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# Change Your Writer

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A sharp critique has been directed at former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, questioning his political strategy and approach as the state moves toward future elections.

The criticism centers on what observers describe as a repetitive political script. Analysts argue that while political strategies must evolve after setbacks, Jagan Mohan Reddy appears to be continuing with the same approach that once worked but is now yielding diminishing returns. "If a strategy fails, it must be changed. Even young players in the IPL adapt quickly, but here the same script, same rhetoric, and same confrontational style continue," the commentary noted.

There is also skepticism about relying on past success, particularly the sweeping mandate in 2019. Critics argue that voters may not be persuaded by the same tactics repeatedly.



They point out that targeting opponents with sarcasm and personal attacks, including remarks aimed at Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, may not resonate with the electorate anymore.

The handling of the Amaravati capital issue has also come under scrutiny. According to analysts, had the government continued development in Amaravati while simultaneously promoting decentralization, the public might have accepted the policy more readily. Instead, they allege that neglect-

ing Amaravati created distrust among people.

Jagan's political tone has also been questioned, particularly his consistent reference to Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan without directly naming him in the past. Critics say such an attitude may not be effective in contemporary politics, where direct engagement and acknowledgment of opponents are often expected.

Further, analysts suggest that the opposition should focus more on governance issues under the current coalition

government rather than attempting to counter its positive narratives. Key areas such as alleged corruption among legislators, sand mining irregularities, and liquor-related controversies are cited as issues that deserve greater attention.

The recent controversy involving Ambati Rambabu has also been flagged as damaging. Critics argue that the use of inappropriate language and subsequent justification could send negative signals to voters, potentially alienating undecided sections of the electorate.

Political observers warn that unless the YSR Congress Party leadership revises its strategy and tone, it risks further electoral setbacks. They emphasize that winning elections requires not only retaining existing supporters but also attracting new voters—something that may be difficult without a shift in approach. Whether Jagan Mohan Reddy chooses to recalibrate his political strategy remains to be seen, but analysts believe that such a move could be crucial for the party's future prospects.



## IPL Begins, So Does the Betting Racket

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As the excitement of the Indian Premier League grips cricket fans across the country, a parallel and more dangerous trend is also gaining momentum—illegal betting.

For most fans, the IPL season means gathering around televisions, backing favorite teams, and debating the performance of star players. However, behind the scenes, betting networks quietly spring into action well before the first ball is bowled. From roadside eateries to luxury hotels, betting dens are reportedly set up with full arrangements, including food, alcohol, and cash flow systems.

These operations are often backed by organized networks. At the top level, betting syndicates coordinate large transactions, while at the grassroots, local money lenders facilitate quick loans for bettors. Cities like Delhi, Mumbai, and Hyderabad reportedly witness large-scale betting activity, but the phenomenon is no longer limited to urban areas. Even villages are seeing a rise in such illegal operations, adapted to their scale.

Questions are being raised about enforcement. While police departments do conduct awareness campaigns and occasional raids, critics allege inconsistencies in implementation. Some officers actively work to curb betting, while

there are accusations that others may turn a blind eye or even leak information about planned raids. In cases of arrests, legal support systems are often quickly mobilized to secure bail for those involved.

What is more concerning is the growing participation across age groups. From students to salaried professionals, many are drawn into betting with the hope of making quick money. Easy access to funds—through loan apps or local lenders—further fuels this trend. The lure of doubling money often overshadows the risks, leaving many unprepared for financial losses and debt traps.

Experts warn that the consequences can be severe, with several instances in recent years where individuals, unable to repay mounting debts, have taken extreme steps.

Despite the scale of the issue, observers say that controlling betting is possible with coordinated efforts. Public awareness, timely reporting of illegal activities, and strict follow-up on enforcement actions are seen as key measures. Community vigilance, they argue, can play a crucial role in disrupting local betting networks.

As IPL fever continues to rise, authorities and citizens alike face the challenge of ensuring that the spirit of the game is not overshadowed by the dangers of illegal betting.



## Can't the New Government Change the Rules?

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Questions are being raised over why governments, after coming to power, often fail to implement the sweeping changes they promise while in opposition. In Andhra Pradesh, similar concerns are now being voiced against the ruling coalition, which is nearing two years in office.

Critics argue that while parties in opposition speak aggressively about reforms and systemic overhaul, their stance tends to soften once they assume power. "When in opposition, everything needs to be changed. But once in government, suddenly rules, systems, and practical constraints become reasons for inaction," observers note, adding that this pattern is visible across political parties.

The issue has resurfaced following a tragic bus accident near Markapuram that claimed 14 lives. The incident brought attention to a private operator reportedly running services under the name "Harikrishna Travels." Allegations suggest that second-hand buses were procured and registered in northeastern states like Arunachal Pradesh, before being operated locally, raising serious concerns about regulatory oversight.



Reports indicate that the operator himself was driving the bus, highlighting possible lapses in licensing and safety enforcement. Questions are now being directed at the state's transport authorities over how such operations were permitted. Public anger has intensified, with victims' families reportedly stating that instead of compensation after accidents, stricter enforcement and safer buses are needed to prevent

such tragedies.

The issue of private travel operators is not new. Over the years, there have been allegations of a close nexus between transport businesses and political leadership, with policies often seen as favoring private players. Historically, transport routes were nationalized during the tenure of N. T. Rama Rao, but private operators gradually re-entered the sector in various forms.

Despite repeated demands from Andhra Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation employees to regulate or curb private travel services, governments have refrained from imposing strict restrictions, often citing the inability of the state-run corporation to meet total passenger demand.

