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Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh — A private university located in the capital region of Amaravati has come under serious scrutiny following a series of allegations that have raised concerns about student welfare, academic integrity, and institutional accountability. Students and parents have voiced distress, claiming that the institution's alleged commercial practices and administrative negligence are adversely affecting the careers and lives of those enrolled.



According to multiple accounts, the university has been accused of prioritizing financial gain over academic standards and ethical practices. Critics allege that the institution operates with a profit-driven approach, where adherence to educational norms and regulations is often overlooked. Students claim that the focus on revenue generation has led to a decline in teaching quality, lack of discipline, and an environment where "everything is adjustable with money."

One of the most serious claims involves the alleged circulation of illegal drugs within the campus and surrounding areas. Some reports suggest that a section of students, including international students, may have been involved in such activities. It is further alleged that the administration was aware of these issues but failed to take decisive action, possibly to avoid impacting admissions and fee collection. These claims remain unverified, but they have intensified concerns among parents and local communities.

Students and parents argue that such incidents have severe consequences for those who were not involved in any wrongdoing. Talented and deserving candidates, they say, are losing valuable career opportunities due to the actions of a few and the institution's failure to enforce strict examination protocols. Concerns have also been raised about the long-term impact on students' reputations, with fears that the university's negative image could affect their chances of securing jobs both in India and abroad.

Observers have questioned how such practices could occur without administrative oversight, suggesting that it would be difficult for students to install and use unauthorized software in institutional systems without the knowledge or negligence of authorities. With Amaravati being a prominent administrative and educational hub, there are growing calls for government intervention. Parents are urging authorities to conduct a thorough investigation into the allegations and ensure that corrective measures are implemented. They emphasize the need to protect the interests of innocent students and restore trust in the institution.



Chandrababu Naidu, Lokesh, Pawan Kalyan Attend Guntur MLA's Daughter's Wedding

Guntur, March 26, 2026 | TPN Bureau

The wedding of Dhoolipalla Narendra Chinn's daughter was celebrated on Wednesday at Sri Convention Hall in Guntur, drawing political leaders from across the Telugu states. Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu attended the ceremony and blessed the newlyweds, Nagasai Vaidyapti and Kevin Ram.

Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, Deputy Speaker Raghurama Krishna Raju, and ministers Nara Lokesh, Pyayvula Keshav, Anita, Sandhya Rani, and Savitha were also present at the occasion. Several MLAs joined the celebrations, conveying their congratulations and best wishes to the couple.



Chandrababu Naidu Sets Ambitious Tourism Targets for Andhra Pradesh by 2029

Vijayawada, March 25, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Wednesday conducted a high-level review of the state's tourism projects, setting ambitious targets to make Andhra Pradesh a leading tourist destination by 2029. The meeting, held at the Chief Minister's camp office in Vijayawada, included senior officials from the Tourism Department, the Andhra Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation, and representatives from key districts to chart a roadmap for infrastructure and service expansion.

Naidu also highlighted the need for diversifying tourism offerings. He called for the development of large-scale amusement parks in Visakhapatnam and Tirupati, alongside caravan parks to promote experiential and ad-



venture tourism. Special attention was directed toward eco-tourism circuits, cultural heritage sites, and temple tourism, with coordinated efforts between the Forest and Endowments departments to ensure integrated development. Under his guidance, the government plans to prioritize development at key tourist spots such as Gandikota, Suryalanka Beach, the Araku-Borra Caves, and historic temples and ghats along the Godavari River. Plans include improving road connectivity, visitor amenities, and infrastructure at these sites, as well as promoting local crafts and cultural experiences to boost community participation and employment opportunities.

Naidu stressed that the tourism strategy should not only increase footfall but also create a sustainable, year-round tourism ecosystem. This includes training programs for hospitality staff, promoting safety and cleanliness standards, and integrating modern technology for visitor management and promotion. He also encouraged district-level officials to create unique tourism packages highlighting local culture, cuisine, and festivals.

Hoteliers Urge Chandrababu Naidu to Address LPG Shortage

Vijayawada, March 26, 2026 | TPN Bureau

A delegation of hoteliers from Andhra Pradesh met Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Wednesday, seeking urgent intervention to address the shortage of commercial liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), which they say is severely affecting the hospitality sector. The hotel industry representatives explained that current LPG allocations are insufficient for restaurants and hotels, disrupting daily operations and putting pressure on businesses already facing economic challenges.

Led by the Andhra Pradesh Star Hotels Association president, the delegation highlighted that commercial LPG supplies have been limited to as low as 10-15 percent of their usual requirements. This has forced kitchens to ration fuel, slowing service and increasing operational difficulties. Hoteliers stressed that without an immediate improvement in supply, some establishments may struggle to maintain normal operations, particularly during peak tourist and festival seasons.

The delegation requested the Chief Minister to ensure at least 50 percent allocation of LPG for commercial establishments and suggested the introduction of an electricity subsidy scheme for hotels and restaurants transitioning to electric cooking systems. They argued that such measures would help sustain business operations while providing a long-term alternative to LPG dependency. In addition, hoteliers called for the rapid expansion of piped natural gas (PNG) infrastructure in major urban centres, including Vijayawada, Visakhapatnam, and Tirupati. They believe that greater access to PNG would offer a reliable and cost-effective cooking fuel solution, reduce pressure on LPG supplies, and help the hospitality



sector operate without frequent disruptions. Chief Minister Naidu reportedly assured the delegation that their concerns would be addressed through appropriate government channels. The meeting reflected the government's willingness to engage with industry stakeholders and find solutions to maintain smooth operations in the hospitality sector.

The LPG shortage in Andhra Pradesh mirrors a broader national trend, where commercial allocations are being constrained due to prioritisation of domestic cooking gas and logistical challenges. Hotel owners have repeatedly raised concerns that the limited supply affects their ability to serve customers, maintain staff, and sustain revenue streams, making state intervention crucial.

With the Chief Minister's intervention, hoteliers are hopeful that LPG supply levels will improve and that initiatives such as electricity subsidies and PNG infrastructure development will be implemented promptly. These measures are expected to stabilise the hospitality sector, ensure uninterrupted operations, and protect the livelihoods of workers and businesses that depend heavily on consistent fuel availability.



Pawan Kalyan Virtually Inaugurates Ramateertham Hill Path

Vizianagaram District, March 26, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Head of Ram Navami, the virtual inauguration of the Ramateertham hill circumambulation (giri pradakshina) path was conducted by Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan. Built at a cost of 3.40 crore using NREGS funds, the 3.7 km road from Seetharamuni Pet to Neelachalam Hill now offers devotees a safe and convenient route for circumambulation.

Addressing the gathering virtually, Pawan Kalyan emphasized the coalition government's commitment to temple development and safeguarding Hindu traditions. "Ramateertham is one of India's most sacred pilgrimage sites, with traces of the Ramayana and Mahabharata eras. Devotees believe circumambulating the hill brings spiritual liberation," he said, highlighting the historical and religious significance of the site.

Earlier, the hill path was strewn with rocks, thorny bushes, and uneven terrain, making it difficult for devotees to perform pradakshina. Local MLA Lokam Madhavi and several devotees brought this issue to the Deputy CM's attention. The coalition government, since assuming office under the leadership of Chandrababu Naidu, prioritized temple preservation and took responsibility for constructing the BT road around the hill using national rural employment guarantee scheme funds.

The inauguration event was attended by Ministers Anam Ramanarayana Reddy, Vangalapudi Anita, Kondapalli Srinivas, Parliamentarian Kalishetti Appalanaidu, and legisla-



tors Lokam Madhavi and P o o s a p a t i A d i t i Vijayalakshmi.

Over the past 20 months, the government has invested over 40 crore to improve road connectivity for 22 major temples across the state, enhancing access and preserving temple sanctity. Earlier, before Shivaratri, the Sri Kalahasti hill path was also opened to devotees, and a road for Kotappakonda giri pradakshina was sanctioned.

Reflecting on past incidents, Pawan Kalyan noted that the previous administration's negligence had caused distress to devotees, citing the desecration of the Ram statue at Ramateertham. "The pain of that day is still vivid. Today, making the hill path accessible and beautiful allows devotees to serve the deity with devotion. The coalition government will continue protecting India's cultural and spiritual heritage," he assured.

With the new hill path now open, thousands of devotees are expected to perform pradakshina comfortably during upcoming festivals like Vaikunta Ekadashi and Shivaratri, enhancing both safety and spiritual experience at Ramateertham.

Amaravati Takes a Leap Forward with Advanced Diagrid Construction at Government Complex

Amaravathi 25.03.2026 TPN Bureau

Amaravati's vision of becoming a world-class capital city has reached another important milestone with the commencement of corner node installation for the Secretariat and Heads of Departments (HOD) Towers at the Amaravati Government Complex (AGC). The works, undertaken by Larsen & Toubro (L&T), officially began on March 25, 2026, with traditional puja rituals, symbolizing both cultural reverence and technological progress.

The event was attended by the Hon'ble Minister for Municipal Administration and Urban Development, Dr. Ponguru Narayana, along with Amaravati Growth & Infrastructure Corporation Ltd. (AGICL) Managing Director Sri S.V.R. Srinivas, and senior officials from APCRDA and AGICL. Their presence highlighted the importance of the government places on accelerating infrastructure development in the capital region.

The installation of corner nodes marks a critical phase in the implementation of the diagrid structural system for Towers 3 and 4. A diagrid system, known for its triangular grid framework, enhances the structural strength and stability of high-rise buildings while optimizing the use of materials. This advanced engineering technique not only improves load distribution but also allows for more flexible and aesthetically appealing architectural designs.

The Secretariat and HOD Towers are central to Amaravati's administrative frame-

work and are being designed to meet global standards. The adoption of the diagrid system reflects a commitment to innovation, sustainability, and efficiency. By reducing the need for internal columns, the design ensures more usable space within the buildings, creating a modern and functional work environment for government operations. Officials stated that the commencement of corner node installation signifies steady progress in the structural development of these landmark towers. It is a crucial step that will pave the way for subsequent construction activities, ensuring that the project moves forward in a planned and timely manner.

APCRDA, along with AGICL, continues to focus on delivering high-quality infrastructure projects that align with the

broader vision of transforming Amaravati into a future-ready capital city. Emphasis is being placed on adopting cutting-edge technologies, maintaining construction quality, and adhering to project timelines. The progress at the Amaravati Government Complex stands as a testament to the state's determination to build a capital that is not only administratively efficient but also architecturally iconic. As construction advances, projects like these are expected to play a pivotal role in boosting investor confidence, generating employment, and positioning Amaravati as a hub of modern urban development in India. With each milestone achieved, Amaravati moves closer to realizing its ambition of becoming a symbol of innovation, governance, and sustainable urban growth.



Andhra Pradesh Signs Landmark MoU to Boost Culinary Tourism

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In a major step towards promoting cultural tourism and showcasing regional cuisine, the Andhra Pradesh Tourism Department has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Culinary Institute. The agreement was formalized in the presence of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on March 25 in Amaravati.

The MoU aims to transform Andhra Pradesh into a prominent culinary tourism hub by promoting the rich and diverse flavors of Telugu cuisine on national and international platforms. Representatives from the Indian Culinary Institute and Special Chief Secretary for Tourism Ajay Jain exchanged the agreement documents in the presence of the Chief Minister, marking a significant milestone in the state's tourism development strategy.

Under this partnership, the Indian Culinary Institute, based in Tirupati, will play a key role in introducing traditional Telugu dishes to a global audience. The initiative is expected to highlight the cultural heritage of Andhra Pradesh through its unique food traditions, thereby enhancing the state's appeal as a tourism destination.

The MoU focuses on multiple aspects of development within the culinary sector. It includes skill development programs aimed at training youth in culinary arts, thereby creating employment and livelihood op-

portunities. The collaboration will also support the organization of food festivals and tourism events by the Andhra Pradesh Tourism Authority, providing a platform to celebrate and promote regional cuisine.

Officials stated that this initiative would not only boost tourism but also empower local communities by creating job opportunities in hospitality and food-related industries. By integrating culinary experiences into tourism, the state aims to attract both domestic and international visitors seeking authentic food experiences.

Tourism Minister Kandula Durgesh, Tourism Corporation Chairman Nookasani Balaji, and representatives from the AP Hotel Association were present during the signing ceremony. They emphasized the importance of collaboration between government institutions and industry stakeholders to drive sustainable tourism growth.

The agreement is expected to pave the way for innovative initiatives that will position Andhra Pradesh as a leading destination for culinary tourism. With a strong focus on promoting Telugu cuisine and enhancing skill development, the state is set to make a mark on the global tourism map.

As Andhra Pradesh continues to expand its tourism footprint, such partnerships underline its commitment to leveraging cultural assets for economic growth, while preserving and celebrating its rich culinary heritage.



Vemireddy Couple Meets Amit Shah, Seeks Strengthening of Penna River Embankments

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In a significant development aimed at addressing long-pending flood-related issues in Andhra Pradesh, Nellore Member of Parliament Vemireddy Prabhakar Reddy and Kovur MLA Vemireddy Prasanthi Reddy met Union Home Minister Amit Shah in New Delhi. The meeting took place at the Ministry of Home Affairs office, where the couple submitted a detailed representation highlighting the urgent need for strengthening the embankments of the Penna River and protecting the historic Pinakini Satyagraha Ashram at Pallipadu.

During the interaction, Amit Shah warmly received the Vemireddy couple and listened attentively to their concerns. They explained the recurring flood threats in the region, particularly recalling the devastating floods of November 2021. The release of excess water from the Somashila reservoir had led to severe breaches in the Penna river embankments, inundating several mandals including Buchireddypalem, Kovur, Indukurupeta, and Vidavalur. The floods disrupted normal life, damaged infrastructure, and caused heavy agricultural and economic losses. The leaders also brought to the Minister's attention the erosion threat faced by the historic Pallipadu Gandhi Ashram, often referred to as the "Sabarmati of South India."

Due to riverbank erosion, nearly seven and a half acres of land around the ashram have already been affected, posing a serious risk to its existence. They stressed the need for immediate protective measures to preserve this important heritage site.

Highlighting the extent of damage caused by past floods, the Vemireddy couple described how villages like Mudivarthi, Utukuru, and surrounding areas were cut off due to waterlogging, disrupting transportation and access to essential supplies. Thousands of acres of paddy fields were submerged, aquaculture ponds were destroyed, and several families suffered losses of homes, livestock, and livelihoods. Power outages further isolated the affected regions, worsening the crisis.

To prevent such disasters in

the future, they submitted detailed proposals to the Union Minister. These include the construction of a protective wall worth 167 crore along the right side of the Penna River from Pallipadu Gandhi Ashram to Pallipadu village, modernization of the left embankment from Mudivarthi to Utukuru at a cost of 95 crore, and strengthening of vulnerable embankments in Indukurupeta mandal with an estimated budget of 69 crore.

Responding positively, Amit Shah assured that efforts would be made through the National Disaster Response framework to address the issue. He expressed willingness to explore support through central agencies for strengthening the embankments and safeguarding the historic ashram.

The response has brought hope to the people of the region, who have long been facing hardships due to weak embankments. Locals expressed gratitude to the Vemireddy couple for taking their concerns to the national level and seeking a permanent solution to protect lives, property, and heritage.



Singapore Delegation Engages in Strategic Talks with Minister Nadendla Manohar in Amaravati

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A high-level meeting was held at the Andhra Pradesh Secretariat in Amaravati during the visit of a Singapore delegation, marking a significant step towards strengthening international cooperation for the state's development. The meeting took place in the office of the Minister for Food, Civil Supplies, and Consumer Affairs, Nadendla Manohar, and focused on key areas of governance, infrastructure, and future investment opportunities. During the interaction, the Minister provided a comprehensive overview of the various developmental initiatives currently underway in Andhra Pradesh. He highlighted the government's commitment to improving the quality of life for citizens through welfare schemes, transparent governance, and robust infrastructure development. Emphasis was placed on how these initiatives are transforming the state into a progressive and investment-friendly destination. The discussions also explored future development strategies, particularly in areas such as urban planning, public service delivery, and technological innovation. The Singapore delegation shared insights from their global experience, offering valuable perspectives on sustainable urban development and efficient administrative systems. Both sides engaged in meaningful dialogue on how to build long-term partnerships that can bring global best practices to the state. The meeting was attended by senior officials, in-

cluding the Director of Civil Supplies, Nupur, and representatives from the Planning Department. The Joint Secretary of Planning and other key officials also participated, contributing their views on policy planning and implementation strategies. Their inputs added depth to the discussions, ensuring a holistic approach to development.

