steps to resolve them at the earliest. He emphasised that addressing public grievances quickly and efficiently remains a key priority for the municipal administration.

As part of the programme, citizens can approach the nearest municipal office and submit complaints related to issues under the jurisdiction of the Vijayawada Municipal Corporation. These may include concerns such as sanitation, drainage, drinking water supply,



road maintenance, street lighting, and other civic amenities.

Officials will receive complaints from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. During this period, senior officers and staff members will be available at both the central office and zonal offices to listen to grievances and guide citizens on the process for resolving their issues.

The commissioner further stated that all concerned department officials will be present at the grievance redressal platform to ensure that com-

plaints are registered and forwarded to the appropriate departments without delay. This arrangement will help streamline the resolution process and reduce the time taken to address public concerns.

Citizens were encouraged to make use of this opportunity by approaching the nearest zonal office or the corporation headquarters and bringing their problems to the notice of officials. The municipal administration believes that such platforms play an important role in

improving civic services and strengthening transparency in governance.

The Vijayawada Municipal Corporation has been regularly conducting this programme to ensure that public issues are addressed effectively and in a timely manner, while also promoting accountability within the civic administration. Residents are therefore urged to participate actively and utilise the platform to resolve issues affecting their neighbourhoods.

Ugadi and Vasantha Navaratri Celebrations at Kanaka Durga Temple from March 19

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The Sri Durga Malleswara Swamy Devasthanam on Indrakeeladri hill in Vijayawada will organise Ugadi and Vasantha Navaratri celebrations from March 19 to March 28, 2026 with special religious rituals and cultural programmes.

According to the temple authorities, the festivities will begin on March 19 (Thursday) on the occasion of Ugadi, the Telugu New Year. The day will start with Snapana Abhishekam to the presiding deity and other temple deities at 3:00 am, followed by decoration, archana, and harathi. Devotees will be allowed for darshan from 8:00 am. Later at 9:15 am, Kalasa Sthapana and special Pushparchanas will commence at the new pooja mandapam. In the afternoon at 3:00 pm, Panchanga Sravanam will be held at the Kalavedika. Rituals including Mandapa Puja, Agni Pratishta, and Rudra Homam will be performed in the evening at the Yagasala, followed by the Silver Chariot Procession (Vendi Rathotsavam) starting from the Mallikarjuna Mahamandapam



at 6:00 pm.

As part of the Vasantha Navaratri celebrations, special floral worship (Pushparchana) will be performed daily from March 19 to March 27 at 9:00 am using different varieties of flowers such as jasmine, kanakambaram, roses, chrysanthemums, lotus, tulasi, and sampangi.

On March 26, special abhishekam and Nagavalli Dalarchana will be performed to

Sri Anjaneya Swamy and Abhaya Anjaneya Swamy, the temple guardians, marking the auspicious day of Chaitra Shuddha Ashtami.

On March 27 (Friday), the temple will celebrate Sri Rama Navami with the Sri Sita Rama Kalyanam ceremony at 10:00 am at the Kalavedika. The festival will conclude on March 28 (Saturday) with Poornahuti at 9:00 am marking the completion of the Vasantha Navaratri

rituals, followed by Sri Rama Pattabishekam at 10:00 am.

Devotees can participate in the special Pushparchana seva, for which tickets are priced at 2,500 per couple. The seva will include prasadam such as Shesha Vastra, Ravika, Sri Chakrapitham, one large laddu, and antaralaya darshan for the couple. Tickets can be booked through the temple website or at the Arjitha Seva counters.

Temple authorities have invited devotees to participate in the spiritual events and seek the blessings of Goddess Durga and Lord Malleswara. The celebrations are being organised under the supervision of temple chairman Borra Radhakrishna and Executive Officer VK Seena Nayak along with the temple trust board members.

Devotees from across the state are expected to visit the temple during the Ugadi, Sri Rama Navami, and Vasantha Navaratri celebrations, making the festival period a spiritually vibrant occasion in Vijayawada.

Plans Initiated for Restoration of Pasupatheswara Temple on Indrakeeladri Hill

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The authorities of Sri Durga Malleswara Swamy Devasthanam have begun preliminary steps toward the restoration of the historic Pasupatheswara Temple, located on the sacred Indrakeeladri hill in Vijayawada. A team from the temple administration recently visited the site to examine the present condition of the ancient structure and to study historical evidence associated with the temple.

The inspection was carried out by temple Executive Officer VK Seena Nayak along with temple chairman Borra Radhakrishna and members of the temple trust board. The team began their journey to the hill-top temple early in the morning at around 6:45 am, accompanied by temple priests and engineering staff.

After an arduous trek of nearly one and a half hours, the team reached the remote location where the Pasupatheswara Temple stands in a dilapidated condition. The temple, which is believed to have been constructed in the Varanasi architectural style with four entrances, was carefully examined by the officials and technical staff to understand the extent of restora-



tion required.

The site holds immense mythological and historical importance. According to the Vanaparva of the Mahabharata, the great warrior Arjuna performed intense penance on the Indrakeeladri hill to obtain divine weapons before the Kurukshetra war. It is believed that Lord Shiva appeared before Arjuna in the form of a hunter, known as Kirata, and challenged him to a duel. Impressed by Arjuna's courage and determination, Lord Shiva later revealed his true form and granted him the powerful Pasupatastra, one of the most

formidable divine weapons.

According to temple traditions and historical references, Arjuna is believed to have installed a Shiva Lingam at the site to commemorate this divine encounter. The significance of this event is also supported by a historical inscription known as the Kiratarjuneeyam inscription, believed to date back to the 7th or 8th century, which mentions the legend associated with the site.

However, over the centuries the temple structure gradually fell into ruin, and it is believed that the original Shiva Lingam eventually sank into the ground

due to natural changes and neglect. Today, the temple remains in a partially collapsed and abandoned state, prompting devotees and heritage enthusiasts to request its restoration.

Speaking during the inspection, EO VK Seena Nayak and chairman Borra Radhakrishna stated that numerous devotees have been urging the temple authorities to take steps for the restoration of the Pasupatheswara Temple. They confirmed that a detailed report has already been submitted to the government regarding the restoration proposal.

The officials added that steps will soon be taken to clear the surroundings of the temple and improve the pathway leading to the site, making it accessible for devotees and researchers. The matter will also be brought to the attention of the state Endowments Department Minister and Commissioner to expedite the restoration process.

Trust board member Harikrishna, temple engineering staff, priests, and other temple officials also participated in the inspection. The proposed restoration is expected to revive an important spiritual and historical landmark on the sacred Indrakeeladri hill.

Media Meet Announced Ahead of 'Andhra Pradesh Life for Nature' Conference



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A two-day conference titled "Andhra Pradesh Life for Nature" will be organised in Vijayawada on March 17 and 18, focusing on environmental awareness and nature conservation.

The conference will be held at Hotel Hyatt Place Vijayawada located near Ramavarappadu Ring Road, according to Alapati Suresh Kumar, Chairman of CR Media Academy.

He said the conference is being jointly organised by The Habitat Trust and CMS VATAVARAN, New Delhi. The CR Media Academy will serve as the knowledge partner for the programme.

Alapati Suresh Kumar stated that the conference will bring together experts, environmentalists, media professionals and researchers to discuss issues related to nature conservation, biodiversity protection and environmental sustainability. The event aims to create awareness about protecting natural resources and strengthening environmental initiatives in the state.

In order to provide further details about the conference, the organis-

ers will hold a press conference on March 16 (Monday) at 3:00 pm. The media interaction will take place at Veer Hall in Hotel Hyatt, Vijayawada.

Prominent personalities expected to attend the press meet include Dr. Vasanti Rao from the Centre for Media Studies and Rishikesh Chavan. They will join the organisers in explaining the objectives and significance of the upcoming conference.

During the media meet, organisers will brief journalists about the key sessions, participants and discussions planned during the two-day conference. The organisers emphasised that the role of media is crucial in spreading awareness about environmental protection and encouraging public participation in conservation efforts.

