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Andhra Pradesh Sets Industrial Momentum as Chandrababu Launches Mega Steel Project

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In a significant boost to Andhra Pradesh's industrial ambitions, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu laid the foundation stone for the massive steel plant by ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel, marking a major step toward transforming the state into a leading manufacturing hub.

Addressing the gathering at the groundbreaking ceremony, the Chief Minister emphasized that the project would act as a "game changer" for the state's economy. He stated that Andhra Pradesh is committed to becoming one of the top industrial destinations in India, driven by progressive policies and investor-friendly governance.

The upcoming steel plant, with a massive investment running into lakhs of crores, is expected to generate large-scale employment opportunities. Chandrababu Naidu highlighted that the project would not only create direct jobs but also boost indirect employment through ancillary industries, logistics, and service sectors. He stressed that empowering youth through job creation remains a key priority of the government.

The Chief Minister also pointed out that the state government has streamlined approval processes to ensure faster execution of projects. By focusing on "Speed of Doing Business," Andhra Pradesh aims to attract global investors



and eliminate bureaucratic delays that previously hindered industrial growth.

Highlighting the strategic importance of the project, Naidu said that the plant would significantly contribute to regional development, particularly in the Visakhapatnam-Anakapalli belt. He added that the presence of such a mega industrial unit would lead to infrastructure development, improved connectivity, and overall economic upliftment of the surrounding areas. Chandrababu Naidu further reiterated the govern-

ment's commitment to providing full support to investors, including land allocation, clearances, and policy assistance. He expressed confidence that the collaboration with ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel would strengthen India's position in the global steel industry.

The project is also expected to enhance the state's revenue generation and industrial output. With a high production capacity, it will play a crucial role in meeting domestic steel demand and reducing dependence on imports.

Concluding his speech, the Chief Minister assured that Andhra Pradesh will continue to pursue large-scale investments and industrial partnerships in the future. He called upon stakeholders to work collectively to ensure the timely completion of the project and to maximize its benefits for the people of the state.

This landmark initiative signals a new phase of industrial growth for Andhra Pradesh, positioning it as a key player in India's economic development journey.

Lakshmi Mittal Calls Andhra Steel Project a Personal Milestone

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At the groundbreaking ceremony of the mega steel plant in Andhra Pradesh, global steel industry leader Lakshmi Mittal described the project as a landmark initiative that reflects both personal commitment and strong confidence in India's growth story. The plant, being set up by ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel, is expected to play a crucial role in strengthening the country's industrial ecosystem.

Addressing the gathering, Mittal emphasized that the decision to invest in Andhra Pradesh was driven by the state's progressive industrial policies and investor-friendly environment. He noted that the government's proactive approach and swift clearances have created a strong foundation for large-scale investments. According to him, such efficiency sends a positive signal to global investors

looking to establish operations in India.

Mittal also highlighted the growing demand for steel in India, particularly in sectors such as infrastructure, construction, automotive, and manufacturing. He stated that the upcoming plant would focus on producing high-quality, value-added steel products to meet both domestic and international needs. This, he added, would enhance India's competitiveness in the global steel market. A key aspect of the project, Mittal pointed out, is its emphasis on advanced technology and sustainability. The plant is expected to incorporate modern manufacturing processes, ensuring higher efficiency and reduced environmental impact. He stressed the importance of adopting green steel practices, aligning with global trends toward environmentally responsible industrial development.

The project is also set to



bring significant economic benefits to the region. Mittal noted that it would generate large-scale employment opportunities, both directly and indirectly. The development of ancillary industries, improved infrastructure, and increased economic activity are expected to uplift local communities and contribute to overall regional growth.

Praising the leadership of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, Mittal said the

state government played a crucial role in facilitating the project. He appreciated the speed and transparency in decision-making, which ensured that the project moved from concept to execution without delays. Such governance, he said, builds long-term confidence among investors. Mittal further emphasized that the steel plant is not just a business venture but a long-term commitment to India's develop-

ment. With rising infrastructure needs and increasing industrialization, the demand for steel is expected to grow steadily. This project, he said, would contribute significantly to meeting that demand while supporting the nation's economic progress.

He also underlined the importance of collaboration between the public and private sectors. The successful partnership between the Andhra Pradesh government and ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel, he noted, serves as a model for future investments.

Concluding his speech, Lakshmi Mittal expressed optimism about Andhra Pradesh emerging as a major industrial hub in the coming years. He reaffirmed his commitment to investing in the state and contributing to its growth journey.

The mega steel plant stands as a symbol of global trust in Andhra Pradesh and marks a new chapter in the state's industrial transformation.



Nara Lokesh Highlights Legacy of Dommeti Venkata Reddy at Jayanti Gathering

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Andhra Pradesh Minister Nara Lokesh attended the Dommeti Venkata Reddy Jayanti programme held in Visakhapatnam, where he paid tribute to the late leader and highlighted his contributions to social welfare, particularly for the Shetty Balija community.

At the gathering, Lokesh recalled the life and legacy of Dommeti Venkata Reddy, describing him as a visionary who worked tirelessly for the rights and welfare of backward communities during the British era and beyond. He said that Reddy's efforts in empowering his community and promoting education and social upliftment remain inspiring even today.

Lokesh pointed out that Reddy not only brought about social change but also established cooperative welfare organisations that uplifted the Shetty Balija community. He noted that the welfare programmes launched under Reddy's guidance helped community members assert their rights and improve their living standards, leaving a lasting impact on social development.

Recounting his own political engagement with the Shetty Balija community, Lokesh said that the Jayanti

celebrations were a reminder of the responsibilities that contemporary leaders hold toward continuing Reddy's mission of inclusive growth and community empowerment. He expressed confidence that efforts to build community halls and memorials in honour of Reddy will preserve his memory and inspire future generations.

Lokesh also reaffirmed his commitment to working toward greater welfare measures for the community, and assured supporters that initiatives benefiting social and economic development will be pursued over the next six months.

He urged community members to unite behind a shared vision of progress and cultural pride.

The programme was attended by senior TDP leaders including state party president Palla Srinivas Rao, MPs, MLAs, and other party functionaries, underscoring the high regard in which Reddy's legacy is held within political and community circles. Lokesh's remarks at the Jayanti gathering highlighted the importance of remembering past leaders who championed the cause of social justice and community welfare, and reinforced his own commitment to those principles as part of broader efforts to strengthen cultural identity and support community development.

Andhra Pradesh Emerging as a Top Investment Destination: Nara Lokesh

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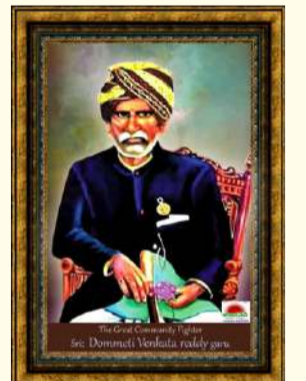
Reinforcing Andhra Pradesh's growing reputation as an industrial powerhouse, State Minister Nara Lokesh stated that the state is rapidly transforming into one of India's most preferred destinations for investments. He highlighted that progressive governance, speed in approvals, and strong leadership are key factors attracting both national and global investors.

Speaking at a recent event, Lokesh emphasized that Andhra Pradesh has created a business-friendly ecosystem that encourages industries to set up operations with ease. He pointed out that the government's focus on "Speed of Doing Business" has significantly reduced delays, ensuring that projects are executed quickly and efficiently. This proactive approach, he said, is giving the state a competitive edge over others.

Lokesh credited the leadership of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu for building investor confidence. He noted that transparent policies, quick decision-making, and coordination between the state and central governments have made Andhra Pradesh a reliable destination for large-scale investments.

The minister also highlighted that the state has been successful in attracting a significant share of national investments. According to him, Andhra Pradesh accounts for a notable portion of proposed investments in India, reflecting the trust that industries place in the state's governance and infrastructure.

He further explained that the government is focusing on cluster-based industrial development to ensure balanced growth across regions. Multiple industrial clusters are being developed in sectors such as



pharmaceuticals, electronics, renewable energy, textiles, and information technology. This strategy is expected to create a strong industrial ecosystem and generate employment opportunities for lakhs of youth.

Lokesh also underlined that major projects coming up in North Andhra and other regions will act as catalysts for economic growth. These investments will not only create direct jobs but also boost ancillary industries, infrastructure, and services. He reiterated that the government's long-term goal is to build a robust economy driven by innovation, technology, and industrial expansion. In addition, he stressed that the state is committed to sustainable and responsible industrialization. New projects are being designed with modern environmental safeguards, ensuring that growth does not come at the cost of ecological balance. Concluding his remarks, Lokesh expressed confidence that Andhra Pradesh will continue to attract more investments in the coming years. With a clear vision, strong policy framework, and investor-centric approach, the state is positioning itself as a leading economic hub in the country.

This vision aligns with the broader goal of transforming Andhra Pradesh into a multi-trillion-dollar economy, driven by industrial growth and employment generation.

Jagan Congratulates PM Modi on Record Public Service Milestone

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In a notable political gesture, Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy extended his congratulations to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for achieving a remarkable milestone in public life. The YSRCP supremo praised the Prime Minister for completing 8,931 days in public service, describing it as a historic achievement. According to reports, Jagan Mohan Reddy took to social media platform X to convey his wishes. He termed the milestone as a reflection of dedication, perseverance, and long-standing commitment to governance. Modi's journey spans his tenure as Chief Minister of Gujarat and continues through his leadership as the Prime Minister of India. Calling the achievement a "historic mile-



stone," Jagan highlighted that such a long duration in public service demonstrates resilience and strong leadership. He acknowledged the Prime Minister's continuous role in shaping governance at both the state and national levels over

the years. Jagan also expressed his best wishes for Modi's continued service to the nation. He hoped that the Prime Minister would be blessed with good health and strength to carry forward his responsibilities effectively.

The message reflected a tone of respect and recognition for Modi's political journey and administrative experience.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's political career is one of the longest in contemporary Indian governance. Beginning as the Chief Minister of Gujarat, he later rose to become the Prime Minister in 2014 and has since remained a central figure in Indian politics. His tenure has been marked by several major policy decisions, development initiatives, and international engagements. The completion of 8,931 days in public office is being seen as a significant benchmark, underscoring continuity and stability in leadership. Political observers note that such milestones are rare and highlight the endurance required to sustain a long career in public life.

Jagan Mohan Reddy's message also reflects the broader political culture where leaders, despite party differences, acknowledge major achievements of their counterparts. Such gestures are often viewed as a sign of democratic maturity and mutual respect within the political landscape.

The congratulatory note has drawn attention in political circles, as it comes at a time when national and state-level politics continue to evolve with new challenges and alignments. It also underscores the recognition of long-standing public service as an important aspect of leadership.

Overall, the milestone marks a significant chapter in Narendra Modi's political journey, while Jagan Mohan Reddy's message adds a layer of acknowledgment from across the political spectrum.

Anam Assures Compensation for Crop Losses in Nellore District

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In a strong assurance to farmers affected by recent hailstorms, State Endowments Minister Anam Ramanarayana Reddy stated that the government will support every farmer and provide compensation for every cent of land damaged. He urged farmers not to lose hope and assured them that their losses would be addressed promptly. The minister visited Ananthasagaram mandal in Nellore district and personally inspected the damaged crops in Chilakalamarru, Kamireddypadu, and Mangupalli villages. Paddy, cotton, chilli, and other crops suffered significant damage due to the unexpected hailstorm. Farmers expressed their distress over the complete loss of standing crops, to which the minister responded with reassurance and support.

Later, a review meeting was held at the Ananthasagaram Mandal Parishad office, where officials from agriculture, horticulture, and revenue departments presented preliminary reports on crop damage. According to initial estimates, around 1,469 farmers across 21 villages in Ananthasagaram, Marripadu, Kaluvayi, Rapur, Seetharamapuram, and Lingasamudram mandals were affected. Crop losses were reported over approximately 1,289 hectares.

The minister noted that Ananthasagaram mandal alone accounted for the highest damage, with nearly 1,054 hectares impacted. Paddy crops were the worst affected, while maize, chilli, lemon, and tobacco crops also suffered varying degrees of damage.

Directing officials to act swiftly, Minister Anam instructed them to complete detailed enumeration of losses within two days and submit a comprehensive report to the District Collector. He emphasized that the report would be forwarded to the government to ensure timely compensation as per established guidelines. Importantly, the minister clarified that tenant farmers

would also be included in the compensation process, ensuring that all affected individuals receive support regardless of land ownership status. He reiterated that the government is committed to standing by farmers during times of crisis.

Anam Ramanarayana Reddy also revealed that discussions had already been held with Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Agriculture Minister Atchannaaidu regarding the crop damage. He said both leaders responded positively and assured full support for relief measures.

Reassuring farmers once again, the minister urged them not to lose courage, stating that the government would do justice to their hard work and provide compensation at the earliest.

The visit and review meeting were attended by Agriculture Officer Narsoji Rao, Horticulture Officer Subba Reddy, RDO Pavani, Tahsildar Padma, other officials, public representatives, and a large number of farmers.



Massive Steel Plant Investment Marks New Era in Andhra Pradesh's Industrial Growth

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TPN Bureau:

In a major boost to Andhra Pradesh's industrial landscape, State Revenue, Registration and Stamps Minister Anagani Satya Prasad announced that the foundation of a mega steel plant project marks a historic milestone in the state's development journey. The project, with an estimated investment of 1.36 lakh crore, is set to significantly strengthen the state's position in the steel sector and accelerate economic growth. Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu is scheduled to lay the foundation stone for the steel plant at Rajayyapeta in Anakapalli district on Monday afternoon. The event will be attended by Union Ministers and key officials, highlighting the importance of the project at both the state and national levels. The proposed steel plant is expected to be one of the largest in



dustrial investments in the region, attracting further investments and boosting infrastructure development.

