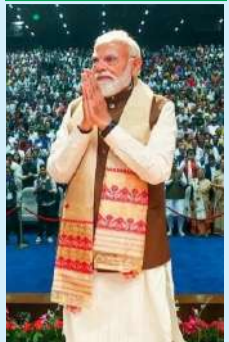


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Pawan Kalyan's 2029 Strategy Takes Shape?

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Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan appears to be quietly laying the groundwork for the 2029 elections...

Kalyan's fondness for the culture and folk traditions of Srikakulam is well known. He has often expressed admiration for the region's folk heritage...

After assuming charge of departments like Forest and Panchayati Raj, which were initially seen as low-priority portfolios, Kalyan appears to be using them strategically...



He has spent significant time in agency regions during key occasions, including his birthday and the anniversary of the Jana Sena Party...

Adding to the speculation, Jana Sena MLC Nagababu has been actively touring the Srikakulam region, especially in the Etcherla constituency...

fresh discussions indicate that Kalyan himself could enter the fray from Etcherla in the next election...

Traditionally, agency areas have been strongholds of the YSR Congress Party. Even during the 2024 elections, the party maintained a strong grip...

Jana Sena's influence.

However, questions remain about his existing constituency of Pithapuram, from where he has previously contested...

Overall, political observers believe that Pawan Kalyan's moves indicate a carefully crafted and evolving strategy...



What Is Balineni's Real Political Plan?

Amaravati | March 22 | TPN Bureau

Senior Andhra Pradesh politician Balineni Srinivasa Reddy has once again become the center of political discussion...

Balineni recently held a meeting with Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan. Prior to that, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy had also made remarks indirectly referring to him...

Though once a close aide and relative of Jagan, Balineni is currently with the Jana Sena Party. However, he has largely stayed inactive and has not been visibly engaged in party activities...

This silence has fueled speculation that he might return to the YSR Congress Party ahead of the elections. These rumors gained momentum during Jagan's recent Ongole visit...

Following the meeting, Balineni has given signals that he will remain with Jana Sena...

Yet, doubts persist among political observers regarding his long-term commitment.

The most interesting development, however, is related to his electoral strategy. Contrary to expectations, Balineni is unlikely to contest again from Ongole...

Analysts believe that if Balineni contests from Ongole again, it could split key vote banks, especially among Kapu voters, reducing his chances of victory...

Instead, Balineni is now expected to shift to Markapuram and contest from there on a Jana Sena ticket. Political calculations suggest that the social and electoral dynamics in Markapuram could work in his favor...

There is also speculation that Balineni anticipated YSRCP's candidate choice in Ongole and adjusted his strategy accordingly. If true, this move reflects a calculated and strategic approach aimed at securing a stronger political comeback.

For now, Balineni's actions indicate careful planning, but his final move will be closely watched as it could reshape the political landscape in Prakasam district.

Chandrababu Congratulates PM Modi on Historic 8,931 Days in Office

Hyderabad, March 22 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has extended heartfelt congratulations to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for completing a remarkable 8,931 days in public service as India's head of government...

In a statement released on social media, Chandrababu Naidu lauded PM Modi's sustained leadership and dedication to the country. "My sincere congratulations to the Honorable Prime Minister Narendra Modi for achieving this historic milestone as the longest-serving head of government in India's history...

The Chief Minister described this milestone as a reflection of Modi's unwavering commitment, visionary leadership, and tireless dedication to India's progress and welfare. He added that the Prime Minister's vision for a "Viksit Bharat" (Developed India) by 2047 continues to inspire citizens across the nation...

Chandrababu Naidu highlighted the significance of this achievement not only as a personal milestone for the Prime Minister but also as a testament to India's development trajectory under his leadership.



"This exceptional accomplishment stands as an example of his devotion to national growth, prosperity, and forward-looking governance," the Chief Minister noted.

He further wished PM Modi continued health, strength, and success as India pursues higher goals in economic development, social progress, and global prominence. "May he be blessed with more strength, good health, and further achievements in the journey to take the country to even greater heights," Chandrababu Naidu added.

Political observers say this milestone

underscores Modi's enduring influence in Indian politics and reflects the continuity of policy initiatives and national projects across decades. His tenure has seen major transformations in infrastructure, digital governance, social welfare schemes, and India's global standing.

With this record-breaking service period, Prime Minister Modi has now secured his place as one of India's most long-serving and impactful leaders. The acknowledgment from regional leaders like CM Chandrababu Naidu reinforces the national appreciation for his leadership and vision for the country's future.

Chandrababu Naidu Launches Mega Steel Plant Project in AP

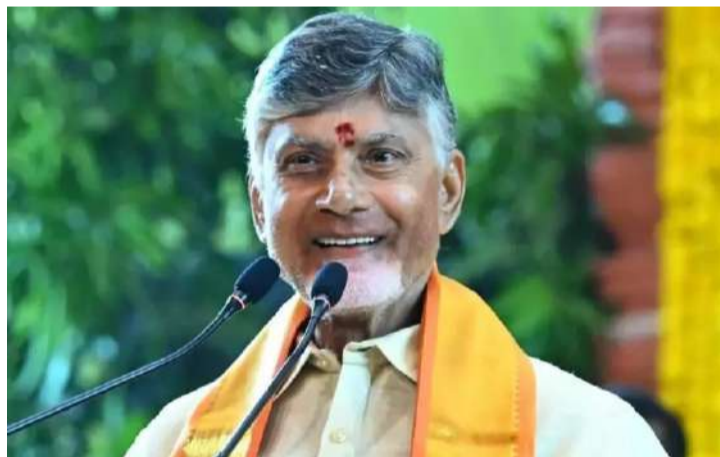
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Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has initiated a massive steel plant project, marking a significant push toward industrial development in the state. The project, being developed by ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India, is expected to reshape the economic landscape of Andhra Pradesh.

The proposed steel plant will come up in the Nakkapalli area of Anakapalli district with an estimated investment of around 1.36 lakh crore. Spread over thousands of acres, it is being considered one of the largest industrial projects ever planned in the state.

Officials stated that the project will be executed in phases. The first phase will focus on establishing a significant production capacity, which will later be expanded in the second phase to make it one of the largest steel-producing units in the country. Once fully operational, the plant is expected to contribute substantially to India's steel output.

One of the biggest highlights of the project is its employment potential. The steel plant is likely to generate nearly one lakh



direct and indirect jobs, providing a major boost to employment opportunities, particularly for youth in North Andhra. In addition, the development of a captive port as part of the project is expected to create further job opportunities and enhance logistics capabilities.

The foundation stone for the project is scheduled to be laid soon, with senior state and central leaders expected to attend the ceremony. The state government has assured full support by providing essential infrastructure such as water supply, electricity, and road connectivity to ensure smooth implementation.

Experts believe that the project will significantly strengthen Andhra Pradesh's industrial base and help transform the Visakhapatnam region into a major manufacturing hub. The presence of such a large-scale steel plant is also expected to attract several ancillary industries, leading to broader economic growth.

The initiative reflects the government's focus on attracting large investments and accelerating industrialization. With this project, the Naidu administration aims to position Andhra Pradesh as a key destination for heavy industries and long-term economic development.

Uttarandhra on Path to Become a Global Hub - Ram Mohan Naidu

Visakhapatnam, March 22 | TPN Bureau

Union Minister for Civil Aviation, Ram Mohan Naidu, on Saturday declared that the Uttarandhra region of Andhra Pradesh is rapidly emerging as a global destination for investment and development. Speaking at the "Sustainability, Competitiveness, and Future-Ready Andhra Pradesh" conference organized by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Andhra Pradesh Chapter in Visakhapatnam, the minister highlighted the state's industrial progress and growth potential.

Addressing a gathering of industrialists and CII representatives, including Rajesh, Narendra Ku-

mar, Murali Krishna, Thomas John, Mahesh, and Devjyoti, Naidu said the region, once considered underdeveloped, is now attracting national and international attention. "Even in the face of global crises, India has remained resilient under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi," he noted, emphasizing the country's stability.

The minister praised Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu's leadership, stating that Andhra Pradesh is showcasing its strength on the global stage. He revealed that the state currently receives 25-30% of total investments entering the country. "We are developing seven new airports across the state with a focus on decentralizing growth, ensuring that investments reach every district," he added.

Highlighting Andhra Pradesh's industrial ambitions, Naidu said India is making strides in aircraft manufacturing. Efforts are underway to produce 100-seater aircraft using Russian technology, and the Bhogapuram airport is expected to be operational by June. He also acknowledged the role of IT development under Minister Lokesh, which is transforming the state's economic landscape.

The conference, chaired by CII AP Chairman G. Murali Krishna, included prominent attendees such as Mahesh, President of Green Co Group, and Thomas John, Chairman of Muthoot Fin Corp and CII Southern Region Chairman. During the event, the CII representatives felicitated the Union Minister for his contributions to industrial development and investment pro-

motion in the state.

Speaking to the media, Naidu also provided an update on the proposed railway zone centered in Visakhapatnam. He explained that discussions regarding the KK line are ongoing, and the Railway Ministry will decide whether to place the line in Visakhapatnam or merge it with the Rayagada division. A gazette notification will be issued once the process is finalized.

The event drew representatives from multiple industries, reflecting strong interest in Andhra Pradesh's ongoing growth and investment opportunities. With infrastructure expansion, industrial diversification, and global collaborations underway, Uttarandhra is poised to solidify its position as a major economic hub.



SamsaniSrinivasa Rao Re-elected as AP Government Vehicle Drivers' Association President

Amaravathi 22.03.2026 TPN Bureau:

SamsaniSrinivasa Rao has been unanimously re-elected as the State President of the Andhra Pradesh Government Vehicle Drivers' Central Association. The elections were conducted on Sunday at the association's state office in Tadepalli, with participation from presidents and executive members representing all 13 districts of the state.

employees' Central Association and Vice Chairman of AP JAC Amaravati, acted as the Election Observer. During the nomination process, leaders from all districts actively took part. Srinivasa Rao, who works as a driver in the Endowments Department in Kakinada district, was elected unanimously for the second consecutive term, reflecting strong support and confidence from the members.

Following the election, a felicitation program was held to congratulate the newly elected president. Bopiraju Venkateswarlu, Chairman of AP JAC Amaravati and State President of the AP Revenue Services Association, attended as the chief guest. He praised the unity of the Drivers' Association, describing it as one of the strongest employee unions in the state and a "right arm" of AP JAC Amaravati.

He assured that the JAC would continue to work closely with the Drivers' Association to address employee issues. Speaking on the occasion, Venkateswarlu highlighted several long-pending demands of government employees, including the implementation of the 12th Pay Revision Commission (PRC), payment of Interim Relief (IR), and release of pending Dearness Allowances (DA). He stated that these financial matters have been pending for a long time and that efforts would be made, along with other employee unions, to urge the government to appoint a PRC Commissioner and resolve these issues at the earliest.



Pradesh. He assured that the association would continue to work unitedly with other employee unions to achieve pending demands and improve service conditions. His re-election reflects continuity in leadership and a collective resolve to address key issues affecting government drivers and employees in the state.



EESL Introduces Energy-Efficient Induction Stove to Curb LPG Usage Nationwide

Amaravathi 22.03.2026 TPN Bureau

Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) has introduced a globally advanced, technology-based induction stove aimed at transforming the way households cook while promoting energy efficiency and sustainability. This innovative appliance is designed to be around 30 percent more efficient than traditional LPG cooking methods, offering both economic and environmental benefits.

The induction stove operates using electromagnetic technology, which directly heats the cooking vessel rather than the surrounding surface. This ensures minimal heat loss and faster cooking times compared to conventional LPG stoves. As a result, users can experience significant savings in energy consumption while also reducing their overall cooking costs.

AP Government Promotes Handloom Sector, Records Strong Sales at Gandhi BunakarMela 2026

Amaravathi 22.03.2026 TPN Bureau:

The Andhra Pradesh government is extending strong support to handloom artisans, with a focus on their welfare and sustainable development, said State Minister for BC, EWS Welfare, Handlooms and Textiles, S. Savitha. She urged citizens to support artisans by purchasing handloom products, especially during festivals, to strengthen the livelihoods of weaver families.

The Minister visited the ongoing "Gandhi BunakarMela - National Handloom Expo 2026" at Sessa Sai Kalyana-Mandapam in Vijayawada. Addressing the gathering, she stated that the coalition government is committed to fulfilling its election promises by prioritizing the handloom sector and implementing various welfare initiatives for artisans across the state.

Deputy Chief Minister PawanKalyan, are promoting handloom products by wearing them, thereby encouraging wider public participation. The exhibition has witnessed impressive sales, generating nearly 47.35 lakh within just four days since its commencement on March 18. Officials expect total sales to reach around 4 crore by the end of the event, which will continue until March 31. The Minister attributed the strong response to the variety of designs, quality of products, and growing consumer awareness.



BJP AP Chief PVN Madhav Pledges Support to Potters, Calls for Revival of Kumhari Profession

Amaravathi 22.03.2026 TPN Bureau:

Andhra Pradesh BJP President PVN Madhav has assured strong support for the traditional potter community, emphasizing the need to restore dignity and recognition to the Kumhari (pottery) profession. Speaking as the chief guest at a Shalivahana Sabha, he highlighted the cultural, historical, and spiritual importance of (soil) and the artisans who depend on it for their livelihood.

Addressing the gathering, Madhav said that the first drops of rain on earth produce a pleasant fragrance, symbolizing the deep connection between soil and life. He noted that human existence itself begins and ends with soil, describing it as a representation of the divine trinity—Brahma, Vishnu, and Maheshwara. He stressed that potters, who work with soil, are associated with a sacred and essential aspect of life. He pointed out that the pottery profession has played a crucial role in human evolution, as earthen pots have been used for cooking food, which contributed to the development of human intelligence and civilization.

Nadendla Manohar Consoles Family of Jana Sena Activist Sai Kumar, Extends Financial Support

Amaravathi 22.03.2026 TPN Bureau:

Nadendla Manohar, Chairman of the Political Affairs Committee of the Jana Sena Party and a State Minister, visited Pinapadu village in the Tenali constituency to console the family of party activist Kondru Sai Kumar, who lost his life in a tragic accident.

Speaking on the occasion, Manohar recalled Sai Kumar's active role in the Jana Sena Party and his dedication to its principles. He stated that Sai Kumar was a committed grassroots-level worker who contributed significantly to strengthening the party's presence in the region. His sudden demise, Manohar noted, is not just a loss to his family but also to the party and the local community.

In a gesture of support, Manohar handed over a cheque of 5,00,000 to the family under the party's accident insurance scheme. He emphasized that the Jana Sena Party stands firmly with its members and their families, especially in times of crisis. The financial assistance is intended to provide immediate relief and help the family cope with the sudden loss of their loved one.

Manohar further assured the family that the party would continue to extend all the possible support in the future as well. He highlighted the importance of standing united and supporting each other, especially during unforeseen tragedies. He also conveyed that the leadership of the Jana Sena Party remains committed to the welfare of its cadre and their families. Local party leaders and supporters who were present during the visit also paid their respects and shared their memories of Sai Kumar.

The visit also underscored the party's efforts to maintain close connections with its cadre and ensure that their families are not left unsupported in times of distress. Manohar's presence brought some solace to the grieving family, reinforcing the message that they are not alone in their time of sorrow. Concluding his visit, Nadendla Manohar prayed for the departed soul to rest in peace and expressed hope that the family would find the strength to overcome the tragedy. He reiterated that Sai Kumar's dedication and service to the party would always be remembered and honored.



Bommasamudram Shines Under Coalition Government's Development Drive

Chittoor, March 22, 2026 | TPN Bureau: The Bommasamudram Panchayat in Puthalapattu constituency, Irala mandal, has emerged as a model of progress, showcasing the impact of several development and welfare initiatives undertaken by the coalition government with an investment of ₹1.5 crore. The programs, completed on schedule, demonstrate the coalition's commitment to public welfare and inclusive development.