Representatives from print and electronic media have been invited to attend the press meet and cover the event. The organisers have requested media personnel to participate in the programme and extend their support in highlighting the importance of nature conservation initiatives.

Petitions to Be Received Through PGRS on March 16: NTR District Collector



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District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmi-sha has announced that petitions from the public will be received through the Public Grievance Redressal System (PGRS) programme on March 16.

In a press statement, the Collector said the programme titled "Meekosam - Public Grievance Redressal System" will be conducted at the district collectorate to address the problems faced by the public. The initiative is being organised as per government instructions to ensure that citizens can directly present their grievances and seek solutions from the concerned authorities.

Dr. Lakshmi-sha stated that officials will be available to receive petitions not only at the collectorate but also at division, municipal, and mandal headquarters. The programme aims to provide a convenient platform for people to submit their applications and complaints regarding various issues related to government services.

The Collector further explained that Revenue Clinics will also be conducted at the divisional and mandal levels on the same day. These clinics will specifically focus on resolving revenue-related grievances of the public. Citizens who have concerns related to land re-

venue services, or other related matters have been advised to submit their petitions at these clinics.

Officials from different departments will be present during the programme to receive and process the petitions submitted by the public. The administration aims to ensure that the grievances are examined promptly and appropriate action is taken to resolve them at the earliest.

In addition to submitting petitions in person, citizens can also register their complaints online through the government portal Meekosam Portal at Meekosam.ap.gov.in. This online facility enables applicants to submit their grievances from anywhere without visiting the office physically.

The Collector also informed that applicants can check the status of their registered petitions and obtain related information by contacting the government helpline number 1100. This service allows people to track the progress of their complaints and receive updates on the action taken by the authorities.

Dr. Lakshmi-sha urged the public to make use of the PGRS platform to bring their issues to the attention of the administration so that they can be resolved efficiently.

CRS Inspects Karakavalasa-Shimiliguda Double Line

Vizianagaram, March 15 | TPN Bureau

The Commissioner of Railway Safety (CRS), South Eastern Circle, Shri Brijesh Kumar Mishra conducted a detailed inspection of the newly constructed electrified double railway line between Karakavalasa and Shimiliguda stations as part of the Kottavalasa-Kirandul (KK) line doubling project. The inspection covered a stretch of approximately nine kilometres and marks a significant step towards strengthening railway infrastructure in the region.

The inspection was carried out to assess the safety and operational readiness of the newly laid track before its commissioning for regular train operations. The Commissioner carefully examined various technical and safety aspects of the newly developed section to ensure compliance with railway standards.

Senior railway officials accompanied the CRS during the inspection. Those present included Waltair Divisional Railway Manager Shri Lalit Bohra, Chief Administrative Officer (Construction), Visakhapatnam Shri Ankush Gupta, Chief Bridge Engineer Shri Ashok Kumar, Chief Engineer (Construction) Shri Srinivasa Rao, Principal Executive Director, Chief Signal Engineer, Chief Signal and Telecom Engineer (Construction), Deputy CRS officers, and other senior officials from the division.

The newly laid double line has been constructed using 60 kg rails and is designed to handle an axle load of up to 25 tonnes. The section includes several major and minor bridges



along with curves that have been carefully engineered to meet modern railway safety and operational standards. Officials stated that the infrastructure has been built to support efficient and safe train movement while accommodating heavy freight operations.

As part of the inspection process, speed trials were also conducted on the newly constructed section. The trials were successfully completed, demonstrating the readiness of the track for operational use. Following the inspection and successful trials, authorization has been granted to proceed with full-fledged commissioning of the section.

Railway authorities noted that the development forms an important component of the larger doubling project on the strategically important Kottavalasa-Kirandul line. The KK line is a crucial rail corridor that supports both passenger movement and the transportation of minerals and other goods from mineral-rich regions to ports and industrial centres.

The project was completed through the coordinated efforts of multiple departments, including Civil Engineering, Signal and Telecom, and Electrical wings of the construction organisation. Their work was supported by effective op-

erational coordination and traffic planning by the Waltair Division.

During the inspection, several additional traffic facilities developed as part of the project were also examined. These included newly installed cross-overs in station yards, high-level platforms, and bridge structures designed to enhance operational efficiency and passenger convenience.

Railway officials expressed satisfaction over the successful completion of the inspection and emphasized that the new double line will improve rail capacity, streamline train operations, and contribute to better connectivity in the region.

Grand Iftar Promotes Communal Harmony in Banganapalle



Banganapalle, March 15 | TPN Bureau

An Iftar gathering aimed at promoting communal harmony was held in a grand manner in Banganapalle on Saturday, with Andhra Pradesh Minister for Roads and Buildings BC Janardhan Reddy participating in the event. The minister said the holy month of Ramzan symbolizes discipline, compassion, and charity, and that the main objective of organizing the Iftar gathering is to strengthen unity among people irrespective of caste and religion.

The Iftar event was organized at the Jumma Masjid in Banganapalle town, where the minister joined members of the Muslim community in observing the traditional prayers during the holy month. Following the prayers, the minister formally inaugurated the Iftar feast and greeted the attendees.

Addressing the gathering, BC Janardhan Reddy expressed happiness at continuing the tradition of organizing the Iftar event in the Banganapalle constituency for over a decade. He said such events serve as a platform to promote mutual respect and understanding among people of different communities. The minister stated that he feels fortunate to have the opportunity to host these gatherings every year, which reflect the

spirit of unity and communal harmony in the region.

He also extended Ramzan greetings to the Muslim community and highlighted the importance of maintaining peace and harmony in society. The minister assured members of the minority community that the government would continue to stand by them and work for their welfare and development.

Local Muslim elders and religious leaders appreciated the initiative, noting that the event strengthens social bonds and encourages people from different communities to come together in a spirit of brotherhood. The gathering reflected the inclusive tradition that has been followed in the constituency for several years.

A large number of people attended the event, including Muslim community members, local leaders, religious scholars, and supporters of the Telugu Desam Party. Party leaders and workers also participated in the programme, which was organized with great enthusiasm.

The event concluded with the Iftar feast, where participants shared the evening meal after breaking their fast, marking the spirit of togetherness and goodwill that defines the holy month of Ramzan.

Foundation Laid for Venkateswara Temple Reconstruction

K. Gangavaram, March 15 | TPN Bureau

The foundation ceremony for the reconstruction of the Sri Venkateswara Swamy temple was held with religious fervour in Kulla village of K. Gangavaram mandal in Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema district on Sunday. The temple, dedicated to Sri Venkateswara Swamy along with Sridevi and Bhudevi, will be rebuilt with an estimated cost of ₹1 crore through Pushkar funds.

Senior coalition leader Vasamshetty Satyam and former MP Chitturi Ravindra participated in the programme and took part in the rituals marking the beginning of the temple reconstruction works. As part of the ceremony, special pujas were performed and the temple idols were ceremoniously shifted to the 'Balalayam' to facilitate the reconstruction process.

Speaking on the occasion, the leaders said the temple reconstruction is being undertaken with the special initiative of State Labour Minister Vasamshetty Subhash. They stated that steps are being taken to ensure that the construction



of the temple is completed at the earliest while respecting the spiritual sentiments of the villagers. They added that the development of religious places plays an important role in strengthening the cultural and spiritual life of rural communities.

During the event, the leaders also appreciated the services of Chitturi Rammohan Rao, a retired teacher and TDP

leader from the village. Vasamshetty Satyam said Rammohan Rao has been making significant contributions to the development of Kulla village by spending his own funds and continuously working for the welfare of the local community. He described his efforts as inspirational and worthy of recognition.

On the same occasion, a foundation stone was laid for the

construction of a protective slab over the statue of Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram in the village. The work, estimated at ₹1.50 lakh, is aimed at safeguarding the statue and improving the surroundings of the memorial.