According to Minister Satya Prasad, the steel plant is expected to generate employment

for more than one lakh people, providing a major livelihood opportunity for youth across the state. The project is anticipated to create both direct and indirect jobs, benefiting various sectors such as construction, logistics, transportation, and ancillary industries.

In addition to the steel plant, a captive port will be developed with an investment of 11,198 crore to support the plant's operational requirements. The port is expected to enhance the efficiency of raw material imports and finished product exports, making the entire project more sustainable and globally competitive. The development of the captive port alone is projected to create around 6,000 additional jobs, further strengthening employment prospects in the region.

The minister emphasized that the establishment of the ArcelorMittal steel plant will transform the Visakhapatnam region into a major industrial

hub. With improved infrastructure, connectivity, and industrial activity, the region is likely to witness rapid urbanization and economic growth in the coming years. The project is also expected to boost small and medium enterprises by creating demand for supporting industries and services.

Highlighting the leadership behind the project, Satya Prasad credited Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu's visionary approach and the dedicated efforts of young leader Nara Lokesh for bringing such a large-scale investment to the state. He stated that the government is committed to creating a business-friendly environment that attracts global investors and promotes sustainable development. The upcoming steel plant project stands as a testament to Andhra Pradesh's growing industrial potential and its determination to emerge as a key player in India's economic progress.

Nadendla Manohar Receives Public Grievances at PGRS Programme in Kollipara

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In a proactive step towards addressing public concerns, Andhra Pradesh Minister for Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, and Tenali MLA Nadendla Manohar, participated in the Public Grievance Redressal System (PGRS) programme held at the Kollipara Mandal Parishad office in Tenali constituency.

During the programme, the minister personally received petitions from the public and listened attentively to their concerns. People from various villages in the mandal attended the event and brought forward a wide range of issues affecting their daily lives. Demonstrating a patient and responsive approach, the minister ensured that each grievance was carefully recorded and acknowledged.

Several key issues were raised during the programme, including irregularities in ration supply, delays in pension approvals, housing scheme benefits, drinking water shortages, poor road infrastructure,



electricity-related concerns, drainage problems, and agricultural challenges. The minister assured the public that resolving these issues promptly remains the government's top priority.

Nadendla Manohar directed the concerned officials to take immediate action on the petitions received and to ensure that solutions are provided within a stipulated time frame. He emphasized the importance

of accountability and urged officials to work efficiently to deliver results on the ground. The minister also stressed that government services must reach every eligible beneficiary in a transparent and effective manner.

Highlighting the importance of direct public interaction, the minister stated that programmes like PGRS serve as a vital platform for citizens to voice their concerns directly to

the authorities. He noted that such initiatives help the government understand grassroots-level issues and enable quicker resolution through coordinated efforts of different departments.

The programme witnessed the participation of local public representatives, mandal-level, and officials from various departments. Leaders from Jana Sena, BJP, and Telugu Desam Party were also present, along with a large number of people who actively engaged in the grievance submission process.

The minister reiterated that the government is committed to standing by the people and ensuring that their problems are addressed without delay. He assured that continuous monitoring will be carried out to track the progress of grievance resolution.

The PGRS programme in Kollipara reflects the government's commitment to responsive governance and its focus on building trust among the people by addressing their issues efficiently and transparently.

Gottipati Reviews Development Works in Addanki, Orders Measures to Prevent Summer Issues

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Energy Minister Gottipati Ravi Kumar conducted a comprehensive review meeting with municipal officials in Addanki, emphasizing the need for proactive measures to prevent drinking water scarcity and power-related issues during the upcoming summer season. The meeting was held at the Addanki Municipal Office, where the minister closely assessed the progress of various ongoing development works.

Addressing the officials, the minister instructed them to ensure uninterrupted supply of drinking water across all wards and to take precautionary steps to avoid any electricity disruptions. He stressed that basic infrastructure such as CC roads and side drains should be properly maintained and completed on time to improve urban living conditions. Highlighting the importance of sanitation, he directed officials to focus on cleanliness drives under the "Swachh Andhra-Swarnandhra" initiative, ensuring a hygienic environment for residents.

The minister also reviewed the progress of key infrastructure projects in the municipality and urged officials to expedite the completion of all pending works without compromising on quality. During his visit, he inspected the construction of the Town Hall at Bhavani Center, which is being developed at a cost of 3.50 crore. He directed the con-



cerned authorities to speed up the construction process while maintaining high-quality standards. In addition to civic infrastructure, Minister Ravi Kumar visited the Addanki Community Health Centre to review the medical services being provided to patients. He interacted with doctors and discussed the need for improved facilities within the hospital. The minister inspected the temporarily functioning ART (Anti-Retroviral Therapy) and dialysis centers and emphasized the importance of completing the dedicated ART building at the earliest. The new facility, being constructed at a cost of 65 lakh, is expected

to enhance healthcare services in the region. He also instructed officials to immediately provide necessary amenities for patients and to construct 10 additional bathrooms on a war footing within the hospital premises. As part of his visit, the minister also addressed public grievances by interacting directly with citizens and receiving petitions. This initiative aimed to resolve local issues efficiently and ensure better governance. Demonstrating his commitment to social welfare, Minister Ravi Kumar distributed 21 tricycles to differently-abled beneficiaries at the municipal office. He highlighted that over 10,000 bicycles had

already been distributed to students in the constituency and that such initiatives would continue. The tricycles were provided with the support of Vridhi Cinemas, a production house led by producer Kilaru Venkata Satish. The minister revealed that a total of 196 motorized tricycles have been distributed so far, reaffirming the government's dedication to supporting the differently-abled community. The program witnessed the participation of officials from various departments, beneficiaries, and coalition party workers, marking a coordinated effort towards development and welfare in Addanki.

Narayana Reviews Development Works in Pithapuram, Assures Major Infrastructure Upgrades

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State Minister Narayana conducted an official tour in Pithapuram of Kakinada district and held a comprehensive review meeting with municipal officials to assess the progress of ongoing development works and future projects. The meeting took place at the municipal office and was attended by senior officials from the Municipal Administration Department, District Joint Collector Apoorva Bharat, former MLA Varma, public representatives, and other key

During the meeting the minister reviewed various development initiatives undertaken in Pithapuram municipality and nearby Gollaprolu. He presented detailed reports on infrastructure projects, including water supply systems, drainage works, road development, and urban beautification efforts. The minister emphasized the need for timely completion and quality execution of all ongoing works.

Addressing the media, Minister Narayana stated that significant funds have been allocated under the AMRUT scheme to address drinking water issues in the region. He revealed that 60 crore has been sanctioned for Pithapuram and 80 crore for Gollaprolu to ensure a sustainable and efficient drinking water supply system. He assured that within the next two years, every household in these municipalities



will receive clean drinking water through tap connections.

Highlighting sanitation and wastewater management, the minister said that projects worth 14.6 crore in Pithapuram and 8 crore in Gollaprolu are being implemented to treat used water before releasing it. These initiatives aim to improve environmental conditions and promote better urban sanitation standards.

The minister further announced that within the next two years, 100 percent of basic infrastructure facilities—including drinking water, drainage systems, roads, parks, and street lighting—will be completed in both Pithapuram and Gollaprolu municipalities. He stressed that these developments would significantly enhance the quality of life for residents and support urban growth.

On the political front, Minister Narayana mentioned that municipal elections are expected to be conducted within the next six months. He also noted that officials are currently working on the reorganization and increase of municipal divisions to ensure better governance and representation.

Officials present at the meeting assured the minister that all projects are progressing as per schedule and that necessary steps are being taken to overcome any challenges also expressed satisfaction over the government's commitment to urban development.

The minister concluded by instructing leaders to maintain transparency, accountability, and efficiency in project execution, ensuring that the benefits of these schemes reach every household without delay.

Vijayamma's Letter is True... Let Jagan Respond if He Has Courage": Y.S. Sharmila



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In a sharp escalation of the ongoing family and political dispute, Y. S. Sharmila has asserted that her mother Y. S. Vijayamma's recent letter is "completely true" and challenged her brother Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy to respond if he has the courage. The controversy stems from a sensational open letter released by Vijayamma regarding the long-standing property dispute within the YSR family. In her letter, she clarified that the assets owned by former Chief Minister Y. S. Rajasekhara Reddy were never officially divided and remain joint family properties. She emphasized that these assets should be distributed fairly among the next generation, particularly the grandchildren. Backing her mother's claims, Sharmila stated that the letter has exposed the

"real truth" behind the dispute. She alleged that attempts are being made to distort facts and mislead the public regarding the division of assets. According to her, Vijayamma's statement has put an end to false narratives and brought clarity to the issue. Sharmila further alleged that injustice has been done to her and her children in the matter of property distribution. She reiterated that what has been portrayed as a settlement or financial support in the past does not amount to a fair division of family assets. Vijayamma also echoed similar concerns in her letter, stating that any payments made were only part of dividends and not a full settlement. Taking a direct dig at Jagan, Sharmila challenged him to publicly respond to the contents of the letter. "If he has the courage, he should answer," she reportedly said, intensifying the political and personal confrontation. Her

remarks underline the deepening rift within the YSR family, which has now spilled into the public and political arena. Political observers note that this issue is no longer confined to a private family matter but has taken on broader political significance. Sharmila, who is currently serving as the Andhra Pradesh Congress Committee president, has been increasingly vocal against her brother, marking a clear political divide between the siblings. The developments have sparked widespread debate in Andhra Pradesh, with supporters of both leaders weighing in on the issue. Vijayamma's intervention, seen as an attempt to mediate and clarify, has instead added a new dimension to the controversy. As the situation unfolds, all eyes are now on Jagan Mohan Reddy and whether he will respond to both his mother's claims and his sister's challenge.

Lokesh Proves Himself a Worthy Heir, Says Union Minister Kumaraswamy

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In a significant political remark that has drawn attention across Andhra Pradesh and beyond, Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy praised Andhra Pradesh Minister Nara Lokesh, stating that he has proven himself to be a "worthy son of his father." The statement reflects growing recognition of Lokesh's evolving role in state politics and governance. Nara Lokesh, son of Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, has been increasingly active in both administrative responsibilities and party affairs. Currently serving as Minister for Information Technology, Electronics, Communications, and Human Resources Development, Lokesh has been playing a crucial role in shaping Andhra Pradesh's development agenda. Kumaraswamy's remarks come in the backdrop of Lokesh's growing political maturity and leadership visibility. Over the past few years, Lokesh has transitioned from being seen as a political heir to establishing his own identity. His initiatives, particularly in governance and digital transformation, have earned him recognition within political circles. Political observers note that



Lokesh's leadership journey has not been without challenges. After facing a setback in the 2019 Assembly elections, he made a strong comeback by winning the Mangalagiri constituency in 2024, marking a turning point in his career. This victory reinforced his position within the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) and boosted his credibility as a mass leader. Kumaraswamy's statement also highlights the legacy factor associated with N. Chandrababu Naidu, who is widely regarded as a visionary leader known for his focus on technology-driven governance and economic reforms. By calling Lokesh a "worthy son," Ku-

maraswamy indirectly acknowledged that Lokesh is carrying forward his father's political vision and administrative style. In recent years, Lokesh has actively engaged with youth, farmers, and party cadre through initiatives like the "YuvaGalamPadayatra," which helped him connect with grassroots issues and understand public concerns more closely. Such efforts have contributed to reshaping his public image from a behind-the-scenes strategist to a hands-on leader. The praise from a senior national leader like Kumaraswamy is politically significant, as it signals broader acceptance

of Lokesh's leadership beyond state boundaries. It also comes at a time when Andhra Pradesh is witnessing renewed political activity and development-focused governance under the TDP-led administration. As Lokesh continues to expand his political footprint, such endorsements are likely to strengthen his standing within the party and among the public. Whether he will rise to match or even surpass the legacy of N. Chandrababu Naidu remains to be seen, but for now, he appears to be firmly on the path of establishing himself as a capable and influential leader in Andhra Pradesh politics.

Ambati Rambabu Warns of Supreme Court Move Over Police Inaction

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Former Andhra Pradesh minister and YSRCP leader Ambati Rambabu has strongly criticized the police over their alleged inaction in connection with the attack on his residence and office, warning that he is prepared to approach the Supreme Court if justice is not delivered. The controversy relates to an incident on January 31, when Rambabu's properties were reportedly attacked for nearly seven hours by miscreants. Following the incident, he filed a complaint demanding strict action against those responsible. However, he expressed serious dissatisfaction with how the police handled the case, accusing them of failing to act decisively. Rambabu alleged that the attackers were booked under minor sections that allowed them to secure station bail easily. In



contrast, he claimed that similar charges were used against him in the past, leading to his arrest and prolonged detention. He termed this disparity as "unfair" and indicative of biased policing. He further made serious allegations regarding custodial treatment, stating that he was subjected to torture during his detention at the Nallapadu Police Station. Rambabu demanded a thorough and impartial

investigation into the matter and called for the immediate seizure and examination of CCTV footage from the police station to establish the truth. In a politically charged statement, Rambabu accused ruling party leaders of being behind the attacks, claiming that the police acted in favor of them. He alleged that despite the scale of violence, authorities did not even register a suo-motu case and only acted after he

formally lodged a complaint. The former minister made it clear that he would not back down from pursuing the case. He demanded the formation of a Special Investigation Team (SIT) and insisted that serious charges, including attempt to murder and destruction of property, be invoked against the accused. Importantly, Rambabu revealed that he has already approached the High Court by filing a writ petition. He warned that if justice is not served there, he would escalate the matter to the Supreme Court, signaling a prolonged legal battle ahead. The issue has once again brought the spotlight on law and order in Andhra Pradesh, with opposition leaders frequently accusing the system of bias and selective action. As the case progresses, all eyes will be on how the judiciary responds and whether Rambabu follows through on his warning to approach the apex court.