Under the leadership of Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu, Chittoor MP Daggumalla Prasad Rao and Puthalapattu MLA Muralimohan actively participated in inaugurating multiple projects aimed at improving the quality of life and civic amenities for the local population. These projects include new Gokulam sheds, repair works for village tanks and culverts, health centers, school compound walls, new school buildings, cement roads, and community halls for Dalit colonies.

The inauguration was marked by enthusiastic public participation. Upon the arrival of the MP and MLA, local leaders and party workers, led by Kanipakam Temple Board Chairman Maninayudu, TDP senior leader Giri Nayudu, and Irala Mandal



President Haribabu Nayudu, welcomed them with ceremonial gun salutes, traditional music, floral garlands, and shawls. The public paid respects with kappuram harathis, reflecting the deep cultural integration of the program.

As part of the celebrations, the leaders also unveiled a new NTR statue, symbolizing the inspiration drawn from the late Chief Minister's vision for development. The event was attended by senior TDP district leaders including District Secretary Sunil Chowdary, former

Secretary Kodanda Yadav, ZPTC members Suchitra and Latamma, Mandal Presidents Venkateshwar Chowdary, Dharani Prasad, and others.

During the community meeting, the MP and MLA addressed the public, emphasizing that development and welfare are the core objectives of the coalition government. They highlighted that all scheduled works were completed on time, transforming Bommasamudram Panchayat into a model panchayat and a symbol of green and sustainable growth.

Daggumalla Prasad Rao and Muralimohan expressed pride in the tangible improvements achieved and credited the guidance and support of CM Chandrababu Naidu and State Minister Nara Lokesh for facilitating these initiatives. They emphasized that the coalition government's focus on consistent and transparent work contrasts sharply with opposition parties, which often resort to criticism without contributing to development.

The leaders also remarked that the visible progress in Bommasamudram reflects their integrity, dedication, and commitment to the people. They urged citizens to acknowledge the significance of timely development, civic participation, and collective responsibility, stating that the efforts made in Bommasamudram demonstrate how coordinated governance can bring transformative results.

With comprehensive infrastructure upgrades, welfare measures, and community engagement, Bommasamudram stands as a testament to what proactive governance and citizen-centric planning can achieve, setting a benchmark for other panchayats across Chittoor district.

Chandrababu Naidu Promises AI Powered Doctor, Agronomist and Tutor for Public



Vijayawada, March 22 | TPN Bureau

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has pledged to introduce artificial intelligence (AI) solutions in key public service sectors in Andhra Pradesh within a year, announcing plans for an AI doctor, AI agronomist and AI tutor to benefit citizens, farmers and students.

Speaking at the South Asia Learning Summit 2026 – Transforming AI at the Indian School of Business in Hyderabad, Naidu underscored the role of cutting edge technology in enhancing governance and public welfare. He highlighted the state's Real Time Governance System as a foundation for integrating AI tools to deliver efficient services.

Under the proposed plan, every citizen could soon access healthcare advice through an AI doctor, helping bridge gaps in medical access and consultation time. For agriculture, an AI agronomist is expected to support farmers with crop guidance, pest management tips and optimized farming techniques to boost yields. Students across the state could benefit from an AI tutor, offering academic support and personalized learning assistance.

Naidu also talked about the introduction of digital health cards, which would form the backbone of the AI healthcare system and help streamline medical records and services for all residents.

The Chief Minister reiterated his ambition for Andhra Pradesh's economy to grow from 12% to 15% annual growth, emphasizing the need to embrace technology at every level to drive prosperity. He said the state is moving forward in global technology areas such as AI, data centres, quantum computing, space technology and drones, underlining the government's vision to transform Andhra Pradesh into a modern innovation hub.

Recalling his prior efforts that helped develop Hyderabad as a technology centre when he was Chief Minister of undivided Andhra Pradesh, Naidu stressed that embracing innovation has been a consistent focus of his political leadership. He recounted initiatives that attracted major investment and built infrastructure in the city decades ago.

Naidu also took aim at the previous state government, accusing it of missing opportunities to develop the state's technological landscape. He said that since returning to power, his administration has worked to make Andhra Pradesh an attractive destination for investment and technological advancement.

The AI plans are part of broader efforts to modernize public services and strengthen the state's competitiveness, driven by emerging technologies and digital transformation.

Government Declares Dommeti Venkata Reddy's Birth Anniversary as State Festival

Vijayawada, March 22, 2026 | TPN Bureau

The government's decision to officially observe the birth anniversary of K.S. Dommeti Venkata Reddy as a state festival has been widely welcomed by political leaders and the public.

Dommeti Venkata Reddy, grandfather of Shettibali, served as a key leader in the BC (Backward Classes) community and held important positions including Political Bureau member and BC wing president of the TDP. His contributions to the community and persistent public service have been recognized through this official observance.

The announcement follows commitments made during the "Yuvagalam" foot march, reflecting the administration's responsiveness to public appeals. A government order (G.O. No. 629) has been issued, instructing all departments and district collectors to organize celebra-



tions statewide on March 23, ensuring the event is conducted with grandeur and in a manner befitting his legacy.

Minister for Mines, Geology, and Excise, Kollu Ravindra, expressed his happiness at the decision, noting that it honors

the aspirations of the BC community and serves as an inspiration for future generations. The government's initiative aims to educate citizens about Dommeti Venkata Reddy's vision and encourage younger generations to draw motiva-

tion from his life and work.

Special thanks were extended to Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, and Minister Nara Lokesh for approving the historic decision and supporting the statewide celebrations.

All departments have been instructed to ensure smooth execution of programs, emphasizing educational and cultural activities that highlight Reddy's dedication to public service and community welfare.

The official celebration is expected to include public gatherings, seminars, and commemorative events to honor Dommeti Venkata Reddy's contributions to politics, social welfare, and community upliftment. Authorities have emphasized that the observance will not only honor his legacy but also inspire future leaders to follow his example of service, dedication, and leadership.

"Kapu-Baliya Sena" Launched in Chennai to Promote Social Unity



Chennai, 22nd March 2026 | TPN Bureau:

A grand inaugural event for the newly formed "Kapu-Baliya Sena" (KB Sena) was held in Chennai on Sunday, aiming to promote social unity and all-round development for the Kapu and Baliya communities.

The event saw the participation of Andhra Pradesh Minister for Cinematography and Tourism, Kandula Durgesh, AP Handicrafts Development Chairman Dr. Pasupulati Hariprasad, noted film producer A.M. Ratnam, NVIDIA Vice President Narendra Konda, and PMR Groups Chairman Muthuvel Raj, among others.

Addressing the gathering, Minister Durgesh highlighted the historical contributions of Kapu and Baliya communities and emphasized the need for coordinated progress in education, employment, and political representation. He expressed hope that KB Sena would serve as a platform to guide society in a unified direction, encouraging youth participation and foster-

ing leadership rooted in service and social responsibility.

Narendra Konda stressed the importance of linking social unity with advancements in education, technology, and industry, pledging ₹5 lakh to the KB Sena Corpus Fund to support its initiatives. Dr. Hariprasad urged the communities to leverage collective strength to secure rights and access government schemes effectively.

Producer A.M. Ratnam, appointed President of KB Sena, emphasized that the organization would unite various Baliya associations in Chennai to focus on education, employment, and community development. PMR Groups Chairman Muthuvel Raj added that mutual cooperation in business and commerce would strengthen the community economically.

The event underscored KB Sena's commitment to fostering community empowerment, youth engagement, and social cohesion, transcending caste and class boundaries to promote inclusive growth.

AP MP Sana Satish Congratulates Prime Minister Modi on 25-Year Political Milestone

Kakinada, March 22 | TPN Bureau

Rajya Sabha member Sana Satish has publicly congratulated Prime Minister Narendra Modi on reaching the significant milestone of 25 years in political office, a tenure that reflects sustained leadership and long-term commitment to public service. Modi's political journey includes his tenure as Chief Minister of Gujarat and as India's Prime Minister since 2014, during which he has overseen major national initiatives and policies that have shaped the country's governance landscape.

Sana Satish described the Prime Minister's journey as exemplary, highlighting the dedication, perseverance, and vision required to serve the public effectively over such an extended period. She emphasized that his milestone of completing 25 years in elected office is a testament to his ability to maintain public trust and provide consistent leadership, making him one of the most experienced figures in Indian politics today.

In her message, Satish underscored that Modi's long tenure has not only ensured political stability at the national level but has also inspired political leaders and citizens alike to value committed and accountable governance. She noted that his continued focus on development, infrastructure, digital



initiatives, and social welfare programs demonstrates how long-term leadership can contribute to tangible progress for millions of citizens.

Satish's congratulations also reflected the importance of cooperation between central and state representatives, particularly in a state like Andhra Pradesh, where collaboration with the Union government is critical for implementing development initiatives and ensuring regional growth. She said that acknowledging such milestones is not only a mark of respect for an individual leader but also an affirmation of the importance of leadership continuity in shaping the nation's future.

Her gesture has been widely appreciated among local supporters, political circles, and citizens, emphasizing that sustained leadership, experience, and vision remain key pillars for effective governance in India.

Amaravati to Host India's Largest Greenfield Steel Plant



Amaravati, March 23 | TPN Bureau

In a landmark announcement, MP Kalishetti Appala Naidu revealed that India's largest greenfield steel plant is set to be established in Uttarandhra, bringing a massive investment of ₹1.05 lakh crore. The steel giant, ArcelorMittal, will mark a new industrial milestone for the region, with Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu scheduled to lay its foundation stone soon.

Addressing the media, Kalishetti Appala Naidu described the ArcelorMittal steel plant as a "jewel in the crown" for Uttarandhra, promising to generate substantial employment opportunities and boost local infrastructure. He emphasized that the project would significantly enhance the economic landscape of the region, creating ancillary industries and opening avenues for skill development.

The MP criticized the previous YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) government for allegedly neglecting Uttarandhra's development during its tenure. "Under YSRCP's rule, Uttarandhra was left behind in terms of industrial and infrastructural growth," he stated. He credited CM Chandrababu Naidu for demonstrating rapid progress in the region within 20 months of his administration, citing multiple initiatives aimed at modernizing infrastructure, improving connectivity, and attracting large-scale investments.

Kalishetti also targeted Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, accusing him of failing to prioritize the interests of Uttarandhra. "The region has been left as a backseat victim of political negligence," he said, labeling the YSRCP leadership as indifferent to the developmental needs of the people.

The ArcelorMittal plant is expected to transform Uttarandhra into a major industrial hub, with cutting-edge steel manufacturing technology and a focus on sustainability. Analysts note that the greenfield project could serve as a catalyst for further industrial investments, positioning the region as a key player in India's steel sector.

The announcement has been welcomed by local leaders and business communities, who see it as a critical step toward balancing regional growth disparities and stimulating economic activity. The project is anticipated to not only strengthen the industrial base but also create thousands of direct and indirect jobs, uplifting the socioeconomic status of surrounding communities.

With the foundation stone ceremony on the horizon, stakeholders are optimistic that the ArcelorMittal steel plant will mark the beginning of a new era of industrial development in Uttarandhra, reaffirming the state's commitment to inclusive growth and investment-friendly policies.

Mega Job Mela to be Held at Uyyuru on March 25: Collector DK Balaji Urges Youth to Participate

Amaravathi 22.03.2026 TPN Bureau:

In a significant initiative to create employment opportunities for unemployed youth, a Mega Job Mela will be on March 25, 2026, at A.G & S.G Siddhartha Degree College in Uyyuru. The event is being organized under the aegis of the Andhra Pradesh State Skill Development Corporation (APSSDC), aiming to connect job seekers with leading companies across various sectors.

District Collector D.K. Balaji, IAS, has called upon eligible youth to make the best use of this opportunity and secure employment through the job fair. The event will commence at 9:00 AM on Wednesday and is expected to witness participation from more than 11 reputed companies.

According to District Skill Development Officer Dr. P. Naresh Kumar, several prominent organizations including Pringle IT Ventures Pvt. Ltd., Hetero Labs, Muthoot Finance Limited, NS Instruments Pvt. Ltd., Joyalukkas India Limited, Mukku Financial Services Consulting Pvt. Ltd., TechnoTask Business Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Test2Build Pvt. Ltd., Colgate-Palmolive Limited, AU Small

Andhra Pradesh State Skill Development Corporation
Skills Development & Training Department
Government of Andhra Pradesh

JOB MELA
DATE: 25-MAR-2026 & TIME: 9:00 AM
VENUE: A.G & S.G Siddhartha Degree College of Arts & Science, UYYURU - Krishna District

Participating Companies

Company Name	Job Title	Qualification	Age	Gender	Number of Vacancies
Pringle IT Ventures Pvt. Ltd.	Software Engineer	B.Tech	22-35	Male	10
Hetero Labs	Quality Control	D.Pharm	22-35	Female	5
Muthoot Finance Ltd.	Branch Manager	B.Com	22-35	Male	3
NS Instruments Pvt. Ltd.	Instrumentation Engineer	B.E	22-35	Male	8
Joyalukkas India Ltd.	Production Operator	Diploma	18-35	Male	15
Mukku Financial Services Consulting Pvt. Ltd.	Business Development	B.Com	22-35	Male	4
TechnoTask Business Solutions Pvt. Ltd.	Software Tester	B.Tech	22-35	Male	6
Test2Build Pvt. Ltd.	QA Engineer	B.Tech	22-35	Male	7
Colgate-Palmolive India Pvt. Ltd.	Marketing Executive	B.Com	22-35	Male	2
AU Small Business Solutions Pvt. Ltd.	Business Analyst	B.Com	22-35	Male	3

Register at: naipunyam.ap.gov.in

Documents required: Multiple Resumes, Recent copies of Qualification Certificates, Aadhaar and PAN card.

Contact: 88851 59008, 79813 68429

Finance Bank, and Sudhir Group will participate in the recruitment drive.

These companies are offering a wide range of job opportunities for candidates with qualifications such as 10th standard, Intermediate, ITI, Diploma, Degree, and Post-Graduation. Candidates between the ages of 18 and 35 years are eligible to attend the job mela. Selected candidates will be offered com-

petitive salaries along with additional benefits, making this a valuable opportunity for young job seekers.

The recruitment process will be conducted on the spot through direct interviews. This allows candidates to interact with company representatives and potentially secure job offers on the same day. Officials emphasized that such initiatives are part of the govern-

ment's broader efforts to reduce unemployment and enhance skill-based employment in the state.

Interested candidates are required to register in advance through the official APSSDC website: <https://naipunyam.ap.gov.in>. Registration is mandatory to participate in the job mela. Additionally, candidates must attend the event with their updated resumes or biodata, along with necessary documents including Aadhaar card, a mobile number linked to Aadhaar, PAN card, and photocopies of educational certificates.

Authorities have advised candidates to prepare well and arrive early at the venue to complete the verification process smoothly. The job mela is expected to attract a large number of aspirants from across the district and nearby areas.

For further details and assistance, candidates can contact the helpline numbers 88851 59008 and 79813 68429.

This job mela reflects the state government's commitment to empowering youth by providing accessible employment platforms and bridging the gap between job seekers and industry requirements.

Collector Orders Fast Completion of Second Sewage Treatment Plant in Vijayawada

Amaravathi 22.03.2026 TPN Bureau:

NTR District Collector and Vijayawada Municipal Corporation (VMC) Special Officer Dr. G. Lakshmisha has instructed engineering officials to accelerate the construction of the second Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) in the city, underlining the urgent need to enhance sewage treatment capacity in view of rapid urban growth.

During his visit on Sunday, the Collector inspected the existing 20 MLD (Million Litres per Day) capacity STP located at Ramalingeswara Nagar. He closely examined various aspects of the facility, including the sewage treatment process, technologies being implemented, and overall maintenance practices. Officials briefed him on the operational efficiency of the plant and whether it is functioning at its designed capacity. The Collector conducted a comprehensive review to ensure that the treatment process meets the required technical and environmental standards.

In addition to reviewing the existing plant, Dr. Lakshmisha also assessed the progress of the second STP currently under construction, which is being developed with a similar capacity of 20 MLD. He sought detailed updates from the engineering



officials regarding the timelines, current stage of construction, and challenges, if any, affecting the pace of work.