The leaders also inaugurated a newly constructed market shed built at a cost of ₹1 lakh for the benefit of fishermen in the village. The facility is expected to provide fishermen with a convenient space to sell their catch and improve their livelihood opportunities.

Additionally, cement benches constructed at a cost of ₹60,000 were inaugurated in front of the SC Community Hall to provide a resting facility for villagers and visitors.

Several leaders and villagers appreciated the efforts being made for the development of Kulla village. Among those present at the event were Swachh Andhra Director Saladi Ramesh, constituency farmers' president Balusu Sivaprasad, TDP village president Chitturi Subbarao, along with local leaders, village elders, and a large number of residents who participated in the programme.

BC Janardhan Reddy Receives Public Grievances



Banganapalle, March 15 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Minister for Roads & Buildings, Investments and Infrastructure BC Janardhan Reddy on Saturday received petitions from members of the public and assured them of prompt action on their grievances. The grievance redressal programme was held at the minister's camp office in Banganapalle, where people from different sections of society gathered to present their issues.

The minister personally interacted with the petitioners from evening till late at night, listening to their concerns and requests. A large number of people approached him with various problems, seeking government intervention and assistance. Most of the grievances related to revenue matters, pension issues, employment opportunities, and other welfare concerns.

Addressing the gathering, Minister Janardhan Reddy emphasized that resolving public grievances is a priority for the government. He directed officials to ensure that the petitions received from citizens are examined carefully and resolved as quickly as possible. The minister assured the petitioners that their problems would be forwarded to the concerned departments and necessary action would be taken without delay.

During the programme, the minister also spoke directly with several officials over the phone to address some of the issues immediately. He instructed the concerned authorities to take swift action, particularly in cases

that were legally valid and required urgent attention. The minister said that the government is committed to responding to the needs of the people and ensuring that their genuine concerns are addressed effectively.

Several citizens expressed satisfaction over the minister's approach and responsiveness during the grievance meeting. They appreciated his willingness to listen patiently and take immediate steps to resolve their issues. Many beneficiaries stated that such grievance redressal programmes help bring government administration closer to the people.

The event witnessed participation from people across the district, including representatives of various communities, coalition leaders, and party workers. The programme was organised under the supervision of the minister as part of ongoing efforts to strengthen communication between the government and the public.

Officials said the petitions received during the programme would be reviewed by the relevant departments and necessary follow-up action would be taken. The minister reiterated that the government remains committed to addressing public concerns and improving administrative efficiency through direct interaction with citizens.

The grievance reception programme was organised by the Andhra Pradesh Department of Roads & Buildings, Investments and Infrastructure, headquartered in Amaravati.

NMC Imposes ₹1 Crore Fine on Ongole Medical College

Ongole, March 15 | TPN Bureau

The National Medical Commission (NMC) has imposed a penalty of ₹1 crore on the Government Medical College in Ongole for failing to comply with guidelines related to the disclosure of stipend payments to medical interns and postgraduate resident doctors.

According to officials, the regulatory body took action after the institution failed to submit required information about the stipends paid to MBBS interns and postgraduate trainees. The commission had previously instructed medical colleges across the country to publicly disclose stipend details on their official websites to ensure transparency and accountability in medical education institutions.

The directive was part of a nationwide initiative aimed at maintaining uniformity in stipend payments and providing clarity to students and trainees regarding the financial support they receive during their training period. Medical colleges were asked to upload complete details of stipends provided to interns, junior residents, and senior residents so that the information would be accessible to both authorities and the



public. However, the Ongole medical college reportedly did not provide the required information within the stipulated timeframe despite multiple reminders. As a result, the National Medical Commission decided to impose a financial penalty on the institution for non-compliance with its regulations.

Officials stated that transparency in stipend payments is an

important aspect of medical education governance. Interns and resident doctors play a significant role in providing healthcare services in teaching hospitals while continuing their clinical training. Ensuring that they receive proper stipends and that the information is openly disclosed helps safeguard their welfare and prevents irregularities.

The penalty is part of broader

measures being taken by the NMC to ensure that medical institutions across the country follow the rules laid down under the National Medical Commission Act and related regulations. Authorities have made it clear that failure to comply with these directives may attract strict disciplinary action.

Medical education experts believe that the move will encourage institutions to follow transparency norms and strengthen accountability in medical colleges. By making stipend details publicly available, the regulatory body aims to ensure that students and trainees are treated fairly and that institutions adhere to the prescribed standards.

Officials have also warned that repeated violations or continued non-compliance with guidelines could result in further action, including restrictions on admissions or other regulatory measures against the institution.

The development has drawn attention to the need for strict adherence to regulatory guidelines in medical education institutions, particularly those that play a vital role in training the country's future healthcare professionals.

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.

Election Commission Announces Assembly Poll Schedule for Five Regions

The Election Commission of India has announced the schedule for the upcoming Assembly elections in West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Assam, and the Union Territory of Puducherry, setting the stage for major political contests across the country.

According to the official announcement, voting will be held in April 2026, with counting of votes scheduled for May 4, 2026 for all five regions. The elections will decide the formation of new state governments and legislative assemblies.

Polling Dates

- Kerala, Assam, and Puducherry will vote on April 9, 2026.
- Tamil Nadu will go to polls on April 23, 2026.
- West Bengal will hold elections in two phases on April 23 and April 29, 2026.
- Vote counting for all states and the Union Territory will take place on May 4, 2026.

The Commission also announced that the Model Code



of Conduct has come into effect in all the poll-bound regions following the declaration of the schedule.

Key Details

Around 17.4 crore voters are expected to participate in the elections across these states and the Union Territory. West Bengal will see multi-phase polling due to its size and administrative require-

ments, while the other regions will conduct single-phase elections.

The announcement marks the beginning of intensified campaign activities by political parties, with major contests expected in all five regions. Security arrangements and election preparations have already been set in motion to ensure free and fair polling.

The schedule provides clar-

ity to political parties, candidates, and voters, allowing sufficient time for campaign planning and administrative arrangements ahead of the elections.

With the dates now officially declared, attention will shift toward campaign strategies, alliances, and voter outreach efforts as the states prepare for one of the most significant electoral exercises of 2026.

Not Targeted at Any Community': BJP Leader Baijayant Panda on Assam Evictions Ahead of 2026 Polls

BJP's Assam election in-charge Baijayant Jay Panda has clarified that the ongoing eviction drives in the state are not targeted at any particular community. His remarks come as political discussions intensify ahead of the Assam Assembly elections scheduled for 2026.

Addressing concerns raised by opposition parties and civil society groups, Panda stated that the eviction operations are being carried out strictly in accordance with the law. He emphasized that the government's actions are aimed at removing illegal encroachments and protecting government and forest land, rather than focusing on any specific group.

Eviction drives have been a major policy initiative of the Assam government over the past few years. Authorities have conducted several large-scale operations to clear alleged encroachments from public lands, citing environmental protection, administrative requirements, and legal



compliance as the primary reasons. The issue has frequently sparked political debate within the state.

Panda reiterated that such measures are administrative decisions and should not be interpreted as community-based actions. He stressed that the government's objective is to ensure proper land management and uphold the rule of law. According to him, the fo-

cus remains on development, governance, and long-term stability in the state.

With the Assembly elections approaching, political parties have begun intensifying their campaign preparations. The eviction issue is expected to feature prominently in public debates, alongside discussions on employment, infrastructure, border security, welfare schemes, and economic

development.

The Assam Assembly elections will determine the formation of the next state government. As per the election schedule, voting will take place in a single phase, followed by vote counting in early May. With the announcement of dates, the Model Code of Conduct has come into effect, placing restrictions on government announcements and political activities.

The BJP has appointed senior leaders to oversee election strategy in Assam, reflecting the party's focus on retaining power in the state. Other political parties are also finalizing their campaign plans and strengthening grassroots outreach.

As campaigning gains momentum, the eviction drives and governance policies are likely to remain key topics of discussion. The upcoming election is expected to be closely contested, with parties preparing for a significant political battle in the state.