BJP to Launch 'Mana Ooru - Mana Jenda' Programme from April 6 Across Andhra Pradesh

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The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) will roll out a large-scale outreach programme titled 'Mana Ooru - Mana Jenda' across Andhra Pradesh starting April 6, announced state president P. V. N. Madhav in Vijayawada. The initiative is being organized to mark 75 years of the party's journey—from its roots in Bharatiya Jana Sangh to its present form—and aims to take the party's ideology and the Central government's development initiatives to every household. Speaking during the poster launch event, Madhav said the programme would begin on April 6, the BJP's foundation day, and continue for six months in its first phase until September. It will be implemented in villages across the state, with party cadres actively engaging with people at the grassroots level. Highlighting the developmental focus, Madhav stated

that BJP workers will create awareness about the Central government's funding for rural infrastructure. He pointed out that several villages have benefited from projects such as CC roads, drainage systems, LED street lights, village secretariats, Anganwadi centres, and crematorium development under various schemes. The programme will also focus on educating the public about welfare schemes introduced by the Centre. These include housing under rural housing initiatives, tap water connections through Jal Jeevan Mission, LPG distribution under Ujjwala Yojana, and food security under GaribKalyan schemes. Awareness will also be created about health cards and the utilization of farmer service centres. Madhav emphasized that as part of the alliance government in Andhra Pradesh, BJP leaders and cadres are not only explaining development initiatives but are also actively monitoring works at the village level. He said party workers

are helping identify local issues and ensuring that they are brought to the attention of officials for timely resolution. Under the slogan of "Viksit Bharat," the programme will involve hoisting the party flag in every village and arranging special screenings of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Mann Ki Baat for the public. The broader vision, Madhav noted, is to achieve "Viksit Gram - Viksit Andhra Pradesh - Viksit Bharat." The poster unveiling event was attended by key BJP leaders, including state general secretary and programme convenor Matta Prasad, zone in-charges, state vice presidents GarapatiRamanjaneyaChowdary, AdariAnand, SandireddySrinivasulu, and KisanMorcha state president ChigurupatiKumaraswamy. The 'Mana Ooru - Mana Jenda' initiative is expected to strengthen BJP's grassroots presence while promoting awareness of development and welfare efforts across rural Andhra Pradesh.

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In a proactive step towards promoting sustainable agriculture, Nadendla Manohar, MLA of Tenali constituency and Minister for Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, held an interactive meeting with farmers practicing natural farming at the Bharath Centre in Attota village of Kolliparamandal. The visit aimed at understanding the ground realities of natural farming and encouraging farmers who are shifting towards eco-friendly agricultural practices. During the interaction, the Minister spoke directly with farmers and listened to their experiences in adopting natural farming techniques. He enquired about the methods they follow, the benefits they have observed, and the challenges they face in maintaining this sustainable approach. Farmers explained that natural farming has helped them reduce input costs significantly by minimizing the use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides. They also highlighted



improvements in soil fertility and crop quality. However, they pointed out certain challenges, including limited market access for organic produce, lack of widespread awareness among consumers, and occasional difficulties in sourcing natural inputs. The farmers also emphasized the need for better support from the government in terms of training, technical guidance, and financial assistance. They requested the establishment of more structured systems to promote and market natural farming produce, ensuring fair prices for their efforts. Responding positively, Min-

ister Nadendla Manohar assured the farmers that the government is fully committed to supporting natural farming initiatives. He stated that promoting chemical-free agriculture is essential not only for farmers' economic well-being but also for the health of consumers and environmental sustainability. He reiterated that the government recognizes the importance of natural farming as a long-term solution for sustainable development in the agricultural sector. The Minister further informed that several initiatives are being planned to strengthen the ecosystem for natural

farming. These include awareness campaigns, training sessions for farmers, and coordination with relevant departments to ensure timely support. He assured that the issues raised by the farmers would be taken up with the concerned authorities and necessary steps would be initiated to resolve them. He also encouraged more farmers to explore natural farming methods, stating that such practices can lead to long-term benefits and resilience against climate-related challenges. The interaction provided an opportunity for farmers to voice their concerns directly to the Minister, fostering a sense of confidence and trust. The visit of Minister Nadendla Manohar highlights the government's continued efforts to engage with farmers at the grassroots level and promote sustainable agricultural practices. By addressing the concerns of farmers and providing necessary support, the government aims to strengthen the adoption of natural farming across the region, ensuring both economic and environmental benefits in the years to come.



Probe Launched into Alleged Misappropriation at Yanamalakuduru Shiva Temple in Krishna District

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TPN Bureau:

A formal investigation has been initiated into alleged misappropriation of cash and ornaments from the hundi of the Yanamalakuduru Shiva Temple in Krishna district. The issue has raised serious concerns among devotees and authorities alike, prompting swift administrative action to uncover the facts behind the suspected irregularities.

According to official sources, a five-member committee has been constituted to conduct a detailed inquiry into the matter. The committee is tasked with examining all aspects related to the temple's financial management, particularly focusing on the hundi collections, which are considered sacred offerings made by devotees.

Officials have already begun questioning temple staff, including employees and priests, as part of the investigation process. Authorities are reportedly trying to piece together the sequence of events and identify any lapses or deliberate wrongdoing that may have



led to the alleged siphoning of funds and valuables.

In addition to interrogations, officials have seized several important records from the temple administration. These documents are currently under scrutiny to trace discrepancies, if any, in the accounting and handling of hundi collections. The focus is not only on recent transactions but also on understanding whether the issue has deeper roots.

Assistant Commissioner Lalitha, who is overseeing the inquiry, confirmed that the investigation is being carried out with utmost seriousness. She stated that the probe aims to uncover the truth behind the alleged cash theft and irregularities in the temple's operations. "We are conducting a thorough investigation into the misappropriation of funds and ornaments. All relevant aspects are being examined carefully," she said.

Lalitha further assured that the committee would complete its inquiry within 15 days and submit a detailed report to the Commissioner. The report is expected to include findings on the extent of the alleged misappropriation, identification of responsible individuals, and recommendations for further action.

Importantly, the investigation will also involve a review of records from the past five years. This step indicates that

officials are not limiting their probe to recent incidents but are also looking into possible long-term irregularities in the temple's financial management system.

Meanwhile, when questioned about whether the Executive Officer (EO) of the temple would also be subjected to inquiry, officials refrained from providing a clear response. This has led to speculation and further curiosity among the public regarding the possible involvement or accountability of higher authorities in the temple administration. The incident has sparked concern among devotees, who expect transparency and accountability in the management of temple funds. As the investigation progresses, all eyes are on the committee's findings, which are likely to play a crucial role in restoring trust and ensuring proper governance in temple administration.

Authorities have assured that strict action will be taken against those found guilty, and necessary measures will be implemented to prevent such incidents in the future.



Tension in Vijayawada's Akunuru Village After Swamijis Allegedly Threaten Elderly Woman

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A tense situation was reported in Akunuru village of Uyyooru mandal in Penamaluru constituency following an alarming incident involving a group of individuals posing as swamijis. The incident has created fear among villagers and raised concerns about fraudulent activities targeting vulnerable people.

According to local sources, a few persons claiming to be swamijis from Tamil Nadu visited the residence of a well-known industrialist in the village on Monday morning. They reportedly entered the house under the pretext of performing religious rituals or seeking donations. However, their behavior soon turned suspicious and alarming.

It is alleged that the individuals targeted an elderly woman present in the house and began demanding money. When the family did not comply with their demands, the group allegedly threatened to curse them. These threats created panic among the family members, especially the elderly woman, who was left frightened by the situation.

As the news spread across the village, residents became anxious and

concerned about their safety. Villagers expressed anger over such incidents, stating that miscreants are increasingly misusing religious beliefs to cheat and intimidate innocent people. The situation has led to a sense of insecurity among locals, particularly for elderly residents who are often targeted in such cases. Residents have demanded immediate action from the police against those responsible. They urged authorities to conduct a thorough investigation into the situation and ensure that strict measures are taken to prevent similar incidents in the future. Villagers also called for increased police patrolling and surveillance in rural areas to keep track of suspicious individuals.

Locals have further appealed to fellow villagers to remain cautious and avoid trusting unknown persons without proper verification. They emphasized the importance of informing authorities immediately if any suspicious activity is noticed.

The incident serves as a reminder of the need for public awareness regarding such fraudulent practices. As police are expected to take up the case, villagers hope that swift action will restore confidence and ensure safety in the area.

Smooth Conduct of SSC Exams in NTR District, Collector Inspects Centers

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TPN Bureau:

The Class 10 (SSC) examinations are being conducted smoothly across NTR district, with officials ensuring seamless coordination and constant monitoring at all examination centers. District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha personally inspected key centers on Monday to review the arrangements and ensure that students face no inconvenience during the exams.

As part of the inspection, the Collector visited Boyapati Sivarama Krishnayya Municipal Corporation High School and Karnati Ram Mohan Rao Municipal High School in the city. During the visit, he examined the facilities provided at the centers, especially considering the ongoing summer conditions. Adequate arrangements for drinking water, uninterrupted power supply, functioning fans, and medical camps were carefully reviewed.

The Collector emphasized that there should be no lapses in the conduct of examinations and instructed officials and staff to maintain strict vigilance and coordination. He directed them to ensure that all protocols are followed meticulously

so that students can write their exams in a peaceful and stress-free environment.

According to official data, a total of 27,360 students are appearing for the SSC examinations in the district. For this purpose, 149 examination centers have been set up to facilitate a smooth and organized process. Authorities have taken special care to maintain a calm and disciplined atmosphere at all centers, enabling students to focus entirely on their exams.

Dr. Lakshmisha stated that all necessary arrangements have been made to avoid any inconvenience to students. He assured that essential facilities are in place at every center and that continuous monitoring is being carried out by officials from various departments.

To prevent any untoward incidents, strict security arrangements have also been implemented across all examination centers. The administration has deployed adequate personnel to ensure that the exams are conducted in a fair and transparent manner.

In a student-friendly initiative, arrangements have been made to provide free travel in RTC buses for students upon



showing their hall tickets. This measure aims to ease transportation concerns and ensure that students reach their examination centers on time without any difficulty.

The Collector reiterated that the SSC examinations are being conducted with utmost

transparency and accountability. He highlighted that the district administration is committed to upholding the integrity of the examination process while prioritizing the comfort and convenience of students.

Officials from various de-

partments continue to work in coordination to oversee the smooth conduct of examinations. The district administration remains vigilant and proactive in addressing any issues promptly, ensuring that the examination process progresses without disruption.

Avanigadda MLA Buddha Prasad Conducts Surprise Inspection of Schools, Reviews Mid-Day Meal Scheme

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TPN Bureau:

Avanigadda MLA Mandali Buddha Prasad conducted surprise inspections in schools across Mopidevi and Venkatapuram on Monday, focusing on the implementation of the Mid-Day Meal Scheme and the overall academic standards of students. The visit aimed to assess both the quality of food provided to students and their educational preparedness.

During his visit to the ZP High School in Venkatapuram, the MLA closely interacted with students and reviewed their academic performance. He encouraged students to remain focused on their studies and strive to pass their examinations with good results. Emphasizing the importance of education, he motivated them to work hard and make the best use of the facilities provided in government schools.

However, while inspecting the MPUP School in Venkatapuram, Buddha Prasad expressed serious concern over the learning abilities of students. Upon interacting with them, he observed that some children were unable to recite even basic songs from their



textbooks. This prompted the MLA to question the teaching standards and the involvement of teachers in ensuring proper learning outcomes.

Expressing his dissatisfaction, the MLA reprimanded the concerned teacher for negligence. He made it clear that students should not be ignored and that teachers must take full responsibility for their learning. "If children are unable to learn even songs from their textbooks, it raises serious questions about the teaching methods being followed," he remarked. He further stated that the issue would be brought to the notice of the District Education Officer for necessary

action. Later, the MLA visited the MPUP School in Mopidevi, where he inspected the implementation of the Mid-Day Meal Scheme. He personally tasted the food served to students to check its quality and hygiene standards. The MLA stressed the importance of providing nutritious and hygienic meals to children, as it directly impacts their health and learning capabilities. During the visit, a positive moment emerged when a fourth-class student, Pushpa Harshitha, impressed the MLA by reciting Telugu poems with confidence and clarity. Appreciating her talent, Buddha Prasad lauded the student and encouraged her to

continue her studies with the same enthusiasm. The MLA highlighted that regular monitoring of schools is essential to ensure both quality education and proper implementation of welfare schemes. He assured that strict action would be taken wherever lapses are identified and reiterated his commitment to improving the standards of education in the constituency.

The inspection reflects the growing emphasis on accountability in the education system, with authorities taking proactive steps to address issues and enhance learning outcomes for students in government schools.

Vijayawada Municipal Corporation Pays Rich Tributes to Dommeti Venkata Reddy

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TPN Bureau:

The Vijayawada Municipal Corporation (VMC) paid rich tributes to renowned social reformer Dommeti Venkata Reddy on the occasion of his birth anniversary. The tribute program was held at the Command Control Room in the VMC head office, where senior officials and staff gathered to honor his legacy and contributions to society.