The visiting delegation from Singapore comprised distinguished members such as Dr. Francis Chong, Senior Director at the Ministry of Trade and Industry; Tay Lian Chew, Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Singapore Cooperation Enterprise; Dr. Ang Hak Seng, an expert team member; Dr. Prem Kumar from the National Community Leadership Institute; Lim Chee Kia, Deputy Director; and Nisha Sharda, Senior Manager at Singapore Cooperation Enterprise. Officials expressed confidence that this engagement would pave the way for enhanced collaboration between Andhra Pradesh and Singapore. The meeting is expected to open new avenues in technology adoption, urban infrastructure development, and governance reforms.

As Andhra Pradesh continues its journey toward becoming a modern and globally competitive state, such international partnerships are likely to play a crucial role. The discussions concluded with a shared commitment to continue dialogue and explore further opportunities for cooperation in the near future, reinforcing Amaravati's position as an emerging hub of global engagement and development.



Special Focus on BC Hostels Ahead of New Academic Year: Savitha

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In a move aimed at improving student welfare and strengthening educational infrastructure, Andhra Pradesh BC Welfare Minister S. Savitha has directed officials to expedite development works in BC hostels across the state. The instructions were issued during a review meeting held at the State Secretariat in Amaravati on Wednesday.

Highlighting the importance of timely preparation ahead of the upcoming academic year, the Minister emphasized that all essential infrastructure fa-

cilities must be completed within the next two months. She specifically instructed officials to ensure the construction of toilets in hostels is completed before students return. In addition, steps must be taken to install mosquito nets on doors and windows to safeguard students from health risks.

A major focus of the review meeting was on providing safe and clean drinking water. The Minister directed that RO plants be installed in all BC hostels within the stipulated timeline to ensure access to purified water for students. She stressed that maintaining hy-

giene and sanitation standards in hostels is critical for students' health and academic performance.

Minister Savitha reiterated that the government, under the leadership of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, is committed to providing quality education along with proper nutrition and healthcare facilities for students residing in BC hostels. She stated that the objective is not only to offer education but also to create a safe and supportive environment for students from backward communities.

The Minister also reviewed plans for the establishment of

10 new MJP (Mahatma Jyotiba Phule) schools and directed officials to ensure their readiness for the upcoming academic year. She further instructed the department to take proactive measures to increase student enrollment in BC hostels, ensuring that no child from the BC community is left out of the education system.

Emphasizing the government's commitment to inclusive growth, she said that education for BC students remains a top priority. The Minister also sought updates on the implementation of the Aadarna 3.0 scheme, which is aimed at supporting traditional occupa-

tions and livelihoods of backward classes. Senior officials, including BC Welfare Department Secretary S. Satyanarayana, MJP Schools Secretary Madhavilatha, Additional Director Chandrasekhar Raju, and BC Corporation General Manager Bheema Shankar, attended the meeting and shared updates on ongoing initiatives. The review meeting reflects the state government's focused approach towards strengthening educational infrastructure and ensuring better living conditions for students in BC hostels, thereby contributing to their overall development and future prospects.

Sharmila Reddy Fires Back at YCP, Raises Issues of Banana Farmers in Kadapa

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Tension escalated in YSR Kadapa district as Andhra Pradesh Congress Committee (APCC) Chief Y. S. Sharmila Reddy made strong remarks targeting the functioning of the government and responding to criticism from YSR Congress Party (YCP) leaders.

Addressing the media, Sharmila made it clear that she has no intention of targeting YCP unnecessarily, but warned that she would respond strongly if provoked. "I don't need to go after YCP, but if they come after me, I can also play an offensive game," she stated, signaling a more aggressive political stance.

Clarifying her previous controversial remarks, Sharmila said her comments were misinterpreted. She denied directly calling YCP leaders "dogs," explaining that she only referred to a general behavior. "Even after Vijayamma requested not to speak, if they continue, I only said barking is the nature of dogs. I never directly called them dogs," she clarified, ac-



cluding YCP leaders of twisting her statements for political mileage.

Sharmila emphasized that her primary focus is not on Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy or YCP, but on raising issues affecting the public, especially farmers. She alleged that a "deliberate campaign" is being run against her, forcing her to repeatedly

defend her statements.

A major part of her criticism revolved around the banana processing unit and cold storage facilities in Pulivendula. She alleged that the projects were rushed and showcased as election stunts ahead of the 2024 polls without proper infrastructure. According to her, the facilities lacked basic ameni-

ties such as borewells, RO plants, generators, and cooling systems even after inauguration.

Sharmila questioned the effectiveness of these projects, asking whether even a single ton of bananas had been stored or processed since their launch. She demanded transparency from the government,

urging them to release data on storage capacity, production, and electricity usage if the units were truly operational.

Highlighting the plight of banana farmers in the region, she pointed out the drastic fall in prices—from 26,000 per ton in February to nearly 4,000 currently. She noted that every year during March, prices collapse, causing severe distress to farmers. The lack of cold storage and processing facilities in the district has forced many farmers to abandon their produce in fields.

She further stressed that Rayalaseema produces some of the highest quality bananas, with export potential to Gulf countries. However, due to lack of market support and awareness, farmers are unable to get fair prices. Sharmila urged the government to intervene by ensuring procurement, supplying bananas to mid-day meal schemes, and strengthening the price stabilization fund. She concluded by stating that her fight is for farmers' welfare and questioned why political opponents were targeting her instead of supporting the cause.



"Jagan's Life Like a Jungle Book" – Minister BC Janardhan Reddy's Sharp Attack

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Andhra Pradesh politics witnessed another heated moment as Roads and Buildings Minister B. C. Janardhan Reddy made a strong remark against former Chief Minister Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, comparing his life to a "Jungle Book."

The minister's statement has sparked widespread political debate, with many interpreting it as a criticism of Jagan's political journey and leadership style. Though brief, the comment carried sharp undertones, suggesting disorder and unpredictability in the functioning of the previous government.

Janardhan Reddy's remark comes amid ongoing political exchanges between the ruling coalition and the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP). Leaders from both sides have been actively engaging in verbal attacks, reflecting the intensifying political atmosphere in the state.

The "Jungle Book" comparison quickly gained traction on social media, drawing mixed reactions. Supporters of the ruling alliance backed the minister's

statement, calling it a reflection of governance issues under the previous regime. On the other hand, YSRCP leaders and supporters strongly objected to the comment, terming it disrespectful and politically motivated.

Political observers note that such sharp rhetoric is becoming increasingly common in Andhra Pradesh politics, especially as parties attempt to strengthen their positions and influence public opinion. Statements like these often trigger counterattacks, further escalating tensions between rival groups. While Janardhan Reddy did not elaborate in detail on his remark, it has already added to the ongoing narrative battle between the current government and opposition party leaders. The YSR Congress Party is expected to respond strongly, potentially leading to another round of political confrontation.

The latest development once again underlines the high-voltage nature of political discourse in Andhra Pradesh, where leaders are using strong language and symbolic comparisons to make their points and rally support.

Don't Be Afraid of Chandrababu... Those Days Are Gone": Jagan's Strong Message

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Former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy delivered a strong political message, stating that people no longer need to fear Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and that "those days are gone."

Speaking to party cadre and supporters, Jagan asserted that the political environment in the state has changed and that people are no longer under pressure or intimidation. He emphasized that citizens today are more aware and confident,

encouraging them to stand firm and voice their opinions without fear.

Jagan's remarks are seen as a direct response to the ruling leadership, as he continues to position himself as a leader fighting for public issues and welfare. He urged his supporters to remain courageous and united, highlighting that politics should be driven by people's concerns rather than fear.

The statement has gained significant attention in political circles, coming at a time when the rivalry between the ruling alliance and the opposition remains intense. Observ-

ers believe that such remarks are aimed at boosting the morale of party workers and strengthening grassroots support. Supporters of Jagan welcomed his comments, viewing them as a call for confidence and resilience. Meanwhile, leaders from the ruling side are expected to respond, which could further escalate the ongoing political exchanges in the state. The latest statement once again reflects the continuing political rivalry between Jagan and Chandrababu Naidu, keeping Andhra Pradesh politics charged and closely watched.



Congress Declined Due to Discrimination Under Jagan: Jeevan Reddy

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Senior Congress leader Jeevan Reddy alleged that the party's decline in Andhra Pradesh was largely due to discrimination during the tenure of former Chief Minister Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy.

Speaking on the current political situation, Jeevan Reddy claimed that unequal treatment and lack of space for Congress leaders weakened the party structure in the state. He stated that several leaders and cadres felt sidelined, which eventually led to the party losing its strength and influence among the public.

He further pointed out that political developments during Jagan's leadership contributed to the erosion of Congress support, as many leaders either distanced themselves or shifted allegiance to other parties. According to him, internal dissatisfaction and leadership

gaps played a major role in the party's downfall.

Jeevan Reddy emphasized that rebuilding the Congress in Andhra Pradesh requires strong leadership, unity among party members, and reconnecting with grassroots workers. He expressed confidence that the party can regain its lost ground with the right strategy and renewed focus on public issues.

The remarks come at a time when political debates in Andhra Pradesh are intensifying, with leaders from various parties openly criticizing each other. Analysts believe such statements reflect the ongoing attempts by Congress leaders to re-establish the party's relevance in the state's political landscape.

Jeevan Reddy's comments have sparked discussion in political circles, especially regarding the reasons behind Congress's decline and the future course of the party in Andhra Pradesh.

APCRDA Signs Lease Agreement for BJP State Office in Amaravati

Amaravathi 25.03.2026 TPN Bureau:

In a significant step towards strengthening the administrative and institutional framework of the capital city, the Andhra Pradesh Capital Region Development Authority has executed a lease agreement with the Bharatiya Janata Party for the establishment of its State Office in Amaravati.

According to an official press release issued on March 25, 2026, the agreement was formally signed on March 24, marking a key development in Amaravati's journey as a growing administrative hub. The proposed facility will function as the BJP's State Office, supporting its organisational and administrative activities within the capital region.

For this project, APCRDA has allotted land measuring

1.43 acres in Venkatapalem village, located within the Amaravati Capital City area. The land has been granted on a leasehold basis for a period of 33 years, in line with the applicable government orders and approved planning guidelines. This move reflects the authority's ongoing efforts to allocate space for institutional establishments that contribute to the governance ecosystem.

As per the terms of the agreement, the Bharatiya Janata Party is required to commence construction within three months from the date of allotment. The project must be completed within a period of four years, adhering strictly to the approved building plans and regulatory norms. Officials emphasized that timely execution of such projects is crucial for maintaining the pace of development in the

capital region.

The agreement was signed on behalf of APCRDA by Joint Director (Estates) Jubin Cheeran Roy, while the BJP was represented by its Andhra Pradesh State President Pokala Vamsi Nagendra Madhav. The signing ceremony marks an important milestone in facilitating political and administrative institutions to establish a presence in Amaravati.

Officials from APCRDA stated that the establishment of such offices will play a vital role in shaping Amaravati into a vibrant and fully functional capital city. By providing space for political parties and other institutions, the authority aims to create a balanced and inclusive governance environment.

They further noted that Amaravati is being developed with a vision to accommodate key



administrative, political, and civic institutions, making it a center for governance and public engagement. The inclusion of major political party offices is expected to enhance the city's profile and contribute to its long-term growth. The development also highlights the collaborative approach between government bodies and institutional stakeholders in building a modern capital city.

With infrastructure projects progressing steadily, such initiatives are expected to reinforce Amaravati's identity as the "People's Capital." As Amaravati continues to evolve, the establishment of institutional offices like the BJP State Office is likely to accelerate its transformation into a dynamic hub for governance, administration, and political activity in Andhra Pradesh.



PM Narendra Modi Unveils 'World History' Book by Dr. Daggubati Venkateswara Rao

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In a proud and memorable moment for Telugu intellectual circles, Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled the book 'World History' authored by Dr. Daggubati Venkateswara Rao at a special meeting held in New Delhi. The occasion was marked by appreciation, intellectual exchange, and recognition of scholarly excellence.

Also present at the event was Member of Parliament Daggubati Purandeswari, who accompanied the author during the presentation of the book to the Prime Minister. The moment, captured in photographs, reflects a significant milestone where regional scholarship received national recognition. The book 'World History' is a result of years of deep research and intellectual effort by Dr. Venkateswara Rao. Covering a vast timeline—from ancient civilizations to modern global developments—the book provides a comprehensive understanding of world events, societal transformations, and evolving international relations. It is not just a chronological narration but an analytical work that explains how social, economic, and political conditions shaped the course of global history.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, after going through the contents of the book, praised the author for his remarkable contribution. He highlighted that understanding history is essential to understanding one's roots and identity. Appreciating the depth of research, the Prime Minister described the book as a valuable knowledge resource for

readers and future generations. "Documenting world history with such clarity and depth is not an easy task. This work reflects dedication and intellectual strength. It is not just a book, but a treasure of historical knowledge," the Prime Minister remarked, acknowledging the effort behind the publication. Dr. Daggubati Venkateswara Rao expressed his happiness and gratitude for the recognition received from the Prime Minister. He described the interaction as highly meaningful and enriching. During the meeting, he also briefly discussed global geopolitical developments, including international conflicts and their possible impact on India, showcasing his deep understanding of world affairs.

The author further shared his experiences on international platforms, including his association with former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and the opportunity to represent India at the United Nations General Assembly. The Prime Minister appreciated this rare achievement, noting that it is uncommon for both husband and wife to receive such an honor at the global.

The book is expected to serve as a valuable guide for students preparing for competitive exams, history enthusiasts, and general readers alike. With its encyclopedic approach, 'World History' stands out as a significant contribution to historical literature. This event once again highlighted the intellectual strength of Telugu scholars on a national stage, leaving a lasting impression in the corridors of power in New Delhi.

Awareness Seminar on Udyam, PMEGP Schemes Held in Jaggayyapeta

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TPN Bureau:

An extensive awareness seminar on Udyam Registration and the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) was successfully conducted on Wednesday at the MEPMA office in Jaggayyapeta. The programme was organized by the District Industries Centre as part of the Central Government's Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) initiative, aimed at strengthening micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs).

The seminar witnessed active participation from 105 attendees, including women entrepreneurs, members of self-help groups (SHGs), and small-scale business owners. The primary objective of the session was to educate aspiring and existing entrepreneurs about various government schemes, financial assistance, and the process of formalizing their enterprises through Udyam registration. During the programme, officials provided a detailed demonstration of the Udyam portal registration process, enabling participants to gain practical knowledge on how to register their businesses online. This registration is crucial as it opens doors to numerous benefits such as easier access to credit, subsidies, and government support schemes. Industrial Promotion Officer N.V. Satyanarayana ad-

ressed the gathering and elaborated on the benefits of the PMEGP scheme. He explained that individuals looking to establish new businesses can avail financial assistance under this flagship programme. According to him, loans of up to 50 lakh are available for manufacturing enterprises, while service sector ventures can receive up to 20 lakh. He further highlighted that women entrepreneurs and individuals belonging to special categories are eligible for subsidies of up to 35 percent in rural areas, significantly reducing their financial burden. MEPMA Project Director Muralikrishna Prasad emphasized the importance of Udyam registration in ena-

bling entrepreneurs to access collateral-free loans from banks. He urged women to take full advantage of such government initiatives to achieve financial independence and contribute to economic growth. He also noted that self-employment not only improves personal livelihoods but also creates additional job opportunities in society. Speakers at the event stressed that empowering women through entrepreneurship is key to achieving inclusive development. They encouraged participants to come forward with innovative ideas and utilize available institutional support to establish sustainable business ventures.



The seminar also served as a platform to inspire confidence among rural women, helping them overcome hesitation and step into the world of entrepreneurship. By pro-

viding the right mix of awareness, training, and financial support, such initiatives aim to transform local economies and uplift communities. The event was attended by

TLF President Shaik Najimoon, MEPMA officials Sudharani and A. Suguna, and coordinators A. Venkat and J. Prasad, along with several other participants.

Students Urged to Aim High with Patience at KBN College 61st Annual Day Celebrations

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KBN College, one of the most reputed educational institutions in the city, celebrated its 61st Annual Day with great enthusiasm and grandeur on Wednesday evening. The event witnessed the presence of distinguished guests, management members, faculty, and students, creating a vibrant and celebratory atmosphere.

The program was formally inaugurated with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by Sai Silks Kalamandir Limited Managing Director, Ch. Naga Kanaka Durga Prasad. Addressing the gathering, he praised the college for its remarkable contribution to the field of education. He empha-



sized that today's generation is equipped with advanced technological knowledge, but it is equally important to balance personal life and professional growth. Encouraging students, he said that with patience and

perseverance, nothing is impossible and they should strive to achieve great heights. President and Secretary of SKPVV Hindu High Schools Committee, Thommandru Sesayya and Gopiseti Mal-

layya, highlighted the institution's six-decade-long journey of excellence. They noted that KBN College, which began in 1964 with limited resources, has now grown into a prestigious institution that has shaped the lives of lakhs of students over the years.