AIADMK Rules Out Alliance With Vijay-Led TVK Ahead of Tamil Nadu Polls



The AIADMK has ruled out any possibility of an alliance with actor-politician Vijay's Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) for the upcoming Tamil Nadu Assembly elections, putting an end to ongoing speculation about a potential partnership.

AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K. Palaniswami clarified that there have been no discussions or contact with the TVK regarding an electoral tie-up. He described reports suggesting a possible alliance as mere media speculation and dismissed claims that talks were underway between the two parties.

Palaniswami also stated that there is no rift within the AIADMK leadership concerning alliance decisions. Addressing rumours about differences with BJP leaders, he said the media was unnecessarily creating confusion. He emphasized that the party remains focused on its campaign preparations and organisational work ahead of the elections.

The clarification comes amid growing political activity in Tamil Nadu, with parties positioning themselves for the 2026 Assembly polls. Vijay's TVK, which has been actively expanding its political presence, has also faced speculation about possible alliances. However, both AIADMK and

TVK have independently indicated that they will chart their own paths for the election.

With the Election Commission announcing the poll schedule, political developments in the state have intensified. Campaign strategies, alliance formations, and candidate selections are expected to dominate the political landscape in the coming months.

The AIADMK has already begun its statewide outreach programs as part of its preparation for the elections. Party leaders have been conducting meetings and mobilising cadres across districts to strengthen organisational structure and voter engagement.

Political observers believe that the ruling party in Tamil Nadu will face strong competition in the upcoming polls, with multiple parties aiming to consolidate their voter base. The absence of an alliance between AIADMK and TVK signals a potentially multi-cornered contest in the state.

As election preparations gain momentum, parties are expected to make further announcements regarding candidates and campaign plans. For now, AIADMK has made its position clear that it will not enter into any alliance with Vijay-led TVK for the upcoming Assembly elections, putting speculation to rest.

TVK Chief Vijay Appears for Third Round of Questioning in Karur Stampede Case



TVK chief and actor-politician Vijay appeared before the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for a third round of questioning in connection with the ongoing probe into the Karur stampede case. The incident, which occurred during a political rally organised by his party, led to multiple casualties and injuries, prompting a detailed investigation.

According to officials, Vijay was summoned as part of the agency's continued inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the tragedy. The investigation is examining issues such as crowd management, event arrangements, safety measures, and administrative permissions related to the rally. Authorities are seeking to determine whether adequate precautions were taken to prevent the incident.

This marks the third time Vijay has been questioned in the case. Earlier, he had received notices from the investigating agency and had requested that the questioning be rescheduled due to prior commitments. Reports also suggest that he sought to have the interrogation conducted within Tamil Nadu. However, he eventually complied with the summons and appeared for questioning as directed.

The Karur stampede, which

took place during a public gathering, led to widespread concern and triggered calls for a thorough investigation. Following legal proceedings and higher judicial directions, the case was handed over to the central agency for a comprehensive probe. Since then, investigators have been collecting statements from individuals linked to the event.

The incident has also become a topic of political discussion in Tamil Nadu, especially as the state prepares for upcoming Assembly elections. Vijay, who founded the Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK), has been actively expanding the party's organisational presence across the state. His appearance before the agency has attracted significant public and media attention.

Officials have stated that the investigation is ongoing and that further questioning may be conducted if required. The agency continues to review evidence and gather information to establish accountability and understand the sequence of events that led to the tragedy.

As the legal process moves forward, authorities have reiterated that the inquiry will follow due procedure. Updates on the case are expected as the investigation progresses.

Why West Bengal Will Vote in Two Phases in 2026 Instead of Eight



The Election Commission of India has announced that the West Bengal Assembly elections in 2026 will be conducted in two phases, a major change from the eight-phase polling held in the previous election. The decision has drawn attention as it significantly shortens the voting schedule for one of India's largest and most politically important states.

According to the announced schedule, polling in West Bengal will take place on April 23 and April 29, 2026, while the counting of votes will be conducted on May 4, 2026. With the release of the election timetable, the Model Code of Conduct has come into effect in the state, placing restrictions on government announcements and political activities that could influence voters.

In the earlier Assembly elections, West Bengal was divided into eight phases due to security considerations, logistical planning, and the size of the electorate. The state has a large

number of constituencies, and phased polling was used to ensure adequate deployment of security forces and smooth management of the electoral process.

For the upcoming election, the Commission has decided to complete voting in just two phases, covering all constituencies within a shorter timeframe. Officials have indicated that the revised plan is based on administrative assessments, security preparedness, and overall operational efficiency. The aim is to balance effective security arrangements with a streamlined election process.

Political parties had also expressed views on the number of phases during consultations. Several parties reportedly preferred fewer phases to reduce prolonged campaigning and ensure quicker completion of the electoral exercise. A shorter schedule is expected to help maintain momentum while still ensuring free and fair polling.

West Bengal remains a key political battleground, and the upcoming election is expected to witness intense competition among major parties. Campaign activities are likely to intensify following the announcement of dates, with parties preparing candidate lists, public meetings, and outreach programs across the state.

Election authorities have assured that necessary arrangements are being made to ensure peaceful voting, including security deployment, monitoring systems, and voter awareness initiatives. The Commission emphasized that maintaining transparency and safeguarding democratic processes remain top priorities.

With the schedule now confirmed, West Bengal is preparing for an important electoral contest that will determine the formation of its next government. The two-phase polling marks a notable shift in the state's election planning compared to previous years.

Odisha Rajya Sabha Polls Heat Up Amid Cross-Voting Concerns and Resort Politics



The political atmosphere in Odisha has intensified ahead of the Rajya Sabha elections, with parties stepping up efforts to secure their numbers and prevent cross-voting. The contest, particularly for the closely watched fourth seat, has triggered strategic meetings, internal consultations, and precautionary measures across party lines.

The Biju Janata Dal (BJD) has initiated discussions with its legislators to ensure unity and discipline during the voting process. Party leaders have been closely monitoring the situation to avoid any possibility of defection or cross-voting that could affect the final outcome. Senior leadership has urged MLAs to remain committed to the party's official position and to participate in the election process responsibly.

Meanwhile, opposition parties have also taken steps to safeguard their legislators. Several members have been shifted to secure locations as part of what is

commonly described as "resort politics," a strategy used to prevent alleged poaching attempts and maintain cohesion within the party ranks. Party leaders have stated that these measures are precautionary and aimed at ensuring a smooth and transparent voting process.

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has also intensified its preparations for the Rajya Sabha polls. Meetings have been held with party legislators to discuss strategy and voting alignment. Political observers note that the competition for seats has made coordination within party ranks extremely important, especially given the limited number of votes required to influence the result.

The fourth Rajya Sabha seat has become the focal point of the election, drawing attention from political parties and analysts alike. While some outcomes appear predictable based on current numerical strength, uncertainty remains due to the possibility of cross-vot-

ing, which can alter calculations in closely contested scenarios.

Allegations and counter-allegations between parties have further raised tensions in the state's political environment. Leaders have accused rivals of attempting to influence legislators, while opposing parties have denied such claims and reaffirmed confidence in their members.

With voting expected soon, all parties are focused on maintaining discipline and ensuring that their legislators adhere to party decisions. Internal monitoring mechanisms have been strengthened to prevent surprises during the polling process.

As the Rajya Sabha election approaches, Odisha's political scene remains highly active, reflecting the importance of upper house representation and the competitive dynamics between major political forces in the state. The outcome will be closely watched for its impact on both state and national politics.

Kim Jong Un Oversees Rocket Test With Daughter Ju Ae, Signals Military Strength



North Korean leader Kim Jong Un recently supervised a major rocket launcher test while accompanied by his daughter Kim Ju Ae, highlighting the country's continued focus on strengthening its military and nuclear capabilities. The test, which involved powerful multiple rocket launch systems, was conducted as part of a large-scale military drill aimed at demonstrating North Korea's strike capabilities.