During the event, Additional Commissioners Dr. D. Chandrasekhar and A. Ravindra Rao garlanded the portrait of Dommeti Venkata Reddy and offered floral tributes along with other staff members. The atmosphere was solemn as officials remembered the remarkable life and work of the social reformer who played a key role in uplifting marginalized communities.

Speaking on the occasion, Additional Commissioner General A. Ravindra Rao described Dommeti Venkata Reddy as a mahan personality who earned a distinguished place in society through his selfless service. He highlighted that Venkata Reddy was not only a prominent social reformer but also regarded as



the father figure of the Shettibaliya community.

Ravindra Rao noted that Dommeti Venkata Reddy worked tirelessly to bring education, dignity, and respect to the Shettibaliya community. He emphasized that the reformer's vision and dedication significantly contributed to the social and economic upliftment of the community. By establishing the Shettibaliya Welfare Association, Venkata Reddy laid a strong foundation for the progress and empowerment of the community members. He further added that Venkata Reddy consistently worked for the development of weaker sections of society and remained committed to their welfare throughout his life. His contributions continue to inspire generations and serve as a guiding force for those working to-

wards social equality and justice. Several key officials attended the program, including Chief City Planner K. Sanjay Ratna Kumar, Chief Medical Health Officer Dr. K. Arjuna Rao, Chief Engineer In-charge P. Satyakumari, Deputy Commissioner (Revenue) G. Srujana, Estate Officer A. Sridhar, Superintending Engineer (Works) Chandrasekhar, Deputy Director of Horticulture Chandrasekhar, District Fire Officer Malyadri, Station Fire Officer Nareesh, Veterinary Assistant Surgeon D. Harish, and Biologist V. Kameswara Rao, along with other staff members. The event concluded with officials reiterating the importance of remembering and following the ideals of great leaders like Dommeti Venkata Reddy, whose life was dedicated to the service of society.

TTD JEO Reviews Arrangements for Sri Sita Rama Kalyanam at Ontimitta, Sets March 30 Deadline

Tirupati/Ontimitta, March 23, 2026 TPN Bureau: Preparations for the grand Sri Sita Rama Kalyanam at Ontimitta are in full swing, with Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) Joint Executive Officer (JEO) V. Veerabrahmam directing officials to complete all arrangements by March 30. The celestial wedding ceremony, part of the annual Brahmothsavams of Sri Kodandarama Swamy Temple, is scheduled to be held on April 1. On Monday, the JEO conducted an extensive inspection of the temple along with officials from various departments. He reviewed the arrangements at key locations, including the four mada streets surrounding the temple, queue lines, yagashala, temple kitchen (potu), cultural stage, and the Kalyana Vedika. He instructed officials to ensure that no inconvenience

is caused to devotees attending the grand event. Considering the rising summer temperatures, the JEO emphasized the need for adequate measures to provide comfort to devotees. He directed the installation of German sheds across the temple premises to offer shade, along with the expansion of drinking water facilities. Officials were also asked to make arrangements for maintaining a cool and pleasant environment throughout the temple. To enhance the spiritual ambiance of the event, the JEO suggested the use of laser lighting and LED decorations. He also instructed that the temple should be adorned with special floral decorations to create a visually appealing and devotional atmosphere for visitors. Later, he inspected the Annaprasadam building and expressed satisfaction over the quality of food being served to

devotees. Interacting directly with pilgrims, he gathered feedback on the facilities and services provided. He stressed the importance of maintaining high standards in food quality and hygiene. At the Kalyana Vedika, the JEO reviewed ongoing development works, prasadam distribution centers, queue lines, galleries, and entry-exit routes. He issued specific instructions to improve crowd management and ensure smooth movement of devotees. Highlighting the importance of sanitation, he directed officials to arrange sufficient toilets and deploy additional sanitation staff. The JEO also recommended organizing devotional music programs reflecting the essence of Sri Sita Rama Kalyanam. He stressed that the stage decorations should reflect Telugu culture and tradition through elaborate floral designs.

Further, he instructed the concerned officials to deploy an adequate number of Srivari Sevaks across the temple, queue lines, Annaprasadam centers, and galleries to assist devotees efficiently. On the occasion of Sri Rama Navami, arrangements were also made to distribute traditional offerings like vadappu and panakam to all devotees. Later, a review meeting was held at the TTD guest house in Ontimitta with officials from all departments. The JEO discussed the preparations in detail and issued necessary guidelines to ensure the successful and smooth conduct of the Brahmothsavams. Senior officials including SE Manoharam, SE (Electrical) Venkateswarlu, Deputy EO Prasanthi, CMO Dr. Kusuma Kumari, VGO Giridhar, and Additional Health Officer Dr. Sunil participated in the inspection and review meeting.



Youth Lead Grand 'Shaheed Diwas' Rally in Nellore, Pay Tribute to Martyrs

Nellore, March 23 TPN Bureau:

A grand 'Shaheed Diwas' padyatra was organized in Nellore city on Monday under the aegis of MY Bharat (Mera Yuva Bharat) to commemorate the sacrifices of Indian freedom fighters Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev, and Rajguru. The rally witnessed enthusiastic participation from youth and students, reflecting a deep sense of patriotism and respect for the martyrs.



The padyatra commenced from VRC Centre and proceeded up to Gandhi Bomma Centre, covering key areas of the city. The event was marked not only by patriotic fervor but also by a strong message of social responsibility. Before the start of the rally, volunteers

undertook a cleanliness drive at the VRC grounds, clearing accumulated waste and promoting the slogan "Swachhata Hi Seva." The initiative highlighted the importance of cleanliness and civic responsibility alongside national pride. Addressing the gathering,

District Youth Officer Akula Mahendra Reddy emphasized the need for today's youth to draw inspiration from the supreme sacrifices made by the martyrs. He stated that the spirit of patriotism, discipline, and dedication among youth is essential for building a strong

and progressive nation. He encouraged young people to actively participate in social service initiatives through platforms like MY Bharat. Setnell Manager Srinivasulu also spoke on the occasion, urging youth to channel their energy towards nation-building activities. He noted that such events play a crucial role in instilling leadership qualities, a sense of service, and social awareness among students. He appreciated the enthusiasm and active participation shown by the students during the programme.

The event concluded on a note of unity and inspiration, with organizers expressing hope that such initiatives will continue to motivate youth to contribute positively to society while honoring the legacy of the nation's heroes. Participants carried placards and raised slogans remembering the bravery and dedication of Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev, and Rajguru, whose contributions to India's freedom struggle remain an inspiration for generations. The padyatra served as a reminder of the importance of preserving the values of courage, sacrifice, and patriotism.

The rally saw participation from youth across various parts of the district, including students from KCDC College, Rao's College, and NSS volunteers. MY Bharat volunteers also took part in large numbers, making the event vibrant

Massive Turnout at CPM Padayatra Conclusion Meeting in Bhimavaram

Bhimavaram, March 23 TPN Bureau:

Thousands of people gathered at the district Collectorate in Bhimavaram on Monday to attend the concluding public meeting of the CPM's district-wide padyatra. The event witnessed a massive turnout, with people arriving in large numbers to voice their concerns and demand solutions to pressing public issues.

He also questioned the delay in providing pensions to the elderly, widows, and differently-abled persons. Raising concerns about TIDCO housing, he said that many beneficiaries were still waiting for houses despite construction being completed. He cautioned that people might take collective action if houses were not allotted soon.

The padyatra began from Mentevari Thota Sundarayya Bhavan and passed through several areas before reaching Vissa Koderu Bridge. From there, a large rally proceeded to the Collectorate, where the final meeting was held under of CPM district secretariat member Ketha Gopalan.

B. Balam, CPM state secretariat member, highlighted the worsening public health conditions due to pollution and lack of proper medical services. He pointed out deficiencies in infrastructure at TIDCO housing colonies, including poor roads, drainage, and electricity facilities. District secretary J.N.V. Gopalan stated that the padyatra covered 20 mandals, six towns, and nearly 270 locations, bringing to light the widespread issues faced by the public. He emphasized that the conclusion of the padyatra marks the beginning of a more intensified movement to resolve these issues. District officials, including DRO B. Shivanarayana Reddy, attended the meeting and assured that steps would be taken to address concerns related to drinking water, pensions, housing, and other civic issues. CPM leaders also met District Collector Chadalavada Nagarani, who responded positively and assured that the grievances would be addressed through proper channels. The meeting concluded with CPM leaders reaffirming their commitment to continue their struggle until all public issues are resolved.

Before the meeting commenced, CPM leaders paid floral tributes to freedom fighters Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, and Sukhdev on the occasion of their martyrdom anniversary. Senior leaders including CPM Central Committee member K. Lokanatham, state secretariat member B. Balam, district secretary J.N.V. Gopalan, and Manthena Seetharam participated in the tribute ceremony. Addressing the gathering, K. Lokanatham strongly criticized the government for failing to provide basic necessities such as safe drinking water. He said it was unacceptable that people in a district known for its resources were struggling even for potable water. He warned that if the issues raised during the padyatra were not resolved, the party

Dommeti Venkata Reddy's Ideals Are His True Tribute: Minister Savita

Rajamahendravaram, March 23, 2026 TPN Bureau:

The state-level celebrations of the 173rd birth anniversary of the eminent leader Dommeti Venkata Reddy were held grandly at Anam Kala Kendram in Rajamahendravaram on Monday evening. State BC Welfare, Handlooms & Textiles Minister S. Savita, attending as the chief guest, emphasized that the true tribute to Venkata Reddy lies in carrying forward his ideals and vision for the upliftment of backward classes.



The event, organized under the ship of Shetty Balija Corporation Chairman Kudipudi Sattibabu, commenced with floral tributes to Venkata Reddy's portrait and the ceremonial lighting of the lamp. Minister Savita praised the government for officially recognizing his birth anniversary as a state festival and lauded Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu for his commitment to backward class welfare. She encouraged youth to make the most of government initiatives aimed at

socio-economic development. Rajamahendravaram City MLA Adireddy Srinivas highlighted the coalition government's dedication to inclusive development and urged young people to explore self-employment opportunities, citing the

recently released Ugadi job calendar. MLC Somu Veerajulu appreciated the recognition given to leaders who worked for backward communities, while Rajanagarum MLA Bhatula Balaramakrishna expressed gratitude for the state-

level honor. Rajahmundry Rural MLA Gorantla Butchiah Chowdary recalled Venkata Reddy's efforts in promoting the pride of the Shetty Balija community and noted contributions of reformers like Jyotirao Phule and former Chief Minister N.T. Rama Rao in empowering backward classes. East Godavari Joint Collector Y. Megha Swaroop described Venkata Reddy's life as an inspiration, highlighting his selfless service to society. Corporation Chairman Kudipudi Sattibabu called for unity among communities to carry forward Venkata Reddy's ideals. The event drew participation from public representatives, corporation chairpersons, BC association leaders, officials, and a large audience, making the celebrations a resounding success.

MLA Arani Srinivasulu Distributes CMRF Cheques to 18 Beneficiaries in Tirupati

Tirupati, March 23 TPN Bureau:

In a significant step towards supporting economically weaker sections, Tirupati MLA Arani Srinivasulu distributed Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) cheques to 18 beneficiaries in his constituency on Monday. The cheque distribution programme was held at the MLA's office, where a total financial assistance of 13,97,386 was provided to individuals facing medical and financial hardships. The beneficiaries, hailing from different parts of the constituency, received the cheques directly from the MLA. The assistance is aimed at helping individuals who are struggling to meet medical expenses and other urgent financial needs. Among the major beneficiar-

ies, Sudhakar Naidu from Jeevakona received 1,83,465, while Nageswara Rao from Tananagar was provided 2,28,036. Nagaraju was granted 1,62,552, and Muthulakshmi from Tirumala Reddy Nagar received 1,18,013. Several others also benefited from the initiative, including Hemalatha (41,112), Madhavi (43,584), Dhanashree (40,700), Krishna (40,787), and Ramireddy (79,896). Ramamji from Bairagipattada received 58,333, while Sampada Lakshmi from New Maruti Nagar was given 81,000. Bhimavaram Prasad received 62,394, Sidhaya from Journalist Colony was granted 32,100, and Prashanth received 41,000. In addition, Adikesavulu from Chennareddy Colony was given 40,261, Anbu from Ken-



neddy Nagar received 64,314, Sharada from Doddapuram was granted 41,113, and Ramamurthy from IS Mahal received 38,727. The distribution cov-

ered a wide range of beneficiaries, reflecting the government's commitment to reaching out to those in need across different communities.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Arani Srinivasulu stated that the government is giving high priority to the welfare of the poor and underprivileged.

He emphasized that the Chief Minister's Relief Fund serves as a crucial support system for families dealing with unexpected medical emergencies and financial crises. He added that such timely assistance helps reduce the burden on families and provides them with much-needed relief. The MLA also assured that all eligible beneficiaries would continue to receive assistance without delay and encouraged people to approach the government for support under various welfare schemes. He highlighted that the administration is committed to ensuring transparency and efficiency in the distribution of funds. The programme was attended by several local leaders and party representatives, including Raja Reddy, Cricket Vijay,

Babji, Arcot Krishna Prasad, Konda Rajamohan, Vinod Roy, Amudala Venkatesh, Madhu, Shruvan, Mani, Saidave Yadav, and Rajesh Achari. They appreciated the initiative and reiterated their commitment to supporting welfare activities in the constituency. Beneficiaries expressed gratitude to the government and the MLA for extending timely financial support during their time of need. Many stated that the assistance would help them manage medical treatments and improve their living conditions. The cheque distribution programme highlights the government's ongoing efforts to strengthen social welfare measures and provide financial security to vulnerable sections of society.