College President Usirika Umamaheswara Rao and Secretary Dr. Thoonikuntla Srinivasu stated that the institution has been committed to providing quality education, especially to students from economically weaker sections. With the motto "Development through Education," the college has produced numerous professionals, including doctors, engineers, teachers, administrators, and social workers, contributing significantly to

society. Administrative Officer of SKPVV Hindu High Schools Committee, Dr. V. Narayana Rao, described KBN College as a unique institution achieving over 90 percent placements across the state. College Principal Dr. G. Krishnaveni presented the annual report, outlining the institution's achievements over the past year. On this occasion, prizes were distributed to students who excelled in various activities such as NCC, NSS, sports, Red Ribbon Club, debating, and quizzes. The cultural programs performed by students added color to the celebrations and were well appreciated by the audience. The event concluded on a high note, inspiring students to pursue their dreams with determination and resilience.

'RISE' Centres to Empower Women Entrepreneurs: NTR District Collector Lakshmi Sha



Amaravathi 24.03.2026 TPN Bureau:

Emphasizing the need to transform women from homemakers into successful entrepreneurs, NTR District Collector Lakshmi Sha highlighted the government's commitment to promoting women-led businesses. She was speaking as the chief guest at the "Womenhood" program organized by the FICCI FLO Vijayawada Chapter at a city hotel.

The Collector stated that special measures are being taken by the district administration to encourage women, particularly those from rural self-help groups, to step into entrepreneurship. Under the concept of "One Family - One Entrepreneur," priority is being given to women to ensure financial independence and sustainable livelihoods. Referring to NITI Aayog statistics, she noted that while the number of women entrepreneurs in India needs improvement, Andhra Pradesh is showing encouraging progress in this direction.

To further support this initiative, Lakshmi Sha announced the establishment of 'RISE' (Rural Incubation for Start-up and Entrepreneurship) Centres aimed at nurturing the creative potential of rural women. She explained that these centres would provide comprehensive support to aspiring entrepreneurs, even those without prior experience. Women with innovative ideas can approach these centres and receive training, mar-

keting guidance, and technical assistance to turn their concepts into successful ventures.

The Collector also revealed that funds worth Rs. 1.5 crore have been sanctioned by NITI Aayog for this project, and plans are underway to expand these centres across the district. She expressed confidence that with the support of organizations like FICCI FLO, Vijayawada can emerge as a hub for women entrepreneurs in the near future. Former Treasurer of Inner Wheel International, Sarita Lunani, speaking on the occasion, praised the multifaceted capabilities of women. She stated that women have played a vital role in the evolution of society from ancient to modern times. Highlighting examples from Indian tradition, she pointed out that divine pairs such as Shiva-Parvati, Rama-Sita, and Vishnu-Lakshmi symbolize the importance of feminine strength. While men contribute significantly to earning and family support, she remarked that the diverse roles performed by women are unparalleled.

FICCI FLO Vijayawada Chapter Chairperson Amrita Kumar also addressed the gathering, reiterating the organization's commitment to women's development and social progress. The event concluded with the felicitation of women achievers from various fields by Collector Lakshmi Sha. Several dignitaries, including Supriya Malineni, Deepthi Chalasani, Tulaja, and Durga Soujanya, attended the program.



KCC Bank Chairman Nettem Raghuram Attends Krishna Farmers Cooperative Society Meeting in Jaggayyapeta

Amaravathi 24.03.2026 TPN Bureau:

Krishna District Cooperative Central Bank (KDC-CB) Chairman Nettem Raghuram attended the general body meeting of the Krishna Farmers Cooperative Society held at its premises in Jaggayyapeta on Wednesday. On this occasion, he formally inaugurated the newly modernized society building and appreciated the efforts taken to upgrade facilities for farmers.

After inspecting the renovated infrastructure, Raghuram lauded the society's initiative to enhance services through modernization. He particularly commended Society Chairman Yanala Gopichand for effectively implementing the development works and strengthening the institution's functioning.

During the meeting, dividends amounting to 49,27,420 were distributed to 2,926 members for the financial years 2021-22, 2022-23, and 2023-24. The society's audit report was also approved, reflecting steady financial growth. Chairman Gopichand stated that the society has been progressing on a strong financial path, ensuring better returns and services to its members.

Addressing the gathering, Raghuram revealed that the society recorded profits of 1.36 crore during the 2025-26 financial year. He further noted that deposits exceeding 9 crore have been mobilized, while loan operations have expanded to over 45 crore. He appreciated the management and staff for their efficient administration and commitment to farmers' welfare. Highlighting farmer-centric

initiatives, he said that timely loan repayments are being incentivized with interest subsidies. Additionally, insurance coverage of up to 1 lakh is being provided to families of farmers in case of natural death, and up to 2 lakh in cases of accidental death through KDC-CB. He also announced a significant increase in the interest waiver limit—from 1 lakh to 3 lakh—wherein the bank and the society will share the burden in a 60:40 ratio for farmers who repay the principal amount.

Raghuram reiterated that the state government remains committed to farmers' welfare through various schemes, including "Annadata Sukhaha." He encouraged farmers to adopt modern agricultural techniques, focus on demand-based crops, optimize water usage, and explore food processing units to enhance their income.

He also mentioned that during the 2025 reorganization, the Gandrai society was merged with Muktyala Cooperative Society. However, based on members' requests, a resolution seeking its separation has been passed in the general body meeting and forwarded to the government.

Several dignitaries, including AMC Chairperson Mallela Seethamma, PACS Presidents Mullangi Ramakrishna Reddy, Katta Venkata Narasimha Rao, and others, along with farmer representatives and members from 13 villages, attended the event.

Society leaders affirmed their commitment to further modernize the cooperative and deliver quality services to farmers under the leadership of Nettem Raghuram through KDC-CB.

Breaking the Silence: How Epilepsy Surgery is Transforming Lives on Purple Day

Amaravathi 24.03.2026 TPN Bureau:

On the occasion of Purple Day, Aster Ramesh Hospitals highlighted the life-changing potential of epilepsy surgery, urging greater awareness about advanced treatment options for individuals suffering from uncontrolled seizures.

Epilepsy is one of the most prevalent neurological conditions worldwide, marked by recurrent seizures caused by abnormal electrical activity in the brain. While nearly 70% of patients achieve effective seizure control with medication, about 30% continue to struggle despite proper treatment. This condition, known as drug-resistant epilepsy, can severely impact a patient's quality of life.

Addressing this issue, Dr. Harini Pavuluri emphasized the importance of early evaluation and awareness. She noted that many patients and their families remain unaware that epilepsy surgery is a safe and highly effective option. According to her, patients who do not respond to medications should



be referred to specialized epilepsy centers for detailed assessment.

Uncontrolled seizures can disrupt every aspect of life—from education and employment to personal safety and mental health. In children, the consequences can be even more severe, affecting brain development and cognitive abilities. Timely intervention is therefore crucial.

Epilepsy surgery involves identifying and treating the specific area of the brain responsible for seizures, known as the seizure focus. With the help of advanced diagnostic tools such as video EEG, MRI scans, functional imaging, and neuropsychological testing,

doctors can accurately determine whether a patient is suitable for surgery. These technologies ensure both precision and safety during the procedure. Experts highlight that epilepsy surgery has shown remarkable success rates, particularly in cases like temporal lobe epilepsy. Studies suggest that up to 70% of patients can become completely seizure-free after surgery, while many others experience a significant reduction in seizure frequency. Moreover, modern surgical techniques have greatly minimized risks, making the procedure safer than ever before.

Despite these benefits, epilepsy surgery remains underutilized, with only a small percentage of eligible patients undergoing the procedure. Lack of awareness and delayed referrals are the primary reasons behind this gap.

On this Purple Day, Aster Ramesh Hospitals calls for increased awareness, early diagnosis, and timely treatment. By overcoming stigma and embracing medical advancements, patients with epilepsy can lead safer, more independent, and fulfilling lives.

Sharwanand Visits Kanaka Durga Temple in Vijayawada Ahead of "Biker" Release

Amaravathi 24.03.2026 TPN Bureau:

Actor Sharwanand visited the famous Kanaka Durga Temple on Wednesday as part of the promotional activities for his upcoming film Biker. The visit comes ahead of the movie's theatrical release scheduled for April 3.

Sharwanand, accompanied by the film's lead actress Malavika Nair and members of the movie unit, offered special prayers to Goddess Kanaka Durga seeking blessings for the grand success of the film. The team performed rituals at the temple in the early hours, drawing the attention of fans and devotees present at the temple premises.

The visit created a buzz among movie enthusiasts and devotees, as several fans gathered to catch a glimpse of the



team. Speaking on the occasion, Sharwanand said that visiting the temple before the release of his films has been a personal tradition. He expressed confidence in "Biker," stating that the film has shaped up well and that the entire team has put in tremendous effort. He also mentioned that he hopes the audience will connect with the story and appreciate the performances.

Actress Malavika Nair also shared her excitement about the project and said she felt blessed to visit the temple ahead of the film's release. She expressed hope that the audience would receive the film positively and support the team's hard work. "Biker" is said to be a youthful entertainer with a mix of action, emotions, and engaging storytelling. The film has already generated considerable interest among audiences with its

teaser and promotional content. The makers are actively promoting the movie across various cities to reach a wider audience before its release.

The sentiment associated with the Kanaka Durga Temple is well known, as many film personalities visit the shrine seeking divine blessings before the release of their projects. Sharwanand's visit continues this tradition, reflecting the strong cultural and spiritual connection within the film industry. With positive expectations surrounding "Biker," fans are eagerly waiting to see how the film performs at the box office. As the release date approaches, the promotional activities are expected to intensify, further building anticipation among cinema lovers. The team concluded their temple visit on a hopeful note, praying for success and audience appreciation for their upcoming venture.

NCORD Meeting Held in Nellore to Strengthen Anti-Drug Measures

Nellore 25 .03.2026 TPN Bureau:

A district-level meeting of the National Coordination Committee on Drug Law Enforcement (NCORD) was conducted at the Collectorate Hall in Nellore under the supervision of Himanshu Shukla, District Collector, and chaired by Superintendent of Police Dr. Ajitha Vejendla. The meeting was organized by the district police department to review and strengthen measures aimed at controlling drug abuse and trafficking.

Addressing the officials, Collector Himanshu Shukla emphasized the need for a comprehensive action plan to curb

drug menace in the district. He stressed that coordinated efforts among all departments are essential for effective implementation of anti-drug strategies. He called upon officials to work collectively to ensure strict monitoring and enforcement.

SP Dr. Ajitha Vejendla highlighted three key focus areas in tackling drug-related issues—Supply Reduction, Demand Reduction, and Awareness & Rehabilitation. She underlined the importance of identifying the entire drug supply chain and taking stringent action to dismantle it completely. She also stressed that enforcement alone is not sufficient, and awareness and rehabilitation must go hand in hand.

Additional SP Ch. Soujanya and EAGLE Additional SP Swaroopa Rani presented detailed reports on the current situation and ongoing initiatives. They explained that awareness programs are being conducted in schools, colleges, and hostels to educate youth about the dangers of drug abuse. Formation of village-level committees is also helping in spreading awareness and strengthening grassroots vigilance.

Several key decisions were taken during the meeting to intensify anti-drug operations. These include strengthening inter-departmental coordination, enforcing strict checks on the entry and distribution of narcotic substances, and conducting cordon and search op-

erations in suspected areas. Authorities also decided to tighten vehicle inspections at entry and exit points across the district.

Special emphasis was placed on surveillance through drones in forest areas and strict inspection of containers in port regions. Mandatory checking along roadways, railways, and sea routes was also discussed. Officials highlighted the need for increased vigilance on interstate smuggling routes, particularly those connected to Visakhapatnam.

The meeting also resolved to take strict action against offenders under the NDPS Act and to completely dismantle drug networks operating in the region. Expanding awareness campaigns in educational



institutions and promoting anti-drug messaging through local media were identified as crucial steps. Regular inspections and monitoring will be carried out to curb drug distribution effectively. The meeting was attended

by Joint Collector Mogili Venkateswarlu, SDPO Rural Ghat-tamaneni Srinivasa Rao, DM&HO Dr. Sujatha, along with officials from various departments including Social Welfare, Education, Forest, Agriculture, Commercial Tax-

es, Indian Coast Guard, Intelligence, Drug Control, and port authorities.

Officials reaffirmed their commitment to making Nellore a drug-free district through coordinated and sustained efforts.

TTD JEO Reviews Arrangements for Chief Minister's Visit to Ontimitta Brahmotsavam

Tirupati, March 25, 2026 TPN Bureau

Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) Joint Executive Officer V. Veerabrahmam reviewed the arrangements for the upcoming visit of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu to Ontimitta. The Chief Minister is scheduled to attend the Sri Sita Rama Kalyanam on April 1, as part of the annual Brahmotsavam celebrations at the Sri Kodandarama Swamy Temple.

The review was conducted along with District SP Nachiket Vishwanath and CVSO Murali Krishna. Officials inspected key locations, including the temple premises and the Kalyana Vedika, to ensure smooth arrangements for the high-profile visit.

During the inspection, officials reviewed the Chief Minister's convoy trial run, accommodation arrangements at the



TTD guest house, temple darsh plans, and Vedic blessing. They also examined the barricading, gallery setup for devotees, and annaprasadam counters arranged for the large number of pilgrims expected during the program. Speaking at the review meet-

ing, JEO Veerabrahmam stated that around 50,000 to 60,000 devotees are expected to attend the celebrations on the occasion of Sri Rama Navami. He directed officials to ensure the distribution of quality annaprasadam to all devotees. Additionally, he instructed that tra-

ditional offerings such as panakam and vadappu must be provided without fail.

To tackle the summer heat, officials were advised to arrange continuous water sprinkling in the temple premises and ensure adequate drinking water facilities. The JEO also directed that water bottles be distributed to devotees visiting the Kalyana Vedika to avoid inconvenience.

District SP Nachiket Vishwanath stated that nearly 3,000 police personnel will be deployed to ensure tight security arrangements. He assured that proper traffic and parking management systems are being put in place to avoid congestion and ensure a smooth flow of devotees.

The review meeting was attended by TTD CE T.V. Satyanarayana, SE Manoharam, SE (Electrical) Venkateswarlu, Deputy EOs A. Prashanti and A. Shiva Prasad, along with other leader

Strict Punishment in Minor Assault Case: POCSO Court Delivers Justice in Tirupati District

Tirumala 25.03.2026 TPN Bureau:

Tirupati District Police reported a significant development on March 25, 2026, as the POCSO Court delivered its verdict in a case involving inappropriate behavior towards a minor girl. The incident, which dates back to 2021, occurred in Thada Mandal's Thada Kandriga village under the jurisdiction of Thada Police Station.

According to official sources, two accused individuals were found guilty in connection with the case. The court, while emphasizing the seriousness of crimes against children, imposed strict punishment on the main accused, Anand Hemendra Kalyan (A1), aged 25, was sentenced to three years of imprisonment along with a fine of 8,200. The second accused, M. Lokesh (A2), also aged 25, was fined 3,200.

The case was investigated thoroughly, with strong evi-



dence presented before the court. The investigation was initially carried out by then Sub-Inspector JP Srinivasa Reddy, who filed the charge sheet based on concrete proof. Later, under the supervision of Nayudupeta DSP G. Chenchu Babu and CI M. Murali Krishna, the case was closely monitored to ensure a fair and speedy trial. SI K. Kondapa Naidu played a key role in following the Good Trial Monitoring system and presenting the case effectively in court.

Tirupati District Superintendent of Police, L. Subbarayudu, IPS, stated that the police department is committed to ensuring the safety and protection of children. He emphasized that strict action will continue against those involved in crimes against minors and urged the public to cooperate with law enforcement agencies. This verdict highlights the judiciary's firm stance on protecting children and sends a strong message against offenses under the POCSO Act.

Fire Breaks Out at Steel Plant in Orvakal

A major fire accident occurred at a steel plant in Orvakal, located in Kurnool district of Andhra Pradesh, creating panic among workers and nearby residents. The incident took place on the factory premises during working hours, leading to thick plumes of smoke billowing into the sky and raising concerns over safety and damage.

According to initial reports, the fire is suspected to have originated in one of the key production units of the plant. Within minutes, the flames spread rapidly due to the presence of high-

ly flammable materials used in the steel manufacturing process. Workers on site immediately alerted authorities and attempted to control the situation using available fire safety equipment.

Fire department personnel rushed to the spot soon after receiving information and began intensive firefighting operations. Multiple fire engines were deployed to contain the blaze and prevent it from spreading to other sections of the plant. Officials stated that the situation was brought under control after several hours of continuous efforts.

Fortunately, no major casualties have been reported so far. However, a few workers are said to have suffered minor injuries due to smoke inhalation and were provided medical assistance. As a precautionary measure, authorities evacuated workers from nearby units to ensure their safety.