According to North Korean state media, the exercise involved the firing of large 600mm-calibre multiple rocket launchers near the country's east coast. The rockets were launched toward the sea during the drill, which was designed to showcase the range, accuracy, and destructive power of the weapon system.

South Korea's military reported detecting several projectiles fired from the Pyongyang area toward the eastern waters. Officials in Seoul strongly condemned the launch, describing it as a serious provocation and a violation of United Nations resolutions that prohibit North Korea from carrying out ballistic missile tests.

The rocket system tested during the drill is believed to have a striking range of about 420 kilometres. North Korean officials claimed that such weapons could effectively target and destroy enemy military bases and strategic infrastructure within that range if used in a conflict. The exercise was also described as a demonstration of the country's ability to deploy tactical nuclear weapons if necessary.

The test comes at a time of

heightened tensions on the Korean Peninsula, as the United States and South Korea continue to conduct their annual joint military exercises. North Korea has repeatedly criticised these drills, calling them hostile actions and preparations for invasion. In response, Pyongyang often conducts missile tests and military demonstrations to display its defence capabilities.

Images released by North Korean media showed Kim Jong Un closely observing the rocket launches and giving instructions to military officials. His daughter Ju Ae was seen standing beside him during the drill, watching the tests and interacting with senior military personnel.

Ju Ae has made several public appearances alongside her father at major military events in recent years, including missile

launches and defence exhibitions. Her growing presence at such important occasions has attracted global attention, with analysts suggesting that she may be gradually introduced to the public as a potential future leader.

North Korea has continued to accelerate its weapons development programme despite international sanctions and global pressure. The latest rocket test highlights the country's determination to strengthen its military deterrence and send a clear message to its regional rivals.

The appearance of Kim's daughter during the high-profile military drill also reflects the leadership's effort to project stability and continuity within the ruling family while reinforcing North Korea's image of military power.

Trump Warns of More Strikes on Iran's Key Oil Hub Kharg Island



US President Donald Trump has warned that the United States could launch additional strikes on Iran's key oil export hub, Kharg Island, as tensions continue to escalate in the ongoing conflict involving the United States, Israel, and Iran.

Speaking during a recent interaction with reporters, Trump claimed that US forces had already carried out powerful airstrikes on the island, causing significant damage to military installations. He said the strikes had "totally demolished" several targeted areas and suggested that more attacks could be conducted if necessary. Trump also remarked that the United States might hit the site again "a few more times just for fun," a statement that drew widespread attention amid the already tense situation.

Kharg Island is considered one of the most strategically important locations for Iran's economy because it serves as the country's primary oil export terminal. A large

portion of Iran's crude oil shipments pass through facilities located on the island, making it a vital energy hub in the Persian Gulf. Any disruption to operations there could significantly affect Iran's oil exports and potentially influence global energy markets.

Reports indicate that the recent US strikes mainly targeted military infrastructure on the island, including missile storage sites and naval facilities. Officials suggested that oil production facilities were largely avoided during the operation to prevent long-term damage to energy infrastructure that could take years to rebuild.

The ongoing conflict has already begun to affect regional stability and global trade. Tensions around the Strait of Hormuz, one of the world's most important shipping routes for oil, have raised concerns among international observers. A significant share of the world's crude oil supply passes through this narrow wa-

terway, and any disruption could lead to increased oil prices and economic uncertainty.

Trump also urged countries that rely heavily on energy shipments through the Strait of Hormuz to contribute to efforts aimed at securing the crucial maritime route. He argued that protecting the passage should be a shared responsibility among nations that benefit from oil transported through the region.

Iran has strongly condemned the US strikes and warned that it would respond firmly to any further attacks on its territory or infrastructure. Iranian officials have stated that targeting their strategic facilities would provoke serious retaliation.

As both sides continue to exchange threats and military actions intensify, analysts warn that the situation could escalate further, increasing the risk of a broader regional conflict and raising concerns about global security and energy supplies.

Iran's Revolutionary Guards Threaten to 'Pursue and Kill' Netanyahu Amid Rising Tensions

Tensions in the Middle East have escalated sharply after Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) issued a strong warning against Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, stating that they would "pursue and kill" him as the conflict involving Iran, Israel, and the United States intensifies.

The threat came amid a rapidly deteriorating security situation in the region, with both sides exchanging military strikes and harsh rhetoric. Iranian authorities accused Netanyahu of being responsible for Israel's attacks on Iranian targets and for the deaths of civilians during the ongoing conflict. The IRGC declared that the Israeli leader would be held accountable for his actions and warned that he would be relentlessly pursued.

The statement from Iran followed remarks by Netanyahu in which he said that Israel, along with the United States, was working to weaken Iran's regime and military capabilities. Netan-



yahu defended Israel's military campaign, arguing that the operations were necessary to counter Iran's influence in the region and prevent potential threats to Israel's security.

In recent weeks, the conflict has intensified with several military operations and retaliatory strikes reported from both sides. Israel and the United States have reportedly targeted key Iranian military and strategic installations. In response, Iran has

launched retaliatory attacks against Israeli-linked targets and American interests in the region.

Amid the escalating confrontation, rumors about Netanyahu's alleged death began circulating widely on social media. These claims quickly spread online, creating confusion and speculation. However, Israeli officials strongly denied the reports and confirmed that the prime minister was safe. Authorities dis-

missed the rumors as false information intended to mislead the public and create panic.

The exchange of direct threats and military actions has raised concerns among international observers about the possibility of a broader regional conflict. Analysts warn that the increasingly aggressive language and continued attacks could further destabilize the already volatile Middle East.

Diplomatic efforts to reduce tensions have so far shown little progress. Several countries and international organizations have called for restraint and urged both sides to avoid further escalation that could lead to a wider war.

As the situation remains tense, the latest warning from Iran's Revolutionary Guards reflects the deepening hostility between Tehran and Tel Aviv. With ongoing military operations and political confrontations, the conflict continues to pose serious challenges for regional stability and global security.

Tucker Carlson Alleges CIA Spying Over His Contacts With Iran



American political commentator Tucker Carlson has claimed that the US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) monitored his private communications and may be preparing a case accusing him of acting as a foreign agent because of his contacts with individuals in Iran.

Carlson made the allegation in a recent video statement, saying intelligence officials had access to his text messages and private conversations. According to him, the information could potentially be used to refer a case to the US Department of Justice under the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA). The law requires individuals working on behalf of foreign governments or entities to register with the US government and disclose their activities.

The former television host said the alleged surveillance was related to discussions he had with Iranian sources before the escalation of tensions between the United States, Israel, and Iran. Carlson argued that communicating with foreign

officials or sources is a common and legitimate part of journalism and political analysis.

He strongly denied acting as a representative of any foreign government and said the idea of labeling him a foreign agent was baseless. Carlson also stated that he had never received money or support from any foreign entity and insisted that his conversations were part of efforts to understand international developments.

In his remarks, Carlson suggested that the alleged monitoring could be politically motivated. He claimed that some officials may be unhappy with his outspoken views on foreign policy, particularly his criticism of US involvement in Middle Eastern conflicts. According to him, attempts to portray him as a foreign agent are intended to damage his credibility and silence his opinions.

Carlson emphasized that as an American citizen and commentator, he has the right to communicate with people around the world while

researching global issues. He described the situation as troubling and said it raised concerns about government surveillance and the limits of free speech in the United States.

So far, neither the CIA nor the US Department of Justice has publicly confirmed the existence of any investigation or surveillance involving Carlson. Intelligence agencies typically do not comment on matters related to potential investigations or intelligence activities.

The controversy has sparked debate among observers and commentators about the balance between national security and press freedom. Some analysts say the issue highlights the challenges faced by journalists and public figures who interact with foreign sources while discussing sensitive geopolitical topics.

Carlson said he does not expect the situation to result in a criminal prosecution but believes the public should be aware of what he described as potential government overreach.