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 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 Compares Iran War Impact to Covid, Urges Unity



Prime Minister Narendra Modi has drawn parallels between the ongoing Middle East conflict and the COVID-19 pandemic, warning that the situation could pose prolonged challenges for India and the global economy. Speaking in the Lok Sabha, he outlined the potential impact of the war and stressed the need for preparedness, unity, and vigilance.

Modi highlighted that crises of this scale often trigger opportunistic behaviour such as hoarding and black marketing, recalling similar trends witnessed during the COVID-19 pandemic. He urged both the central and state governments to remain alert and take strict action against such activities to ensure that essential commodities re-

main accessible to the public.

The Prime Minister emphasized that the ongoing conflict in West Asia is "worrying" and presents unprecedented challenges for India, particularly because the region is crucial for the country's energy imports and trade routes. Disruptions in key supply chains, especially through the strategically important Strait of Hormuz, have raised concerns over oil, gas, and other essential imports.

Modi also reassured citizens that the government is actively monitoring the situation and has taken steps to ensure adequate availability of fuel, fertilizers, and other essential resources. High-level meetings have been held to review preparedness and to safeguard the country from

potential shortages or economic shocks.

Another major concern highlighted by the Prime Minister was the large number of Indians living and working in the Middle East. He noted that the government is closely tracking their safety and is ready to take necessary measures if the situation deteriorates further.

Drawing a second comparison with the pandemic, Modi stressed the importance of public awareness and collective responsibility. He urged citizens not to panic, avoid misinformation, and cooperate with authorities, much like during the COVID-19 crisis. He said that India's experience in handling the pandemic has strengthened its ability to deal with large-

scale disruptions.

The Prime Minister's remarks come at a time when global markets are witnessing volatility due to rising oil prices and geopolitical uncertainty. Analysts believe that prolonged instability in the region could have significant economic consequences worldwide, including inflationary pressures and disruptions in trade.

Overall, Modi's address underscored the seriousness of the situation while also projecting confidence in India's preparedness. By invoking the lessons of the COVID-19 pandemic, he highlighted the importance of unity, discipline, and proactive governance in navigating the challenges posed by the ongoing conflict.

'Purple Sabha' Report Flags Gaps in Parliament's Disability Focus

A first-of-its-kind report titled Purple Sabha: State of Disability in Parliament 2025 has revealed significant gaps in how disability-related issues are addressed in India's Parliament, highlighting limited and uneven engagement by lawmakers.

The report found that Members of Parliament raised a total of 170 questions related to disability across the Budget, Monsoon, and Winter sessions in 2025. While 208 MPs participated in raising these questions, a striking 76% of them asked only a single question on the subject, indicating that engagement was widespread but largely superficial.

Prepared by the Politics and Disability Forum in collaboration with the National Law Institute University, the report is the first systematic attempt to analyse parliamentary attention to disability rights. It concludes that a small group of MPs is driving most of the meaningful engagement, while broader participation remains limited.

Another key finding is the narrow framing of disability issues,



Around 60% of the questions were directed to the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, suggesting that disability is still largely viewed through a welfare lens rather than as a rights-based issue.

The report also highlights significant blind spots. At least 12 ministries with responsibilities under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016—including key sectors like agriculture, housing, rural development, and

tribal affairs—did not receive a single disability-related question throughout the year.

Thematic gaps were equally concerning. Critical issues such as independent living, women with disabilities, disaster preparedness, electoral accessibility, and private-sector compliance were completely absent from parliamentary discussions.

Geographical disparities were also evident. Nine states, including several in the Northeast, did

not raise any disability-related questions, pointing to uneven representation of concerns across regions.

India has over 2.68 crore persons with disabilities, making the lack of comprehensive parliamentary engagement a matter of concern. The report stresses that disability issues intersect with multiple sectors and should not be confined to social welfare alone.

To address these gaps, the report recommends that MPs expand the scope of their questions to include underrepresented themes and hold a wider range of ministries accountable. It also calls for a stronger rights-based approach to disability in policymaking.

Overall, the findings underline the need for deeper, more consistent, and inclusive parliamentary engagement to ensure that the concerns of persons with disabilities are adequately addressed in India's governance framework.

NDA Finalises Tamil Nadu Seat Deal; Edappadi K. Palaniswami Gets 178 Seats

The National Democratic Alliance (NDA) has finalised its seat-sharing arrangement for the upcoming 2026 Tamil Nadu Assembly elections 2026, with Edappadi K. Palaniswami emerging as the central figure in the alliance's electoral strategy.

Under the agreement, the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam will contest 178 out of the total 234 seats, securing the dominant share within the coalition. The Bharatiya Janata Party has been allotted 27 seats, while allies Pattali Makkal Katchi and Anna Makkal Munnetra Kazhagam will contest 18 and 11 seats respectively.

The seat-sharing pact marks a key milestone for the NDA as it prepares to challenge the ruling Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam-led alliance in what is expected to be a closely fought election. By retaining a large majority of seats, the AIADMK has reinforced its leadership role within the alliance, while ensuring representation for its partners to maintain unity.

For the BJP, the allocation of 27 seats is seen as a strategic opportunity to expand its presence in Tamil Nadu, a state where it



has traditionally struggled to gain a strong foothold. Party leaders believe this partnership will help improve its electoral prospects and visibility in key constituencies.

The inclusion of regional parties like PMK and AMMK reflects the NDA's broader strategy of consolidating support among

specific voter groups and regions. These parties are expected to play a crucial role in constituencies where they have established influence, thereby strengthening the alliance's overall chances.

The agreement also indicates that earlier differences within the alliance have been resolved.

The negotiations, led by Palaniswami in coordination with senior BJP leaders, were closely watched due to reports of disagreements over seat allocation. The final deal suggests a consensus-driven approach aimed at presenting a united front.

Political observers note that the seat distribution appears to follow a "winnability-first" strategy, where parties have been assigned constituencies based on their local strength and past performance. This approach is aimed at maximising the alliance's chances in a state known for its strong regional political dynamics.

With the seat-sharing formula now finalised, the focus will shift to candidate selection and campaign planning. The NDA is expected to intensify its outreach efforts in the coming weeks, targeting key issues such as governance, development, and anti-incumbency sentiment.

Overall, the agreement sets the stage for a high-stakes electoral battle in Tamil Nadu, with the NDA aiming to mount a strong challenge in the 2026 Assembly elections.

Raghav Chadha Seeks Data Rollover, Transfer Rights for Mobile Users



Raghav Chadha has raised a strong demand in the Rajya Sabha for reforms in mobile data usage policies, urging telecom companies to allow rollover of unused data and enable users to transfer it to others. Highlighting the issue as one of consumer rights, he called for greater regulation and fairness in how mobile data is managed in India.

Speaking in Parliament, Chadha criticised the current system where mobile data plans come with daily limits—such as 1.5GB or 2GB—that reset every 24 hours. He pointed out that any unused data automatically expires at midnight, despite users having paid for the full amount. He termed this practice unfair and questioned why consumers should lose what they have already purchased.

Drawing comparisons with everyday utilities like petrol, diesel, and electricity, Chadha argued that consumers in those sectors are allowed to use what they pay for without arbitrary expiration. In contrast, mobile users are forced to either consume their entire daily quota or lose the remaining data, which he described as an "unethical" system.

To address the issue, the Aam Aadmi Party leader proposed three key reforms. First, he demanded a rollover system where unused data is carried forward to the next day instead of being

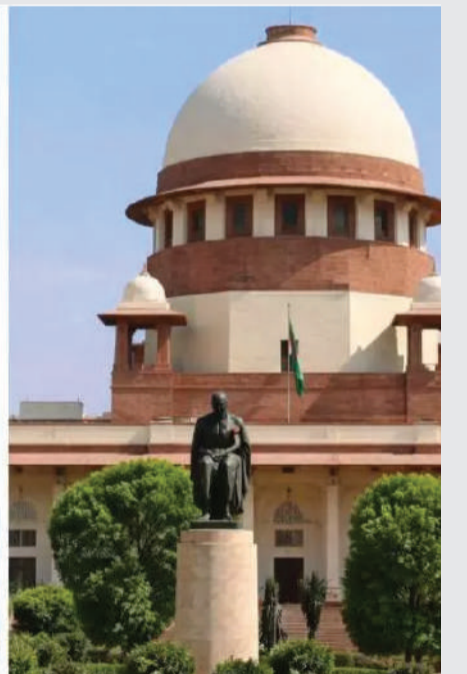
erased. Second, he suggested that telecom companies should offer discounts or adjustments for users who consistently underutilise their data, ensuring they are not overcharged for unused capacity. Third, he proposed that unused data should be treated as a form of "digital property," allowing users to transfer it to friends or family, similar to money transfers.

Chadha also noted that such consumer-friendly policies are already in place in several countries, where data rollover is a standard feature in mobile plans. He argued that India, as a rapidly growing digital economy, should adopt similar practices to ensure fairness and better value for users.

The issue of mobile data expiry affects millions of users across the country, especially those who may not consume their full daily limits. Chadha's proposal aims to make telecom services more flexible and aligned with consumer interests.

His remarks have sparked discussion around telecom regulations and user rights, with many users relating to the concern over wasted data. Whether the government or telecom operators act on these suggestions remains to be seen, but the debate has brought renewed focus on the need for more consumer-friendly digital policies in India.

Supreme Court of India Slams Probe Agencies in Anil Ambani Bank Fraud Case



The Supreme Court of India has strongly criticised central probe agencies over their handling of the bank fraud case linked to Anil Ambani, calling their approach "unacceptable" and lacking urgency. The court's remarks came during a hearing on alleged large-scale financial irregularities involving companies of the Anil Dhirubhai Ambani Group.

A bench led by Justice Surya Kant expressed concern over what it described as a "reluctant" investigation by agencies such as the Central Bureau of Investigation and the Enforcement Directorate. The court noted that despite serious allegations, the pace of the probe had not inspired confidence either in the judiciary or the public.

The judges made it clear that while the court cannot dictate arrests, the lack of visible progress in the investigation raises serious concerns. They stressed that the probe must be conducted in a fair, transparent, and time-bound manner to ensure accountability.

In a significant direction, the court asked both the CBI and ED to work together and "join hands" to uncover the truth behind the alleged fraud. It also instructed the ED to report any instance of non-cooperation by financial institutions or state authorities during the course of the investigation.

The case involves allegations of mas-

sive diversion and siphoning of public funds, with estimates suggesting losses running into thousands of crores. The court observed that such serious allegations demand a more rigorous and coordinated effort from investigative agencies.

During the hearing, the government informed the court that a Special Investigation Team has been constituted by the ED to expedite the probe. Authorities also stated that multiple arrests have already been made and assets worth significant amounts have been attached as part of the investigation.

However, petitioners argued that action so far has largely been limited to lower-level officials, with no major breakthroughs despite regulatory findings pointing to large-scale financial misconduct. This aspect was noted by the court while stressing the need for a more comprehensive probe.

The Supreme Court has now directed agencies to proceed swiftly and ensure that the investigation reaches a logical conclusion. The matter has been posted for further hearing after a few weeks, with the court expecting concrete progress by then.

Overall, the court's strong remarks signal growing judicial concern over delays in high-profile financial investigations and reinforce the need for efficiency, coordination, and transparency in handling such cases.

Iran Denies Talks with Trump Amid Rising Hormuz Tensions

Iran has strongly rejected claims made by Donald Trump that negotiations are underway between the two sides, even as tensions escalate over the strategic Strait of Hormuz and threats targeting energy infrastructure.

The denial comes amid conflicting signals from Washington, where Trump suggested that "productive talks" were taking place to ease hostilities and avoid further escalation. Iranian officials, however, have categorically dismissed these assertions, stating that no direct or indirect discussions have been held with the United States under the current circumstances. This sharp contradiction highlights the fragile and uncertain diplomatic environment surrounding the ongoing conflict.

At the center of the standoff is the Strait of Hormuz, one of the world's most critical oil transit routes, through which a significant portion of global crude supply passes. Iran has either restricted or threatened to close the passage, using it as strategic leverage in the conflict. The move has already disrupted global energy markets and heightened fears of a wider regional crisis.

Tensions escalated further after Trump issued a strong warning, threatening to target Iran's power plants if the strait



was not reopened within a specified timeframe. In response, Iranian authorities warned of severe retaliation, including potential attacks on energy and infrastructure assets across the region. The exchange of threats has significantly raised the risk of a broader conflict involving multiple countries.

Despite the rising tensions, recent developments indicate a temporary pause in potential military escalation. The United States has reportedly delayed any immediate strikes on

Iranian energy infrastructure, citing the possibility of diplomatic engagement. However, Iran's continued denial of talks suggests that any such negotiations remain uncertain or indirect at best.

The situation has also had a visible impact on global markets, particularly in the energy sector. Oil prices have fluctuated sharply, while investors remain cautiously amid uncertainty over supply disruptions and geopolitical risks. The prolonged instability has added to concerns about inflation and

global economic growth.

Overall, the standoff between Iran and the United States underscores the complexity of the current geopolitical landscape. With both sides maintaining firm positions and offering conflicting narratives, the path to de-escalation remains unclear. Much will depend on whether diplomatic channels can be effectively established to prevent further deterioration of the situation and ensure stability in one of the world's most vital energy corridors.

Iran War May Trigger Worst Energy Crisis in Decades: IEA



The ongoing conflict involving Iran could push the world into one of the most severe energy crises in decades, according to the International Energy Agency (IEA). The agency's chief has warned that the situation may be even more disruptive than the oil shocks of the 1970s, highlighting the scale of the threat to global energy security and economic stability.