Preliminary assessments suggest that the fire caused significant damage to machinery and infrastructure within the affected unit. The exact extent of financial loss is yet to be determined. Experts are currently inspecting the site to identify the

cause of the accident and evaluate safety lapses, if any.

Officials suspect that an electrical short circuit or overheating of equipment might have triggered the fire, though a detailed investigation is underway. The management of the steel plant has assured full cooperation with authorities and stated that all necessary measures will be taken to prevent such incidents in the future.

Local authorities have urged industries in the region to strictly adhere to fire safety norms and conduct regular inspections to avoid similar accidents.



Polavaram Project Gains Momentum; Centre Issues Strict Deadline Directions

East Godavari 25 03.2026 TPN Bureau

The Polavaram Project, a lifeline initiative for the people of Andhra Pradesh, has received a renewed push from the Central Government to accelerate its progress. Union Minister of Jal Shakti Secretary V.L. Kantha Rao visited the project site on Wednesday and conducted a detailed review of the ongoing works. He issued firm instructions to officials to increase the pace of construction without compromising on quality.

Spending nearly five hours at the site, Kantha Rao inspected key structural components, including the buttress dam, diaphragm wall gaps, and critical zones such as D-Hill and G-Hill. He emphasized that adherence to timelines is crucial and warned that even minor delays could impact the overall completion schedule of the project.

A comprehensive review meeting was held with project officials, including CEOs Yogesh Paithankar and Sanjeev Vohra, along with PPA Chief Engineer K. Ramesh. Discussions focused on the progress achieved so far, challenges faced, and the roadmap ahead. Officials were directed to set



daily targets and ensure their strict implementation to maintain momentum.

Kantha Rao stressed the importance of meeting the June 2027 deadline announced by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu. He sought clarity on the action plan designed to meet this target and advised necessary adjustments wherever required.

Assuring full support from the Centre, he stated that approvals related to design and other technical aspects would be expedited. He also noted that the relocation of the PPA office to Rajamahendravaram has improved coordination, enabling quicker decision-making. The Secretary also reviewed the Polavaram Hydroelectric

Project, where officials informed that power generation units are progressing in parallel and are expected to be ready by January 2028.

Overall, the visit underscored the Centre's commitment to ensuring that the Polavaram Project is completed within the stipulated timeline, with equal focus on speed and quality.

Collector Reviews Arrangements for Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu's Visit to Vinjamuru

Nellore, March 25 TPN Bureau:

District Collector Himanshu Shukla has directed officials to ensure fool-proof arrangements for the upcoming visit of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu to Vinjamuru in Nellore district.

On Wednesday, the Collector, along with Udayagiri MLA Kakarla Suresh, inspected various sites in Vinjamuru to review the preparations. The officials visited the Vinjamuru bypass road where a helipad is being set up for the Chief Minister's arrival. They also examined the ongoing modernization works of the Vinjamuru tank and the arrangements being made for the public meeting venue.

During the inspection, Collector Himanshu Shukla emphasized that all departments must carry out their assigned responsibilities efficiently and in a time-bound manner. He instructed officials to maintain close coordination to ensure that the Chief Minister's visit proceeds smoothly without any inconvenience. Special focus was laid on safety measures, infrastructure readiness, and crowd management.

The Collector also reviewed the progress of development works that are expected to be showcased during the Chief Minister's visit. He suggested improvements wherever necessary and asked officials to adhere strictly to quality standards while completing the arrangements.

Officials from various de-

partments briefed the Collector on the status of works under their respective jurisdictions. The Collector expressed satisfaction over the progress but urged them to remain vigilant and ensure that all pending works are completed in advance.

Revenue Divisional Officer Pavani, DRDA and DWAMA Project Directors Nagaraja Kumari and Ganga Bhavani, Electricity Department SE Raghavendran, and other officials from different departments accompanied the Collector during the inspection.

The district administration is making comprehensive arrangements to ensure a successful and well-coordinated visit of the Chief Minister to Vinjamuru.



Commissioner Inspects TIDCO Housing Units Ahead of Distribution in Chittoor

Chittoor, March 25 TPN Bureau :

Chittoor Municipal Corporation Commissioner Narasimha Prasad on Wednesday inspected the TIDCO housing units at Pune Pali, which are scheduled to be distributed to beneficiaries on March 30. The visit was aimed at reviewing the progress of construction and ensuring that all arrangements are in place ahead of the

handover. During the inspection, the Commissioner closely examined the quality of construction and directed officials to complete all pending works within the stipulated time frame without compromising standards. He emphasized that the houses must meet quality benchmarks, as they are meant to provide safe and comfortable living conditions for beneficiaries.

Narasimha Prasad also stressed the importance of providing essential infrastructure facilities along with the housing units. He instructed officials to ensure the availability of drinking water, electricity, proper road connectivity, and other basic amenities before the distribution date. He noted that these facilities are crucial for the overall well-being of the residents and must be completed in all respects.

Further, the Commissioner reviewed the arrangements for the upcoming distribution and directed officials to make necessary preparations to ensure its smooth and successful conduct. He urged the to coordinate effectively and address any last-minute issues promptly. Officials present during the inspection included Municipal Health Officer Dr. P. Lokesh, Municipal Engineer Venkatarami

Reddy, TIDCO DE Venkata Muni, AE Dhananjaya Reddy, along with other staff members. They briefed the Commissioner on the current status of the works and assured that all tasks would be completed as per schedule. The inspection highlights the administration's focus on timely delivery of housing projects and commitment to improving urban living standards in Chittoor.



MLA Dr. V.M. Thomas Receives Public Petitions at PGRS Program in Gangadhara Nellore

Chittoor District, March 25:

Government Whip and Gangadhara Nellore MLA Dr. V.M. Thomas participated as the chief guest in the Public Grievance Redressal System (PGRS) program held on Wednesday at Midhinatham village of Narasimhapuram Panchayat in Palasamudram Mandal.

During the, the MLA directly interacted with local residents and received petitions regarding various civic and welfare-related issues. People from different sections of the village brought forward their concerns, ranging from basic infrastructure needs to welfare scheme implementation.

Dr. Thomas listened to each grievance and assured the that their problems would be addressed on priority. He directed the concerned to take immediate action on the issues raised and ensure timely resolution. Emphasizing responsive governance, he stated that



such platforms are crucial for bridging the gap between the administration and the public.

The MLA reiterated the commitment to resolving efficiently and ensuring that welfare benefits reach the deserving

sections without delay. He also encouraged citizens to actively participate in such programs and voice their concerns. Officials from various departments, along with local coalition leaders, attended the and briefed the MLA on the

status of ongoing development works in the region.

The event reflects the continued efforts to strengthen grassroots-level governance and provide accessible grievance redressal mechanisms for citizens.

Chakrasnanam Marks Grand Conclusion of Kodandarama Swamy Brahmotsavams at Kapilatheertham

Tirupati, March 25, 2026:

The annual Brahmotsavams of Sri Kodandarama Swamy in Tirupati concluded on a spiritually vibrant note with the grand Chakrasnanam ceremony at Kapilatheertham on Wednesday morning. A large number of devotees gathered to witness the sacred ritual and took holy dips in the temple tank, marking the auspicious finale of the celebrations.

The began early in the morning with the procession of Sri Sita Rama Lakshmana Swamy to Kapilatheertham in a traditional palanquin at around 7:30 AM. This was followed by the Snapana Tirumanjanam ritual, performed between 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM at the mandapam of Sri Venugopala Swamy temple, where the deities were ceremonially bathed.

During the rituals, the Utsava Murtis, along with



Chakrattalvar, were offered sacred ablutions with milk, curd, coconut water, turmeric, and sandalwood paste, amidst Vedic chants. The priests then conducted the Chakrasnanam as per temple traditions, invoking divine blessings for all devotees.

Later, at around 11:00 AM, the deities were taken in a procession from Alwar

Theertham to P.R. Thota. In the evening, the procession will return to the main temple, passing through important streets including Teerthakatta Street, Kotakommalu Street, and Kothaveedhi. Rituals will also be held at Sri Anjaneya Swamy Temple and Sri Vaikhana-sacharya Temple en route. The Brahmotsavams will

formally conclude with the Dwajavarohanam ceremony scheduled between 8:30 PM and 9:30 PM.

Prominent participants included Tirumala Pedda Jeeyar Swamy, Chinna Jeeyar Swamy, Deputy EO Nagarathna, Temple Inspector Suresh, priests, and a large gathering of devotees, making the event a grand spiritual success.



Tirupati Gears Up for Summer: Commissioner Orders Cooling Measures Across City

Tirupati, March 25:

In view of rising temperatures and the approaching summer season, Municipal Commissioner N. Mourya has directed officials to take comprehensive measures to ensure public safety and comfort. During a review meeting held on Wednesday with engineering and health department officials, the Commissioner emphasized the need for proactive arrangements to protect citizens from heat-related issues.

He instructed officials to set up chalivendras (water kiosks) across key locations in the city by Saturday. These kiosks will provide safe drinking water and buttermilk to help people stay hydrated. Mourya also directed that shades be installed at major traffic junctions and

signals to offer relief to pedestrians and motorists from extreme heat. Special focus was laid on sanitation workers, with instructions to ensure that muster points are equipped with drinking water and essential facilities. The Commissioner also encouraged collaboration with donors to set up additional cooling arrangements across the city. To mitigate the impact of heatwaves, Mourya called for the establishment of a Command Control Centre to monitor temperature levels and provide timely assistance to citizens. He also stressed increasing greenery in urban areas to reduce heat intensity.

In addition, arrangements will be made to provide water for birds and food points for stray animals, reflecting a ho-

listic approach to summer preparedness.

The Commissioner urged citizens to remain cautious and follow safety measures, including wearing light cotton clothing, staying hydrated, and avoiding outdoor activities during peak afternoon hours. Special care was advised for the elderly and those with health conditions. The meeting was attended by Trainee Collector Raghuvanshi, Additional Commissioner Sharada Devi, Deputy Commissioner Amarayya, Superintendent Engineer Shyam Sundar, Health Officer Dr. Yuva Anvesh, Manager Hasim, and other officials. These initiatives highlight the administration's commitment to minimizing the impact of extreme summer conditions in Tirupati.

Coalition Government Committed to BC Welfare: Minister Subhash Distributes Autos

Tallarevu, March 25 TPN Bureau:

State Labour Minister Vasanamsetti Subhash reaffirmed the coalition government's commitment to the welfare and empowerment of Backward Classes (BCs). He was speaking at an event held in Tallarevu of Tallarevu Mandal in Mummidivaram constituency, where autos were distributed to beneficiaries belonging to the BC community through the Fisheries Department.

As part of the initiative, each beneficiary received an auto

worth approximately 3 lakh, aimed at providing sustainable livelihood opportunities and improving their economic conditions. Addressing the gathering, the Minister stated that the coalition government has been giving top priority to the development and welfare of BC communities.

He further added that efforts are being made to facilitate loans through the BC Corporation, ensuring that eligible beneficiaries receive financial assistance to become self-reliant. The is focused on creating employment opportunities and supporting small-scale entre-

preneurs among BC communities, he noted.

Minister Subhash emphasized that such welfare programs are part of a broader vision to uplift marginalized sections and provide them with better livelihood prospects. He assured that the government would continue to introduce more schemes aimed at the socio-economic development of BCs. The event was attended by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema district Telugu Desam Party President Guttula Sai, along with NDA coalition leaders, party workers, and local officials.



AP Explores Global Agricultural Collaboration with Singapore

Andhra Pradesh Agriculture Minister Kinjarapu Atchannaidu held a key video conference with representatives from Singapore on Wednesday, focusing on strengthening global connectivity in agriculture and enhancing food security systems. The meeting, conducted from the Vijayawada camp office, covered a wide range of topics including modern agricultural practices, supply chain management, and investment opportunities.

During the discussion, the Minister highlighted the vast potential of Andhra Pradesh in agriculture and emphasized the government's efforts to increase exports, attract investments, and ensure remunerative prices for farmers. He elaborated on initiatives aimed at modernizing farming practices and improving supply systems across the state. Singapore representatives



shared insights into their food security strategies, noting that the country imports nearly 80 percent of its food requirements. They explained their efficient storage methods, timely supply mechanisms, and advanced logistics management systems. The discussion also focused on how Singapore utilizes data analysis to design effective public policies and ensure smooth implementation.

Minister Atchannaidu expressed keen interest in adopt-

ing data-driven policy frameworks in Andhra Pradesh. Both sides discussed the role of public feedback in policymaking and explored ways to incorporate advanced data utilization techniques in governance.

Special attention was given to coastal development, fisheries, and infrastructure enhancement along coastal regions. The Minister discussed opportunities for adopting Singapore's advanced coastal de-

velopment models to strengthen Andhra Pradesh's maritime and fisheries sectors.

The also covered cold storage management, where both parties exchanged ideas on preserving food quality, minimizing losses, and implementing modern cold chain systems. Possibilities for technical collaboration in this sector were also explored.

The Minister stated that such interactions would strengthen cooperation, knowledge exchange, and investment opportunities between Andhra Pradesh and Singapore in the agriculture sector. He expressed confidence that these discussions would contribute to the modernization of agriculture and improvement of supply systems in the state.

Senior officials, including Special Chief Secretary Budi Rajasekhar and other, along with Singapore delegates, participated in the meeting.

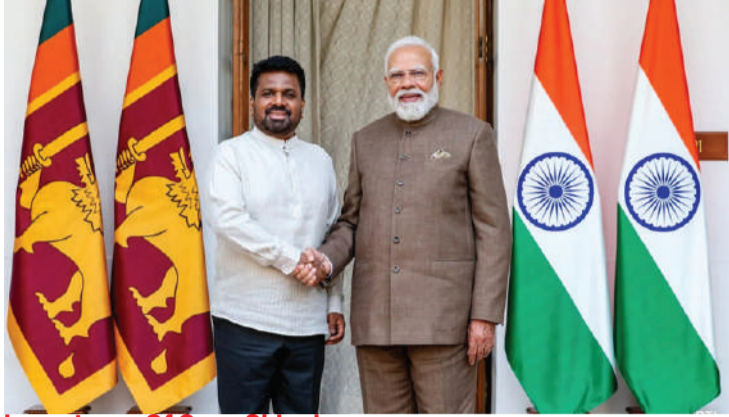
Sri Lanka President, PM Modi Discuss West Asia Crisis And Energy Security

Narendra Modi held a telephonic conversation with Anura Kumara Dissanayake to discuss the evolving situation in West Asia and its potential impact on global energy supplies and regional stability.

Focus On Energy Security

During the call, both leaders discussed disruptions affecting global energy security amid the ongoing tensions in West Asia. The conversation highlighted concerns about supply chains, fuel availability, and the broader economic implications for countries in South Asia.

Prime Minister Modi emphasised that India and Sri Lanka, as close partners, would continue working together to address shared challenges. The leaders also stressed the importance of ensuring stability in energy supplies during the crisis.



Importance Of Open Shipping Routes

Both India and Sri Lanka emphasised the need to keep global shipping routes open and secure. This is considered crucial for maintaining energy flows and ensuring uninterrupted trade during geopolitical tensions.

The leaders noted that disruptions to maritime routes could af-

fect not only regional economies but also global markets, especially due to heavy dependence on oil and gas supplies from West Asia.

Strengthening India-Sri Lanka Cooperation

During the conversation, Modi and Dissanayake also reviewed progress on initiatives aimed at strengthening India-Sri Lanka

energy cooperation. They discussed ways to enhance regional security and maintain economic stability amid the evolving geopolitical environment.

The two leaders reiterated their commitment to closer cooperation under India's neighbourhood engagement efforts and broader maritime security initiatives in the region.

Leaders Agree To Stay In Touch

Both sides agreed to remain in close contact as the West Asia situation continues to evolve. The discussion reflects growing concern among South Asian nations over potential disruptions to energy supplies and trade routes.

The call highlighted the importance of regional coordination as countries prepare for possible economic and energy challenges arising from the ongoing tensions.

Centre Sets Up 7 Empowered Groups To Tackle Impact Of West Asia War

The Centre has formed seven empowered groups of senior officials to assess and mitigate the impact of the ongoing conflict in West Asia on India's economy, supply chains, and essential services. The move comes after Narendra Modi chaired a high-level meeting to review the global situation and called for a coordinated government response.

Covid-Style Strategy Groups

The empowered groups have been created on the lines of similar teams formed during the COVID-19 pandemic. These groups will monitor developments, identify potential risks, and implement strategies to minimise disruptions caused by the conflict.

Officials indicated that the groups have already begun work, with meetings scheduled to evaluate emerging risks. The teams will also examine possible disruptions to energy supplies, trade, logistics, and essential commodities.