Russia Using Middle East Crisis to Intensify Ukraine Attacks: Zelensky

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky has accused Russia of taking advantage of the ongoing conflict in the Middle East to escalate its military offensive against Ukraine. His remarks came after Russia launched a fresh wave of missile and drone attacks targeting several Ukrainian regions, causing casualties and widespread damage to infrastructure.

According to Ukrainian authorities, the latest overnight assault involved hundreds of drones and dozens of missiles. Zelensky said that Russia launched around 430 drones and 68 missiles during the attack. Ukrainian air defence systems managed to intercept many of the incoming projectiles, preventing even greater destruction. However, several strikes still reached their targets, hitting residential areas and critical infrastructure facilities.

The attacks affected multiple regions across Ukraine, including Kyiv, Kharkiv, Zaporizhzhia, and Dnipro. In the Kyiv region, several civilians were reportedly killed and many others injured after missiles struck homes, schools, and commercial



buildings. Emergency services rushed to affected locations to rescue trapped residents and provide medical assistance to the wounded.

Energy infrastructure was also among the main targets of the Russian barrage. Damage to power facilities caused electricity disruptions in several areas, leaving thousands of residents temporarily without power. Ukrainian officials said repair

teams were working quickly to restore electricity and stabilize the affected regions.

Zelensky warned that Russia may be attempting to exploit the global focus on the Middle East crisis to intensify its attacks while international attention is diverted elsewhere. He urged the international community not to lose focus on the war in Ukraine and stressed the need for continued support to defend

the country from Russian aggression.

The Ukrainian president also renewed his appeal to Western allies for additional air defence systems. He emphasized that stronger air defence capabilities are essential to protect Ukrainian cities, civilian populations, and critical infrastructure from ongoing missile and drone strikes.

Meanwhile, the escalation has raised concerns among neighboring countries. During the attack, Poland reportedly scrambled fighter jets to monitor the situation near its borders, highlighting the potential regional risks posed by the conflict.

Despite continued diplomatic efforts, prospects for peace talks remain uncertain. Negotiations aimed at ending the war have largely stalled amid ongoing hostilities and broader geopolitical tensions.

As the conflict continues, Ukraine remains heavily reliant on international military and financial support while facing persistent Russian attacks targeting cities, infrastructure, and essential services across the country.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

“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.

Sanju Samson Says Indian Teammates Were 'Jealous' of Abhishek Sharma

Indian wicketkeeper-batter Sanju Samson recently shared a humorous incident from the dressing room, revealing that some Indian players used to feel a little "jealous" of fellow cricketer Abhishek Sharma because of the massive support he received from fans.

Speaking during a public interaction, Samson said that Abhishek quickly became extremely popular among spectators due to his explosive batting style and energetic presence on the field. According to Samson, whenever the team played, crowds in the stadium would loudly chant Abhishek's name, creating an atmosphere where the young batter received a great deal of attention.

Samson recalled that the chants of "Abhishek, Abhishek" often echoed throughout the stadium during matches. Because of this, teammates sometimes joked that fans seemed to be focused only on him. The Kerala cricketer said the dressing room conversations were light-hearted, and players would tease each other about the overwhelming fan support Abhishek enjoyed.

Despite the playful remarks, Samson had high praise for the young left-hander. He described Abhishek as a "superstar" in the making and credited him for bringing excitement and aggression to the team's batting lineup. According to Samson, Abhishek's fearless approach helps the team start strongly, especially in limited-overs formats where quick runs at the top are crucial.

Samson also spoke about their opening partnership and the chemistry they share on the field. He explained that both of them prefer attacking cricket and like to dominate bowlers from the beginning. Because they have a similar mindset



while batting, it becomes easier for them to coordinate and maintain a high scoring rate during the early overs.

The wicketkeeper-batter described their partnership as "fire and fire," meaning both players look to play aggressively rather than balancing aggression with caution. This attacking combination, he said,

often puts pressure on opposition bowlers and gives the team strong momentum early in the innings.

Samson clarified that the "jealousy" he mentioned was purely in a humorous sense and reflected the friendly atmosphere within the team. He emphasized that the players share a strong bond and always support

each other's success.

He added that Abhishek's growing popularity is simply a reflection of his performances and the excitement he brings to the game. With his fearless batting and confident style, Abhishek Sharma has quickly emerged as one of the most promising young talents in Indian cricket.

'Once a Dilliwala, Always a Dilliwala': Delhi Capitals After Pietersen Steps Down as Mentor

The Delhi Capitals bid an emotional farewell to former England star Kevin Pietersen after he stepped down from his role as mentor ahead of the Indian Premier League 2026 season.

Pietersen announced his decision through a social media message, explaining that he would not be able to continue in the mentorship role because he could not commit the time required for the position. The former England captain wished the team and players success for the upcoming season and said he would still be involved with the tournament as a commentator.

The Delhi franchise responded warmly to his departure, posting a heartfelt message that read: "Once a Dilliwala, always a Dilliwala." The statement reflected the strong bond between Pietersen and the team, as he had previously represented the franchise during his playing career when it was known as Delhi Daredevils.

Pietersen had joined the Capitals as a mentor ahead of the



2025 season and worked closely with several players in the squad. During his time with the team, he played an important role in guiding young cricketers and sharing his experience from international and franchise cricket. His presence in the dressing room was seen as valuable, especially for develop-

ing players who benefited from his insights and leadership.

The Delhi Capitals had a competitive campaign in the previous season but narrowly missed out on a place in the playoffs. Under captain Axar Patel, the team finished fifth in the standings with 15 points. Despite showing strong performances

in several matches, they fell short of securing a top-four finish.

Pietersen's association with the Delhi franchise goes back more than a decade. He played for the team in the IPL between 2012 and 2014 and even captained the side for a period. Because of that long connection, many fans and team members consider him an integral part of the franchise's history.

Although he has stepped away from the mentorship role, Pietersen confirmed that he will still be part of the upcoming IPL season as a television commentator. His continued involvement with the league ensures that fans will still see and hear him during matches.

As the new season approaches, Delhi Capitals will now focus on preparing their squad and coaching setup while continuing their quest to win their first IPL title. Pietersen's departure marks a change in the support staff, but his connection with the franchise remains strong.

West Indies Squad Safely Returns Home After T20 World Cup Travel Disruption

Cricket West Indies has confirmed that members of the West Indies national cricket team have safely returned home after facing travel disruptions following the conclusion of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026.

According to the cricket board, all players and support staff who had been stranded due to unexpected travel issues have now reached their destinations safely. The team had remained in India for several days after the tournament because of complications involving their planned return flight.

Initially, a charter flight arranged for teams participating in the tournament was expected to transport the West Indies squad back home. However, the flight was cancelled due to logistical challenges, forcing the players and officials to wait while alternative travel plans were arranged.

To resolve the situation, officials organised commercial flight options for the team. Players and members of the support staff travelled in different



batches through various international routes before finally reaching home safely. The process took several days as the board worked to ensure smooth travel arrangements for everyone involved.

The travel disruption was reportedly linked to broader aviation challenges affecting international routes. Restrictions and operational difficulties in

certain regions made it difficult to immediately arrange replacement flights, which led to delays in the team's departure from India.

The West Indies team had already been eliminated from the tournament earlier and was preparing to return home when the travel issues occurred. Although the team's campaign ended sooner than expected, the unexpect-

ed delay created additional concerns for players and staff who were eager to return to their families after the competition.

During the waiting period, some members of the cricket community expressed concern about the uncertainty surrounding travel arrangements. However, officials from Cricket West Indies worked with relevant authorities and organisers to resolve the issue as quickly as possible.

In a statement, the board thanked tournament organisers and other stakeholders for their assistance in ensuring the safe return of the squad. It also emphasised that the welfare and safety of players and staff remained the top priority throughout the situation.

With the team now back home, the focus will shift toward upcoming international fixtures and future preparations. Despite the unexpected travel complications, the safe return of the West Indies squad has brought relief to the players, officials, and supporters.