At the heart of the crisis is the Strait of Hormuz, a critical maritime corridor through which a significant share of the world's oil and gas supplies passes. Due to the conflict, shipping through this route has been severely disrupted, leading to a sharp drop in global energy supply. Reports indicate that millions of barrels of oil per day have been taken off the market, creating a major supply shock.

The disruption has already had widespread consequences. Oil prices have surged sharply, contributing

to rising inflation and increasing costs for businesses and consumers worldwide. Several countries, especially those heavily dependent on energy imports, are facing heightened economic pressure. Experts warn that prolonged instability could slow global growth and strain financial systems.

In response to the crisis, the IEA and its member nations have initiated emergency measures, including the release of strategic oil reserves to stabilise markets. However, the agency has cautioned that such steps can only provide temporary relief. The core issue remains the blockage and instability around the Strait of Hormuz, which continues to disrupt normal energy flows.

The situation has been further complicated by rising geopolitical tensions. The United States has issued warnings to Iran, including threats to target critical in-

frastructure if the strait is not reopened. In turn, Iran has warned of retaliation, including potential attacks on regional energy facilities, raising fears of a broader conflict.

Beyond oil, the crisis is also affecting global natural gas supplies, adding another layer of pressure on energy markets. Analysts note that the combined disruption to oil and gas flows makes this crisis particularly severe, with no immediate alternatives to fully offset the supply loss.

Overall, the warning from the IEA underscores the seriousness of the current situation. Unless the Strait of Hormuz is reopened and tensions ease, the world could face prolonged energy shortages, high prices, and significant economic disruption. The coming weeks will be crucial in determining whether diplomatic efforts can stabilise the region or if the crisis deepens further.

Ambulances Torched in London, Hate Crime Suspected

A shocking incident in London has sparked outrage after four ambulances belonging to a Jewish volunteer emergency service were set on fire in what authorities suspect to be a hate crime. The attack took place in the Golders Green area, a neighbourhood known for its significant Jewish population.

The ambulances, operated by the Jewish charity Hatzola, were parked near a synagogue when they were deliberately targeted in the early hours of the morning. Eyewitness accounts and CCTV footage suggest that multiple individuals were involved in setting the vehicles ablaze before fleeing the scene. The fire caused explosions due to cylinders inside the ambulances, damaging nearby buildings and creating panic among



residents.

Emergency services responded quickly, with several fire engines deployed to control the blaze. Fortunately, no injuries were reported, though the destruction of critical emergency vehicles has raised serious concerns about public safety and access to medical services in the area.

Authorities have launched an investigation, treating the incident as a suspected antisemitic hate crime. Counter-terrorism police are leading the probe, given the seriousness of

the attack and its potential wider implications. Officials are examining CCTV footage and pursuing leads to identify those responsible.

The attack has been widely condemned by political and community leaders. UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer described it as a "deeply shocking antisemitic attack" and called for unity against hate. Religious leaders and local representatives also expressed concern, calling the incident an assault not only on a community but on essential emergency services.

The incident comes amid rising concerns over antisemitism in the UK and across Europe. Community organisations have warned of increasing hostility and fear among Jewish residents, especially in the context

of ongoing global tensions. The targeting of ambulances—vehicles meant to provide life-saving services—has been described as particularly disturbing.

Officials have assured that additional security measures and police patrols will be increased in the area to reassure residents. The government has also pledged support to replace the damaged ambulances and ensure that emergency response services continue without disruption.

As investigations continue, authorities are urging the public to come forward with any information that could help identify the suspects. The incident has once again highlighted the urgent need to address hate crimes and protect vulnerable communities from targeted violence.

Oil Drops, Stocks Surge as Trump Delays Iran Strikes



Global financial markets saw a sharp reversal on Monday after Donald Trump announced a five-day postponement of planned military strikes on Iran's energy infrastructure. The move eased immediate fears of escalation in the Middle East and triggered a strong positive reaction across equities while pushing oil prices lower.

Crude oil prices, which had surged earlier amid fears of supply disruptions, fell sharply following the announcement. The global benchmark Brent crude dropped significantly, briefly falling below the \$100 per barrel mark after touching higher levels earlier in the day. Similarly, US benchmark crude prices also declined, reflecting reduced concerns over immediate military action and potential damage to energy facilities.

At the same time, global equity markets rebounded strongly. US stock futures surged, with Dow Jones futures jumping over 700 points, while S&P 500 and Nasdaq futures also recorded gains of more than 1.5%. The rally signaled renewed investor optimism, as the delay in strikes raised hopes of a diplomatic resolution to the ongoing conflict.

Trump said the decision to delay military action came after what he described as "productive conversations" regarding the conflict. The postponement is seen as a temporary window for negotia-

tions, although uncertainty remains over whether talks will lead to a lasting resolution. The development follows weeks of heightened tensions, including threats to target Iran's power plants and disruptions around the strategically important Strait of Hormuz.

Markets had been under intense pressure prior to the announcement, with oil prices rising sharply due to fears of supply disruptions from the region. The Strait of Hormuz, a key global oil transit route, has been at the center of the crisis, and any escalation could significantly impact global energy flows. The latest move, however, provided short-term relief to investors concerned about inflation and economic stability.

Despite the immediate positive reaction, analysts caution that volatility is likely to persist. The situation remains highly fluid, with geopolitical risks still elevated and no clear indication of a long-term resolution. Investors are expected to remain cautious, closely monitoring developments in the region and any further signals from both the US and Iran.

Overall, the temporary pause in military action has offered markets a breather, but the broader outlook continues to depend on the direction of diplomatic efforts and the stability of global energy supplies.

War Day 24: Iran Threatens Hormuz Closure as Strikes Hit Tehran

The ongoing conflict involving Iran entered its 24th day with tensions escalating sharply, as fresh strikes hit Tehran and fears grew over a wider regional confrontation. The situation remains highly volatile, with both sides exchanging threats and intensifying military actions.

At the center of the crisis is the strategically crucial Strait of Hormuz, through which a significant portion of the world's oil supply passes. Former US President Donald Trump had issued a strict 48-hour deadline demanding that Iran reopen the waterway, warning of severe military consequences if it failed to comply. The deadline has further escalated tensions in an already fragile region.

In response, Iran's armed forces issued a strong warning, stating they could shut down the Strait of Hormuz indefinitely if the United States carried out its threats to strike Iranian power plants. This move could severely disrupt global energy supplies and trigger a major economic crisis.

Meanwhile, the conflict has intensified on the ground, with fresh airstrikes reported in Tehran. These attacks come amid ongoing military exchanges between Iran and US-Israeli forces, highlighting the deepening scale of the war. Missile strikes and counter-attacks continue across the region, increasing the risk of further escalation.

Global concern is also



rising over the economic impact of the war. Oil prices have surged sharply due to fears of supply disruptions linked to tensions in the Strait of Hormuz. Energy experts have warned that the world could be heading towards a serious energy crisis if the conflict continues or worsens.

International leaders are closely monitoring the situation. Countries like the United Kingdom have begun assessing the economic fallout, while global institutions warn that prolonged instability could impact growth and financial markets worldwide.

Despite occasional signals of diplomacy, there is little clarity on a resolution. Conflicting statements from both sides regarding possible talks have added to the uncertainty. While some reports suggest back-channel communication, Iran has publicly denied any negotiations.

Overall, the 24th day of the conflict underscores the growing risks of a prolonged war with global consequences. With military actions intensifying and no clear diplomatic breakthrough in sight, the situation remains tense, and the coming days will be critical in determining whether the crisis escalates further or moves toward de-escalation.

Air Canada Plane Hits Vehicle at LaGuardia, Pilots Killed



A major aviation incident occurred at LaGuardia Airport in New York after an Air Canada Express aircraft collided with a ground vehicle while landing, leading to the deaths of both pilots and injuries to several passengers.

The accident involved a Bombardier CRJ-900 jet operating as a scheduled flight from Montreal to New York. The aircraft, carrying 72 passengers and four crew members, struck a fire truck that was on the runway responding to a separate emergency involving another aircraft. The collision occurred during landing, when the plane was already descending and nearing touchdown.

According to early reports, both the aircraft and the fire vehicle had been cleared to use the runway, raising serious concerns about possible communication lapses in air traffic control. Moments before the crash, air traffic controllers were heard urgently in-

structing the vehicle to stop, but the warning came too late to prevent the collision.

The impact caused significant damage to the front section of the aircraft, particularly the cockpit area. Tragically, the pilot and co-pilot lost their lives, while dozens of passengers and crew members sustained injuries of varying degrees. Several injured individuals were taken to hospitals, with a few reported to be in serious condition. Firefighters aboard the emergency vehicle were also among those injured.

Following the incident, airport authorities immediately suspended operations at LaGuardia, leading to widespread disruption. Hundreds of flights were delayed or cancelled, and several incoming flights were diverted to nearby airports. Emergency response teams were quickly deployed to secure the site and assist passengers.

The accident has once again highlighted safety

concerns in the aviation sector, particularly regarding runway management and coordination between ground vehicles and incoming aircraft. Investigators from the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) have launched a detailed probe to determine the exact cause of the collision.

Experts believe the investigation will focus on air traffic control communication, runway clearance procedures, and operational protocols during emergency situations. The role of staffing shortages and system pressures may also come under scrutiny.

This tragic incident underscores the risks associated with complex airport operations and the importance of precise coordination. As authorities continue their investigation, the focus remains on understanding what went wrong and preventing similar accidents in the future.

SEBI Tightens IPO Rules with QR Codes, Simpler Disclosures

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has introduced sweeping changes to the IPO disclosure framework, aiming to make public issue documents more accessible, transparent, and investor-friendly. The reforms come through amendments to the Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements (ICDR) Regulations, 2026, marking a significant shift towards simplification and digitisation in the primary market.

A key highlight of the overhaul is the introduction of a draft abridged prospectus, which companies must now submit along with their draft offer documents, including the draft red herring prospectus. This concise document is designed to present critical information in a structured and easy-to-understand format, helping investors quickly grasp the essentials of an IPO at an early stage.

To further enhance accessibility, SEBI has replaced the requirement of attaching a physical abridged prospectus with application forms. Instead, issuers will now provide QR codes and web links, enabling investors to instantly access key documents such as the red herring prospectus, abridged prospectus, and price band details online. This move aligns the IPO process with the growing trend of digital participation in financial markets.



These summaries will include important details such as business overview, industry insights, financial performance over the past three years, key performance indicators, major risk factors, and promoter shareholding before and after the issue. The aim is to improve readability and prevent overly technical or lengthy disclosures that may deter retail investors.

In addition, SEBI has introduced enhanced transparency requirements. Companies will now need to disclose summaries of contingent liabilities and related-party transactions—areas that are often closely scrutinised by investors. At the same time, redundant provisions have been removed to streamline the disclosure framework and reduce complexity.

Another notable change relates to lock-in rules. In situations where a lock-in cannot be created in the usual manner, depositories will be authorised to mark such securities as “non-transferable” for the specified period, ensuring regulatory compliance even in exceptional cases.

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Powerica IPO Gets Mixed Views; Brokerages Advise Caution



The upcoming IPO of Powerica Limited has drawn mixed responses from brokerages, with most recommending a cautious approach despite positive long-term prospects. The 1,100 crore public issue is set to open for subscription from March 24 to March 27, attracting investor attention amid a volatile market environment.

Brokerages remain divided on whether investors should subscribe to the issue. While some have given a positive outlook, citing the company's strong positioning in the power solutions segment, others have flagged concerns over inconsistent financial performance and margin pressures. The overall sentiment suggests that the IPO may be more suitable for long-term investors rather than those seeking quick listing gains.

On the positive side, Powerica operates in a critical sector with steady demand, particularly for diesel generator sets used in backup

power across industries such as data centres, infrastructure, and telecom. The company also benefits from long-standing partnerships with global players and is gradually expanding into renewable energy, which could support future growth.

However, concerns remain over its financial stability. Analysts point out that while the company has recorded revenue growth, its profitability has not kept pace. Margins have shown signs of decline in recent periods, and net profit has seen pressure due to rising costs. This mismatch between revenue and earnings growth has made some investors cautious.

Valuation is another factor influencing investor sentiment. At the upper price band of ₹375-₹395 per share, the IPO is considered reasonably priced compared to peers, but not particularly attractive given the company's uneven earnings track record. As a result, expecta-

tions of strong listing gains remain limited.

Market indicators also reflect muted enthusiasm. The grey market premium (GMP) for the IPO has remained flat, suggesting that the stock may list close to its issue price without significant upside in the short term. This further reinforces the view that the offering is not geared towards quick profits.

Experts suggest that investors with a higher risk appetite and a long-term investment horizon may consider applying, but with limited allocation. For conservative investors, a wait-and-watch approach after listing could be a safer strategy.

Overall, the Powerica IPO presents a balanced but cautious opportunity. While the company's presence in a growing sector offers potential, near-term uncertainties and financial concerns mean investors should evaluate the risks carefully before making a decision.

Airline Stocks Sink as Fuel Price Fears Rise

Shares of Indian aviation companies came under sharp selling pressure on Monday, with stocks of IndiGo and SpiceJet tumbling up to 10% amid concerns over a likely rise in aviation turbine fuel (ATF) prices. The decline reflects growing investor anxiety over escalating geopolitical tensions and their impact on the cost structure of airlines.

The aviation sector has been particularly sensitive to fluctuations in crude oil prices, as fuel accounts for a significant portion of operating expenses. Recent tensions in West Asia, especially involving Iran, have pushed global oil prices higher, raising fears of a steep increase in ATF prices from April. This has triggered a sell-off in airline stocks, which are directly exposed to fuel cost volatility.