Addressing the officials, the Collector emphasized that sewage treatment has become increasingly important due to the expanding geographical limits of Vijayawada and the steady rise in population. He pointed out that efficient sewage management is essential not only for maintaining public health but also for protecting the environment from pollution caused by untreated wastewater.

Dr. Lakshmisha directed the officials to ensure that the construction of the second STP is

completed at the earliest and brought into operation without unnecessary delays. He made it clear that while speed is important, there should be no compromise on the quality of the work. All construction activities, he said, must strictly adhere to prescribed technical standards and environmental norms.

The Collector further stressed the importance of maintaining high-quality standards at every stage of the project. He instructed officials to continuously monitor the progress and take proactive steps to address any issues that may arise during execution. Ensuring adherence to environmental protection

guidelines was highlighted as a key priority, considering the long-term impact of such infrastructure projects on urban sustainability.

He also called for improved coordination among departments involved in the project to avoid bottlenecks and ensure timely completion. The Collector noted that once operational, the second STP would significantly enhance the city's capacity to treat wastewater, thereby contributing to cleaner surroundings and improved public health conditions.

VMC In-charge Chief Engineer P. Satyakumari accompanied the Collector during the inspection and provided necessary inputs regarding the project's progress. Officials assured that efforts are being made to expedite the construction while maintaining the highest standards of quality and safety.

The initiative reflects the administration's proactive approach to addressing urban infrastructure challenges. With the completion of the second STP, Vijayawada is expected to take a major step forward in sustainable urban development, ensuring efficient sewage management and a healthier environment for its residents.

NTR Police Conduct Counselling for Rowdy-Sheeters to Maintain Law and Order

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In a proactive move to curb crime and ensure public safety, the NTR District Police organized a special counselling session for rowdy-sheeters, law and order suspects, and individuals with a history of antisocial behavior within the Police Commissionerate limits. The programme was conducted at Ajit Singh Nagar Police Station under the supervision of senior police officials.

The initiative was carried out as per the directions of NTR District Police Commissioner S.V. Rajashekar Babu, IPS. The counselling sessions were closely monitored by Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Krishna Kant Patel, IPS, along with Additional Deputy Commissioners of Police (ADCPs) Ramakrishna and M.B.M. Muralikrishna. Assistant Commissioners of Police (ACPs) from various divisions, along with their respective staff, ensured the participation of identified individuals from their jurisdictions.

The primary objective of the counselling session was to reform individuals with a criminal background and guide them towards leading a disciplined and lawful life. During the session, police officials addressed the attendees and emphasized the importance of staying away from criminal activities. They



urged them to adopt good behavior, follow the law, and contribute positively to society.

Officials made it clear that any involvement in illegal or antisocial activities would attract strict legal consequences. They issued a stern warning against engaging in offenses such as violence, disturbances, or unlawful gatherings. Special emphasis was placed on the dangers of drug abuse, particularly the consumption and transportation of ganja and other narcotic substances. The police warned that strict action would be taken against anyone found involved in such activities.

The counselling also focused on behavioral reform. Partici-

pants were advised to give up harmful habits and avoid bad influences that could lead them back into criminal activities. The officials encouraged them to take up constructive work, maintain discipline, and rebuild their lives with a positive outlook.

Police authorities highlighted that surveillance on rowdy-sheeters and crime suspects would continue without interruption. They reiterated that individuals under watch would be closely monitored, and any suspicious or unlawful behavior would be dealt with immediately. The officials also cautioned that involvement in even minor disputes or criminal acts would result in swift legal

action.

The initiative reflects the police department's balanced approach towards law enforcement—combining strict vigilance with efforts at reform and rehabilitation. By conducting such counselling sessions, the police aim to reduce repeat offenses and foster a sense of responsibility among individuals with a criminal past.

Senior officials stated that maintaining peace and order in society requires both enforcement of law and active cooperation from citizens. They urged the participants to take the counselling seriously and make a conscious effort to change their behavior for the better.

The NTR District Police have been consistently implementing measures to prevent crime and promote public safety. This counselling programme is part of a broader strategy to address the root causes of criminal behavior and ensure a safer environment for all residents.

The session concluded with a strong message from the police department: individuals must choose the path of lawful living, or face strict consequences under the law. Authorities reaffirmed their commitment to maintaining law and order and warned that there would be zero tolerance towards criminal activities within the Commissionerate limits.

Vijayawada Municipal Corporation Announces 50% Interest Rebate on Property Tax Arrears



Amaravathi 22.03.2026 TPN Bureau:

The Vijayawada Municipal Corporation (VMC) has announced a significant relief measure for property owners by offering a 50% rebate on interest for pending property tax dues. Municipal Commissioner Dhyanaachandra urged citizens to take advantage of this limited-time opportunity by clearing their tax arrears in a lump sum before the deadline of March 31, 2026.

According to the Commissioner, this initiative has been introduced by the Government of Andhra Pradesh to encourage taxpayers to settle their outstanding dues and strengthen municipal revenues. He emphasized that both house tax and vacant land tax arrears are eligible for this rebate, provided they are paid in full before the deadline.

Highlighting the importance of timely tax payments, Dhyanaachandra stated that strict measures are being taken against defaulters across the city. In Circle-1 areas, including One Town and Bhavanipuram, water tap connections of several households with unpaid taxes have already been disconnected. Residents in these areas have been advised to clear their dues immediately to restore their water supply connections.

Similarly, in Circle-2 areas such as Ayodhyanager, drainage connections of property tax defaulters have been removed. The Commissioner clarified that these essential

services would be reinstated promptly once the pending dues are cleared. Necessary instructions have been issued to the concerned officials to ensure quick restoration of services upon payment.

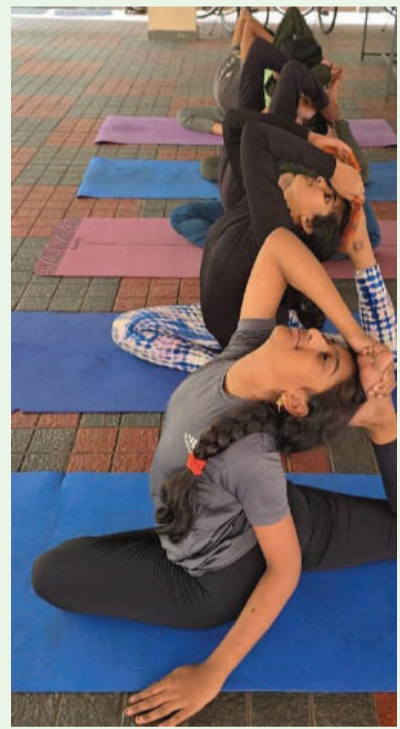
To facilitate convenient payment for citizens, the VMC has made extensive arrangements across all three circles. Special cash counters will remain open every day, including holidays, until March 31, 2026. These counters will operate from 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM, ensuring that taxpayers have ample time and flexibility to complete their payments without inconvenience.

The Commissioner further appealed to the residents of Vijayawada to cooperate with the municipal authorities and contribute towards the city's development. He noted that property tax is a crucial source of revenue that enables the corporation to maintain civic infrastructure, improve sanitation, and provide better public services.

This initiative not only provides financial relief to taxpayers but also aims to enhance compliance and ensure sustainable urban development. Citizens are encouraged to utilize this opportunity at the earliest to avoid penalties and service disruptions.

The VMC reiterated its commitment to providing efficient services and urged all property owners to act responsibly by settling their dues within the stipulated time.

Happy Sunday Initiative Promotes Health and Wellness in Vijayawada



Amaravathi 22.03.2026 TPN Bureau:

In an effort to promote a healthier lifestyle among citizens, the Vijayawada Municipal Corporation (VMC) successfully conducted yoga sessions under its "Happy Sunday" initiative in various parts of the city. The program was organized in Mogalrajapuram and Labbipet areas, witnessing enthusiastic participation from residents, volunteers, and members of non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

VMC Commissioner Dhyanaachandra stated that the primary objective of the "Happy Sunday" initiative is to create awareness about the importance of physical and mental well-being. As part of the program, trained instructors guided participants through a series of yoga asanas designed to improve flexibility, reduce stress, and enhance overall health. The initiative aims to encourage citizens to take proactive steps toward maintaining a healthy lifestyle in the midst of their busy routines.

Addressing the participants, the Commissioner emphasized that yoga should not be restricted to occasional practice. He advised citizens to incorporate these asanas into their daily routine for long-

term health benefits. "Through the Happy Sunday program, we are motivating people to focus on their health. Practicing yoga regularly can significantly improve both physical fitness and mental peace," he said.

In addition to the morning yoga sessions, the VMC also organized an engaging evening activity as part of the initiative. A flash mob was conducted at Rajiv Gandhi Park in the One Town area, drawing attention from visitors and passersby. The lively performance was aimed at spreading awareness about fitness and encouraging people to stay active in a fun and interactive manner. The flash mob added a vibrant and energetic atmosphere to the day's events.

The "Happy Sunday" initiative reflects the municipal corporation's commitment to enhancing the quality of life in Vijayawada by promoting community-driven health programs. By organizing such events in different localities, the VMC is ensuring that a larger section of the population benefits from these activities. The involvement of NGOs and local volunteers further strengthened the program, helping to reach more people and create a positive impact.

Participants expressed appreciation for the initiative, stating that such programs provide a much-needed break from daily stress while also encouraging healthy habits. Many attendees showed interest in continuing yoga practice regularly and participating in future events organized by the corporation.

Officials highlighted that community participation plays a crucial role in the success of such initiatives. They urged more citizens to actively engage in upcoming "Happy Sunday" programs and take advantage of the opportunities provided by the VMC to improve their health and well-being.

The program concluded on an encouraging note, with a strong message about the importance of preventive healthcare and active living. The Vijayawada Municipal Corporation reaffirmed its commitment to organizing more such initiatives in the future, aiming to build a healthier, happier, and more active city.

CPM Criticizes Government Over Delay in TIDCO Housing Allotments in Bhimavaram

Bhimavaram, March 22 | TPN Bureau
The Communist Party of India (Marxist) strongly criticized the state government for neglecting TIDCO housing beneficiaries in Bhimavaram, highlighting the failure to provide homes even after Ugadi. Speaking during the 25th day of the party's district-level public awareness foot march, CPM state secretariat member Y. Venkateswara Rao expressed concern over discrimination against Scheduled Tribes and other vulnerable groups in housing distribution.



The foot march, initiated at Mavullamma Temple, traversed Gandhi Nagar, TIDCO housing areas, and Tadeeru VSRS Colony, covering multiple wards of Bhimavaram. Addressing participants, Y. Venkateswara Rao said that while the district has around 8,000 TIDCO houses, only 2,000 have been allotted so far. He pointed out that 110,000 home entries were planned for Ugadi, but nothing has materialized in Bhimavaram.

He further condemned the government for returning funds to beneficiaries without providing homes, questioning why money paid by citizens decades ago was being refunded instead of allotting proper housing. Rao described the poor construction quality of the allotted TIDCO homes, including slab leakages in houses not even 10 years old, calling the situation "outra-

geous" and an example of systemic corruption.

Y. Venkateswara Rao also highlighted issues with basic amenities. He said TIDCO houses are located far from urban centers, lacking bus connectivity, clean drinking water, and proper sanitation. He emphasized that the absence of Anganwadis, primary schools, and primary health centers adds to residents' hardships, while mosquito breeding leads to the spread of dengue, malaria, and typhoid. He demanded immediate attention to women's safety and improved civic amenities for these communities.

The CPM leader expressed concern over ST colonies in Gandhinagar, noting that even after

79 years of independence, many households still lack proper toilets. Houses built 30 years ago remain in poor condition, especially during the rainy season when water seeps indoors. He criticized local authorities for ignoring long-standing promises and neglecting marginalized communities, stressing that government support must reach the poor, especially those in rental accommodations.

The 26-day foot march, covering over 650 kilometers, has brought hundreds of public grievances to the party's attention. CPM district secretary J.N.V. Gopalan stated that around 4,500 petitions were collected during the march and will be submitted to the district

collector during the concluding session.

The closing meeting is scheduled for March 23 at the Bhimavaram district collectorate. CPM central committee member K. Lokanath is expected to attend, along with local leaders and party activists including B. Vasudevara Rao, Jakkamshetti Satyanarayana, Gorla Ramakrishna, P. Poorna, E. Ajayakumari, K. Krantibabu, Mamidi Shetty Ramanjaneyulu, and others.

The CPM vowed to intensify its struggle if the government fails to address housing and civic issues faced by TIDCO beneficiaries, emphasizing that public welfare must take precedence over administrative delays.

"No War – Only Peace" Rally Sends Strong Message from Tirupati



Tirupati, March 22, 2026 | TPN Bureau:

A massive peace rally was held in Tirupati today under the banner "No War – Only Peace" to express concern over global tensions and rising warlike situations. The event aimed to spread a strong message of peace, unity, and human values to the world.

The rally was jointly organized by nearly 35 service organizations, cultural groups, literary societies, and medical associations under the leadership of Dr. Ramesh Nath Lingutla, Chairman of Reach Global Foundation, and Mallarapu Nagarjuna, Chief Director of Vemana Knowledge Center. The event brought together social activists, volunteers, and citizens, demonstrating collective solidarity for peace.

The rally began at 8:00 AM from Mahati Auditorium, moving through key locations including NTR Circle, Krishnapuram Thana, Gandhi Road, and Sridevi Complex, finally concluding at the Old Municipal Office. Residents along the route gathered to witness the event and appreciated the participants' efforts to promote peace.

Approximately 350 participants, including social workers, women leaders, singers, and representatives from service organizations, actively took part. They carried placards and banners with slogans like "No War – Only Peace," "Protect Nature, Protect Humanity," and "Human Values Are Our Strength," inspiring civic con-

sciousness among onlookers.

Key speakers, including Dr. Ramesh Nath Lingutla, Mallarapu Nagarjuna, Dr. Srihari of Red Cross, Dr. A.R. Reddy of IMA, Rajendra of Rotary Club, Mohanakumar Raju of Chamber of Commerce, Madhusudhan Reddy of Lions Club, Rajachandra Durga Prasad, Vaka Prasad of Citizen Awareness Forum, and others, expressed deep concern over the devastating impact of wars worldwide, highlighting the suffering of children and innocent civilians. They emphasized that peace, tolerance, mutual respect, and humanitarian values are essential for a sustainable society.

The organizers stressed that Tirupati, being a major spiritual center, can serve as a beacon of peace and positive change globally. Various service organizations, literary groups, and medical associations collaborated to make the event impactful, and participation from people of all social strata added a unique character to the rally.

The organizers also announced plans for future awareness campaigns on peace, environmental conservation, and water preservation. They thanked all the participating organizations, volunteers, and local police officials for their cooperation, noting that the rally was conducted with discipline, coordination, and enthusiasm, achieving resounding success in promoting the message of peace.

Hanuman Vehicle Procession Highlights Sri Kodandarama Annual Festivities

Tirupati, March 22, 2026 | TPN Bureau:

As part of the annual Brahmotsavam celebrations of Sri Kodandarama Swamy, devotees witnessed a spectacular morning procession with the deity mounted on the Hanuman Vahanam. The event, held on the sixth day of festivities, began at 8:00 AM and drew large crowds of devotees eager for darshan.



The procession moved through the temple's four mada streets, accompanied by elephants, bulls, and horses, creating a grand spectacle of devotion. Bhajan troupes and traditional percussion ensembles added a vibrant rhythm to the celebrations, enhancing the spiritual atmosphere. The Hanuman Vahanam symbolizes the valor, devotion, and protective blessings of Lord Hanuman, who in Treta Yuga was renowned as the foremost devotee of Lord Rama. Devotees who participated received spiritual upliftment and blessings as the deity passed by.

Later in the morning, from 10:30 AM, the main festival idols of Sri Kodandarama Swamy, along with Sri Sita and Lakshmana, were honored in the Shapana Thirumanjanam ritual. The ceremonial abhishekam was performed with a mixture of sacred substances including milk, curd, honey, coconut wa-

ter, turmeric, and sandalwood paste, invoking divine grace and sanctity.