Sarfraz Ahmed Reportedly Retires After Historic Champions Trophy Triumph



Former Pakistan captain Sarfraz Ahmed has reportedly decided to retire from international cricket, marking the end of a distinguished career that spanned many years at the highest level.

Sarfraz is best remembered for leading the Pakistan national cricket team to a historic victory in the ICC Champions Trophy 2017. Under his captaincy, Pakistan defeated India in the final to claim their first Champions Trophy title, a triumph that remains one of the most celebrated moments in the country's cricket history.

Throughout his international career, Sarfraz represented Pakistan across all formats of the game. As a wicketkeeper-batter, he contributed both with the gloves and with the bat. His leadership was widely appreciated, particularly during the period when Pakistan rose to the top rankings in T20 cricket. He was known for his aggressive captaincy style, strong team spirit, and ability to motivate younger players.

Reports suggest that Sarfraz last featured in international cricket in recent years but remained involved in domestic competitions and team activities. His experience and understanding of the game have made him a respected figure within Pakistan's cricketing circles. Many believe that his contribution

to the team goes beyond statistics, especially due to the confidence and unity he brought to the squad during major tournaments.

During his time as captain, Pakistan achieved several important victories and developed a strong reputation in limited-overs cricket. The Champions Trophy success in 2017 is often highlighted as the defining achievement of his leadership career. That tournament not only boosted Pakistan's global standing but also strengthened the team's belief in its ability to compete at the highest level.

With retirement reportedly on the horizon, discussions have emerged about Sarfraz's possible future role in cricket. There is speculation that he could take up coaching or mentoring responsibilities, allowing him to share his vast experience with the next generation of players. His knowledge of international competition and leadership skills could make him a valuable asset in a development or support role.

Fans and former teammates have expressed appreciation for his dedication and service to Pakistan cricket. As Sarfraz prepares to step away from playing, his legacy remains strongly associated with one of the most memorable championship victories in the nation's sporting history.

MotoGP Postpones Qatar Grand Prix to November Amid Middle East Conflict



MotoGP has officially postponed the Qatar Grand Prix, originally scheduled for April, and rescheduled the race for November due to the ongoing geopolitical situation in the Middle East. The decision was announced on Sunday after extensive review and calendar adjustments.

According to organisers, the race at the Lusail International Circuit, which was set to host the fourth round of the 2026 championship from April 10-12, will now take place on November 8. The change was made to minimize disruption to the overall season schedule while prioritizing safety and operational considerations.

MotoGP stated that the postponement followed detailed scenario planning and calendar analysis. The revised date was selected to ensure the smooth continuation of the championship without major impact on other planned races. The organisation confirmed that the Portuguese Grand Prix in Portimão has also been rescheduled to November 22, while the season finale in Valencia will move to November 29.

The decision comes amid escalating tensions in the region, which have affected travel routes and led to the cancellation or adjustment of several international sporting events. The conflict has disrupted air traffic in parts of the Gulf, creating logistical challenges for teams, staff, and freight movement required to stage global mo-

torSPORT events.

MotoGP emphasized that the safety of riders, teams, officials, and fans remains the top priority. After reviewing the situation and consulting relevant stakeholders, the governing body concluded that postponement was the most appropriate course of action.

The Qatar Grand Prix is traditionally one of the key races in the early part of the MotoGP calendar and has often been held under floodlights at night. With the updated schedule, the championship will continue with upcoming rounds in Brazil and the United States before returning to Europe later in the season.

The calendar adjustments also reflect broader changes across international motorsport, as organisers across different series respond to regional instability. By moving the Qatar event to November, MotoGP aims to preserve the integrity of the championship while reducing uncertainty for teams and broadcasters.

Fans holding tickets for the original April date are expected to receive further information regarding arrangements in line with the updated schedule. MotoGP has assured supporters that preparations for the revised date are underway.

With the rescheduling confirmed, attention now shifts to the next races on the calendar as the 2026 season continues under revised conditions.

CM Chandrababu Naidu Visits Allu Aravind's Residence, Extends Wedding Wishes to Allu Sirish and Nayanika



Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu visited the residence of noted film producer Allu Aravind to personally extend his greetings and blessings to actor Allu Sirish and his fiancée Nayanika ahead of their wedding. The visit drew attention from both political and film circles, highlighting the close ties between public figures in the state.

During the visit, the Chief Minister conveyed his best wishes to the couple and interacted warmly with the family members. The meeting was described as a cordial and friendly gesture, reflecting goodwill and personal rapport. Chandrababu Naidu congratulated the family on the upcoming wedding and wished the couple a happy and successful married life.

Allu Aravind, a prominent figure in the Telugu film industry and a respected producer, welcomed the Chief Minister at his residence. Members of the family were present during the interaction, and the atmosphere was reportedly pleasant and celebratory. The gathering symbolised a blend of political leadership and film industry camaraderie.

Allu Sirish, who has been active in Telugu cinema, is preparing for his wedding with Nayanika. The announcement of their engagement earlier had already created excitement among fans and well-wishers. With

the wedding approaching, several prominent personalities have been extending their greetings to the couple.

The Chief Minister's visit is seen as a gesture of goodwill rather than a formal political engagement. Such interactions between leaders and members of the film industry are not uncommon in Telugu-speaking states, where cinema and public life often share strong connections. The meeting also reflects the tradition of leaders personally attending significant family events of well-known personalities.

Family members expressed gratitude for the Chief Minister's presence and blessings. The visit added to the celebratory mood surrounding the upcoming wedding, which has attracted attention from fans and media alike.

As preparations continue for the ceremony, wishes have been pouring in from various quarters. The interaction between Chandrababu Naidu and the family highlights the cordial relationship maintained across different sectors of society.

With the wedding scheduled soon, the occasion is expected to be a grand celebration attended by close relatives, friends, and several dignitaries. The Chief Minister's visit has further enhanced the significance of the event, making it a memorable moment for the family.

Dhanush Praises 'The Youth' Team, Appreciates Actor-Director Ken Karunas and Producer



Actor Dhanush has extended his appreciation to the team of the upcoming film *The Youth*, praising the efforts of its young cast and crew. In a recent message, Dhanush specifically congratulated Ken Karunas, who has taken on the dual responsibility of actor and director for the project, along with the film's producer.

Dhanush lauded Ken Karunas for his creative vision and commitment to storytelling. He appreciated the confidence shown by the young filmmaker in handling both acting and direction, noting that such efforts reflect passion and dedication toward cinema. The actor also wished the team great success, expressing hope that the film would connect strongly with audiences.

The praise from Dhanush has generated excitement around the project, as encouragement from established industry personalities often boosts visibility for upcoming films. Fans and film enthusiasts have welcomed the gesture, viewing it as recognition of new talent entering the industry.

The Youth is being developed as a contemporary film aimed at engaging younger audiences, with themes that resonate with present-day aspirations and challenges. The project highlights fresh talent both in front of and behind the camera, showcasing a new genera-

tion of filmmakers and performers.

Ken Karunas, known for his earlier acting performances, has now stepped into the director's role, marking an important milestone in his career. Taking charge of direction while also playing a lead role demonstrates his confidence in handling multiple responsibilities within a single project.

The producer of the film has also been acknowledged for supporting the creative vision and backing the team throughout the production process. The collaboration between the cast and crew is expected to bring a strong cinematic experience to the audience.

Industry observers believe that such encouragement from senior actors like Dhanush helps motivate emerging artists and strengthens the overall creative environment in the film industry. His appreciation adds positive momentum to the film's promotional activities.

As *The Youth* moves closer to its release, expectations are building around the project. With support from established stars and the involvement of young talent, the film is gaining attention in film circles and among fans.