Market data shows that airline stocks have been under sustained pressure since the start of the ongoing conflict. Shares of IndiGo have declined significantly in recent weeks,



while SpiceJet has witnessed even sharper losses. The prolonged weakness highlights investor concerns over profitability, as rising fuel costs can squeeze margins in an already competitive industry.

The situation is further complicated by the strategic importance of the Strait of Hormuz, a key global oil transit route through which a substantial portion of the world's crude supply passes. Any disruption in this region can lead to sharp spikes in oil prices, directly impacting aviation fuel costs and, in turn, airline earnings.

Analysts note that the current environment poses multiple challenges for airline companies. Apart from higher fuel costs, carriers are also dealing

with operational disruptions, route changes, and uncertain demand patterns due to geopolitical instability. These factors have combined to weaken investor sentiment towards the sector.

Despite the near-term pressure, some experts believe airlines may attempt to pass on rising costs to passengers through fare hikes or fuel surcharges. However, the ability to do so remains limited in a price-sensitive market like India, where demand can be affected by even modest increases in ticket prices.

Overall, the outlook for airline stocks remains cautious in the short term. Much will depend on the trajectory of global crude oil prices and the resolution of geopolitical tensions. Until there is clarity on these fronts, aviation stocks are likely to remain volatile, with investors closely monitoring developments in the energy markets and their impact on airline profitability.

SBI Mutual Fund Leads Growth Race with Strong Rural Push



SBI Mutual Fund has emerged as the fastest-growing asset management company among its peers, driven by strong expansion beyond metro cities and a powerful distribution network. The fund house has outperformed rivals in revenue, profitability, and retail participation over the past three years, signaling a shift in how growth is being generated in India's mutual fund industry.

The company's financial performance has been robust, with revenue rising sharply over recent years, supported by a significant increase in assets under management (AUM). Profit growth has been even stronger, reflecting improved operational efficiency and scale benefits. This performance has helped SBI Mutual Fund stay ahead of other major players in the sector.

A key driver of this growth has been the rising contribution from B30 locations—cities beyond the top 30 urban centres. The company has built a strong pres-

ence in these markets, where retail participation in mutual funds is expanding rapidly. Assets from B30 locations have grown faster than those from top cities, highlighting a structural shift in investor behaviour across smaller towns and semi-urban regions.

SBI Mutual Fund currently holds a leading share in the B30 segment, benefiting from early expansion and strong brand recognition. This growth is supported by increasing financial awareness, higher disposable incomes, and a growing preference for market-linked investments among investors outside major metros.

Another major advantage for the fund house has been its extensive distribution network. With access to thousands of bank branches, a wide network of distributors, and a strong digital presence covering most parts of the country, SBI Mutual Fund has been able to reach investors across diverse geographies. This wide reach has played a crucial role in driving consist-

ent inflows and expanding its customer base.

The company has also benefited from its leadership in passive investment products and institutional mandates. While these segments typically generate lower fees, they contribute significantly to overall scale and help boost profits through operating leverage.

However, analysts note that the increasing share of passive assets may put some pressure on margins over time, as these products tend to have lower yields compared to actively managed funds. Despite this, the company's strong growth trajectory and efficient cost structure have helped maintain healthy profitability levels.

Overall, SBI Mutual Fund's success reflects a broader trend in India's financial landscape, where growth is increasingly coming from smaller cities and digital channels. As financial inclusion deepens, the company appears well-positioned to sustain its leadership in the evolving mutual fund market.

Markets Crash as Bears Take Control; Sensex Tanks 1,837 Points



Indian equity markets witnessed a sharp sell-off on Monday, with benchmark indices plunging amid weak global cues and rising geopolitical tensions. The BSE Sensex dropped 1,837 points to close around 72,696, while the NSE Nifty slipped below the crucial 22,550 mark, reflecting strong bearish sentiment across Dalal Street.

The market downturn was broad-based, with heavy selling seen across sectors. Realty, capital goods, consumer durables, metals, telecom, and PSU banking stocks were among the worst hit, declining sharply. Other sectors such as auto, energy, oil & gas, and private banks also recorded notable losses, indicating widespread pressure across the market.

One of the key factors behind the sharp fall was escalating geopolitical tensions in the Middle East, which have significantly impacted global investor sentiment. Rising crude oil prices, driven by ongoing conflict in the region, have added to inflation concerns and increased uncertainty for oil-importing countries like India.

The Indian rupee also came under pressure, hitting a fresh record low against the US dollar.

Currency weakness further dampened investor confidence, as it raises concerns about capital outflows and higher import costs.

Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) continued their selling spree, pulling money out of Indian equities amid global risk aversion. This sustained outflow has been a major contributor to the recent volatility in domestic markets. At the same time, rising US bond yields and a stronger dollar have made emerging markets like India less attractive to global investors.

Market volatility also surged, with investors adopting a cautious approach amid uncertainty. Analysts believe that the near-term outlook remains fragile, with key support levels for the Nifty seen around 22,500. A breach of this level could trigger further downside in the market.

Despite the sharp correction, experts advise investors to avoid panic selling and instead focus on long-term fundamentals. While current conditions remain challenging, the broader market outlook will largely depend on global developments, especially the trajectory of geopolitical tensions and crude oil prices.

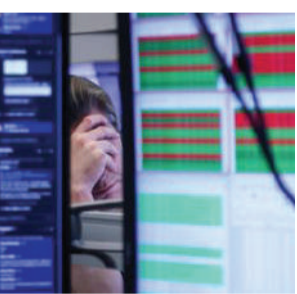
Iran War Shakes Markets: Gold Falls, Stocks Slide, Crypto Holds

The ongoing conflict involving Iran has triggered an unusual and volatile reaction across global financial markets, disrupting traditional investment patterns. Unlike past geopolitical crises, where safe-haven assets typically rally, the current situation has seen gold, bonds, and equities behave in unexpected ways.

Equity markets across the world have largely remained under pressure since the conflict escalated. Major indices in Asia and the US have recorded declines, reflecting investor uncertainty and risk aversion. While occasional signs of de-escalation have led to brief recoveries, these gains have been short-lived, with markets quickly slipping back into negative territory amid ongoing tensions.

One of the most surprising trends has been the decline in gold prices. Traditionally considered a safe-haven asset during crises, gold has instead fallen sharply, touching multi-month lows. This shift is largely driven by rising inflation expectations and increasing bond yields, which reduce the appeal of non-yielding assets like gold. A stronger US dollar has further added pressure, making gold more expensive for global investors.

Government bonds, another conventional refuge during uncertain times, have also defied expectations. Instead of rallying, bond yields have risen significantly, indicating selling pressure. This reflects growing concerns that central banks, particularly the Federal Reserve, may main-



tain higher interest rates for longer due to inflationary pressures linked to rising oil prices.

The surge in oil prices has been a central factor shaping market movements. The conflict has disrupted energy supplies and heightened fears of prolonged inflation, creating a complex macroeconomic environment. These conditions have made investors cautious, as higher energy costs can slow economic growth while pushing prices upward.

Interestingly, cryptocurrencies have shown relative resilience compared to traditional assets. While still volatile, digital assets have held up better than equities and gold in certain phases of the conflict, suggesting a gradual shift in investor perception towards alternative asset classes.

Overall, the conflict has created a highly unpredictable market environment where traditional rules no longer apply. Investors are navigating a mix of geopolitical risks, inflation concerns, and monetary policy uncertainty. Analysts believe that until there is clarity on the duration of the conflict and the direction of global interest rates, volatility across asset classes 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.

Indian Premier League Stands Firm on Schedule Amid Overseas Player Concerns



The Indian Premier League has made it clear that the 2026 season will proceed as scheduled, despite growing uncertainty over the availability of overseas players. The league's governing body has stated that it is ultimately up to individual franchises to manage their squads and deal with player absences.

With the tournament set to begin soon, several teams are facing challenges due to injuries, workload management, and personal commitments affecting foreign players. High-profile names from countries like Australia, England, and New Zealand are either expected to miss the initial matches or join their teams late. This has created lo-

gistical concerns for franchises that rely heavily on international talent.

Despite these issues, the league has indicated that there are no plans to alter the schedule. Officials have emphasized that franchises were aware of potential uncertainties during the auction and must now adapt accordingly. The responsibility of building balanced squads, including backup options, lies with the teams themselves.

The absence or delayed arrival of overseas players has already forced teams to rethink their strategies. Many franchises are likely to depend more on domestic players in the early stages of the tournament. This could also

open opportunities for young Indian talent to step up and make an impact.

Cricket experts and former players have also weighed in on the situation. Some have criticized overseas players for not fully committing to the tournament, urging franchises to take stricter action in future auctions. Concerns have been raised that frequent pull-outs or late arrivals can disrupt team planning and affect the competitive balance of the league.

At the same time, factors such as international cricket schedules, injury management, and national board restrictions continue to influence player availability. These issues highlight the

complex relationship between global cricket commitments and franchise leagues like the IPL.

While uncertainty remains, the league's firm stance on sticking to the schedule reflects its confidence in the depth of talent available. The IPL has historically managed similar challenges, and organizers believe the tournament will continue to deliver high-quality cricket.

Overall, the 2026 season is expected to begin amid some disruptions, but with franchises adapting to evolving circumstances. The focus will now be on how teams manage their resources and navigate the early phase of the competition without key overseas players.

PSL in Trouble as Armed Group Threatens Foreign Players

The Pakistan Super League 2026 season has been hit by a major security scare after an armed group in Pakistan issued threats to several international cricketers, including David Warner and Steve Smith, urging them to withdraw from the tournament.

According to reports, the militant group Jamaat-ul-Ahrar warned overseas players that their safety could not be guaranteed if they travel to Pakistan for the league. The group reportedly issued a public statement asking foreign players to withdraw immediately, raising serious concerns about security arrangements for the high-profile T20 competition.

The development has cast uncertainty over the participation of several international stars from countries such as Australia, England, and New Zealand. Apart from Warner and Smith, other overseas players scheduled to take part in the tournament have also been put on alert, with cricket boards and franchises closely monitoring the situation.



The Pakistan Cricket Board has already taken precautionary measures ahead of the tournament. Matches are set to be held in limited venues like Lahore and Karachi, and reportedly without spectators, in an effort to minimize risks. Authorities are also expected to deploy enhanced security arrangements

to ensure the safety of players and officials.

The timing of the threat is particularly concerning, as the PSL 2026 season is scheduled to begin soon. The tournament, one of Pakistan's premier sporting events, relies heavily on the participation of international players to maintain its competi-

tive quality and global appeal.

This is not the first time security concerns have affected cricket in Pakistan. In the past, international teams avoided touring the country for several years following security incidents. Although Pakistan has gradually regained its status as a host for international cricket, such threats risk undermining those efforts.

The latest development also comes amid broader geopolitical tensions in the region, further complicating the situation. With rising uncertainty, several players may reconsider their participation, and teams could be forced to make last-minute changes to their squads.

As of now, there has been no official confirmation of withdrawals, but the situation remains fluid. Much will depend on security assessments and assurances provided to players in the coming days.

Overall, the threat has put the PSL under significant pressure, raising questions about player safety and the smooth conduct of the tournament.

PSL-IPI Clash Deepens as Naqvi Warns Players

The ongoing clash between the Pakistan Super League and the Indian Premier League has intensified after Pakistan Cricket Board chief Mohsin Naqvi issued a strong warning to players withdrawing from PSL to join the IPL.

The controversy erupted after several overseas cricketers pulled out of PSL commitments at the last minute to take up replacement roles in IPL franchises. Sri Lanka all-rounder Dasun Shanaka became the latest example, leaving his PSL team to join Rajasthan Royals as a replacement player. Similarly, Zimbabwe pacer Blessing Muzarabani also exited PSL to link up with Kolkata Knight Riders in the IPL.

Reacting sharply, Naqvi stated that strict action would be taken against players who violate their PSL contracts. He emphasized that last-minute withdrawals disrupt team balance and undermine the league's credibility. The PCB is reportedly considering legal measures and enforcement of contractual rules to prevent such situations in the future.

The issue highlights the growing competition between the two



T20 leagues, which are scheduled to overlap once again this season. With the IPL offering significantly higher financial incentives and global exposure, several players are prioritising it over PSL, even after committing

to teams in Pakistan.

Despite the setbacks, Naqvi maintained that the PSL continues to attract top international talent. He pointed out that many high-profile players are still participating in the tournament,

Axar Patel Defends Team India's Temple Visit Tradition



Indian cricketer Axar Patel has backed the tradition of players from the India national cricket team visiting temples during tours and tournaments, stating that such practices should not be viewed negatively. His remarks come amid ongoing discussions around the team's off-field routines, particularly their visits to religious places during major events.

Speaking on the matter, Patel said that visiting temples is a personal choice and often depends on individual beliefs and convenience. He emphasized that players usually take advantage of opportunities when security arrangements make such visits possible. According to him, it is not something that is forced or mandated, but rather a voluntary activity undertaken by those who wish to do so.

The all-rounder highlighted that during international tournaments or overseas tours, players often have limited chances to explore local places. In such situations, visiting temples becomes an occasion not just for spiritual reasons but also as a way to experience different cultures and traditions. He added that such visits are usually planned based on the team's schedule and do not interfere with their professional commitments.

Patel's comments come after members of the Indian team were seen visit-

ing temples during recent global tournaments, including the T20 World Cup. These visits had sparked mixed reactions on social media, with some questioning the relevance of such activities in a professional sporting environment. However, others defended the players, stating that personal beliefs should be respected.

Responding indirectly to the criticism, Patel made it clear that there is nothing wrong with players engaging in activities that provide them mental peace and comfort. He noted that maintaining a positive mindset is crucial in high-pressure tournaments, and if visiting a place of worship helps players stay focused and calm, it should not be discouraged.