In the evening, from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, the deity will again be taken out on the Gaja Vahanam, allowing devotees to have darshan and receive the blessings of Lord Rama. The vahanam sevam attracted numerous

prominent temple officials, including Tirumala Srivari Peedajeveer Swamy, Deputy EO Smt. Nagaratna, Temple Inspector Shri Suresh, along with temple priests and a large number of devotees who participated in the festivities with devotion and enthusiasm.

The annual Brahmotsavam, celebrated with great pomp and spiritual fervor, continues to be a highlight of Tirupati's religious calendar. The Hanuman and Gaja vahanam processions not only showcase the grandeur of the temple rituals but also provide an opportunity for devotees to connect deeply with Lord Rama and Hanuman, reinforcing faith and devotion across generations.

The festival emphasizes cultural traditions, spiritual discipline, and community participation, with devotees from near and far joining in to witness the divine rituals and seek blessings for health, prosperity, and happiness.

Tirupati Collector Calls Citizens to Utilize Public Grievance Redressal Platform on March 23



Tirupati, March 22, 2026, TPN Bureau:

The Tirupati district administration has announced the conduct of a special Public Grievance Redressal (PGRS) program on March 23 at the district collectorate, urging citizens to actively participate and seek solutions to their pending issues. District Collector Dr. S. Venkateshwar has emphasized that this is an opportunity for the public to bring their grievances directly to the authorities and ensure timely resolution.

The collector highlighted that citizens who have previously submitted grievances that remain unresolved can obtain updates and status information by calling the dedicated helpline number 1100. Additionally, applicants can register new grievances online through the official portal Meekosam.ap.gov.in, allowing them to submit detailed information about their concerns.

The March 23 program will be conducted at the Tirupati collectorate from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, with participation from officials representing all district departments. Residents are encouraged to bring complete details regarding their complaints, including any previously issued receipts or reference slips for repeated submissions. This will help streamline the verification process and expedite resolutions.

To ensure transparency and convenience, the administration will communicate updates and notices

to applicants through SMS and WhatsApp. Endorsements or official communications will also be dispatched via registered post to the addresses provided. Dr. Venkateshwar urged citizens to carefully fill in their details while submitting grievances to avoid delays or errors in processing.

The collector stressed that this initiative is part of a broader effort to strengthen accountability, improve citizen engagement, and address public concerns efficiently. He called on district residents to make full use of this platform and attend the grievance redressal session to ensure their voices are heard.

By facilitating direct interaction between citizens and district officials, the administration aims to resolve issues ranging from public utilities, social welfare schemes, local infrastructure, and other services. The program is designed to reduce bureaucratic delays, provide real-time updates, and foster a culture of responsiveness within the district administration.

Dr. Venkateshwar concluded by emphasizing that the March 23 grievance redressal program is an important opportunity for citizens to address pending issues and participate in a transparent, accountable governance process. Residents are urged to attend the collectorate and make productive use of this initiative to ensure timely resolution of their problems.

East Coast Railway Achieves Record Freight Handling Milestones



Bhubaneswar, 22nd March 2026 | TPN Bureau:

East Coast Railway (ECoR) has set new benchmarks in freight operations by achieving its loading target of 275 Million Tonnes (MT) on 20th March 2026, 11 days ahead of schedule. This milestone highlights ECoR's focus on operational efficiency and excellence in freight transportation.

Up to 20th March 2026, ECoR has loaded 275.6 MT of freight, registering a 10.4% growth compared to 249.6 MT during the corresponding period last year. The zone further surpassed 250 MT of unloading on 21st March, a significant improvement over the previous year's 236.5 MT.

These achievements underscore East Coast Railway's pivotal role in strengthening India's freight economy and supporting industrial growth across its hinterland. Continuous monitoring, innovative op-

erational practices, and the dedicated efforts of railway staff were instrumental in reaching this milestone.

ECoR plays a crucial role in transporting key commodities such as coal, iron ore, steel, and other bulk goods, ensuring smooth and reliable supply chains for industries, ports, and businesses in the region. The zone remains committed to enhancing freight services and contributing to the overall economic growth of India.

With consistent performance in both loading and unloading operations, East Coast Railway has demonstrated its leadership in freight logistics, setting a strong example for other zones of Indian Railways. The continued focus on efficiency and reliability ensures that ECoR remains a backbone of industrial and commercial growth in eastern India.

Admission Process Begins for Central Schools



Chittoor, March 22 | TPN Bureau

The admission process for the 2026-27 academic year in temporary central schools set up in Chittoor and Kuppam will begin on March 23, 2026, officials announced. District Collector Sumith Kumar urged students and parents to make full use of this opportunity.

The temporary central schools were established near Iravaram in Chittoor and at Dravid University, Kuppam. Facilities in both schools are expected to be fully operational by the end of the month. Recruitment for various teaching and support positions—including English, Hindi, Maths,

Economics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Commerce, PGT, TGT, Primary Teachers, Computer Science/Instructors, Dance Coach, Sports Coach, Yoga Instructor, Lady Staff Nurse, Education Counselor, Special Education Teachers, Telugu and Vocational Instructors—is underway.

Online registration for admission to Class 1 and selected schools will be open from March 23, 2026, 10:00 AM to April 2, 2026, 2:00 PM via the official KVS website: <https://admission.kvs.gov.in>. The minimum age for Class 1 admission is 6 years, calculated as of March 31, 2026. Seat reservations for all classes will be applied according to the 2026-27 admission guidelines.

The Collector emphasized that any incorrect or misleading information in the application may result in cancellation of admission during the process. Parents are advised to contact the school principals only during the designated times for queries.

For assistance, parents can reach:

- Chittoor Central School Principal, Luther: 8919820152
- Kuppam Central School Principal, Divakar: 9476007488

Parents and students are encouraged to complete the admission process promptly and adhere to all instructions to ensure smooth enrollment.

A Shield for the Everyman: Why Telangana's New Policy Matters

In a time when politics is often reduced to slogans, the Telangana Budget 2026-27 has delivered something far more meaningful - a real promise of protection for every family. The announcement of the Indiramma Family Life Insurance Scheme, also known as Indiramma Kutumba Jeevitha Bheema, is not just another welfare scheme. It is a bold political statement. It tells the people of Telangana that their government understands a painful truth: in today's world, one sudden death in a family can turn life upside down.

Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka has done more than present a budget. He has drawn a clear line between old-style limited welfare and a new model of universal social security. Under this scheme, every eligible family in Telangana will receive 5 lakh life insurance coverage. Nearly 1.15 crore families are expected to benefit. The scheme will be launched on June 2, 2026, on Telangana State Formation Day. Most importantly, the government has not stopped with words alone. It has put its money where its mouth is. A strong allocation of 4,000 crore has already been made. That number matters. In Indian politics, announcements are easy. Headlines come cheap. But budget allocation is what separates a promise from a policy. Telangana has not merely spoken about compassion; it has given shape to responsibility. In doing so, it has sent a message many governments still fail to understand - security is not a luxury only for the poor. It is a basic need for every family. This is what makes Indiramma Bheema politically and morally significant. It is universal. That one word changes everything. For years, welfare in India has often been trapped in narrow categories - below poverty line, ration card labels, selective beneficiaries, endless paperwork, and social divisions. Telangana's new insurance policy breaks that mould. It says a poor family deserves protection. A middle-class family deserves protection. Even a financially stable family deserves protection. Because tragedy does not ask for an income certificate

Indiramma Kutumba Jeevitha Bheema By Telangana Govt Rs . 5 Lakhs Insurance to 1.5 Crore Families

before knocking on a door. This is where the Congress government in Telangana is trying to redefine the very meaning of welfare. This is not charity politics. This is rights-based governance. This is the language of "Nyay" - justice - moving from speeches into real policy. The message is loud and clear: the state is not just there to distribute benefits before elections. It is there to stand by its people when life takes an unexpected turn. That is exactly why this scheme matters far beyond Telangana. Around the world, the strongest societies are not built only with roads, flyovers, and industrial parks. They are built with safety nets. In countries like the United Kingdom and Canada, governments understand that families should not be left alone to face life's worst moments. In Asia too, nations that built strong public protection systems earned not just social stability, but public trust. Telangana is now stepping into that space with confidence and clarity. Naturally, critics will raise questions about the cost. They always do. 4,000 crore is a big amount, and opposition voices will ask whether the state can afford such a scheme. But that argument

misses the wood for the trees. The real question is not whether the government can afford to spend this money. The real question is whether society can afford the consequences of not spending it. When a breadwinner dies, a family does not just lose income. It loses stability, security, educational opportunities, health support, and often its future. Children may be forced out of school. Women may be pushed into debt. Homes may slowly collapse under pressure. If a government cannot step in at such a moment, then what exactly is governance for?

This is not just theory. For many people, welfare is remembered not as a policy, but as a lifeline. I still remember my childhood days when I was studying engineering in Karimnagar. One day after college, my friend met with an accident. We immediately called 108, the emergency ambulance service introduced during the time of Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy. He was rushed to the hospital in time. After a few days, he recovered. Even today, his mother remembers that moment with gratitude and says her son was saved because of that government support. That is how ordi-

nary people remember welfare. When a government stands by people in their darkest hour, the memory stays for years. Help given in a moment of need is never forgotten. That is why Indiramma Bheema stands out as one of the strongest and smartest decisions in this budget. It recognizes a simple truth - economic growth without social protection is incomplete. A family living in fear cannot truly progress. A worker who worries every day about what will happen to his wife and children after him cannot dream freely. A middle-class parent buried under EMIs is often just one tragedy away from financial ruin. Telangana has understood that real development is not only about creating wealth. It is also about protecting people from sudden loss. There is also sharp political wisdom in this move. The Revanth government is clearly trying to build a direct emotional and economic bond with every household in the state. This is not a scheme designed for one caste, one class, or one vote bank. It reaches every home. That gives it rare political strength. If implemented honestly and efficiently, this could become one of the most influential welfare

measures in Telangana's recent history. It can build public trust in a way that speeches and slogans never can. History offers a powerful lesson here. During 2004 to 2009, Dr Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy ruled united Andhra Pradesh, and even today many people say he set a gold standard in welfare governance. A major reason for that lasting goodwill was Rajiv Aarogyasri. That health scheme did not just provide treatment; it gave hope to poor families. Even years after his passing, people across political lines still remember YSR for standing firmly with the poor. That is the power of a well-implemented welfare policy. It outlives elections. It outlives political arguments. It lives in people's hearts. If the Telangana government implements Indiramma Kutumba Jeevitha Bheema in the same spirit and with the same seriousness, this could well become a new benchmark in welfare politics - in many ways, a next-generation social protection model. If done right, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka will not just earn praise in Telangana, but recognition across the country. In recent public discussions too, many

have described Revanth Reddy as one of the most dynamic and emerging leaders in India. A scheme like this, if delivered effectively, can strengthen that image even further. But the government must remember one important thing: a bold announcement creates hope, and hope creates expectation. If there are delays, confusion, weak implementation, or bureaucratic hurdles, political applause can quickly turn into public disappointment. A universal promise must be matched by universal access. The promise is big, so the delivery must be even bigger. If Telangana truly wants this scheme to become a national model, then it must be simple, fast, transparent, and free from red tape. Still, the larger truth remains undeniable. In a political culture where many leaders speak loudly about the poor but often ignore the insecurity of ordinary families, Telangana has made a move that feels both modern and deeply humane. Indiramma Bheema is not just an insurance policy. It is a declaration that the state has a duty to protect dignity. It is a recognition that the death of one earning member should not become the death of an entire family's future.

This is what good politics looks like. This is what serious welfare looks like. And this is what leadership looks like when it chooses courage over convenience. Telangana has not merely announced a scheme. It has thrown down the gauntlet to the rest of India. In 2026, while many governments are still busy making promises, Telangana has offered something stronger - a real shield for every home.



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India's Energy Wake-Up Call Amid the Israel-Iran War

The ongoing Israel-Iran conflict is not just another geopolitical flashpoint—it represents a profound turning point in how nations like India must think about energy security. As global oil routes face disruption and prices surge, the crisis underscores a hard truth: energy security today is no longer just about securing supply, but about navigating a complex web of geopolitics, logistics, and economic vulnerability.

At the heart of the crisis lies the Strait of Hormuz, one of the world's most critical energy chokepoints. A significant portion of global oil and gas supplies pass through this narrow stretch of water. Any instability here sends immediate shockwaves across international markets. The current conflict has heightened fears of supply disruptions, pushing oil prices sharply upward and reviving memories of past global oil shocks.

For India, the implications are immediate and serious. The country relies heavily on imports to meet its energy demands, with a substantial share coming from the Middle East. Any disruption in this region directly impacts fuel availability, pricing, and overall economic stability. Rising oil prices can trigger inflation, increase transportation costs, and strain household budgets.

The crisis also reveals how energy infrastructure itself has become a strategic target. Oil fields, pipelines, and shipping routes are no longer just economic assets—they are tools and targets in modern warfare. This shift demands a broader and more sophisticated understanding of energy security, one that includes infrastructure protection, maritime safety, and geopolitical risk assessment.

India has taken steps in recent years to cushion such shocks. The country has diversified its crude oil imports, sourcing from a wider range of suppliers, and has built strategic petroleum reserves to handle short-term disruptions. These measures provide some resilience,



but they are not enough to fully shield the economy from prolonged global volatility.

The broader economic impact remains a major concern. Sustained high oil prices can weaken the currency, widen the trade deficit, and complicate fiscal management. Energy-intensive sectors such as transportation, manufacturing, and agriculture are particularly vulnerable, as rising input costs can slow growth

and reduce competitiveness.

Another key issue is the vulnerability of global supply chains. Energy is deeply embedded in nearly every aspect of economic activity. Disruptions in fuel supply can ripple through industries, affecting production, logistics, and even food security. This interconnectedness means that energy crises are no longer isolated events—they quickly evolve into wider economic

challenges.

Maritime security has also come into sharper focus. The conflict highlights how quickly vital shipping routes can become contested zones. For a country like India, which depends heavily on sea-borne trade, ensuring the safety of these routes is crucial. Strengthening naval capabilities and enhancing international cooperation in securing sea lanes will be important steps going

forward.

The situation also complicates India's foreign policy calculus. Maintaining balanced relationships with key global players becomes more challenging during periods of conflict. Energy security is now closely tied to diplomacy, requiring careful navigation of competing interests to safeguard national priorities.

Looking ahead, the crisis offers important lessons. One of the most

significant is the need for deeper diversification—not just in terms of suppliers, but also in energy sources. Expanding renewable energy capacity, investing in clean technologies, and accelerating the shift toward electric mobility can reduce dependence on volatile fossil fuel markets.

India must also continue to strengthen its strategic reserves and explore new partnerships in different regions. Building resilient infrastructure and enhancing domestic energy production will be critical in reducing external vulnerabilities.

Equally important is the financial dimension of energy security. Volatile energy markets can lead to fluctuations in currency and capital flows, affecting overall economic stability. Coordinated policy responses across sectors will be necessary to manage these risks effectively.

Ultimately, the Israel-Iran conflict serves as a powerful reminder that energy security in today's world is multifaceted. It is shaped not only by supply and demand but also by geopolitical tensions, technological change, and economic interdependence.

For India, the path forward lies in embracing this complexity. The country must move beyond a narrow focus on securing oil supplies and adopt a comprehensive approach that integrates energy policy with national security, economic planning, and foreign relations.

Though the conflict is unfolding far from India's borders, its consequences are being felt at home. In an interconnected global economy, distant crises can quickly translate into domestic challenges. The real test for India is not just how it responds to the current situation, but how well it prepares for future disruptions.

In that sense, this crisis is more than a moment of uncertainty—it is an opportunity. An opportunity for India to rethink, recalibrate, and strengthen its energy security strategy for a rapidly changing world.