Seven Key Areas Identified

The government has divided



responsibilities across seven critical sectors:

1. Security, defence and external affairs
2. Economy and finance
3. Energy
4. Fertilisers and agricultural inputs
5. Supply of essential commodities
6. Transport and logistics
7. Communications

Each group will be led by senior officials from relevant minis-

tries and departments to ensure quick decision-making.

Focus On Energy And Supply Chains

The empowered groups will closely monitor fuel supplies and pricing, while exploring alternative import sources to reduce dependency on vulnerable routes. They will also assess risks to shipping routes, ports, aviation corridors, and key imports and exports.

Officials said the teams will

take preventive measures to ensure uninterrupted availability of essential goods, including food, fuel, fertilisers, and other critical inputs.

Monitoring Prices And Availability

One of the groups will focus on maintaining price stability and preventing shortages of essential commodities. Another group will oversee transport and logistics, including coordination with railways, shipping, and aviation authorities to maintain smooth supply chains.

Coordinated Government Response

The move reflects the government's effort to prepare for potential economic and supply disruptions amid rising geopolitical tensions. By forming specialised groups, the Centre aims to ensure quick decision-making and effective coordination across ministries.

The empowered groups are expected to play a key role in managing risks and ensuring stability as the situation in West Asia continues to evolve.

Sonia Gandhi Hospitalised In Delhi, Condition Stable



Senior Congress leader Sonia Gandhi was admitted to Sir Ganga Ram Hospital late Tuesday evening after she complained of feeling unwell. Sources said her condition is stable and she is currently under observation.

According to reports, the Congress Parliamentary Party chairperson experienced discomfort, reportedly due to a change in weather. Following this, she was taken to the hospital where a team of doctors began monitoring her condition. Initial assessments indicated that there was nothing serious, but doctors decided to keep her under observation as a precaution.

Doctors Monitoring Her Condition

Hospital authorities said Gandhi is being attended to by a team of specialists. Doctors are conducting routine tests to determine the exact cause of her discomfort. Officials familiar with the development said her condition remains stable and there is no immediate cause for concern.

Some reports also indicated that she experienced symptoms such as nausea and vomiting before being admitted. Medical investigations are being carried out to rule out any infection or

underlying issue.

Party Leaders Keep Watch

Following her hospitalisation, senior Congress leaders and family members were reported to be in touch with doctors. Party workers also expressed concern but were reassured after updates confirmed that her condition was stable.

Gandhi, a senior leader of the Indian National Congress, has had a few health-related hospital visits in recent years, mostly for routine check-ups and minor ailments.

Previous Health Episodes

Earlier this year, Gandhi was admitted to the same hospital due to respiratory discomfort. On previous occasions, she had also been treated for stomach-related issues and other minor health concerns. Doctors had then described her condition as stable and discharged her after observation.

Stable And Under Observation

Doctors continue to monitor Gandhi's condition and further updates are expected depending on her recovery. For now, officials have emphasised that there is no serious concern and that she is stable under medical supervision.

LPG Refill Rules Unchanged, Government Debunks 45-Day Booking Claims



The government has clarified that there has been no change in LPG refill booking rules, dismissing widespread claims that consumers must now wait 45 days before booking their next cylinder. Officials said the information circulating on social media and in some reports is misleading and urged people not to panic or engage in unnecessary bookings.

Rumours Trigger Panic Booking

The clarification came after reports suggested that LPG refill booking timelines had been revised. Claims circulating online stated that beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana would need to wait 45 days, while other consumers with single and double cylinders would face longer waiting periods.

These claims led to confusion and panic among consumers, with many rushing to book cylinders in advance. Authorities said such panic booking could disrupt supply chains and create artificial shortages.

Government Says No Change In Rules

The Centre clarified that the LPG refill booking system remains unchanged. Officials said there is adequate stock available and consumers will continue to receive cylinders as per existing norms.

The government also emphasised that no new restrictions have been introduced regarding refill timelines. Consumers were advised not to believe unverified information being circulated online.

Appeal To Avoid Panic Buying

Authorities urged citizens to avoid panic booking and hoarding

of LPG cylinders. Officials said panic buying could create pressure on the distribution system and lead to unnecessary delays in deliveries.

Oil marketing companies also reassured consumers that supply remains stable and there is no need for concern. The government said it is closely monitoring the situation and taking steps to ensure uninterrupted supply across the country.

Background: Earlier Supply Concerns

The clarification comes amid concerns about fuel supplies due to global geopolitical tensions. In recent weeks, the government had taken measures to manage demand and prevent hoarding, which contributed to confusion about refill rules.

Officials reiterated that while the situation is being monitored, domestic LPG availability remains sufficient and distribution continues normally.

Consumers Asked To Rely On Official Updates

The government urged people to rely only on official announcements and avoid sharing misinformation. Authorities warned that spreading rumours could create unnecessary panic and disrupt supply chains.

Officials also said they will continue monitoring supply and distribution to ensure consumers do not face any disruption.

With the clarification, the government hopes to ease concerns and prevent panic buying, assuring consumers that LPG refill rules remain unchanged and supplies remain stable.

Lok Sabha Passes Transgender Bill Amid Opposition Protests



The Lok Sabha passed the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Amendment Bill, 2026 amid strong protests from Opposition parties, who demanded that the legislation be sent to a parliamentary standing committee for further scrutiny. The bill was eventually passed by voice vote after a heated debate, with Opposition members staging a walkout and calling the move "regressive."

Opposition Raises Concerns Over 'Haste'

Opposition leaders questioned the urgency behind the amendment and criticised the government for pushing the bill without wider consultations. Several MPs argued that the proposed changes could dilute protections for transgender individuals and called for more discussion before passing the legislation.

Despite these objections, the government moved ahead with the bill, leading to protests inside the House and a walkout by Opposition members.

Key Changes Proposed In The Bill

The amendment introduces significant changes to the existing law governing transgender rights. One of the major proposals involves revising the definition of transgender persons. Critics say the changes could narrow the scope of recognition and remove the right to self-perceived gender identity.

The bill also introduces additional procedures for identity recognition, which opponents argue may create barriers for transgender individuals seeking legal recognition and welfare benefits.

The legislation seeks to amend provi-

sions in the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019, which was originally enacted to ensure protection, welfare, and equal rights for transgender persons.

Protests From Activists And Community

The bill has drawn criticism from transgender rights activists and community organisations across the country. Many have expressed concern that the proposed amendments could roll back rights recognised in the landmark 2014 Supreme Court judgment that affirmed the right to self-identification of gender.

Protesters have argued that the changes could exclude several gender identities and make it harder for individuals to access legal protections and welfare schemes.

Government's Stand

The government has maintained that the amendments aim to provide clarity in definitions and ensure that benefits reach intended beneficiaries. It has also argued that the changes are designed to strengthen the framework for protecting transgender individuals.

Next Step

Following its passage in the Lok Sabha, the bill will now be taken up in the Rajya Sabha for consideration. If approved, it will become law after receiving Presidential assent.

The passage of the bill has sparked a wider debate on transgender rights, with both supporters and critics calling for further discussions as the legislation moves to the next stage.

Lok Sabha Passes Finance Bill; Sitharaman Targets Congress, TMC, DMK On Economy



The Lok Sabha on Wednesday passed the Finance Bill 2026 by voice vote, clearing the government's fiscal proposals after a heated debate. Nirmala Sitharaman defended the government's economic record and launched sharp attacks on opposition parties including the Congress, Trinamool Congress, and Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam.

Sitharaman Hits Back At Congress On Fiscal Deficit

Replying to the debate, Sitharaman criticised the Congress for questioning the government's fiscal deficit figures. She compared the performance of the current government with that of the previous United Progressive Alliance government, saying the present administration handled crises more effectively.

She pointed to the management of the Global Financial Crisis 2008 and the COVID-19 pandemic, arguing that the government maintained economic stability even during severe global disruptions.

Sitharaman also accused the previous government of understating fiscal deficit figures by shifting borrowings to oil marketing companies. She said the current government has been repaying these liabilities inherited from earlier administrations.

According to her, the government inherited oil bond liabilities of about Rs 1.3 lakh crore and has repaid over Rs 1.43 lakh crore, including principal and interest. She added that these repayments affected funds available for development activities such as infrastructure, hospitals, and schools.

Debate On Rising Debt

Responding to criticism from Con-

gress leaders on rising debt levels, Sitharaman said debt figures should be seen in relation to growth in the country's economy. She highlighted that India's nominal GDP increased significantly over the years, arguing that rising debt must be viewed alongside economic expansion.

She also said the Centre alone cannot be blamed for rising debt, urging opposition leaders to review financial management in states governed by their parties.

Attack On TMC And DMK

Sitharaman also targeted the Trinamool Congress, alleging that the government in West Bengal delayed implementing central welfare schemes such as PM-Kisan and did not implement certain labour welfare initiatives.

Turning to the DMK, she criticised the party for opposing the Centre's policies, including the Production Linked Incentive Scheme. She also claimed that the Tamil Nadu government had criticised the Women's Reservation Bill.

Sitharaman further said tax reforms and GST-related changes have benefited Tamil Nadu, with improved revenue collections reported in the state.

Finance Bill Passed By Voice Vote

After the debate, the Lok Sabha passed the Finance Bill 2026 by voice vote, rejecting amendments proposed by opposition members. The House also approved official amendments moved by the Finance Minister.

The passage of the bill marks a key step in implementing the government's financial proposals for the upcoming fiscal year and sets the stage for executing policy initiatives aimed at economic growth and fiscal stability.

Trump Wants Quick Peace Deal, But Iran Shows No Signs Of Backing Down

Four weeks into the escalating Middle East conflict involving the United States, Israel, and Iran, signals of diplomacy are emerging. However, despite US President Donald Trump expressing optimism about peace, Iran appears reluctant to end the conflict anytime soon. The situation reflects a complex mix of military pressure, political calculations, and strategic bargaining.

Trump Signals Push For Peace

Recently, Donald Trump claimed that Washington and Tehran had held "very good and productive conversations" aimed at ending the conflict. He also ordered a temporary pause on strikes targeting Iranian energy infrastructure for five days — a move seen as an attempt to create space for diplomacy.

Trump also indicated that senior US officials, including Vice President and top diplomats, were leading negotiations. At the same time, reports suggested that the United States planned to deploy around 3,000 additional troops from the 82nd Airborne Division to the Middle East, raising questions about whether diplomacy or military escalation would dominate the next phase.

This dual approach — offering talks while preparing for escalation — suggests Washington is trying to pressure Tehran into negotiations while keeping military options open.

Iran Rejects "Talks" Claim

Iran, however, responded sharply to Trump's remarks. An Iranian



military spokesperson dismissed the claims of negotiations and accused Washington of portraying defeat as diplomacy.

The spokesperson said stability in the region would only come through Iranian strength and warned that Iran would not agree to terms dictated by the United States. Iranian officials also questioned whether the US was "negotiating with itself," signaling deep distrust between the two sides.

This response indicates that Iran

is unwilling to publicly engage in negotiations, especially while hostilities continue.

Trump Under Pressure

The war has proven more difficult than expected for the US. Analysts say Washington underestimated Iran's resilience. Even after leadership losses and sustained attacks, Iran's military structures remain operational and continue retaliatory strikes.

Iran has also expanded the conflict by targeting US allies in the

Gulf region — something Washington did not anticipate. This has increased pressure on the US from regional partners who fear economic disruption and instability.

Domestic pressure is also mounting. Polls suggest declining approval ratings for Trump, and the prospect of deploying ground troops contradicts his earlier promise to avoid "endless wars."

Meanwhile, Israel appears less enthusiastic about a ceasefire, adding another layer of complexity to

Washington's diplomatic efforts.

Why Iran May Keep Fighting

Despite suffering heavy losses, Iran may believe it has gained strategic leverage. Reports suggest the US has proposed a 15-point framework to end the war — similar to earlier demands Tehran rejected.

From Iran's perspective, continuing the conflict could strengthen its bargaining position. Tehran has survived attacks and now wants guarantees that prevent future

strikes. Iranian leadership also cannot afford to appear weak after the killing of its top leader and sustained military pressure.

Another factor is Iran's control over key strategic chokepoints like the Strait of Hormuz. Any disruption there threatens global energy supplies, giving Tehran additional leverage in negotiations.

The Cost Of Continuing War

However, Iran also faces significant challenges. Over 1,500 people have reportedly died, cities have suffered extensive damage, and inflation has surged. Economic hardship and internal dissent are growing concerns for Tehran.

Reports also indicate widespread internet shutdowns and strict security measures to suppress protests. Businesses have been affected, and frustration among citizens is rising. These pressures may eventually push Iran toward negotiations — but not without seeking favorable terms.

A Fragile Moment

The current phase of the conflict reflects a delicate balance. Trump wants a diplomatic breakthrough to claim victory and avoid a prolonged war. Iran, meanwhile, appears determined to fight longer to secure stronger guarantees and better terms.

Whether diplomacy succeeds or the conflict escalates further remains uncertain. For now, both sides seem to be preparing for negotiations — while continuing to keep military pressure in place.

China Moves To Bypass Oil Chokepoints As US-Iran Tensions Rise Over Hormuz

As tensions escalate between the United States and Iran over the strategically crucial Strait of Hormuz, China is quietly working on a long-term strategy to reduce its dependence on vulnerable oil supply routes. While global markets remain focused on potential disruptions in the Middle East, Beijing is investing heavily in infrastructure designed to make such chokepoints less critical to its economy.

China's Plan To Reduce Oil Dependence

China is building a massive nationwide power grid aimed at reducing reliance on imported oil and the fragile sea routes that transport it. The strategy centers around ultra-high voltage (UHV) transmission lines that can carry electricity across vast distances, linking inland energy sources to coastal industrial centers. This would allow China to rely more on domestic energy rather than imported oil.

These transmission lines connect coal, wind, and solar power generated in western and northern regions of China to factories and cities along the eastern coast, where energy demand is highest. By electrifying more sectors of the economy, China hopes to limit its vulnerability to oil supply disruptions caused by geopolitical conflicts.



Massive Investment In Supergrid

China's grid operators, including the State Grid Corporation of China and China Southern Power Grid, are rapidly expanding infrastructure. The country is expected to invest around 4 trillion yuan (about \$574 billion) in grid development between 2026 and 2030. This scale of spending highlights Beijing's long-term strategy to strengthen energy security and reduce reliance on imported fuels.

The funding push is supported by increased bond issuance and state-backed financing, allowing

Chinese utilities to prioritize resilience and energy security over short-term profits. A stronger grid also enables greater use of renewable energy and supports growing electricity demand from industries and emerging technologies.

Why This Matters During The Iran-US Conflict

The development comes as tensions rise over the Strait of Hormuz, a narrow waterway through which roughly one-fifth of the world's oil supply typically passes. Any disruption in this route can send global oil prices soaring and

impact economies worldwide.

As the US and Iran clash over access to this critical route, China's infrastructure push aims to reduce its exposure to such risks. By relying more on domestic electricity and renewable energy, Beijing hopes to make oil chokepoints like Hormuz less relevant over time.

A Long-Term Strategic Shift

China's approach reflects a broader shift in global energy strategy. Instead of reacting to geopolitical crises, Beijing is investing in infrastructure that reduces vulnerability altogether. Analysts say this could gradually change global energy dynamics, especially if other countries adopt similar strategies.

While the Middle East conflict continues to dominate headlines, China's quiet infrastructure expansion suggests that the real long-term battle may be over energy independence rather than immediate military confrontation.

The Bigger Picture

As the US and Iran remain locked in tensions over the Strait of Hormuz, China's supergrid project signals a strategic move to avoid being caught in future oil disruptions. If successful, this plan could reshape how major economies handle energy security — making traditional oil chokepoints less influential in global geopolitics.

Iran Says India Can Be "Trusted Player" To Reduce Middle East Tensions Amid Trump's Push For Talks



Amid rising tensions in the Middle East, Iran has expressed confidence that India could play an important role in reducing hostilities between Tehran and United States. The remarks come as Donald Trump calls for renewed negotiations to ease the ongoing conflict.

Iran Sees India As A Neutral Bridge

Iran's envoy to India, Mohammad Fathali, said New Delhi is uniquely positioned to help de-escalate tensions because of its balanced foreign policy and strong ties with multiple global powers. He noted that India maintains relations not only with Iran but also with the United States and Israel, making it a credible intermediary.

According to the envoy, India's growing global influence and its history of maintaining diplomatic neutrality make it well-suited to facilitate dialogue between rival nations. He described India as a "trusted player" that could help reduce misunderstandings and encourage peaceful engagement.

The remarks were made at a time when tensions in the Middle East remain high, with concerns growing about wider regional instability.

Trump Pushes For Talks

The Iranian envoy's comments came shortly after Donald Trump called for negotiations and signaled a possible pause in escalation. Washington is reportedly exploring diplomatic channels while maintaining military readiness in the region.