He also pointed out that similar practices are followed by athletes across different sports and countries, where players engage in personal rituals or routines before important matches. Such habits, he said, are often part of an athlete's preparation and mental conditioning.

Overall, Patel's remarks underline the importance of respecting individual choices within a team environment. While the primary focus remains on performance on the field, he believes that allowing players the freedom to follow their beliefs contributes to a balanced and healthy team atmosphere.

Bangladesh Players' PSL Participation in Doubt Over Security Concerns



The participation of Bangladesh national cricket team players in the Pakistan Super League 2026 season has come under serious doubt due to rising security concerns linked to ongoing regional tensions. The situation has prompted authorities in Bangladesh to adopt a cautious approach, prioritising player safety over tournament commitments.

The uncertainty stems from the escalating conflict involving Iran, Israel, and the United States, which has impacted security conditions in the region. In response, the Pakistan Cricket Board has already made significant adjustments to the tournament's arrangements. Matches have been limited to key venues such as Karachi and Lahore, while initial games are set to be played behind closed doors to minimise risks.

Amid these developments, Bangladesh's State Minister for Youth and Sports has made it clear that the government will not allow its players to travel if there are any credible security threats. Officials have stressed that a final decision will only be taken after consultations with the Bangladesh Cricket Board and national security agencies.

This cautious stance has put the future of several Bangladeshi cricketers in the PSL in jeopardy. While some players had earlier shown interest or received initial approvals to participate, the evolving situation has forced authorities to reconsider their in-

volvement. The uncertainty is likely to impact team combinations, as franchises may have to look for last-minute replacements if players withdraw.

The issue also reflects a broader challenge facing the PSL this season. Apart from Bangladesh players, several overseas cricketers are already reconsidering their participation due to safety concerns and geopolitical instability. The combination of security risks and scheduling conflicts with other leagues has created a difficult environment for organisers.

For Bangladesh, the priority remains the safety and well-being of its players. Government officials have reiterated that no decision will be rushed, and participation will only be approved if conditions are deemed fully secure. This approach aligns with the country's recent stance on international cricket events, where safety assessments have played a key role in decision-making.

The situation highlights the increasing influence of geopolitical tensions on global sports. Cricket leagues, especially those involving international travel, are becoming more vulnerable to external factors such as security risks and political conflicts.

As the PSL approaches its start date, all eyes are on the final decision from Bangladesh authorities. Whether their players take part or withdraw could significantly impact the tournament's competitiveness and global appeal.

Nandamuri Balakrishna-Vivek Athreya Surprise Combo Creates Buzz

Tollywood is witnessing a surge of excitement as reports suggest a surprising collaboration between Nandamuri Balakrishna and young director Vivek Athreya. The unexpected pairing has quickly become a hot topic in film circles, with fans eagerly discussing the possibilities of this unique combination.

Balakrishna, known for his mass appeal and powerful screen presence, is currently enjoying a strong phase in his career with consecutive successes. At the same time, Vivek Athreya has carved a niche for himself with his distinctive storytelling style and intelligent screenplays. The idea of these two coming together is being seen as a refreshing blend of mass energy and creative narrative depth.

According to industry buzz, Vivek Athreya has reportedly prepared a powerful script for Balakrishna. The film is expected to be a gangster drama, with the actor playing a strong and intense role. This marks an interesting shift, as Balakrishna may be seen in a stylish gangster avatar after many years, adding a new dimension to his on-screen image.

What makes the project even more exciting is the contrast in their filmmaking styles. While Balakrishna is widely associated with high-octane action and mass dialogues, Vivek Athreya is known for his nuanced storytelling and unconventional narratives. If executed well, this combination could deliver a film that balances commercial elements with a fresh, modern approach.

Reports also suggest that the film could be mounted on a large scale, possibly under a lead-

ing production banner, with pre-production work already in early stages. However, an official announcement is still awaited, and details regarding the cast, crew, and timeline remain under wraps.

Currently, Balakrishna is busy with another major project, and the collaboration with Vivek Athreya is expected to begin only after he completes his ongoing commitments. Industry insiders believe that once confirmed, the project could go on floors soon after, depending on scheduling. Fans are particularly excited about how Vivek Athreya will present Balakrishna in a new light. The director is said to be planning a character that goes beyond routine mass elements, offering a mix of style, substance, and strong emotional depth.

Overall, the buzz around this combination highlights the evolving trends in Telugu cinema, where established stars are increasingly collaborating with new-age directors. If the project materialises as expected,

it could turn out to be one of the most intriguing films in Balakrishna's career and a significant milestone for Vivek Athreya.



Pawan Kalyan-Deva Katta Political Thriller Buzz Gains Momentum

A fresh wave of excitement has gripped Tollywood as reports emerge about a possible collaboration between Pawan Kalyan and director Deva Katta for a powerful political thriller. Though not officially confirmed, the project has quickly become one of the most talked-about developments in the film industry.

Known for his sharp storytelling and strong political themes, Deva Katta is said to have prepared a compelling script tailored specifically for Pawan Kalyan. The director, who earned acclaim for films like Prasthanam and Republic, is recognized for his ability to blend intense narratives with social commentary. Reports suggest that he recently narrated a story idea to the actor, which has generated significant interest in film circles.

The potential collaboration is being seen as a perfect match, given Pawan Kalyan's real-life political journey and public image. Analysts believe that combining his ideological stance with Deva Katta's storytelling style could result in a film that goes beyond entertainment and delivers a strong socio-political message. The concept is expected to revolve around contemporary political themes, with impactful dialogues and a gripping narrative.

However, there is still uncertainty surrounding the project's timeline. Pawan Kaly-

an is currently balancing his responsibilities as a political leader along with selective film commitments, which may delay the film's progress. Additionally, there are indications that he is being cautious about signing new projects, suggesting that the collaboration, if it happens, may take time to materialise.

Despite the lack of official confirmation, the idea of this combination has already sparked strong reactions among fans. The prospect of a politically charged film featuring Pawan Kalyan has raised expectations, with many predicting it could become a landmark project in his career. Industry observers note that if the film moves forward, it has the potential to resonate deeply with audiences due to its relevant themes and powerful presentation.

The synergy between the actor's mass appeal and the director's narrative depth is being viewed as a major strength. Both are known for addressing societal issues in their own ways, making the collaboration particularly intriguing.

While more details are awaited, the buzz around this project continues to grow. If confirmed, this political thriller could mark a significant addition to Pawan Kalyan's filmography and further strengthen his connection with audiences both on and off the screen.



Tamannaah Bhatia Shifts Focus Fully to Bollywood

Tamannaah Bhatia appears to be making a strategic shift in her career, with reports suggesting that she is now focusing entirely on Bollywood projects, moving away from Tollywood commitments for the time being. This decision marks a significant turning point for the actress, who has successfully balanced careers across multiple film industries for over a decade.

Having built a strong presence in Telugu, Tamil, and Hindi cinema, Tamannaah has long been regarded as a pan-India star. However, recent developments indicate that she is now prioritising Hindi films, aligning her career with the growing reach and influence of Bollywood on a global scale. Industry insiders suggest that this move is part of a calculated effort to tap into larger markets and more diverse roles.

The actress has already been actively involved in several Hindi projects in recent times. She was seen in the Bollywood film 'O' Romeo, featuring alongside a prominent ensemble cast, fur-

major Hindi productions.

This shift comes at a time when Tamannaah is enjoying renewed popularity across India, thanks to her performances in recent films and special appearances in chart-topping songs. Her ability to adapt to different genres and industries has been a key factor in sustaining her long career. Now, focusing on Bollywood may offer her more opportunities to experiment with varied roles and reach a wider audience.

Sources suggest that the actress is being selective about her future projects, choosing scripts that offer strong characters and meaningful narratives. This approach reflects a broader trend among actors who are looking to build a more content-driven filmography rather than simply focusing on quantity.

While her decision may disappoint some fans in the South, it does not necessarily indicate a permanent departure. Industry observers believe that Tamannaah could return to regional cinema in the future, depending on the right opportunities. For now, however, her priority appears to be firmly set on Bollywood.

The move also highlights the evolving nature of Indian cinema, where boundaries between industries are increasingly blurred. Actors today are leveraging opportunities across languages and platforms, but at times, strategic focus becomes essential for career growth.

Overall, Tamannaah Bhatia's shift towards Bollywood signals a new phase in her career. With major projects lined up and growing pan-India appeal, she seems poised to strengthen her position in the Hindi film industry in the coming years.



Vijay Deverakonda Heads to Mumbai for 'Rowdy Janardhana' Shoot

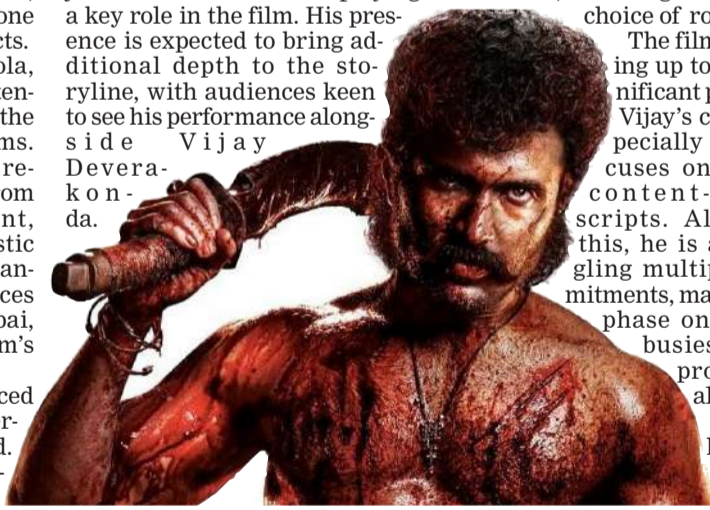
Tollywood star Vijay Deverakonda is gearing up to resume work as he prepares to head to Mumbai for the next schedule of his upcoming film Rowdy Janardhana. The actor is expected to join the shoot soon after returning from a short break, marking the continuation of one of his most anticipated projects.

Directed by Ravi Kiran Kola, the film is said to be a high-intensity action drama set against the backdrop of Mumbai's slums. The narrative reportedly revolves around a young man from a challenging environment, promising a gritty and realistic storyline. The makers are planning to shoot crucial sequences in real locations across Mumbai, adding authenticity to the film's setting.

The project is being produced by Dil Raju and features Keerthy Suresh as the female lead. The film has already generated significant buzz due to its

intense theme and Vijay Deverakonda's transformation for the role. Reports suggest that the actor is undergoing a physical makeover to suit the rugged character he portrays.

Adding to the excitement, Rajasekhar is also said to be playing a key role in the film. His presence is expected to bring additional depth to the storyline, with audiences keen to see his performance alongside Vijay Deverakonda.



Mumbai holds a special connection for Vijay Deverakonda, as he previously worked in the city for his film Liger. Now, returning for Rowdy Janardhana, the actor is expected to deliver a more intense and impactful performance, reflecting his evolving choice of roles.

The film is shaping up to be a significant project in Vijay's career, especially as he focuses on strong, content-driven scripts. Alongside this, he is also juggling multiple commitments, making this phase one of the busiest in his professional journey.

With high expectations

surrounding Rowdy Janardhana, the Mumbai schedule is likely to play a crucial role in defining the film's tone and visual appeal. The use of real locations and a grounded narrative is expected to enhance the film's overall impact.

As shooting progresses, more updates regarding the film's release and additional cast members are likely to be announced. Fans are eagerly waiting to see how Vijay Deverakonda's 'rowdy' avatar unfolds on screen in this action-packed entertainer.

Tovino Thomas's Pallichattambi Set for Pan-India Release

Malayalam star Tovino Thomas is gearing up for a major pan-India outing with his upcoming film Pallichattambi, which is scheduled for a wide theatrical release in April. The film has already generated strong buzz among audiences, especially after its promotional material created excitement across social media platforms. Directed by Diyo Jose Antony, Pallichattambi is a period drama set in the 1950s-60s, offering a blend of intense storytelling and historical backdrop. The film revolves around the lives of migrant farming communities and is expected to present a gripping narrative rooted in realism and strong emotions.

The makers initially planned to release the film on April 9, 2026, as a pan-India project across multiple languages including Malayalam, Telugu, Tamil, Hindi, and Kannada. The wide release strategy reflects the growing trend of regional films targeting a national audience. The film's scale, theme, and production quality are being positioned to appeal beyond the Malayalam-speaking

audience. However, recent updates indicate a slight change in the release schedule, with the film expected to hit theatres on April 10 instead, due to logistical considerations. Despite the minor shift, the anticipation around the project remains high, with fans eagerly awaiting its release. The film stars Kayadu Lohar as the female lead, alongside a strong supporting cast that includes several noted actors. Backed by a skilled technical team, the film features music by Jakes Bejoy, cinematography by Tijo Tomy, and editing by Sreejith Sarang. The makers are aiming to deliver a visually rich cinematic experience that captures the essence of the period setting.

One of the major highlights of Pallichattambi is Tovino Thomas's transformation for the role. Known for experimenting with diverse characters, the actor is said to be portraying a powerful and layered role, which could mark another significant milestone in his career. His growing popularity across India has also contributed to the film's pan-India



appeal. With strong content, a unique backdrop, and a wide release plan, Pallichattambi is shaping up to be one of the most anticipated films of the year. The film's success could further strengthen the trend of Malayalam cinema expanding into the national market. As the release date approaches, expectations continue to rise, with audiences looking forward to a compelling cinematic experience that blends history, drama, and intense storytelling.

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