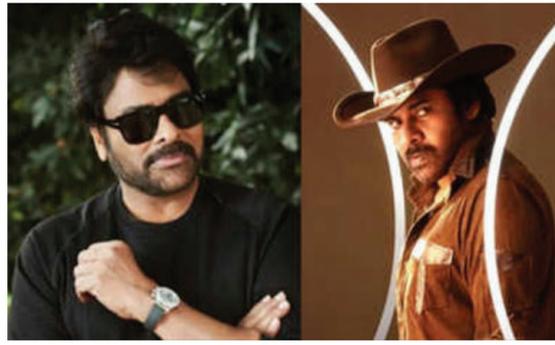
The team is continuing promotional efforts, and more updates about the film's release and features are expected soon.

Chiranjeevi and Ram Charan Praise 'Ustaad Bhagat Singh' Trailer

Megastar Chiranjeevi and global star Ram Charan have expressed their appreciation for the trailer of the much-anticipated film *Ustaad Bhagat Singh*, starring Pawan Kalyan. The father-son duo praised the team for delivering a powerful and energetic trailer that has already generated strong buzz among fans and industry circles.

The trailer, which was released recently, showcases Pawan Kalyan in a mass-action avatar, highlighting intense dialogues, stylish presentation, and high-octane sequences. The visuals, background score, and overall production quality have received positive responses from audiences on social media platforms. Fans have been celebrating the trailer's impact, calling it one of the most exciting releases of the season.

Chiranjeevi reportedly appreciated the effort put in by the director and technical team, noting the scale and presentation of the film. He congratulated the



cast and crew for their hard work and wished them great success. His comments added further excitement to the film's growing anticipation.

Ram Charan also shared his admiration for the trailer, praising the energy and screen presence of the lead actor. He highlighted the film's strong technical aspects, including action choreography and cinematography, which

appear to elevate the overall viewing experience. Ram Charan's support has further strengthened the positive momentum surrounding the project.

Ustaad Bhagat Singh is directed by Harish Shankar, who is known for his commercial entertainers. The film is expected to blend action, emotion, and mass appeal, catering to a wide audience. The trailer suggests a sto-

ryline filled with powerful dialogues, dynamic action scenes, and a strong character portrayal by Pawan Kalyan.

The film has already become one of the most awaited releases in Telugu cinema. With the backing of celebrated personalities and growing audience interest, expectations are high for its theatrical performance. Industry observers believe the combination of star power, direction, and technical excellence could make the film a major box-office attraction.

As promotional activities continue, the team is focusing on maintaining the excitement generated by the trailer. Fans across regions have been sharing clips, posters, and reactions online, contributing to the film's widespread visibility.

With appreciation from top members of the film fraternity and strong public response, *Ustaad Bhagat Singh* is moving closer to becoming one of the most talked-about projects in recent times.

Netizens Express Anger Over Missing Names in Allu Cinemas 'Hall of Fame' List

A recent controversy has erupted on social media after several key directors and prominent actresses were reportedly not included in the "Hall of Fame" list announced by Allu Cinemas. The omission has triggered strong reactions from netizens, who expressed disappointment and questioned the selection criteria.

The Hall of Fame initiative was introduced to honour individuals who have made significant contributions to the film industry. However, after the list was made public, many users pointed out that some well-known filmmakers and actresses who have played a crucial role in shaping cinema were left out. This led to widespread discussions across social media platforms.

Critics argued that recognition programs should be inclusive and transparent. Several users commented that contributions from senior directors, actors, and technicians deserve equal acknowledgment, regardless of personal affiliations or industry dynamics. Some also claimed



that the omission might create unnecessary misunderstandings within the film fraternity.

Supporters of the initiative, however, stated that such lists are often curated based on specific themes, criteria, or timeframes. They suggested that it may not be practical to include every influential personality in a single edition and that future

updates could address the gaps. Despite this explanation, dissatisfaction continued to grow online.

The issue quickly gained traction, with hashtags related to the controversy trending temporarily. Film enthusiasts and industry observers joined the debate, sharing their opinions on how recognition programs should

balance fairness and representation. Many emphasized that cinema is a collaborative industry and that honoring diverse contributors strengthens unity.

While the organizers have not issued an extensive clarification, the discussion highlights the sensitivity surrounding public acknowledgments in the entertainment world. Industry watchers believe that transparency in selection processes can help avoid such controversies in the future.

The debate also reflects the strong engagement of audiences with cinema-related developments. Fans closely follow announcements from major production houses and platforms, often responding immediately when they feel certain individuals have been overlooked.

As conversations continue online, many are hopeful that the matter will be addressed constructively. The controversy serves as a reminder that recognition initiatives must carefully consider inclusivity to maintain goodwill and credibility within the industry and among audiences.

Sreeleela Talks About Adopting Special Children and Speaks Against Deepfake Misuse



Actress Sreeleela has shared details about her personal decision to adopt and support special children, describing it as a meaningful and fulfilling part of her life. She explained that she has taken responsibility for three children, including differently-abled kids, and ensures that their education, healthcare, food, and overall needs are taken care of. According to her, the decision was made out of compassion and personal satisfaction rather than for publicity.

Sreeleela mentioned that she prefers to keep such matters private, as she believes acts of kindness do not require public recognition. She said the emotional bond with the children brings her immense happiness and inner peace. For her, supporting their growth and development is more important than seeking attention for charitable work. She emphasized that helping children in need is something she deeply values.

Along with speaking about her social commitment, the actress also addressed the growing issue of deepfake technology being misused against public figures. She expressed concern over the circulation of manipulated images and

videos on social media platforms. According to her, such content can damage reputations and create unnecessary misunderstandings.

She strongly urged people to use technology responsibly and ethically. While acknowledging that artificial intelligence and digital tools can be beneficial, she warned that misuse can lead to serious consequences. She called for greater awareness among users and stressed the importance of respecting personal dignity online.

Sreeleela's remarks have drawn positive responses from fans and supporters, who appreciated her honesty and social awareness. Many praised her for balancing her professional career in the film industry with meaningful personal initiatives. Her statements highlight both her humanitarian values and her concern about the impact of digital misinformation.

As she continues working on new film projects, Sreeleela's message serves as a reminder of the importance of compassion and responsible technology use in today's fast-changing digital world. Her openness about adoption and her stand against deepfakes reflect a commitment to positive social change and ethical responsibility.

N. T. Rama Rao's 'Pathala Bhairavi' Completes 75 Glorious Years

The legendary Telugu classic *Pathala Bhairavi*, starring iconic actor N. T. Rama Rao, has completed 75 years, marking a remarkable milestone in Indian cinema history. Released on March 15, the film continues to be celebrated as one of the most influential and successful movies of its era.

Directed by K. V. Reddy, *Pathala Bhairavi* is widely regarded as a landmark film in Telugu cinema. It combined elements of fantasy, adventure, romance, and drama, captivating audiences across generations. The film's engaging storyline, memorable performances, and technical brilliance made it a massive commercial success at the time of its release.

N. T. Rama Rao's performance in the film played a crucial role in shaping his career. His portrayal of the heroic lead character won widespread appreciation and established him as one of the leading stars of Telugu cinema. The movie's success helped elevate his popularity not only in the Telugu states but also in other parts of India, contributing significantly to his rise as a cultural icon.

The film was notable for its strong screenplay, impressive visual effects for that period, and engaging musical score. It set new standards in storytelling and production quality during the early years of Indian cinema. Many film enthusiasts and critics still consider it one of the greatest fantasy films ever made in the country.

Over the decades, *Pathala Bhairavi* has been re-



leased and screened multiple times, continuing to attract audiences even in the modern era. Its dialogues, songs, and scenes remain popular among classic cinema lovers. The film's influence can still be seen in several later productions that drew inspiration from its narrative style and cinematic techniques.

As the film completes 75 years, it stands as a symbol of timeless storytelling and artistic excellence. The milestone is a tribute to the vision of its makers and the unforgettable performance of N. T. Rama Rao, whose contribution to Indian cinema remains unmatched. The celebration of this anniversary highlights the enduring legacy of a film that continues to hold a special place in cinematic history.