Efforts to initiate dialogue are believed to involve intermediaries, including Pakistan, which has indicated willingness to help facilitate discussions. However, it remains unclear whether formal negotiations will take place.

The push for diplomacy comes amid growing international pressure to prevent further escalation and avoid a prolonged conflict.

Iran Maintains Tough Stance

Despite the diplomatic signals, Iran has continued to adopt a firm position. Officials have expressed skepticism about negotiations, pointing to past instances where diplomacy coincided with military pressure.

Iran's leadership has indicated that any agreement must address long-term security concerns and ensure stability in the region. This stance reflects deep mistrust and highlights the challenges involved in restarting meaningful talks.

Meanwhile, tensions across the region continue, with fears of further escalation still present.

India's Growing Diplomatic Role

India's potential involvement reflects its expanding role in global diplomacy. With strong economic ties to the Middle East and partnerships with major global powers, India has increasingly been viewed as a stabilizing force during international crises.

The Middle East also holds strategic importance for India, particularly in terms of energy security, trade routes, and the presence of Indian citizens in the region. Stability in the region directly affects India's economic and geopolitical interests.

Uncertain Path Ahead

While Iran's endorsement highlights India's diplomatic credibility, the path to peace remains uncertain. Continued mistrust, military movements, and political calculations make negotiations complex.

However, India's position as a neutral and trusted partner could provide an opportunity for dialogue. As tensions continue, New Delhi's potential role in facilitating communication may become increasingly important in efforts to reduce conflict and promote stability.

Iran Stops Pakistan-Bound Ship From Crossing Strait Of Hormuz Amid Rising Tensions

Amid escalating tensions in the Middle East, Iran stopped a Pakistan-bound cargo vessel from crossing the strategic Strait of Hormuz, citing lack of permission and failure to follow maritime protocols. The move has raised concerns about disruptions in one of the world's most critical shipping lanes.

Ship Halted Mid-Journey

The container ship SELEN was travelling from Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates to Karachi when Iranian forces stopped it near the entrance of the strait.

According to Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, the vessel did not receive transit authorization before attempting to cross the waterway. As a result, the ship was forced to reverse course instead of continuing toward its destination in Pakistan.

Iranian authorities stated that ships must coordinate with maritime officials before entering the

area. Officials also warned that vessels failing to comply with these procedures could be denied passage.

Strategic Importance Of The Strait

The Strait of Hormuz is one of the world's most important maritime chokepoints, connecting the Persian Gulf to global shipping routes. A significant portion of the world's oil supply passes through this narrow corridor, making any disruption a matter of global concern.

Amid rising tensions, Iran has tightened monitoring of vessels moving through the waterway. Tehran has indicated that ships considered "non-hostile" may still pass if they follow coordination rules, while those lacking permission could face restrictions.

Pakistan's Delicate Position

The incident comes at a sensitive time for Pakistan, which has



been attempting to maintain balanced ties in the region. Islamabad has also signaled willingness to support diplomatic efforts aimed at easing tensions between global powers involved in the conflict.

Given Pakistan's dependence on regional trade and energy supplies, disruptions in the Strait of Hormuz could have economic and logistical consequences. The situation has therefore drawn attention from policymakers and shipping companies alike.

Rising Shipping Concerns

The stoppage of the vessel reflects growing uncertainty in the region. Shipping companies are becoming increasingly cautious, and any restrictions in the Strait of Hormuz could impact global oil prices and supply chains.

Although Iran described the move as a procedural enforcement, the incident highlights how geopolitical tensions are beginning to affect commercial shipping.

Uncertain Road Ahead

With tensions still high, the Strait of Hormuz is expected to remain under close watch. Any further disruptions could have far-reaching consequences for global trade, energy markets, and regional stability.

For now, the halted vessel serves as a reminder of how quickly geopolitical developments can affect one of the world's most vital shipping routes.

Sensex Surges Over 1,200 Points, Nifty Above 23,300 As Market Extends Relief Rally

Indian stock markets witnessed a strong recovery on March 25, 2026, with benchmark indices rallying sharply amid easing global tensions and falling crude oil prices. The rebound comes after days of volatility triggered by geopolitical uncertainties in the Middle East.

Markets Extend Relief Rally

The BSE Sensex surged more than 1,200 points, while the Nifty 50 climbed above the 23,300 mark during the session. The rally was broad-based, with banking, IT, and auto stocks leading the gains. Investor sentiment improved significantly after crude oil prices slipped below the \$100-per-barrel level, easing inflation concerns for India.

Markets also benefited from improving global cues, with Asian and European markets trading higher. Optimism around diplomatic efforts to reduce tensions in the Middle East added to the positive momentum.

Banking And IT Stocks Lead Gains

Banking and financial stocks were among the top performers in the session. Heavy-weight stocks saw strong buying interest, helping lift the indices higher. IT stocks also advanced, supported by positive global market trends and improved risk appetite among investors.

Broader markets also joined the rally, with mid-cap and small-cap stocks witnessing healthy gains. This indicated wider participation beyond large-cap



stocks and strengthened the overall market sentiment.

Oil Prices Boost Investor Sentiment

One of the key triggers for the rally was the fall in crude oil prices. Oil dropping below \$100 per barrel provided relief to markets, especially for an oil-import dependent economy like India. Lower crude prices help reduce inflation risks and improve corporate earnings outlook.

The easing oil prices came amid hopes of diplomatic progress in ongoing geopolitical tensions, which had earlier pushed energy costs higher and weighed on markets.

Rupee Under Pressure Despite Market Gains

Despite the strong rally in equities, the Indian rupee remained under pressure against the US dollar. The currency hovered near record lows due to foreign investor outflows and persistent demand for dollars from importers.

However, intervention by the Reserve Bank of India helped prevent further depreciation. Analysts expect the rupee to remain volatile in the near term due to ongoing global uncertainties.

Investors Recover Losses

The strong rally helped investors recover part of the losses incurred during recent market declines. Market participants welcomed the bounce, though experts caution that volatility may

continue due to geopolitical developments.

The recent surge reflects improving sentiment but analysts remain cautious, noting that global events and crude oil movements will continue to influence market direction in the coming sessions.

Outlook Remains Volatile

While the rally has boosted confidence, market experts believe volatility is likely to persist. Investors are closely tracking geopolitical developments, crude oil prices, and foreign institutional investor activity.

For now, the sharp rise in Sensex and Nifty signals a temporary relief for markets, with investors hoping for stability after a turbulent period.

SEBI Allows Mutual Funds To Continue Retirement And Children's Funds



The Securities and Exchange Board of India has allowed mutual fund houses to continue offering retirement and children's funds, easing concerns after earlier proposals suggested discontinuing these schemes as part of a broader overhaul of mutual fund categories.

Relief For Mutual Fund Investors

Earlier, SEBI had proposed scrapping the solution-oriented category, which included retirement and children's funds, and replacing them with life cycle funds. This move had raised concerns among investors and the mutual fund industry.

Following feedback from industry stakeholders, SEBI has now clarified that asset management companies (AMCs) can continue existing retirement and children's schemes, subject to certain conditions.

Conditions Imposed By SEBI

While allowing these funds to continue, SEBI has placed some restrictions:

- If an AMC chooses to

continue a children's fund, it cannot launch a 20-year life cycle fund

- If an AMC retains a retirement fund, it cannot introduce a 30-year life cycle fund
- If an AMC keeps both retirement and children's funds, it cannot launch 20-year and 30-year life cycle funds
- In such cases, AMCs will be restricted to offering life cycle funds with 5, 10, 15 and 25-year tenures

These conditions are aimed at preventing overlap between similar long-term investment products.

What Are Life Cycle Funds

SEBI had earlier introduced life cycle funds as a new category designed for long-term financial goals such as retirement and children's education. These funds automatically adjust asset allocation over time, reducing equity exposure as investors approach their target goal.

The regulator's broader reforms aim to simplify mu-

tual fund offerings, reduce duplication and improve transparency for investors.

Why SEBI Changed Its Stand

The mutual fund industry had expressed concerns over discontinuing retirement and children's funds, including taxation issues, mergers and investor disruption. Industry bodies urged SEBI to reconsider the decision, leading to the latest clarification.

What This Means For Investors

- Existing retirement and children's funds will continue
- Investors do not need to redeem or switch immediately
- New life cycle funds will also be available as alternatives
- AMCs must follow restrictions to avoid product duplication

The move offers clarity to investors who use these schemes for long-term financial planning, while still allowing SEBI to implement its broader mutual fund reforms.

Central Mine Planning IPO Allotment: How To Check Status Online

The allotment status for the Central Mine Planning & Design Institute IPO is expected to be finalised soon. Investors who applied for the public issue can check whether they have received shares through the registrar's website or stock exchange platforms.

How To Check IPO Allotment Status

Via Registrar Website
Investors can check their allotment status through KFin Technologies by following these steps:

1. Visit the official website of KFin Technologies
2. Select Central Mine Planning IPO from the dropdown list
3. Enter any of the following details:
4. Application number
5. PAN number
6. DP ID/Client ID
7. Click submit to view your allotment status

Applicants will then be able to see whether shares have been allotted or not.

Via BSE Website

You can also check the status through BSE:

1. Visit the BSE IPO allotment page
2. Select "Equity"



3. Choose Central Mine Planning IPO
4. Enter PAN or application number
5. Click search to view status

Via NSE Website

Investors may also check allotment through NSE:

1. Visit the NSE IPO section
2. Log in using PAN details
3. Select the IPO
4. Check allotment status

Important Dates

- IPO Opening Date: March 20, 2026
- IPO Closing Date: March 24, 2026
- Allotment Finalisation: March 25, 2026 (Tentative)
- Shares Credit To Demat Accounts: Expected Soon After
- Listing Date: Expected Within A Few Days After Allotment

Grey Market Premium (GMP)

The IPO has seen moderate activity in the grey market, suggesting cautious investor sentiment. Grey market premium indicates potential listing gains but remains unofficial and can change depending on market conditions.

About The Company

Central Mine Planning & Design Institute is a subsidiary of Coal India Limited. The company provides consultancy and engineering services related to mining, exploration, and environmental management.

The IPO is structured as an offer for sale, which means the company itself will not receive funds from the issue, and the proceeds will go to the existing shareholders.

What Happens After Allotment

- After the allotment process:
- Successful applicants will receive shares in their demat accounts
 - Unsuccessful applicants will receive refunds
 - Shares will be listed on BSE and NSE

Investors are advised to keep checking official websites for updates regarding allotment and listing.

Ventura Sees 39% Upside In Park Medi World, Recommends 'Buy'

Ventura Securities has initiated coverage on Park Medi World with a 'Buy' rating, projecting an upside of nearly 39 percent over the next two years.

Target Price And Upside Potential

Ventura has set a target price of ₹284 for the stock based on a discounted cash flow valuation model. The brokerage believes the company's growth prospects and improving operational performance support the higher valuation.

At current levels, the target price suggests significant upside potential, making the stock attractive for investors looking at small-cap healthcare opportunities.

Why Ventura Is Bullish

The brokerage highlighted several growth drivers for the company:

- Expansion of hospital capacity
- Asset-light and capital-efficient operating



- model
- Rising demand for affordable healthcare services
- Strong long-term industry growth

Ventura believes the company is well positioned to benefit from increasing healthcare demand, especially in underserved regions where affordable care facilities are

Growth Opportunity In Healthcare

Park Medi World is considered a relatively new listed player in the healthcare sector. The company is focusing on expanding its network and improving operational efficiency, which could drive revenue growth in the coming years.

The brokerage also noted that India's healthcare sector continues to offer strong long-term opportunities, supported by rising healthcare awareness, growing population, and increasing income levels.

Risks To Watch

Despite the positive outlook, Ventura highlighted certain risks:

- Slower ramp-up in hospital occupancy
- Execution challenges during expansion
- Competitive pressure in healthcare services

These factors could impact growth projections if not managed effectively.

Outlook

With expansion plans and growing demand for healthcare services, Ventura believes Park Medi World could deliver solid returns over the next two years. However, investors are advised to evaluate risks and market conditions before making investment decisions.

Amir Chand Jagdish Kumar IPO Sees Strong Demand On Day 2, Booked 1.33 Times



The initial public offering of Amir Chand Jagdish Kumar (Exports) Ltd continued to attract strong investor interest on the second day of bidding, with the issue subscribed 1.33 times so far. The IPO opened for subscription on March 24 and will close on March 27.

Subscription Status On Day 2

Investor participation remained healthy across categories, with demand largely driven by non-institutional investors. The issue received bids exceeding the shares available, reflecting strong interest in the offering.

The IPO had already witnessed encouraging demand on the first day. Retail investors showed improved participation on the second day, further boosting overall subscription numbers.

Grey Market Premium (GMP)

The grey market premium for the IPO remained

modest, indicating cautious optimism among investors. Shares were reportedly trading at a small premium in the unofficial market, suggesting limited but positive listing expectations.

However, investors should note that grey market premiums are unofficial and can change depending on market sentiment and demand.

IPO Details

- IPO Opening Date: March 24, 2026
- IPO Closing Date: March 27, 2026
- Allotment Date: Expected Soon After Closing
- Listing Date: Expected In Early April
- Listing Exchanges: BSE and NSE

About The Company

Amir Chand Jagdish Kumar (Exports) is involved in processing and exporting basmati rice. The company operates across procurement, storage, processing,

and distribution, catering to both domestic and international markets.

The company has built a presence in the rice export segment, supplying products to multiple countries and maintaining an integrated business model.

Financial Performance

The company has reported steady growth in revenue and profit in recent years. Improved financial performance and expansion plans have contributed to investor interest in the IPO.

What Investors Should Watch

- Subscription trend on the final day
- Institutional investor participation
- Grey market premium movement
- Overall market conditions

The IPO's performance in the remaining days will determine the final subscription numbers and potential listing performance.

Pohela Boishakh 2026: Bengali New Year To Be Celebrated On April 14



Pohela Boishakh, also known as Poila Boishakh or Noboborsho, is one of the most important cultural festivals celebrated by Bengalis across India and abroad. In 2026, the Bengali New Year will be observed on April 14, marking the beginning of a new year in the Bengali calendar. The day symbolizes fresh beginnings, prosperity, and cultural pride, and is celebrated with great enthusiasm in regions such as West Bengal, Tripura, Assam, and across Bangladesh, along with Bengali communities worldwide.

Significance of Pohela Boishakh

The term "Pohela" means "first," while "Boishakh" refers to the first month of the Bengali calendar. The festival marks the start of the Bengali New Year and is seen as a time for renewal and optimism. It is celebrated as a secular cultural occasion that brings together people from all communities, reflecting the rich heritage and traditions of Bengali society.

The festival also coincides with the solar transition known as Mesha Sankranti, when the Sun enters the zodiac sign Aries. This astronomical event marks the beginning of a new agricultural and solar cycle, making Pohela Boishakh a symbol of growth and new opportunities.

Historical Background

The origins of Pohela Boishakh can be traced back to the Mughal period during the reign of Akbar. The Bengali calendar was introduced to align tax collection with the harvest season. Farmers would settle their dues at the end of the agricultural year and begin the new year with celebrations. Over time, the practice evolved into a broader cultural festival that highlights Bengali traditions and

community spirit.

Today, Pohela Boishakh is celebrated not only as a New Year festival but also as a reflection of Bengali identity and cultural pride.

Traditions and Celebrations

Pohela Boishakh is marked by colorful festivities, cultural performances, and family gatherings. People wear traditional attire, often in red and white, which are considered symbolic of celebration and prosperity. Homes are cleaned and decorated to welcome the new year, while families prepare special dishes and sweets.

One of the popular traditions associated with the festival is "Haal Khata," where businesses open new account books to mark a fresh financial beginning. Shop owners invite customers, offer sweets, and exchange greetings, strengthening social and business relationships.

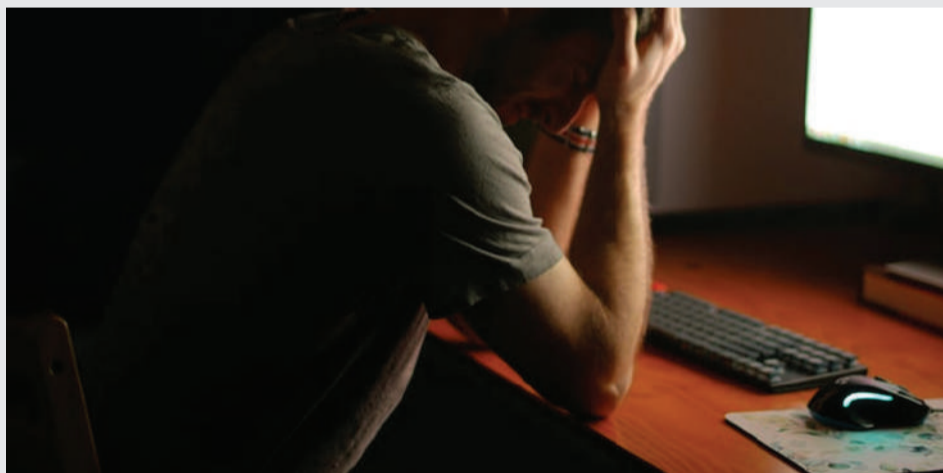
Community fairs, music, dance performances, and cultural events are also common during the celebrations. Traditional foods, sweets, and festive meals play a major role, bringing families and communities together.