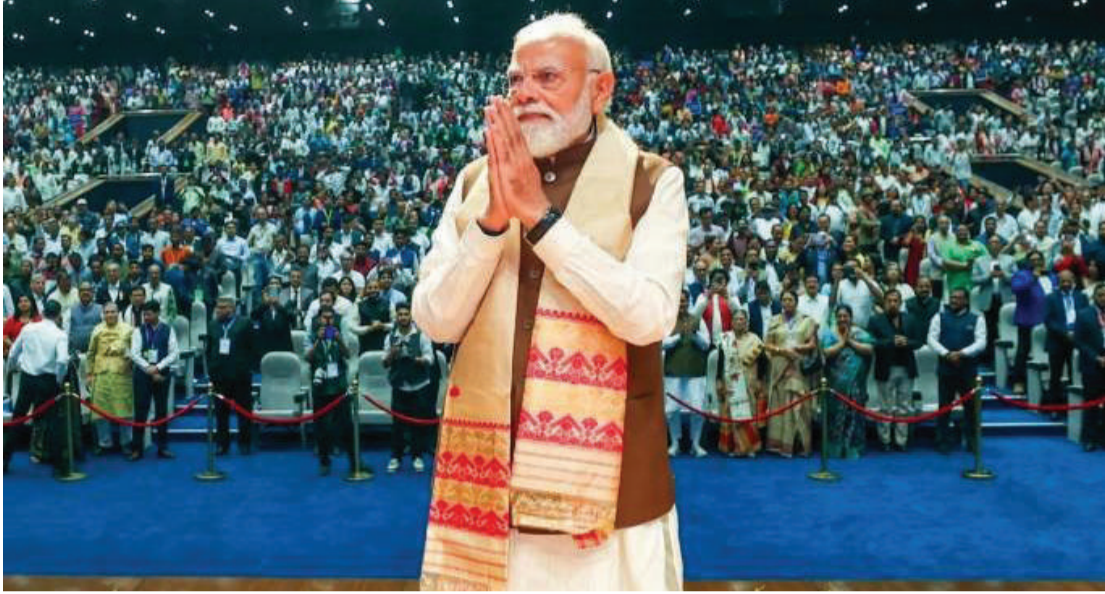
Narendra Modi Sets Record as Longest-Serving Elected Head of Government

Narendra Modi has achieved a historic milestone by becoming the longest-serving head of an elected government in India, completing 8,931 days in office. This remarkable feat reflects nearly 25 years of continuous leadership, spanning his roles at both the state and national levels.

Modi's journey as a head of government began on October 7, 2001, when he assumed office as the Chief Minister of Gujarat. Over the next 13 years, he established a strong political presence in the state, focusing on governance, development, and administrative reforms. His tenure in Gujarat played a crucial role in shaping his leadership style and national political identity.

In 2014, Modi transitioned to national politics and took oath as the Prime Minister of India. Since then, he has led the country through multiple terms, maintaining a strong electoral mandate and consolidating his position as one of the most influential political leaders in the country's modern history. His leadership has been marked by a focus on economic growth, infrastructure expansion, digital initiatives, and welfare programs aimed at inclusive development.

With this achievement, Modi



has surpassed the previous record held by Pawan Kumar Chamling, who had served for 8,930 days as the head of an elected government. The milestone not only highlights Modi's longevity in office but also underscores his sustained political relevance and consistent public support over the years.

The record is significant in the context of India's democratic framework, where leadership continuity at such a scale is rare. Maintaining public trust

across different electoral cycles requires adaptability, strategic vision, and effective governance—qualities that have defined Modi's political journey.

Over the years, his tenure has seen several key policy initiatives and reforms, along with efforts to strengthen India's global presence. From economic measures to social welfare schemes, his administration has focused on a wide range of sectors aimed at long-term development.

This milestone also places Modi among a select group of global leaders who have enjoyed extended tenures in democratic systems. It reflects not just the duration of his leadership but also the consistency with which he has remained at the forefront of Indian politics.

As he continues in office, this achievement stands as a defining moment in India's political history, symbolizing decades of uninterrupted leadership and influence.

Narendra Modi Reviews Fuel, Power and Fertiliser Supply Amid West Asia Crisis

Narendra Modi held a high-level meeting with senior ministers to review India's preparedness amid the escalating conflict in West Asia, with a focus on ensuring uninterrupted supply of fuel, power, and fertilisers.

The review comes at a time when rising tensions involving Iran and Israel have created uncertainty in global energy markets. India, being heavily dependent on imports for crude oil and fertilisers, is closely monitoring developments to avoid disruptions in essential supplies.

During the meeting, the Prime Minister assessed the availability of crude oil, natural gas, petroleum products, and fertilisers. The government's priority is to maintain stable supply chains and ensure that these critical resources are available across the country without interruption.

Top ministers handling key portfolios such as defence, home



affairs, finance, external affairs, agriculture, and energy participated in the discussions. The presence of multiple departments highlights the seriousness of the situation and the need for a coordinated response.

A major concern remains the

impact of the conflict on global oil supply routes, particularly strategic waterways like the Strait of Hormuz. Any disruption in this region can significantly affect global crude oil prices and supply, which in turn could impact India's economy.

In addition to energy, fertiliser supply is also under close watch, as India imports a significant portion of its requirements from the Gulf region. Ensuring adequate availability is crucial to support the agricultural sector and avoid any impact on crop production.

Officials indicated that there is no immediate shortage of essential supplies, but the situation remains dynamic. The government is taking precautionary measures, including monitoring reserves, diversifying supply sources, and strengthening logistics networks.

This proactive review reflects India's effort to stay prepared for potential global disruptions. By closely tracking developments and coordinating across sectors, the government aims to safeguard economic stability and ensure that the needs of citizens and industries are met without disruption.

Gaurav Gogoi Targets BJP, Calls It "Congress with a Different Label" in Assam



Ahead of the Assam Assembly elections, Gaurav Gogoi has launched a sharp political attack on the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party, claiming that the party in the state is essentially "Congress with a different label."

Taking aim at Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, Gogoi argued that a large number of BJP leaders in Assam are former Congress members who switched sides over the years. He said the current political situation in the state reflects not a traditional BJP versus Congress contest, but rather a clash between two versions of Congress itself.

According to Gogoi, the BJP in Assam is being led by leaders who were once part of the Congress system and are now operating under a different political banner. He described the situation as a "Congress led by Himanta Biswa Sarma with a BJP tag," suggesting that ideological differences between the two parties have blurred at the state level.

He further framed the upcoming election as a battle between two ideologies—one associated with former Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi and the other led by

Sarma. While invoking his father's legacy, Gogoi emphasized that his party represents a renewed Congress rooted in its original principles, while accusing defectors of pursuing personal and political gains.

The remarks come amid a wave of defections from the Congress to the BJP in Assam, including several prominent leaders who have recently switched sides ahead of the elections. This trend has intensified political tensions and sharpened campaign rhetoric in the state.

In response, BJP leaders have rejected the allegations, stating that leaders who joined the party did so years ago and have since become integral members of the BJP. They also pointed out that defections happen across parties, accusing Congress of similar practices.

As campaigning gains momentum, such sharp exchanges highlight the high-stakes nature of the Assam elections. With both sides trading accusations and trying to shape public perception, the political battle in the state is becoming increasingly intense.

Arvind Kejriwal Slams Centre Over Airfare Cap Removal Amid West Asia Crisis



Arvind Kejriwal has criticised the NDA government over its decision to remove temporary caps on domestic airfares, warning that the move could lead to a sharp rise in ticket prices at a time of global uncertainty.

The issue comes against the backdrop of the ongoing West Asia conflict, which has already disrupted aviation operations and pushed up costs for airlines. With airspace restrictions, longer flight routes, and rising fuel prices, the aviation sector is facing significant pressure.

Kejriwal expressed concern that lifting fare caps in such a situation could make air travel increasingly unaffordable for the middle class. He argued that flying is no longer a luxury but a necessity for many Indians, especially for work, emergencies, and family needs. According to him, the government should focus on regulating ticket prices more effectively instead of allowing them to rise unchecked.

The fare caps had originally been introduced during a period of major disruptions in the

aviation sector to prevent excessive pricing. However, airlines had been pushing for their removal, citing increased operational costs, including higher jet fuel prices and currency fluctuations.

With the caps now set to be removed, there are fears that airlines may increase fares, particularly on high-demand routes. The ongoing geopolitical tensions have further complicated the situation, as flights to and from West Asia are being affected, forcing airlines to take longer routes and incur additional fuel expenses.

The Centre, on its part, has maintained that while airfares in India are largely market-driven, airlines are expected to follow pricing discipline and ensure that fares remain reasonable and transparent.

The controversy highlights the broader economic impact of the West Asia conflict on India, affecting not just fuel prices but also travel costs and overall inflation. As uncertainties continue, the debate over balancing market freedom with consumer protection is likely to intensify.

T. Velmurugan's TVK Quits DMK Alliance, First Setback for Ruling Coalition



In a significant political development ahead of the 2026 Tamil Nadu Assembly elections, the Tamilaga Vazhuvirimai Katchi (TVK), led by T. Velmurugan, has officially exited the DMK-led alliance. The move marks the first major setback for the ruling coalition in the run-up to the polls.

Velmurugan announced the decision after differences with the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK), particularly over alliance dynamics and internal issues. He alleged that his party was not given due importance within the coalition and expressed dissatisfaction with how decisions were being made.

The TVK chief also accused certain sections of the administration of providing misleading inputs about him to the government, which he claimed affected his party's standing within the alliance. These concerns, along with growing tensions over seat-sharing arrangements, ultimately led to the breakdown of the partnership.

Despite walking out of the DMK-led front, Velmurugan made it clear that his party would not join the National Democratic Alliance (NDA). He reiterated his opposition to the BJP, accusing it of promoting divisive politics, and said TVK

would instead explore independent or alternative political options.

The exit is seen as politically significant, especially in northern Tamil Nadu, where TVK is believed to have influence among sections of the Vanniyar community. Analysts suggest that this move could impact vote distribution in key constituencies and potentially benefit rival alliances.

The DMK, however, has downplayed the development, dismissing Velmurugan's allegations and maintaining that such exits are not uncommon during election season. Party leaders indicated that alliance negotiations often involve disagreements and adjustments.

With the elections approaching, the development highlights emerging cracks within the ruling coalition. It also reflects the shifting political landscape in Tamil Nadu, where smaller parties are increasingly asserting their influence during alliance negotiations.

As political activity intensifies, TVK's next move—whether to contest independently or align with a new front—will be closely watched, as it could play a crucial role in shaping the electoral outcome.

Inside Ranya Rao's ₹100 Crore Gold Smuggling Network



A major gold smuggling racket involving Kannada actor Ranya Rao has come under the spotlight, revealing a sophisticated international network that operated across Africa, Dubai, and India.

According to investigators, the operation initially began with a financial setback, as Rao and her associates reportedly lost around ₹2 crore while trying to procure gold from African sources. However, the network quickly evolved into a large-scale smuggling syndicate, eventually generating over ₹100 crore within a year.

The smuggling route followed a clear pattern—gold was sourced from African countries, routed through Dubai, and then brought into India. Dubai acted as a key transit hub, where the gold was repackaged and transported by carriers into the country.

Authorities revealed that Rao played an active role in transporting the gold. She frequently traveled between Dubai and India, raising suspicion among officials. In one major breakthrough, she was intercepted at Bengaluru airport while attempting to smuggle 14.2 kg of

gold, valued at over ₹12 crore. The gold was cleverly concealed on her body and within clothing to evade detection.

Further investigations uncovered that this was not an isolated incident. The syndicate allegedly smuggled more than 127 kg of gold into India over a year. The gold was then distributed in the domestic market through a network of handlers and jewellers, ensuring smooth circulation and profits.

The case also highlights the organized nature of the operation. Rao reportedly worked with close associates and international agents, creating a well-coordinated system involving procurement, transport, and distribution. The use of multiple trips, concealed carrying methods, and international routing points indicates a highly planned smuggling strategy.

What makes the case more striking is the rapid transformation from an initial loss-making attempt to a highly profitable illegal enterprise. Within a short span, the network scaled up significantly, pointing to strong connections and efficient execution.

Trump's 48-Hour Ultimatum to Iran Escalates Global Tensions

U.S. President Donald Trump has issued a sharp 48-hour ultimatum to Iran, warning that the United States will strike and "obliterate" key Iranian power plants if the Strait of Hormuz is not fully reopened to global shipping.

The warning marks a significant escalation in the ongoing conflict involving the United States, Iran, and Israel. The Strait of Hormuz, a narrow but critical maritime route, handles nearly one-fifth of the world's oil supply, making any disruption a major threat to global energy markets.

The crisis intensified after Iran imposed restrictions on shipping through the strait, allowing passage only under certain conditions. This has effectively disrupted tanker movement and triggered a surge in global oil prices, raising fears of inflation and economic instability worldwide.

In his warning, Trump made it clear that failure to restore free and secure navigation within the deadline would lead to direct military action targeting Iran's energy infrastructure, beginning with major power facilities. The statement signals a shift toward more aggressive U.S. posturing in the region.

Iran has responded with strong counter-warnings, stating that any attack on its infra-



structure would provoke retaliation against U.S. and allied assets across the region. Officials have indicated that energy facilities and critical infrastructure belonging to adversaries could become targets if tensions escalate further.

The situation is part of a broader and rapidly intensifying regional conflict. Recent developments include missile strikes, military exchanges, and rising casualties across multiple countries in West

Asia. The growing involvement of allied groups and cross-border attacks has increased fears of a wider war.

Global powers are closely monitoring the situation, as prolonged disruption in the Strait of Hormuz could severely impact energy supplies and international trade. Several nations have expressed concern over maritime security and are exploring measures to safeguard shipping routes.

The economic fallout is already visible. Oil prices have

surged sharply, and financial markets have turned volatile amid uncertainty. Countries heavily dependent on energy imports are particularly vulnerable to prolonged instability in the region.

As the 48-hour deadline approaches, the world is watching closely. Whether the standoff leads to de-escalation or further conflict will likely shape not only the future of the Middle East but also the stability of global energy markets in the coming weeks.

Qatar Helicopter Crash Kills Turkish Soldiers, Defence Staff

The ongoing conflict involving Iran and Western powers has taken a significant turn, with Tehran launching missiles toward a key US-UK military base in the Indian Ocean, signaling a widening of the war beyond its traditional geographic boundaries.

According to reports, Iran fired intermediate-range ballistic missiles targeting the joint US-UK military facility at Diego Garcia, a strategically important base located thousands of kilometers from Iran. However, neither missile struck the target, with one reportedly failing mid-flight while another may have been intercepted by defense systems.

This marks a major escalation in the conflict, as it is one of the first instances of Iran attempting to strike a target so far from its territory. The move highlights a potential expansion of Tehran's missile capabilities, suggesting a range



that exceeds previously understood limits.

The attack also indicates that the conflict is no longer confined to the Middle East. By targeting a base in the Indian Ocean, Iran has effectively opened a new front, raising concerns about the safety of distant military installations and global trade routes.

The Diego Garcia base holds immense strategic importance for both the United States and the United Kingdom, serving as a hub for long-range bombers, naval operations, and logistical support. Any threat to this facility is seen as a serious escalation with potential global security implications. The missile launches come

amid intensifying hostilities, including ongoing airstrikes, drone attacks, and retaliatory operations involving multiple countries. The broader conflict has already impacted energy markets, shipping lanes, and regional stability, with fears growing that it could spiral into a wider international confrontation.

Analysts say the attempted strike, even though unsuccessful, sends a strong strategic message about Iran's reach and intent. It also raises questions about missile defense preparedness and the evolving nature of modern warfare, where conflicts can rapidly expand across regions.

As tensions continue to rise, global attention remains focused on how major powers respond to this escalation. The situation remains highly volatile, with the risk of further military actions and broader geopolitical consequences in the coming days.

Trump Faces Backlash Over Post on Robert Mueller's Death



U.S. President Donald Trump has sparked widespread criticism after posting a controversial message following the death of former FBI Director Robert S. Mueller III.

Mueller, who died at the age of 81, was widely known for leading the investigation into alleged Russian interference in the 2016 U.S. presidential election. His career also included decades of public service, including heading the FBI during a critical period after the 9/11 attacks.

Soon after news of his death broke, Trump posted a message on his social media platform expressing satisfaction over Mueller's passing, stating that he was "glad" he was dead. The remark quickly triggered sharp reactions across political and public circles.

Leaders from both major political parties condemned the statement, calling it inappropriate and lacking basic decency. Critics described the comment as "vile" and "disgusting," arguing that it crossed the line of acceptable political discourse, especially in response to the death of a public servant.

Mueller's legacy remains close-

ly tied to the high-profile investigation he led as special counsel. While the probe found evidence of Russian interference, it did not establish a criminal conspiracy involving Trump's campaign, though it left questions regarding obstruction of justice unresolved.

The latest controversy has reignited debate over Trump's style of political communication, particularly his past remarks about political opponents and public figures. Supporters, however, defended his comments, arguing they reflected long-standing grievances over the investigation.

Mueller is widely remembered by colleagues and former officials as a disciplined and principled figure who served under both Republican and Democratic administrations. His death has prompted tributes from across the political spectrum, highlighting his contributions to national security and law enforcement.

The incident underscores the deep political divisions in the United States, with even moments of national mourning becoming flashpoints for controversy.

Cuba Plunged Into Darkness Again Amid Deepening Fuel Crisis



Cuba has suffered its second nationwide blackout within a week, underscoring a deepening energy crisis driven by severe fuel shortages and failing infrastructure.

The latest outage was triggered by a major failure at a thermoelectric power plant, which caused a cascading collapse of the national electricity grid. The blackout affected nearly the entire population of around 10 million people, leaving cities, including Havana, in darkness and disrupting essential services.

Authorities scrambled to restore power by activating small, localized "micro-systems" to supply electricity to critical services such as hospitals and water facilities. However, large parts of the country continued to face prolonged outages, with residents struggling to access basic necessities like cooking fuel, communication, and refrigeration.

The crisis has been worsened by an ongoing fuel shortage, which officials link to strict U.S. restrictions on oil supplies. Cuba has faced difficulty importing fuel after key suppliers reduced or halted ship-

ments under pressure, leaving the island with limited resources to run its aging power plants.

Compounding the issue, Cuba has not received sufficient fuel shipments for months, forcing the country to rely heavily on its outdated and poorly maintained energy infrastructure. This has led to repeated breakdowns and frequent nationwide outages in recent weeks.

The impact on daily life has been severe. Businesses have been disrupted, food supplies affected due to lack of refrigeration, and public services strained. In many areas, people have been forced to rely on emergency lighting and limited backup power as authorities work to gradually restore electricity.

The repeated blackouts highlight the fragile state of Cuba's energy system and the broader economic pressures facing the country. With fuel supplies uncertain and infrastructure under strain, the situation remains volatile, raising concerns about further outages and worsening humanitarian conditions in the coming days.

Iran Strikes Near Israeli Nuclear Site, Over 100 Injured



Iran has launched a fresh wave of missile attacks targeting southern Israel, hitting areas near a key nuclear facility in what appears to be a major escalation in the ongoing conflict. The strikes focused on the cities of Dimona and Arad, both located close to Israel's sensitive nuclear research center.

According to reports, more than 100 people were injured in the attacks, with several suffering serious wounds. Residential buildings were damaged, and emergency services rushed to the affected areas as panic spread among civilians. The strikes mark one of the most intense assaults in the region in recent days.

The missile barrage is widely seen as retaliation by Iran following earlier strikes on its nuclear facilities, particularly the Natanz site. By

targeting areas near Israel's nuclear hub, Iran appears to have sent a strong strategic message without directly hitting the facility itself.

Despite the proximity of the strikes to the nuclear site, there have been no reports of damage to the facility or any radiation leak. However, the incident has raised serious concerns about the risks of escalation involving nuclear-linked locations.

Israeli authorities confirmed that some missiles were not intercepted by air defence systems, leading to direct hits in populated areas. This has triggered scrutiny over the effectiveness of missile defence shields and increased anxiety among residents.

The attacks also highlight a significant shift in the conflict, with Iran demonstrating the capability to strike

deeper and more sensitive targets. Analysts believe this could mark a new phase of confrontation, where both sides increasingly target strategic infrastructure.

Israel has vowed a strong response, with its leadership indicating that military operations against Iran and its allies will continue. The situation remains highly volatile, with fears growing that further retaliation could widen the conflict across the region.

As tensions intensify, the international community is closely watching developments, particularly given the involvement of critical energy routes and sensitive nuclear sites. The latest strikes underline how quickly the conflict is escalating, raising the stakes for regional and global security.

Iran Strikes Cost US \$800 Million in Middle East: Report



Iran's retaliatory strikes on U.S. military assets in the Middle East have caused an estimated \$800 million in damage within just two weeks of the ongoing conflict, highlighting the growing financial and strategic cost of the war.

According to an analysis based on findings from a U.S.-based think tank and reviewed by international media, the damage largely resulted from Iranian air and missile strikes targeting American military bases across the Gulf region. These attacks were part of Tehran's response to earlier coordinated strikes by the United States and Israel on Iranian targets.

Key U.S. assets hit in the strikes include radar installations, satellite-linked systems, and other critical infrastructure used for surveillance and defence operations. Several bases located in countries such as Jordan, the United Arab

Emirates, and other Gulf states were reportedly affected.

Experts suggest that the \$800 million estimate may only represent a partial picture of the actual damage. The full extent of losses is still being assessed, and the final cost could rise as more information becomes available. Analysts note that damage to high-value military systems often takes time to evaluate due to their complexity and strategic sensitivity.

The findings indicate that the scale of destruction to U.S. military infrastructure may have been underreported so far. Even limited strikes on advanced systems can significantly impact operational capabilities, making such attacks strategically important despite their relatively lower cost compared to large-scale warfare.

The report also sheds light on the broader implica-

tions of the conflict. While the United States has invested heavily in advanced defence systems, Iran's comparatively low-cost missile and drone attacks have proven capable of inflicting notable damage. This imbalance raises concerns about the cost-effectiveness of modern warfare and the vulnerability of expensive military assets.

As the conflict continues, the financial burden on the U.S. is expected to increase, with additional spending required for repairs, replacements, and ongoing operations. The situation underscores how quickly costs can escalate in high-intensity conflicts, even without large-scale ground engagement.

With tensions still rising across the region, the damage to U.S. assets highlights both the intensity of the confrontation and the potential for further escalation in the coming weeks.

Space Race 2.0: Why Low Earth Orbit Is Drawing Billions in Investment

A new investment race is rapidly unfolding in Low Earth Orbit (LEO), transforming space into a critical frontier for global connectivity, security, and technological dominance. Once considered a niche scientific zone, LEO—stretching up to about 2,000 km above Earth—is now emerging as a vital layer of modern infrastructure.

The surge in interest is evident in the scale of capital flowing into the sector. Investments in LEO infrastructure crossed \$45 billion in 2025, nearly doubling from the previous year. This dramatic rise reflects how governments and Big Tech companies increasingly view space not just as exploration, but as an extension of the digital and economic ecosystem.

At the core of this shift is the growing importance of satellite-based connectivity. LEO satellites operate closer to Earth than traditional geostationary satellites, enabling faster data transmission, lower latency, and more efficient communication networks. This makes them ideal for powering next-generation internet services, remote connectivity, and even direct-to-device communication without traditional telecom infrastructure.

For technology companies, LEO represents an opportunity to control the backbone of future data networks. Satellite constellations are being designed to deliver global broadband coverage, support cloud computing, and even enable space-based data centers. As de-



mand for data continues to explode, controlling orbital infrastructure could become as strategically important as owning undersea cables or terrestrial telecom networks.

Governments, meanwhile, see LEO as a matter of national security and strategic autonomy. Satellite networks are increasingly being used for defense communications, surveillance, navigation, and intelligence gathering. The ability to operate independent satellite systems ensures resilience in times of conflict, especially when terrestrial infrastructure may be vulnerable.

This dual-use nature—serving both civilian and military purposes—has intensified global competition. Countries are investing heavily in their own satellite constellations to reduce dependence on foreign

systems and to secure their digital sovereignty. The result is a new kind of space race, driven as much by economics and security as by science.

Another key driver is the falling cost of accessing space. Advances in reusable rockets and private launch services have significantly reduced the cost of sending satellites into orbit. This has opened the door for startups and private players to enter the market, accelerating innovation and increasing competition.

The commercial ecosystem around LEO is also expanding rapidly. Beyond connectivity, satellites are being used for Earth observation, climate monitoring, disaster management, and logistics tracking. New business models are emerging, including in-orbit services such as sat-

ellite maintenance, debris removal, and even space-based manufacturing.

However, this rapid growth is not without challenges. Regulatory frameworks have struggled to keep pace with the speed of technological and commercial development. Issues such as spectrum allocation, orbital congestion, and space debris are becoming increasingly urgent. Without clear global rules, the risk of conflicts and operational disruptions in space could rise.

There are also concerns about the concentration of power. As a few major players deploy massive satellite constellations, questions are being raised about monopolistic control over critical space infrastructure and its implications for global equity and access.

Despite these challenges, the momentum behind LEO investment shows no signs of slowing. The convergence of technology, economics, and geopolitics is turning space into a key battleground for the future.

In many ways, LEO is becoming the “fourth domain” of infrastructure—alongside land, sea, and cyberspace. Control over this domain will shape how information flows, how economies function, and how nations secure their interests in the decades ahead.

As this new race accelerates, one thing is clear: the future of connectivity and power is no longer confined to Earth—it is being built in orbit.

FPI Sell-Off Deepens as Global Tensions Shake Indian Markets



Foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) have pulled out a massive ₹88,180 crore from Indian equities in March, marking one of the sharpest monthly outflows in recent times amid rising global uncertainties.

The sustained selling reflects growing nervousness among global investors, driven largely by escalating tensions in West Asia and a sharp surge in crude oil prices. These developments have raised concerns about inflation, economic stability, and India’s import bill, prompting investors to reduce exposure to emerging markets like India.

According to market data, FPIs have remained consistent sellers throughout the month, offloading shares on nearly every trading session. This prolonged selling streak highlights a strong risk-off sentiment and a cautious approach amid geopolitical instability.

The outflows come after a strong rebound in Febru-

ary, when foreign investors had pumped significant funds into Indian markets. The sudden reversal indicates how quickly global factors can influence capital flows, especially in a highly interconnected financial environment.

Sector-wise, financial stocks have borne the brunt of the sell-off, witnessing heavy withdrawals. This trend reflects investor concerns over the broader economic outlook, as financial sector performance is closely tied to growth, liquidity, and interest rate cycles.

Apart from geopolitical tensions, other macroeconomic factors have also contributed to the exodus. A weakening rupee has made Indian assets less attractive to foreign investors, while rising US bond yields have encouraged capital to flow back to safer, developed markets.

The spike in crude oil prices remains a key trigger. As India is heavily dependent on oil imports,

higher prices can widen the trade deficit, push up inflation, and impact corporate profitability. These concerns have added to investor caution and market volatility.

Despite the heavy outflows, domestic institutional investors have provided some support to the markets, partially offsetting foreign selling. However, the overall sentiment remains fragile, with markets likely to stay sensitive to global developments in the near term.

With total FPI outflows in 2026 already crossing ₹1 lakh crore, the trend signals a broader shift in investor behaviour amid global uncertainty.

Going forward, market direction will depend on how geopolitical tensions evolve, along with movements in oil prices, currency stability, and global interest rates. Until clarity emerges, volatility is expected to remain a key feature of Indian equity markets.

Defence Shift: India’s Self-Reliance Opportunity Gains Ground

A major structural shift is unfolding in global defence dynamics, and India appears to be uniquely positioned to benefit. As geopolitical tensions rise and long-standing security alliances show signs of strain, countries are increasingly rethinking their dependence on traditional military partners and moving toward self-reliance.

For decades, global security largely revolved around established alliances, where smaller or allied nations relied heavily on dominant powers for defence support. That model is now weakening. Growing uncertainty, particularly in regions like Europe and West Asia, has exposed the risks of overdependence on a single security provider.

This shift is triggering a rapid increase in defence spending worldwide. Countries are not only spending more but also looking to diversify their suppliers. Instead of relying solely on traditional Western defence exporters, nations are actively exploring alternative sources that offer flexibility, cost efficiency, and geopolitical neutrality.

This is where India enters the picture.

India, once primarily a defence importer, is steadily transforming into a credible exporter. Over the past decade, the country has significantly increased its defence production capacity and re-



duced reliance on imports through a strong push for indigenisation. Domestic manufacturing has expanded, and procurement is increasingly being sourced locally, strengthening both capability and resilience.

The numbers reflect this transformation. Defence exports have grown sharply in recent years, supported by policy initiatives and a clear strategic focus on building a robust domestic ecosystem. Public sector defence companies, once criticised for inefficiency, now hold substantial order books, indicating improved execution and rising demand.

More importantly, India offers a combination that few other countries can match—competi-

tive pricing, improving technological capabilities, and a neutral geopolitical stance. In a world that is becoming increasingly polarised, neutrality is emerging as a strategic advantage. Countries seeking to avoid alignment with major power blocs are likely to view India as a reliable alternative supplier.

The nature of defence contracts further strengthens this opportunity. Unlike many other sectors, defence deals are long-term, high-value, and backed by government commitments. This ensures strong revenue visibility and stability for companies operating in the sector.

What makes this moment particularly significant is that the

opportunity is still underappreciated. Markets often react only after clear financial performance becomes visible. However, by the time earnings reflect the shift, much of the valuation upside may already be captured.

Currently, the global environment is aligning in a way that supports a multi-year growth cycle for defence. Rising distrust among nations, increasing military budgets, and a clear push toward supply diversification are not isolated trends—they are interconnected forces shaping a new global order.

For India, this represents more than just an economic opportunity. It marks a transition from being a dependent buyer to a strategic supplier in the global defence ecosystem. If sustained, this shift could lead to long-term growth in production, exports, and technological advancement.

In essence, the move from security dependence to self-reliance is not just a policy direction—it is a global trend. And India, with its evolving capabilities and strategic positioning, stands at the center of this transformation.

The real opportunity lies in recognizing this shift early. As history shows, structural changes of this scale tend to play out over years, not months—rewarding those who identify them before they become obvious.

SEBI Eyes FPI Relief, Intermediary Reforms at Key Board Meet

Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) is set to consider key reform proposals at its upcoming board meeting, focusing on easing norms for foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) and strengthening rules for market intermediaries.

A major proposal involves allowing FPIs to settle trades on a net basis instead of the current gross settlement system. This would enable investors to offset same-day buy and sell transactions, paying only the net amount. The move is expected to improve efficiency, reduce funding needs, and lower transaction costs, especially during high-volume trading periods.

The reform is aimed at making Indian markets more attractive to global investors by simplifying processes and enhancing liquidity. Lower operational friction could encourage higher participation from large institu-



tional players. SEBI is also expected to review

the “fit and proper” criteria for intermediaries such as brokers.

The regulator may adopt a more principle-based approach, where entities are disqualified only after conviction for serious offences rather than at earlier legal stages. This could help prevent premature action and ensure fairness in regulatory decisions.

In addition, the board may examine measures to improve governance standards, including stronger frameworks to manage conflicts of interest within the financial ecosystem.

There could also be discussions on easing norms for investment vehicles like REITs and InvITs to further boost capital market activity.

Overall, the meeting is likely to mark an important step in SEBI’s efforts to balance investor ease with robust oversight, while enhancing the global competitiveness of India’s financial markets.

Bitcoin Slides Below \$68K as Geopolitical Fears Trigger Sell-Off



Bitcoin has dropped below the \$68,000 mark, reflecting a sharp shift in investor sentiment amid rising geopolitical tensions and broader market uncertainty.

The immediate trigger for the decline was a strong warning from former US President Donald Trump regarding Iran, which rattled global financial markets. The sudden escalation in rhetoric led to a “risk-off” mood among investors, causing them to pull back from volatile assets like cryptocurrencies.