A Celebration of Hope and Unity

Pohela Boishakh represents unity, joy, and hope for the future. People greet each other with "Shubho Noboborsho," meaning Happy New Year, and celebrate with loved ones. The festival offers an opportunity to reconnect with cultural roots and begin the year with positivity.

As April 14, 2026 approaches, Bengalis around the world are preparing to welcome the new year with enthusiasm, tradition, and optimism for prosperity and happiness in the year ahead.

Hired, Relocated, Then Fired After One Day: Pharmacy Assistant's Story Sparks Outrage



A heartbreaking story of a pharmacy assistant who relocated for a new job only to be fired after just one day has gone viral, sparking widespread debate about workplace ethics and job security.

A Fresh Start Turns Into A Nightmare

According to the viral post, the pharmacy assistant accepted a new job opportunity in Port Alberni after being encouraged by the hiring manager. Motivated by the opportunity, the employee left their previous job and relocated to the new city, expecting a stable career move.

However, things took a shocking turn. Just one day after starting the new position, the assistant was reportedly fired without any clear explanation. The sudden termination left the individual in a difficult situation, having already resigned from their previous role and moved to a new location.

No Warning, No Explanation

The post revealed that the pharmacy assistant had been assured about the role before relocating. But after joining, the employment ended abruptly, leaving the individual confused and distressed.

The unexpected dismissal created immediate financial and personal challenges. The employee now faced the stress of finding a new job, arranging accommodation, and dealing with relocation expenses — all within a matter of days.

Internet Reacts With Shock

The story quickly gained traction online, with many users expressing outrage over the situation. Several people questioned whether it was fair or even legal to fire someone after encouraging them to

relocate.

Many commenters suggested that the individual seek legal advice, especially because the decision to move cities was based on the employer's assurances. Some users mentioned the concept of "promissory estoppel," where an employer may be held accountable if an employee suffers losses after relying on job promises.

Others shared similar experiences, highlighting how sudden job cancellations or layoffs can create serious personal and financial consequences.

A Wider Conversation About Job Security

The incident has sparked broader discussions about job security, employer responsibility, and the risks involved in relocating for work. Many users advised job seekers to ensure written agreements, relocation support, or probation clarity before making major life decisions.

The viral story also highlights the uncertainty many workers face today, especially when changing jobs or moving cities. While new opportunities often promise growth, they can sometimes come with unexpected risks.

A Cautionary Tale

The pharmacy assistant's experience serves as a cautionary tale for job seekers considering relocation. Experts often recommend confirming employment terms, probation periods, and relocation benefits before making significant commitments.

Although the outcome of this case remains unclear, the viral story has sparked an important conversation about fairness, transparency, and accountability in hiring practices.

11-Year-Old Aviation Enthusiast Nails "Touch-And-Go" Landing, Wins Internet's Praise

An 11-year-old aspiring pilot has taken social media by storm after a video of him performing a "touch-and-go" maneuver during a training session went viral. The young aviation enthusiast, Rishi Sharma, impressed viewers with his calmness and control while handling an aircraft under expert supervision — a moment that quickly captured the admiration of aviation fans and internet users alike.

The viral clip shows Rishi seated in the cockpit of a small aircraft at Oxnard Airport in California. As the aircraft approaches the runway, the young trainee carefully follows instructions and smoothly lands the plane. Without bringing the aircraft to a complete stop, he then accelerates again, lifting off for another takeoff — successfully completing the maneuver.

What Is a "Touch-And-Go" Maneuver?

A touch-and-go maneuver is a common yet challenging training exercise used in pilot training. It involves landing the aircraft and immediately taking off again without stopping fully. This technique helps pilots practice landing and take-off procedures repeatedly, im-



proving their coordination, confidence, and control.

In the video, Rishi demonstrates impressive composure while performing the maneuver. His instructor can be heard praising him after the smooth landing, further highlighting the young trainee's skill and focus. For many viewers, the most remarkable aspect was not just the maneuver itself, but the confidence he displayed throughout the process.

Starting Young, Aiming High

Rishi's journey into aviation

reportedly began at the age of seven. Since then, he has been learning the basics of flying under supervision, gradually building experience inside the cockpit. His passion for aviation is evident in the way he handles controls, listens carefully to instructions, and maintains focus throughout the exercise.

Despite his young age, Rishi shows discipline and maturity beyond his years. The video captures him calmly adjusting controls, maintaining direction, and responding to guidance —

skills that even adult beginners often find challenging.

Internet Applauds The Young Pilot

After the video surfaced online, social media users flooded the comments section with praise. Many called him "future captain," while others admired his confidence and dedication. Some users even joked that he "handles a plane better than many people handle a car."

The clip also sparked conversations about encouraging children to pursue their passions early. Many viewers appreciated how early exposure and proper guidance can help young minds develop exceptional skills.

Inspiring Future Aviators

While Rishi is still years away from becoming a licensed pilot, his viral moment has already inspired many young dreamers. His determination and passion serve as a reminder that age is no barrier when it comes to learning and pursuing ambitions.

As the video continues to gain attention, the young aviation enthusiast has become a symbol of dedication, discipline, and dreams taking flight — quite literally.

Teen Says NEET Aspirant Sister Spends 10 Hours Daily With AI Chatbots, Sparks Online Debate

A teenager's viral social media post about his sister's growing dependence on AI chatbots has triggered widespread discussion about technology use, mental health, and academic pressure among students. The post described how his elder sister, a 21-year-old preparing for NEET, spends nearly 9 to 10 hours every day interacting with AI chatbots — a situation he believes is becoming increasingly concerning.

Heavy Chatbot Use Raises Concerns

According to the teenager, the habit has continued for the past seven to eight months. He explained that his sister spends most of her time at home with minimal social interaction, which has led her to rely heavily on AI chatbots for companionship. Even during online classes and study sessions, she reportedly remains engaged in conversations with chatbot apps instead of focusing on her lessons.

The brother also noted that her daily screen time has significantly increased, with the majority of it devoted to chatting with AI systems. He shared that she has become deeply involved in role-play conversations, often centered around a singer she admires, which has further heightened his worries about her emotional attachment.



Changes In Behavior At Home

The teenager also described noticeable changes in his sister's behavior. He said she had only recently returned to preparing for the exam after months of heavy chatbot use. Alongside this, he observed mood swings, irritability, and occasional arguments over minor issues.

He admitted feeling helpless and unsure how to address the situation, especially since the conversations she engages in are personal and emotionally driven. In his post, he expressed concern that the situation had reached a point where it seemed "beyond repair," highlighting his anxiety about her well-being and academic future.

Internet Users Offer Suggestions

The post quickly gained traction online, prompting a wave of responses from concerned users. Many suggested that the teenager try having a calm, supportive conversation with his sister instead of confronting her directly. Others recommended encouraging her to gradually reduce screen time and reconnect with real-world activities.

Some users speculated that academic pressure and isolation might be contributing to her behavior. They advised introducing hobbies, exercise, and social interactions to help her regain balance. A few suggested seeking professional guidance if the situation con-

tinued to worsen.

Others recommended setting boundaries around device usage, though some warned that abruptly restricting access could lead to further frustration and conflict. The general consensus was to approach the situation with patience and empathy.

A Growing Concern About AI Dependence

The incident has sparked a broader conversation about the growing role of AI chatbots in people's lives, especially among students dealing with stress and loneliness. While AI tools can be helpful for learning, productivity, and emotional support, excessive reliance may lead to reduced social interaction and unhealthy habits.

As artificial intelligence becomes more accessible, many users emphasized the importance of balanced usage. The discussion also highlighted the pressures faced by students preparing for competitive exams and how technology can sometimes become both a support system and a distraction.

Although the teenager's story reflects a personal situation, it has resonated with many people facing similar challenges. The viral post has opened up an important conversation about responsible technology use, emotional well-being, and maintaining balance in an increasingly digital world.

Bengaluru Auto Driver Scrolls Reels While Driving, Narrowly Avoids Crash With Reversing Truck

A video from Bengaluru has gone viral after capturing a dangerous moment involving an auto driver scrolling through social media reels while driving. The clip has sparked widespread concern online about road safety and distracted driving.

Passenger Records Risky Ride

According to the viral post, a woman passenger noticed the auto driver repeatedly scrolling through short videos on his phone instead of paying attention to the road. She began recording the incident, highlighting how the driver remained focused on his screen for most of the journey.

The situation turned alarming when a truck ahead of the auto suddenly began reversing. The distracted driver failed to notice the vehicle in time, forcing the passenger to shout, "Anna, nodi munde" (Brother, look ahead). The driver eventually braked at the last second, narrowly avoiding a collision.

Driver Continued Scrolling Despite Warning

Even after the near-miss and



the passenger's repeated warnings, the driver reportedly continued scrolling through reels. The woman later shared her experience on social media, describing how the driver seemed "locked in" and barely attentive to the road. The clip quickly gained traction online, sparking debate about mobile phone use while driving.

Internet Reacts With Concern

The viral video triggered

strong reactions from social media users. Many expressed shock at the driver's behavior, calling it extremely dangerous and irresponsible. Several users demanded stricter enforcement of traffic rules and harsher penalties for distracted driving.

Others pointed out that such behavior has become increasingly common, especially with the growing popularity of short-form video apps. Some users also urged passengers to report such incidents to au-

thorities to prevent accidents.

Growing Road Safety Concerns

The incident has once again highlighted the dangers of using mobile phones while driving. Distracted driving significantly increases the risk of accidents, especially in crowded urban traffic conditions like those in Bengaluru.

Authorities and road safety experts have repeatedly warned that even a few seconds of distraction can lead to serious accidents. The viral clip serves as a reminder of how quickly situations can escalate when drivers fail to keep their eyes on the road.

A Narrow Escape

Fortunately, no one was injured in this case, but the near-collision has sparked an important conversation about road safety and responsible driving. As the video continues to circulate online, many hope it will encourage drivers to avoid distractions and prioritize safety.

The incident stands as a stark reminder that scrolling through reels can wait — but road safety cannot.

Ananya Birla Shares Viral IPL Memes After Meeting Shubman Gill

Entrepreneur and singer Ananya Birla recently found herself trending on social media after meeting Shubman Gill ahead of the Indian Premier League 2026 season. What began as a routine promotional interaction quickly turned into a viral moment, with fans flooding social media platforms with memes and humorous posts.

A Meeting That Caught Fans' Attention

The interaction took place during a promotional event connected to IPL 2026. Shubman Gill, who is leading the Gujarat Titans, presented Ananya Birla with a signed team jersey. The gesture was simple, but it quickly caught the attention of fans online.

Soon after images and videos from the event surfaced, social media users began creating memes and playful reactions. Fans humorously speculated about the interaction, blending cricket references with pop culture jokes. The memes spread rapidly, turning a formal meeting into a widely discussed online trend.

Ananya Birla Joins The Fun

Instead of ignoring the viral posts, Ananya Birla responded by sharing several fan-made memes on her social media accounts. She appeared amused by the creativity of fans and acknowledged their humorous takes on the interaction.

Her response further fueled the online buzz, encouraging more fans to participate. New memes continued to appear, with users adding their own twist to the conversation. The



playful exchange between fans and the entrepreneur contributed to the growing excitement ahead of the IPL season.

Business Connection Behind The Meeting

The interaction also had a business angle. Birla Estates, part of the Aditya Birla Group, recently partnered with Gujarat Titans as a principal sponsor for the IPL 2026 season. The jersey presentation symbolised this new collaboration.

Such partnerships highlight how the IPL continues to evolve beyond cricket, becoming a platform that combines sports, business, and entertainment. Brand associations with players and teams often generate public in-

terest, and in this case, the fan reaction amplified the visibility of the partnership.

IPL And Social Media Culture

The incident also reflects how meme culture has become an important part of sports engagement. Fans now actively participate in online conversations, turning small moments into viral content. Social media platforms allow supporters to connect with players, celebrities, and brands in real time.

By resharing fan content, Ananya Birla demonstrated how public figures are increasingly embracing digital engagement. This interaction strengthened fan interest and created additional buzz around the upcoming

ing season. Growing Excitement Ahead Of IPL 2026

With IPL 2026 approaching, the viral meeting between Ananya Birla and Shubman Gill has already generated excitement among fans. The light-hearted interaction showed how even simple promotional events can capture public attention.

As cricket, business, and entertainment continue to merge, moments like these underline the growing cultural impact of the Indian Premier League. What started as a jersey presentation quickly became a viral trend, highlighting the power of social media and fan engagement in modern sports.

Who Is Aryaman Birla? Former Rajasthan Royals Pick Now RCB Chairman



Aryaman Birla has stepped into the spotlight after being named chairman of Royal Challengers Bengaluru following a major ownership change in the Indian Premier League. Once known as a young cricketer picked in an IPL auction, Aryaman Birla's journey from the cricket field to corporate leadership has attracted significant attention.

Massive Ownership Deal

Aryaman Birla will take over as chairman after a consortium led by the Aditya Birla Group acquired Royal Challengers Bengaluru in a multi-billion-dollar deal. The agreement involved purchasing the franchise from United Spirits Limited, a subsidiary of Diageo.

The ownership change marks a major shift for one of the IPL's most popular franchises and signals a new era for the team under fresh leadership.

From Cricket To Corporate Leadership

Aryaman Birla is the son of Kumar Mangalam Birla and belongs to one of India's most prominent business families. However, before entering the corporate world, he pursued a professional career in cricket.

He played domestic cricket for Madhya Pradesh cricket team and was considered a promising all-rounder. His cricket journey gained attention in 2018 when he was picked by Rajasthan Royals during the IPL auction. Although he did not feature in a match, the selection marked a significant milestone in his sporting career.

stone in his sporting career. Early Exit From Cricket

Despite his promising start, Aryaman Birla stepped away from professional cricket at a young age. He took a break from the sport to focus on mental health and personal priorities, eventually transitioning into business roles within the Aditya Birla Group.

His decision surprised many at the time, but it marked the beginning of his journey into corporate leadership and business management.

A New Role With RCB

With the new ownership structure in place, Aryaman Birla will now lead Royal Challengers Bengaluru as chairman. The move reflects the growing involvement of young business leaders in sports management and franchise ownership.

His cricketer background, combined with business experience, is expected to influence the team's strategic direction and long-term vision.

From IPL Pick To IPL Chairman

Aryaman Birla's journey is unique — from being picked by Rajasthan Royals in an IPL auction to becoming chairman of Royal Challengers Bengaluru. His transition highlights the growing connection between cricket and corporate leadership in the IPL ecosystem.

As Royal Challengers Bengaluru enters a new chapter, Aryaman Birla's leadership will be closely watched by fans and cricket observers alike.

Why Rajasthan Royals Sale Could Earn Shane Warne's Family ₹450 Crore

The recent sale of Rajasthan Royals has sparked widespread attention, not just for its massive valuation but also for the financial windfall it could bring to the family of late Australian cricket legend Shane Warne.

A Visionary Deal From 2008

When Shane Warne joined Rajasthan Royals ahead of the inaugural Indian Premier League season in 2008, he negotiated a unique clause in his contract. Instead of relying solely on salary, Warne secured 0.75% ownership stake in the franchise for every season he played.

Warne spent four seasons with Rajasthan Royals, during which he captained the team and famously led them to victory in the very first IPL season in 2008. By the end of his stint, his total stake in the franchise had grown to 3% ownership.

Rajasthan Royals Sold For Massive Valuation

Nearly two decades later, Rajasthan Royals has been sold to a consortium led by US-based



entrepreneur Kal Somani. The deal reportedly values the franchise at USD 1.63 billion (around ₹15,000 crore), making it one of the biggest transactions in IPL history.

With this new valuation, Warne's 3% stake has dramatically increased in value, translating to roughly ₹450-₹460 crore for his family.

A Small Stake Turns Into Big Fortune

At the time Warne negotiated the deal, the IPL was still in

its early stages and franchise valuations were relatively modest. However, the league's rapid growth, global popularity, and rising media rights values have significantly boosted team valuations.

Warne's decision to opt for equity instead of higher salary has now proven to be a masterstroke. Over the years, the IPL has become one of the richest cricket leagues in the world, and Rajasthan Royals' value has increased many times over.