As Bitcoin slipped below the key \$68,000 level, it set off a wave of forced selling in the crypto market. Leveraged positions were rapidly liquidated, with over \$240 million wiped out within an hour and more than \$1 billion in total liquidations recorded over 24 hours. A majority of these were bullish bets, amplifying

the downward pressure.

The fall also comes after Bitcoin had recently touched a six-week high near \$76,000, indicating that the current drop is part of a broader correction. Analysts point out that the \$68,000 level is a crucial technical zone, and breaking below it intensified volatility due to low liquidity and clustered trading positions.

Beyond geopolitics, macroeconomic factors have also contributed to the decline. The ongoing tensions in West Asia have pushed oil prices sharply higher, raising fears of inflation. This, in turn, has complicated expectations around interest rate cuts by the US Federal Reserve, making riskier assets like cryptocurrencies less attractive.

Rising oil prices and uncertainty over global growth have placed Bitcoin in a difficult position. If inflation increases, cen-

tral banks may keep interest rates higher for longer. On the other hand, if economic growth slows, investors may shift funds to safer assets—both scenarios weighing on crypto markets.

The episode also highlights the fragile nature of leveraged trading in cryptocurrencies. When prices fall below key levels, automated liquidations can accelerate losses, creating a cascading effect that deepens market declines.

Overall, Bitcoin’s drop reflects how closely crypto markets are now tied to global events. Far from operating in isolation, digital assets are increasingly reacting to geopolitical risks, monetary policy expectations, and broader financial market trends.

Until there is clarity on global tensions and macroeconomic direction, volatility in Bitcoin and the wider crypto market is likely to persist.

Viral Lookalike Clears the Air: "I'm Not Epstein, I'm Just Palm Beach Pete"



A Florida man who recently became an internet sensation due to his uncanny resemblance to disgraced financier Jeffrey Epstein has finally spoken out, putting an end to widespread online speculation. Known on social media as "Palm Beach Pete," the man found himself at the center of a viral storm after a short video of him driving went viral, with many users claiming Epstein was still alive.

The clip, reportedly filmed on a highway, showed Pete casually driving a convertible while wearing a backward baseball cap. The person recording the video repeatedly suggested that Epstein had been spotted alive, fueling conspiracy theories and sparking millions of views across platforms. The resemblance was striking enough that many viewers were convinced the controversial figure had somehow resurfaced.

However, Pete has firmly denied these claims. In a response video shared online, he introduced himself and addressed the rumors directly, stating clearly that he is not Epstein. He explained that he had no idea he was being filmed at the time and only realized what had happened hours later when his phone was flooded with notifications.

According to him, the sudden at-

tention was overwhelming. What started as a random moment on the road quickly turned into a viral phenomenon, drastically changing his daily life. He revealed that strangers now recognize him in public, often approaching him for photos or questioning his identity.

Pete described the experience as surreal, noting how quickly misinformation can spread online. He expressed surprise at how easily people believed the claims, despite there being no factual basis behind them. The incident highlights the power of social media in amplifying rumors and the speed at which false narratives can gain traction.

The confusion largely stems from Epstein's notoriety and the lingering public fascination surrounding his life and death. Epstein, who died in 2019 while awaiting trial on serious criminal charges, continues to be the subject of numerous conspiracy theories.

In the end, Pete's message is simple: he is just an ordinary individual who happens to resemble a well-known figure. While the internet may have briefly turned him into a viral mystery, he hopes his clarification will finally put the rumors to rest.

"One Month, Endless Chaos": Why March 2026 Feels Like an Entire Year Online



March 2026 has taken over social media conversations, with many users joking that the single month feels as long and eventful as an entire year. From global tensions to academic stress and cultural moments, the sheer volume and pace of events have left people both overwhelmed and amused.

Across platforms, users have been sharing memes and posts highlighting how packed the month has been. Many point out that major developments—ranging from geopolitical conflicts to exam season pressures—have all collided within a short span of time. The combination has created a sense that time is moving unusually fast, while also feeling stretched due to the intensity of daily updates.

One of the biggest contributors to this feeling is the ongoing global uncertainty. News related to international conflicts has dominated headlines, keeping people constantly engaged with serious developments. At the same time, students in many regions are dealing with crucial exams, adding personal stress to an already heavy news cycle.

Social media has amplified this perception. With constant notifications, trending topics, and viral discussions, users are exposed to a nonstop stream

of information. What might have once felt like events spread over several months are now being consumed within days or even hours. This rapid flow of content has made March feel unusually dense and emotionally exhausting for many.

Memes have played a major role in shaping the narrative. Users are humorously comparing March 2026 to a "full year," sharing posts that list everything that has happened so far in the month. Others joke about feeling mentally drained, as if they've already lived through several phases of a year in just a few weeks.

The phenomenon also reflects a broader trend of how people experience time in the digital age. With information constantly at their fingertips, individuals are more aware of global and local events than ever before. This heightened awareness can make periods of intense activity feel longer and more significant.

Ultimately, the online reaction to March 2026 highlights how perception of time is influenced not just by the calendar, but by the volume and impact of events. While the month may only have 31 days, for many on the internet, it already feels like they've lived through much more.

Lost at Birth, Found After 28 Years: Woman Reunites With Biological Family

In a deeply emotional story of separation and reunion, a Chinese woman raised in the Netherlands has finally met her biological parents after nearly three decades. Her journey, marked by loss, uncertainty, and hope, highlights the power of persistence and modern technology in reconnecting families.

The woman, identified as Hong Yangli, was abandoned shortly after birth under tragic circumstances. According to reports, her grandfather, influenced by a preference for a male heir, took the newborn away from her mother under the pretense of caring for her. Instead, he left the infant in a public place in a nearby village, an act that would separate mother and daughter for 28 long years.

Just two days old, the baby was discovered crying by a passerby and taken to a welfare home. She was left with a small amount of money, milk powder, and a note containing her date of birth—clues that would later become crucial in uncovering her identity. Soon after, she was adopted by a Dutch couple and



grew up in the Netherlands, far removed from her origins in China.

Despite having a stable upbringing, questions about her roots remained. As she grew older, the desire to understand her past and find her biological family became stronger. In December 2024, she took a significant step by submitting her DNA to a Chinese database designed to help locate miss-

ing children and reconnect families.

The decision proved life-changing. The DNA match eventually led authorities to her biological parents, who had spent years wondering about the fate of their daughter. Her mother revealed that the day her child was taken away was the last time she saw her, carrying the pain of that loss for decades.

The reunion, when it

finally happened, was filled with overwhelming emotions. After 28 years of separation, mother and daughter were able to meet face-to-face, bridging a gap created by circumstances beyond their control. The moment symbolized closure, healing, and a second chance at building a relationship.

This story sheds light on the lasting impact of cultural pressures and

the consequences of gender bias, while also offering a message of hope. Advances in DNA technology are increasingly helping people uncover long-lost connections, turning what once seemed impossible into reality.

For Hong, the reunion marks not just the end of a long search, but the beginning of a new chapter—one that reconnects her with her past while shaping her future.

"Find Me a Flat, Get Paid": Frustrated Bengaluru Tenant's Unique Offer Goes Viral

A frustrated house-hunter in Bengaluru has caught the internet's attention after making an unusual offer—promising to pay half a month's rent to anyone who helps them find a suitable home. The post, shared on social media, reflects the growing challenges of finding affordable housing in the city's competitive rental market.

The tenant, struggling to secure a 3BHK apartment, took to Reddit with a straightforward yet striking proposal. They offered a financial reward to literally anyone who could connect them with a suitable property, saying they were "super frustrated" after an exhausting search. The requirement was specific: a good 2.5 or 3BHK flat in prime areas such as Koramangala or HSR Layout.

The budget mentioned in the post ranged between ₹45,000 and ₹48,000 per month. However, even with this relatively high budget, the user found it



extremely difficult to find a suitable option in preferred locations. The post quickly gained traction, with many users reacting to both the desperation and creativity behind the offer.

Social media users responded with a mix of sympathy and realism. While some shared potential leads and tried to

help, many pointed out that finding a 3BHK within that budget in these areas is increasingly rare. The discussion highlighted how rising rents and high demand have made house-hunting in Bengaluru a stressful experience for many residents.

The viral post also sparked a broader conversation about the city's

rental crisis. Over the past few years, Bengaluru has seen a sharp rise in housing costs, especially in tech-centric neighborhoods. Many tenants have complained about inflated rents, unusual conditions set by landlords, and limited availability of spacious homes.

This is not an isolated case. Similar viral posts

in the past have shown how renters are often forced to stretch their budgets or compromise on location and amenities. The increasing demand for larger homes, particularly 3BHK apartments, has further pushed prices upward, making them inaccessible for many middle-income tenants.

The tenant's offer, though unconventional, reflects a deeper issue—how difficult it has become to secure a decent home even with a substantial budget. It also shows how social media is increasingly being used as a tool for problem-solving, where users turn to the internet for help beyond traditional brokers and listings.

In the end, the post is both a humorous and telling snapshot of urban life in Bengaluru—where finding the right home can feel like winning a jackpot, and sometimes, even that requires a reward.

"You're Underselling Your City": Mumbaikar Praises Delhi After 14 Years

A lifelong resident of Mumbai has gone viral online after sharing an unexpectedly positive experience of visiting Delhi, saying the capital is far better than people often claim. His remarks have sparked fresh debate in the long-standing rivalry between the two cities.

In a widely shared Reddit post, the traveller revealed that he had visited Delhi after a gap of 14 years and was "humbled" by how much the city had improved. What stood out most to him was the overall infrastructure, which he described as more advanced and well-planned than he had anticipated.

One of the biggest highlights of his visit was the city's metro system. He praised its scale, efficiency, and connectivity, noting that it made commuting significantly easier compared to what he was used to. The metro, in particular, left a strong impression, contributing to his changed perception of the capital.

The visitor also pointed out that Delhi felt cleaner



than expected. While the city often faces criticism for pollution and congestion, he said his personal experience was quite different. He noticed better-maintained public spaces and an overall sense of order that challenged his

earlier assumptions.

Another aspect that surprised him was the weather. Compared to Mumbai's humid climate, Delhi's conditions felt more pleasant during his visit. This added to his overall positive impression and made

his stay more enjoyable.

He also observed differences in how the two cities are structured. According to him, Delhi has a clearer separation between different types of neighborhoods, whereas Mumbai tends to have a more

mixed urban layout. This distinction gave Delhi a more organized feel in his view.

His post quickly gained traction, with many social media users agreeing that Delhi is often unfairly criticized. Others, however, pointed out that experiences can vary depending on the area and time of visit, and that both cities have their own strengths and challenges.

The viral reaction reflects how deeply people identify with their cities, especially when it comes to Mumbai and Delhi—two of India's most iconic urban centers. While Mumbai is known for its fast-paced life and financial importance, Delhi is often associated with its history, political significance, and expanding infrastructure.

In the end, the traveller's message was simple but impactful: sometimes, cities are judged more by reputation than reality. And in his experience, Delhi turned out to be far more impressive than he had imagined.

SRH Not Title Contenders for IPL 2026, Says Uthappa

Former India cricketer Robin Uthappa has made a bold prediction ahead of IPL 2026, stating that Sunrisers Hyderabad are “not a serious title contender” despite their explosive batting lineup.

Uthappa pointed out that while SRH possess one of the most aggressive batting units in the tournament, relying heavily on attacking cricket alone may not be enough to win a championship. He emphasized that entertaining batting performances do not always translate into titles, especially in a high-pressure tournament like the IPL.

The major concern, according to him, lies in SRH’s bowling department. He noted that their bowling attack appears relatively weak compared to other top teams in the competition. Uthappa stressed that strong bowling units are often the deciding factor in winning trophies, particularly in crucial knockout matches.

SRH, who were once IPL champions, have shown flashes



of brilliance in recent seasons but have struggled to maintain consistency. Their aggressive approach with the bat has helped them post big totals, but the inability of bowlers to defend those scores has often cost

them matches.

The analysis highlights a key imbalance in the team composition. While the batting lineup can dominate on its day, the lack of a reliable and consistent bowling unit makes it difficult

to sustain success throughout a long tournament. In T20 cricket, especially in leagues like the IPL, balanced squads tend to perform better over time.

Uthappa’s remarks also underline a broader cricketing principle—titles are often won by teams that combine strong batting with disciplined bowling and effective game management. Without that balance, even the most exciting teams can fall short when it matters the most.

As IPL 2026 approaches, SRH will need to address these concerns if they hope to challenge for the title. Improving their bowling depth, finding consistent performers, and maintaining balance between bat and ball will be crucial for their chances.

While the team certainly has the potential to surprise, the current assessment suggests that unless they fix their bowling issues, they may struggle to emerge as serious contenders in the race for the trophy.

Punjab Kings’ Internal Clashes Held Team Back, Reveals Irfan Pathan



The Punjab Kings have long been seen as one of the most unpredictable teams in the Indian Premier League, and former India all-rounder Irfan Pathan has now revealed the underlying reasons behind their inconsistency.

Speaking about his time with the franchise, Pathan disclosed that internal conflicts between team owners and management played a major role in holding the team back over the years. According to him, lack of coordination and frequent disagreements created an unstable environment, which directly affected on-field performance.

He pointed out that one of the biggest issues was the disconnect between the owners and the cricketing staff. Many of the owners, he noted, did not have a strong cricketing background, which led to differences in decision-making. This often resulted in confusion over team strategies, selections, and long-term planning.

Pathan revealed that even though the franchise initially appeared well-structured from the outside, problems existed internally from the very beginning. There was a lack of clear communication between coaches and owners, which created friction within the setup. Over time, this affected team morale and consistency.

Another key concern highlighted was frequent changes in leadership and direction. Constant shifts in coaching staff, captains, and strategies prevented the team from building stability—something crucial for success in a tour-

namment like the IPL. This instability meant that even when the team had talented players, they struggled to perform consistently as a unit.

The revelations shed light on why Punjab Kings, despite having strong squads over the years, have rarely converted potential into results. The team has made the playoffs only a handful of times since the league began, often failing to sustain momentum across seasons.

Interestingly, these issues come despite the franchise showing improvement in recent times. Punjab Kings reached the final in IPL 2025, indicating that things may be stabilizing under a more structured setup. However, Pathan’s comments suggest that past internal conflicts have had a lasting impact on the team’s journey.

The ownership group of the franchise includes multiple stakeholders, which, while bringing financial strength, may also have contributed to differences in vision and decision-making.

Pathan’s remarks provide a rare insider perspective into the functioning of an IPL franchise, highlighting how off-field dynamics can significantly influence on-field success. As Punjab Kings prepare for IPL 2026, the focus will be on maintaining stability and avoiding the mistakes of the past.

If the franchise can ensure better coordination between management and cricketing staff, it could finally translate its potential into consistent success in the league.

Fiery Moment in SRH Camp: Ishan Kishan Gets Animated Send-Off in Practice Match



A dramatic moment unfolded in the Sunrisers Hyderabad camp ahead of IPL 2026, as stand-in captain Ishan Kishan received a fiery send-off from his own teammate during a practice match, sparking buzz among fans and cricket observers.

The incident took place during an intra-squad game, where competitive intensity was clearly on display. Kishan, who has been leading the side in the absence of regular skipper Pat Cummins, looked in excellent touch early in his innings. He attacked aggressively, smashing boundaries and putting the bowler under pressure in a dominant start.

However, the momentum shifted when young leg-spinner Zeeshan Ansari fought back. After being hit for runs, the bowler delivered a clever ball that led to Kishan’s dismissal, with the batter mistiming a shot and getting caught in the deep.

What followed grabbed everyone’s attention. Ansari celebrated the wicket with an animated and intense send-off, even gesturing toward the pavilion. The moment quickly went viral on social media, with many interpreting it as a sign of tension within the squad.

Despite the heated nature of the celebration, Kishan appeared to take it sportingly. Instead of reacting angrily, he was seen smiling and laughing off the incident, suggesting that the ex-

change was more about competitive spirit than actual conflict within the team.

The episode highlights the high level of competition within the SRH camp as players fight for spots in the playing XI. Practice matches in the IPL are often intense, as performances in these games can directly influence team selection and roles during the tournament. In this context, such aggressive celebrations are not entirely unusual.

For SRH, the incident could actually be seen as a positive sign. Kishan’s aggressive batting indicates he is in good form heading into the season, while Ansari’s ability to bounce back under pressure showcases his potential as a key bowler. The exchange reflects a healthy competitive environment where players are pushing each other to perform at their best.

As IPL 2026 approaches, SRH will be hoping that this intensity translates into strong on-field performances. With new leadership dynamics and a mix of experienced and young players, the team is looking to make a strong impact this season.

While the moment may have appeared controversial at first glance, it ultimately underlines the passion and competitiveness that define the IPL—where even teammates don’t hold back when it comes to proving their abilities.

“2-3 Thousand Runs?!”: Vaibhav Sooryavanshi’s Witty Reply Steals the Show

Young cricket sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi once again grabbed headlines ahead of IPL 2026—not just for his batting, but for his sharp sense of humour.

During a media interaction, the teenage Rajasthan Royals star was asked about his goals for the upcoming season, particularly how many runs he was targeting and whether he had his eyes on the Orange Cap. The question, fairly routine for most players, took a hilarious turn thanks to Sooryavanshi’s spontaneous response.

With a smile, he replied that if such questions are asked, he might as well say he plans to score “two to three thousand runs.” The witty remark immediately left everyone present in splits, highlighting the youngster’s playful personality and confidence.

Despite the humorous response, Sooryavanshi quickly shifted to a more grounded perspective. He clarified that he does not believe in setting specific numerical targets for him-



self. Instead, his focus remains on following the team’s process and contributing to winning matches. He emphasized that personal milestones like run tallies or awards are secondary to the team’s ultimate goal of lifting the trophy.

The young left-hander has already built a reputation as one of the most exciting prospects in Indian cricket. His performanc-

es in the previous IPL season turned heads, especially with his fearless batting approach. He made history by scoring a stunning century in just 35 balls, becoming one of the fastest Indian players to reach the milestone and the youngest to achieve such a feat in the league.

He carried that form into international youth cricket as well, playing a crucial role in In-

dia’s successful Under-19 World Cup campaign. His remarkable innings in the final further cemented his status as a rising star.

What makes Sooryavanshi stand out is not just his talent, but also his fearless attitude and maturity at such a young age. His ability to handle media attention with ease, while staying focused on the bigger picture, reflects a strong mindset.

As IPL 2026 approaches, expectations from the youngster are naturally high. However, if his response is anything to go by, he is not burdened by pressure. Instead, he seems determined to enjoy his cricket, stick to the basics, and contribute to his team’s success.

In a tournament often dominated by big names and intense competition, moments like these offer a refreshing glimpse into the personality of emerging stars—where confidence meets humility, and talent is complemented by a light-hearted charm.

LSG’s Overseas Reliance Raises Concerns Ahead of IPL 2026

The Lucknow Super Giants are heading into the upcoming Indian Premier League season with high expectations, but concerns around their team composition have already begun to surface. Former Lakshmipathy Balaji has offered a blunt assessment, pointing out that the franchise is heavily dependent on its overseas batting lineup—an imbalance that could prove costly.

LSG endured a disappointing campaign last season, finishing seventh on the points table. With Rishabh Pant now leading the side, the team will be eager to bounce back and push for their maiden IPL title. However, Balaji believes that their success will largely hinge on how their overseas players perform, especially at the top of the order.

The franchise boasts a strong foreign batting core featuring Mitchell Marsh, Aiden Markram, and Nicholas Pooran. This trio has consistently provided solid starts and dominated opposition attacks in previous matches. However, Balaji emphasized that this reliance on overseas players could become a vulnerability, particularly in a tournament where only four foreign players are allowed in the playing XI.

While LSG do have Indian batters like Ayush Badoni, Abdul Samad, and Shahbaz Ahmed, they are seen more as supporting contributors rather than primary match-winners. Balaji stressed that for LSG to succeed, the responsibility will fall heavily on Pant and the top-order batters to deliver consistently.

Another area of concern highlighted is the team’s bowling attack and tactical approach. Despite having a strong batting lineup, LSG’s struggles last season were linked to inconsistent bowling performances and questionable leadership decisions. The balance between batting



strength and bowling depth remains a key issue that the team needs to address.

Balaji also spoke about the ideal overseas combination, suggesting that LSG may opt for three overseas batters and one bowler. Players like Wanindu Hasaranga and Anrich Nortje could play crucial roles in strengthening the bowling unit, depending on fitness and form.

As LSG prepare to kick off their campaign, the spotlight will be firmly on how they manage this imbalance. While their overseas stars provide firepower, success in the IPL often depends on a well-rounded team effort.

If LSG can get consistent contributions from their Indian core while maintaining the impact of their overseas players, they could emerge as strong contenders. Otherwise, their heavy reliance on foreign batters might once again limit their chances in a highly competitive tournament.

South Africa Fight Back to Beat New Zealand, Force Series Decider



South Africa national cricket team produced a spirited all-round performance to defeat New Zealand national cricket team by 19 runs in the fourth T20 International, leveling the five-match series 2-2 and setting up a thrilling final.

After being put under pressure earlier in the series, South Africa responded strongly in a must-win encounter. Batting first, they posted a competitive total, built on a balanced effort from their batting unit. While no single batter completely dominated, crucial contributions across the lineup helped them put up a defensible score. The middle overs proved particularly important, as South Africa stabilized after early setbacks and accelerated at the right time.

New Zealand began their chase with intent, showing positive signs in the powerplay. However, South Africa’s bowlers quickly shifted the momentum. The turning point came through their spin attack, which played a decisive role in slowing down the scoring rate and breaking key partnerships. The spinners applied sustained pressure, forcing mistakes from the New Zealand batters.

As the innings progressed, the required run rate kept climbing, putting the hosts under increasing pressure. Despite some resistance from the middle order, New Zealand struggled to build momentum.

Regular wickets prevented them from mounting a serious challenge, and the lack of a big partnership ultimately proved costly.

South Africa’s bowlers maintained discipline in the death overs, ensuring there was no late comeback. Tight lines, clever variations, and sharp fielding helped them close out the match confidently, securing a crucial 19-run victory.

This win marks a strong comeback for South Africa, especially after trailing in the series earlier. It highlights their resilience and ability to perform under pressure in a must-win situation. The bowlers, particularly the spinners, were instrumental in turning the game in their favour.

For New Zealand, the defeat will raise questions about their middle-order performance and ability to handle pressure in crunch moments. Despite a promising start, they were unable to sustain the chase or counter South Africa’s disciplined bowling attack.

With the series now tied at 2-2, the stage is perfectly set for a high-stakes decider. Both teams have shown flashes of brilliance, making the final match an exciting contest. Momentum may slightly favour South Africa after this win, but New Zealand will look to bounce back and clinch the series in what promises to be a closely fought finale.

Sreeleela Pins Hopes on Bollywood Amid Career Setbacks

Sreeleela is currently going through a crucial phase in her career, with recent developments pushing her to look beyond the South film industry and focus on new opportunities in Bollywood.

The actress, who rose to fame with her energetic performances and strong screen presence, had high expectations from Ustaad Bhagat Singh, where she starred opposite Pawan Kalyan. The film was considered a major milestone in her career, given the scale of the project and the popularity of its lead star. However, despite her performance and dance numbers receiving appreciation, the film's mixed response has not fully met expectations.

This has added to a series of recent setbacks for the actress. Her earlier attempt to make a strong mark in Tamil cinema also did not yield the desired results, as that project underperformed at the box office. While she continues to receive recognition for her acting and dancing skills, the lack of consistent commercial success has impacted her career momentum.

Amid these challenges, Sreeleela is now placing significant hopes on her Bollywood debut. She is currently working on a high-profile Hindi film alongside Kartik Aaryan. The project is seen as a crucial opportunity for her to expand her reach and establish her-

self in the North Indian market. The actress is reportedly making conscious efforts to adapt to the preferences of Hindi audiences, aiming to reinvent her image and connect with a wider viewer base. A successful outing in Bollywood could not only revive her career graph but also open doors to more diverse roles across industries.

Despite the recent hurdles, Sreeleela remains a popular name among younger audiences, thanks to her vibrant performances and strong fan following. Industry observers believe that a single big hit could quickly turn things around for her.

At this stage, her upcoming Bollywood film has become a defining moment in her career. If it succeeds, it could mark a fresh beginning and help her regain momentum in the highly competitive film industry.

Dhurandhar 2: The Revenge Smashes Records with Historic Opening Weekend

The Hindi film industry has a new box office giant, as *Dhurandhar 2: The Revenge* delivers a sensational opening weekend, rewriting records and setting new benchmarks. Starring Ranveer Singh in the lead and directed by Aditya Dhar, the high-octane spy action drama has taken cinemas by storm with its extraordinary performance.

From the moment of its release, the film showcased unstoppable momentum. It had already made headlines with strong numbers from paid previews and an impressive opening day. However, its weekend performance has taken things to an entirely new level. Within just three days of its theatrical run, including previews, the film amassed a staggering 282 crore, making it the highest-grossing opening weekend in the history of the Hindi box office.

In achieving this milestone, *Dhurandhar 2: The Revenge* comfortably surpassed the previous record held by *Jawan*, which had collected

177 crore during its opening weekend. The new benchmark reflects a remarkable 37% jump, underlining the massive audience pull and widespread appeal of the film.

The list of top opening weekends further highlights the scale of this achievement. Films like *Animal* (168.50 crore), *Pathaan* (160.50 crore), *Tiger 3* (138.50 crore), and *Street 2* (138 crore) now trail behind the new record holder by a considerable margin.

The film's strong performance continued into its third day, where it reportedly earned around 96 crore net in the Hindi market alone. This consistent growth indicates not only a strong opening but also sustained audience interest, driven by positive word-of-mouth and high repeat value. Produced by Jio Studios and B62 Studios, the film's grand scale, gripping narrative, and action-packed sequences have struck a chord with audiences across the country. The combination of star power and engaging storytelling has clearly paid off.

Trade analysts are optimistic



about the film's continued run. With momentum still building and footfall increasing, *Dhurandhar 2: The Revenge* is expected to either touch or cross the 100 crore mark on its fourth day. Projections suggest that its extended opening weekend collec-

tions could reach approximately 375 crore. If the current trend continues, the film is well on its way to becoming one of the biggest blockbusters in recent years, potentially redefining box office success in the Hindi film industry.

Raashii Khanna Opens Up on Career Choices and Industry Realities

Actress Raashii Khanna has candidly spoken about her journey in the film industry, sharing insights into her career choices, challenges, and evolving perspective as an actor.

Reflecting on her career, Raashii revealed that she has always believed in taking a balanced and thoughtful approach rather than rushing into projects. She emphasized that she prefers choosing roles that offer scope for performance and personal growth, rather than simply chasing commercial success.

According to her, longevity in the industry depends on making the right decisions at

the right time.

The actress also spoke about the unpredictable nature of the film industry. She noted that success and failure are part of every actor's journey and that one cannot afford to get carried away by either. Maintaining emotional balance, she said, is crucial to sustaining a long career in cinema.

Raashii highlighted that the industry has become increasingly competitive, with constant scrutiny from audiences and social media. She admitted that actors today face more pressure than ever before, as people tend to judge quickly without understanding the effort behind a performance. Despite this, she believes that staying focused and continuing to improve is the key to survival.

Talking about her personal growth, Raashii shared that she has matured over the years, both as an actor and as an individual. She said that every project has taught her something new,

helping her evolve and become more confident in her craft. She also stressed the importance of self-belief, especially during challenging phases.

The actress further pointed out that content-driven cinema is gaining importance, giving actors more opportunities to explore diverse roles. She expressed happiness that audiences are now open to different kinds of stories, which allows performers to experiment and break away from stereotypes.

Raashii also touched upon the importance of patience in the industry. She believes that not every phase will be successful, but consistency and hard work eventually pay off. Instead of being discouraged by setbacks, she prefers to treat them as learning experiences.

On the whole, Raashii Khanna's reflections offer a realistic view of the film industry—one that demands resilience, adaptability, and constant



growth. With her steady approach and evolving mindset, she continues to carve a strong place for herself across multiple film industries.

Rakasa Promises a Unique Horror-Fantasy Family Entertainer

Producer Niharika Konidela has described *Rakasa*, starring Sangeeth Shobhan and Nayana Sarika, as a horror-fantasy film blended with a strong family-oriented storyline. The film is gearing up for its release on April 3.

As part of the promotional campaign, the film's team held a press meet in Rajahmundry at Shelton Hotel. The event was attended by the lead actors along with Niharika and Getup Srinu.

Speaking at the event, Niharika said that *Rakasa* will offer a completely different experience compared to her previous project *Committee Kurullu*. She highlighted that the film combines elements of horror, fantasy, and entertainment, making it appealing to a wide range of audiences. She also praised the performances of Sangeeth Shobhan and Nayana Sarika, stating that both actors have worked very hard for their roles. Expressing confidence, she said the film will surely be a success and urged

audiences to watch it with their families.

Actor Sangeeth Shobhan shared a personal connection with the region, mentioning that his father hails from Korukonda near Rajahmundry. He also said that he visited the Lalitha Tripura Sundari temple at Devi Chowk before the event. Describing the film, he said *Rakasa* is a mix of fantasy, thriller, and comedy, and emphasized that the entire team has put in great effort. He appealed to audiences to support the film.

Actress Nayana Sarika said she has visited Rajahmundry many times, but this was her first experience speaking at a press meet there. She mentioned that *Rakasa* is her third project and that she has put in a lot of hard work for the role. She described the film as a fun-filled thriller and expressed hope that audiences will appreciate it.

Getup Srinu also expressed his happiness about visiting Rajahmundry and said the film blends fantasy, horror, comedy, and family emotions. He added that the movie has all the elements needed to entertain audiences and is confident it will be well received.



Peddi Buzz Grows as Mrunal Thakur's Dance Cameo Rumours Spark Excitement

The buzz around *Peddi* continues to grow as fresh reports suggest a special appearance by Mrunal Thakur, adding another layer of excitement to the much-awaited film. Headlined by Ram Charan and directed by Buchi Babu Sana, the sports action drama is slated for a grand theatrical release on April 30, 2026.

According to ongoing speculation, Mrunal Thakur may feature in a high-energy dance number alongside Ram Charan and the film's leading lady Janhvi Kapoor. The song is expected to be a visually vibrant and energetic sequence, designed to elevate the film's mass appeal. However, the makers have not yet officially confirmed this cameo, keeping fans eagerly waiting for a formal announcement.

Adding to the growing anticipation, reports indicate that the film's teaser is likely to be unveiled soon. Industry buzz suggests a possible release on March 27, coinciding with Ram Charan's birthday, which would make it a special occasion for fans. If confirmed, the teaser launch is expected to significantly boost excitement and offer a glimpse into the film's scale and storyline. *Peddi* is said to revolve

around a compelling cricket-based narrative set in a rural backdrop. The film aims to blend intense sports drama with emotional storytelling, creating a powerful cinematic experience. With a mix of action, sentiment, and sports elements, the project is being positioned as a complete entertainer. The film also features a strong supporting cast, including Shiva Rajkumar, Divyendu Sharma, Jagapathi Babu, and Boman Iram in key roles. Their presence adds depth and experience to the film, raising expectations further. On the technical front, *Peddi* is backed by producers Venkata Satish Kilaru and Ishan Saksena under the banners of Vriddhi Cinemas and IVY Entertainment. The music is composed by Oscar-winning maestro A. R. Rahman, which has already heightened anticipation among music lovers.

With a promising storyline, star-studded cast, and strong technical team, *Peddi* is shaping up to be one of the most awaited films of 2026. If the rumours around Mrunal Thakur's cameo turn out to be true, it will further amplify the film's appeal and excitement among audiences.