Warne's Legacy Beyond Cricket

Shane Warne passed away in 2022, but his smart investment continues to benefit his family. His foresight in securing ownership rather than just match fees has been widely praised as a brilliant financial decision.

The development also highlights how players are increasingly looking at franchise ownership and long-term investments beyond their playing careers. Warne's move is now being seen as one of the most successful off-field decisions made by a cricketer.

A Historic Financial Windfall

The Rajasthan Royals sale underscores the growing financial power of the IPL and how early investments in the league have paid off significantly. What began as a small contractual clause in 2008 has now turned into a massive windfall for Shane Warne's family.

Warne's role in leading Rajasthan Royals to their historic 2008 title and his early belief in the franchise continue to pay dividends — cementing his legacy not just as a cricketer icon, but also as a visionary investor.

IPL Started In 2008, But Lalit Modi Pitched Idea A Decade Earlier

The Indian Premier League may have officially launched in 2008, but the idea behind the tournament dates back nearly a decade earlier. Long before franchise cricket became a global phenomenon, Lalit Modi had already proposed a similar concept to the Board of Control for Cricket in India.

A Vision Ahead Of Its Time

The IPL, which transformed cricket into a high-octane entertainment product, has grown into one of the biggest sporting leagues in the world. Today, top international players compete fiercely for contracts, and franchise valuations continue to rise every year.

However, former India cricketer and ex-selector Saba Karim revealed that the concept behind the IPL existed long before 2008. According to him, Lalit Modi proposed the idea of a franchise-based cricket league as early as 1997-98 — a time when Twenty20 cricket itself did not exist and One Day Internationals dominated the format.

Karim explained that Modi submitted a proposal to the BCCI outlining the creation of a city-based cricket league. At the time, the idea was considered unconventional, and it failed to



gain traction.

Plans That Nearly Took Off

Despite the lack of support, initial groundwork had already begun. Saba Karim revealed that discussions had progressed to the point where teams were being planned, including a potential Bengal franchise.

He also mentioned that some players had agreed to participate, and contracts were even drafted. The plan included teams with a mix of local and outside players, similar to the structure later adopted by the IPL.

However, for multiple reasons, the proposal never materialised. Still, the idea remained in the minds of administrators and

stakeholders, eventually paving the way for the IPL's launch years later.

IPL Finally Becomes Reality

The Indian Premier League eventually launched in 2008 and quickly revolutionised cricket. The franchise-based format, player auctions, entertainment elements, and global participation made it an instant success.

The league's influence expanded rapidly, attracting international stars, massive sponsorship deals, and soaring broadcast revenues. Over the years, IPL franchises have become billion-dollar entities, reflecting the tournament's enormous commercial success.

IPL's Growing Financial Power

The continued expansion of the IPL highlights how far the league has come since its inception. Recently, major franchise deals have further underscored the league's financial strength.

A consortium led by the Aditya Birla Group acquired Royal Challengers Bengaluru in a multi-billion-dollar deal. Meanwhile, Rajasthan Royals was also sold to a new consortium at a massive valuation.

These developments show how IPL franchises have evolved into global sporting assets, attracting investors from across industries.

A Vision That Changed Cricket Forever

Lalit Modi's early proposal, once considered unrealistic, eventually reshaped cricket's commercial landscape. What started as an idea in the late 1990s became a reality in 2008 and has since transformed the sport.

Today, the IPL is more than just a cricket tournament — it is a global sports and entertainment powerhouse. And its origin story highlights how one idea, pitched years earlier, went on to change the future of cricket forever.

“Not Doing Stupid Arrival Videos”: Jason Gillespie's PSL Entry Goes Viral



Former Australian fast bowler Jason Gillespie grabbed attention ahead of the Pakistan Super League 2026 season after he refused to take part in a promotional arrival video for his franchise, calling the concept “stupid” in a viral clip.

Gillespie's Straightforward Response

Gillespie, who has joined the newly formed Hyderabad Kingsmen as head coach, was seen in a video being asked by the team's media crew to come down and shoot a welcome video at the hotel. However, the former Australia pacer declined the request without hesitation.

“I am not coming down. I have a lot of work to do. I'm not going to shoot those stupid arrival videos,” Gillespie said in the clip, which quickly spread across social media platforms.

The blunt response surprised many, especially since arrival videos and social media content have become a common part of franchise cricket promotions.

Focus On Work Over Show

Gillespie's reaction reflected his no-nonsense approach. Known for his professional mindset during his playing career, the former Australian pacer made it clear that he preferred focusing on preparations rather than promotional content.

Despite the viral moment, Gillespie also expressed excitement about working with the franchise and developing players. Earlier, he had said he was looking forward to being part of the Hyderabad-based team and getting

started with preparations. New Franchise, New Role

The Hyderabad Kingsmen are one of the new teams introduced for the 2026 season after the league expanded to eight franchises. The team is making its debut in the upcoming tournament, with Gillespie leading the coaching setup.

This marks Gillespie's return to Pakistan cricket after previously serving as Pakistan's Test coach for a brief period. His appointment as head coach was seen as a significant move for the new franchise.

Social Media Reacts

The clip quickly went viral, with fans praising Gillespie's honest and straightforward response. Many users appreciated his focus on cricket over promotional gimmicks, while others found the moment humorous.

The incident also highlighted how modern franchise leagues rely heavily on social media engagement, with arrival videos becoming a regular feature across tournaments.

PSL 2026 Approaches

The 2026 Pakistan Super League is set to begin soon, with eight teams competing in the expanded format. As franchises gear up for the new season, Gillespie's viral moment has already added early buzz to the tournament.

While promotional content remains an important part of modern cricket leagues, Gillespie's reaction showed that for some, preparation and performance still come first.

Rakasa Trailer Sparks Excitement with Grand Folklore World

The official trailer of the Telugu film "Rakasa" has been released, giving audiences an immersive glimpse into a visually expansive folklore universe rooted in myth, ritual, and survival, while naturally blending humour into its narrative. Directed by debutant Manasa Sharma and produced by Niharika Konidela and Umesh Kumar Bansal under Pink Elephant Pictures in collaboration with Zee Studios, the film stars Sangeeth Shobhan and Nayan Sarika in lead roles.

The trailer opens with the chilling voiceover, "What lies in the fort... is not meant for ordinary men, but for the terrifying Brahma Rakshasa," immediately establishing a world where a sealed fortress, recurring sacrifices, and village rituals govern survival. Sangeeth Shobhan's character, Veera, enters this system of fear and tradition, gradu-

ally revealing a story that mixes suspense, romance, and comedy. Moments of humour arise naturally from character interactions, particularly between Veera, Get-up Srinu, and Tanikella Bharani, balancing the tension of the looming supernatural threat.

Visually, the trailer impresses with torch-lit interiors, dense textures, and towering fortifications, creating a grounded yet epic setting. Scenes featuring falling meteors, night-time transformations of animals, and ritual markings build suspense, while the background score transitions from light, playful motifs to intense, atmospheric crescendos, heightening the sense of danger. Romantic sequences between the hero and heroine also add emotional depth, showing a strong love angle within the folklore narrative.

The trailer has already generated massive online engagement, with title glimpses crossing 1.9 million views and teasers surpassing 3 million. Songs like "Rapappa," "Padhe Padhe," and "Snake Dance" have become chartbusters, amplifying the film's reach.

Rakasa is set for a worldwide release on April 3, 2026, with overseas premieres on April 2. Theatrical rights in the Telugu states are managed by Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Movie Makers, while Atharvana Bhadrakali Pictures oversees international distribution, covering markets in the US, UK, Canada, Europe, and Australia. Digital stream-

ing rights have been acquired by Netflix, with Saregama securing the audio rights.

The ensemble cast includes Vennela Kishore, Brahmaji, Ashish Vidyarthi, Sukwinder Singh, Annapurnaamma, and Anoop Singh Thakur, adding depth and tonal variety. The technical team features cinematography by Raju Eduru, music by Anudeep Dev, editing

by Anwar Ali, action choreography by Vijay, production design by Ramanjaneyulu, and art direction and costumes that further enrich the folklore setting.

With its mix of mythology, suspense, humour, and visual grandeur, Rakasa is shaping up to be a distinctive cinematic experience for audiences, promising a big-screen spectacle that blends narrative depth with thrilling entertainment.



Janhvi Kapoor Gains Momentum in Telugu Cinema After Devara

Bollywood actress Janhvi Kapoor is rapidly making her mark in Tollywood following her notable debut in the Telugu film Devara: Part 1 alongside Jr NTR. Her performance in the film has opened doors to bigger opportunities, with filmmakers and producers increasingly keen to cast her in South Indian projects.

Devara proved to be a significant stepping stone, allowing Janhvi to connect with Telugu audiences and gain recognition in a highly competitive industry. The film's success has boosted her visibility and positioned her as a promising talent in regional cinema.

Following this debut, Janhvi has already been cast in the high-profile Telugu sports action drama Peddi, starring Ram Charan, highlighting the growing demand for her presence in the industry. Reports suggest that she

is open to taking on multiple projects in Tollywood, adapting her approach to project choices and remuneration to expand her opportunities.

Industry insiders indicate that Janhvi could join other major Telugu productions in the near future, potentially working alongside top stars. Fans and critics alike are watching closely, noting that her early success in Telugu cinema could lead to a long-term career in the South, complementing her Bollywood work. With several high-profile Telugu releases lined up and growing interest from filmmakers, Janhvi Kapoor's post-Devara momentum signals a promising new chapter in her career, establishing her as a rising pan-India actress.



Ram Charan Set to Rejoin Peddi Shoot After Injury

Tollywood star Ram Charan is all set to resume shooting for his highly anticipated sports action drama Peddi starting tomorrow, delighting fans across the country. The actor had recently suffered a minor injury on set, which temporarily halted production, but the team confirmed that he has fully recovered and will be back for crucial portions of the film's final schedule.

The injury, a small cut above his eye sustained during an intense action sequence, was treated promptly, and the actor is ready to jump back into action. The crew reassured fans that Ram Charan's health is fine and that filming will continue without further delays.

Peddi, directed by Buchi Babu Sana, stars Ram Charan alongside Janhvi Kapoor in the lead roles. The film, known for its large-scale production, features music by Oscar-winning composer A. R. Rahman and is produced under multiple banners with a reported high budget, making it one of the most ambitious Telugu films in recent times.

Mrunal Thakur Gives Adivi Sesh a Fun Marathi Lesson on Dacoit Sets

Bollywood and pan-India cinema fans are enjoying a playful behind-the-scenes moment between Mrunal Thakur and her Dacoit co-star Adivi Sesh. During the shoot of their upcoming action drama, Thakur took it upon herself to teach Sesh some Marathi phrases and iconic lines from the cult comedy Ashi Hi Banwa Banwi, leading to plenty of laughter.

In the clip, Thakur guides Sesh through everyday Marathi expressions and encourages him to mimic famous dialogues. One of the funniest moments shows him attempting a classic line from the original film, capturing the humorous chemistry between the two stars.

Fans have found the video endearing as it highlights their off-screen camaraderie

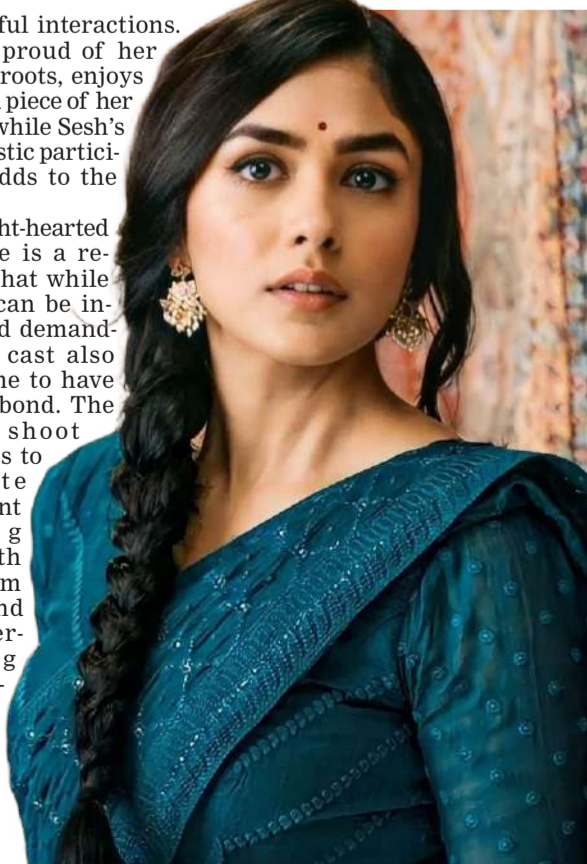


meets the expected scale and quality. With Ram Charan returning to the sets, excitement among fans is soaring. Audiences can expect more updates and promotional material as the film nears its theatrical release, promising high-octane action, engaging performances, and the grandeur that Tollywood blockbusters are known for. Peddi continues to be one of the most talked-about films in the industry, and Ram Charan's comeback on set is sure to boost the anticipation even further.

This sets the stage for a thrilling finish to the film's production and builds momentum for its eventual release, keeping Tollywood fans on the edge of their seats.

and playful interactions. Thakur, proud of her Marathi roots, enjoys sharing a piece of her culture, while Sesh's enthusiastic participation adds to the charm.

The light-hearted exchange is a reminder that while filming can be intense and demanding, the cast also finds time to have fun and bond. The Dacoit shoot continues to generate excitement among fans, both for the film itself and the entertaining behind-the-scenes moments like this.



Shreya Ghoshal Becomes India's First Female Artist in 3 Decades to Launch Live Album

Renowned playback singer Shreya Ghoshal has created history by becoming the first Indian female artiste in three decades to release a live album. Titled The All Hearts Tour - Live, the album captures electrifying moments from her recent global concerts, giving fans a chance to relive the energy, emotion, and magic of her performances on stage.

Celebrated for her versatile voice and melodious singing, Ghoshal has recorded thousands of songs across multiple languages throughout her illustrious career. With this live album, she showcases her exceptional vocal prowess while connecting with fans in a more intimate and authentic way.

The album features recordings from her All Hearts Tour, which included sold-out shows across India and abroad. Fans have praised the album for its production quality and the way it captures the spontaneity and passion of her live performances. Shreya shared that the album is a special gift for her audience, allowing them to experience the same thrill and emotion she felt on stage.

This release marks a significant milestone in Indian music, as live albums are rare in the country, especially by female artists. By venturing into this format, Shreya has set a new benchmark and opened the door for other artists to explore live recordings as a way to connect deeply with



audiences. Critics and fans alike have hailed the album as a testament to her enduring talent, noting how it preserves the raw energy of her concerts while showcasing her stunning vocal range. Many see this achievement as a step forward in bringing Indian live music into the global spotlight.

With The All Hearts Tour - Live, Shreya Ghoshal not only celebrates a major professional milestone but also inspires a new generation of musicians to innovate and dream bigger. Her historic achievement reinforces her position as one of India's most beloved and influential singers.



Pawan Kalyan Wishes Ram Charan a Speedy Recovery

Tollywood has been filled with support and warmth as Pawan Kalyan extended heartfelt wishes to Ram Charan following the latter's recent on set injury. The Kushi star had suffered a minor injury during the shoot of his upcoming film Peddi, prompting concern among fans — and Pawan Kalyan's public message has only added reassurance and encouragement.

In a gracious gesture that's resonated widely across social media, Pawan Kalyan shared his best wishes for Ram Charan's quick recovery and strength. The note reflected genuine camaraderie between the stars and highlighted the close knit bonds within the Telugu film fraternity. His message called for fans to remain confident, emphasizing that Charan's passion and resilience will see him back on his feet soon.

This supportive shout out comes at a time when fans have been eagerly awaiting updates on Peddi's shooting schedule. Ram Charan's temporary pause from filming triggered waves of concern online, with many expressing hope for his swift return. Pawan Kalyan's gesture brought positivity to that narrative, reassuring audiences that Charan is recovering well.

Tollywood insiders suggest that such public en-

couragement from a senior star carries significant emotional value for actors and fans alike. It reinforces the strong sense of fraternity among industry peers, especially during challenging moments like injuries or production halts. For the audience, it also underscores the unity and mutual respect that prominent stars share beyond screen rivalries.

Ram Charan's injury was reported to be minor, and sources close to the team earlier confirmed that he is already on the mend and expected to rejoin the Peddi shoot shortly. Pawan Kalyan's wishes have given fans yet another reason to stay optimistic about the film's progress and the actor's well being.

As the news spreads, social media has lit up with fans echoing Pawan Kalyan's sentiments and sending their own get well messages to Charan. This collective wave of support reflects the affection that audiences hold for both stars and highlights how moments of vulnerability can foster unity across fandoms.

With both peers and fans rallying behind him, all eyes are now on Ram Charan's recovery and his return to the Peddi sets — and Pawan Kalyan's warm message has undeniably brought an extra dose of encouragement to that journey.