However, critics argue that lack of monitoring has led to repeated accidents and loss of lives. While authorities typically announce inquiries and enforcement drives immediately after major incidents, these measures often lose momentum over time. Another concern being raised is the practice of registering vehicles in distant states to bypass stricter regulations. Analysts suggest that making it mandatory for buses operating within Andhra Pradesh to be registered within the state could improve accountability and also boost state revenue. Despite these suggestions, there has been no significant policy shift so far. Observers say that even basic regulatory measures—such as stricter inspections and consistent monitoring—are not being effectively implemented. With growing public pressure, many are now demanding that the coalition government revisit existing transport policies, tighten rules, and ensure stricter enforcement to prevent further tragedies.

## Chandrababu Naidu Pushes for Legal Status to Amaravati

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In a significant move, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has initiated steps to grant legal backing to Amaravati as the state capital, aiming to bring long-term clarity and stability to the ongoing capital issue.

The state cabinet, under his leadership, has approved a resolution to be introduced in the Legislative Assembly, seeking formal recognition of Amaravati as the sole capital of Andhra Pradesh. The proposal is intended to strengthen the legal framework and ensure that the capital status is not altered with changes in government.

According to officials, the move is aimed at removing uncertainties that emerged in recent years, particularly during debates over the three-capital proposal. By securing legal validity, the government hopes to restore confidence among the public, farmers, and investors who have stakes in the Amaravati region.

The resolution is expected to urge the Central govern-



ment to make necessary amendments to existing provisions so that Amaravati is clearly defined as the state capital. Leaders believe this will prevent future policy reversals and provide administrative consistency.

The development is also seen as a strong political message from N. Chandrababu Naidu, reinforcing his longstanding commitment to Amaravati. The government maintains that a single capital system will ensure more efficient governance and streamlined administration.

### Pawan Kalyan Backs Amaravati Capital Resolution

Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan on Saturday expressed full support for the resolution introduced in the Assembly seeking legal status for Amaravati as the permanent capital of the state. Participating in the discussion on the resolution urging the Centre to grant statutory backing to Amaravati, Pawan Kalyan said that a majority of farmers had voluntarily given their lands for the development of the capital. He reiterated that the Amaravati project was built on the willingness and trust of the farming community. The Deputy Chief Minister criticized the previous government led by Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, alleging that the in-

stitutional strengthening, and governance improvements are expected to gain momentum if the proposal progresses further. Political observers say the move could have long-



term implications for the state's administrative structure and investment climate. However, the final outcome will depend on how the proposal is taken forward at the

national level. With this initiative, N. Chandrababu Naidu appears to be taking a deci-

### Lokesh Demands Clarity from Jagan on Amaravati, Slams Absence from Assembly

Andhra Pradesh Education and IT Minister Nara Lokesh on Saturday demanded that YSRCP chief Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy clearly state whether he supports or opposes Amaravati as the state capital. Speaking during a special Assembly session convened to pass a historic resolution on continuing Amaravati as the capital, Lokesh delivered an emotional address, emphasizing the long-term impact of the decision on the future of five crore people of Andhra Pradesh. He questioned Jagan's absence from the session, asking why the Leader of the Opposition was in Bengaluru instead of attending such a crucial debate. "This is not a personal matter. It is directly linked to the future of the people of the state," Lokesh asserted, urging Jagan to clarify his stand without ambiguity.



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# Amaravati as Capital Reflects Telugu Pride: Minister Atchannaaidu

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Andhra Pradesh Agriculture Minister Kinjarapu Atchannaaidu stated that establishing Amaravati as the state capital is a symbol of Telugu self-respect and collective aspiration. Speaking in the Andhra Pradesh Assembly on the resolution granting legal status to Amaravati, the minister described the moment as historic and pivotal for the state's future.

He emphasized that despite several transitions in the state's history, a stable and centralized capital aligned with people's aspirations is essential for long-term development. Amaravati, he said, would serve as a growth engine ensuring equal opportunities for all regions. He added that the government has moved forward



ward by overcoming past uncertainties and is now laying a strong foundation for the state's progress. Praising Chief Minister N.

Chandrababu Naidu, Atchannaaidu called his leadership a "fortunate phase" for Andhra Pradesh, crediting him with restoring confidence in Amara-

vati. He said the resolution would be remembered as a landmark decision in the state's history, upholding the pride of Telugu people.

Recalling the historical journey from the sacrifice of Potti Sriramulu for linguistic states to the capitals at Kurnool and Hyderabad, the minister noted that the 2014 bifurcation posed significant challenges. However, he said, decisive leadership helped the state move forward with a clear vision.

He also described the decision to move administration from Hyderabad as a bold step taken in the interest of future generations. Referring to political developments post-2019, he criticized the previous government led by Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, alleging that certain decisions created confusion and hindered progress. Atchannaaidu concluded that granting legal status to Amaravati is not just an administrative move but a historic step that showcases the dignity and unity of the Telugu people on a global stage.



# MLAs Meet Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan to Address Constituency Issues

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In a significant development during the Andhra Pradesh Assembly session, several legislators met Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan on Saturday, highlighting a range of unresolved issues affecting their constituencies. The interaction took place during a brief recess in the Assembly, providing an opportunity for elected representatives to directly present public concerns to the state leadership.

During the meeting, the MLAs submitted detailed representations outlining key problems in their respective regions. These included issues related to infrastructure development, drinking water supply, road connectivity, welfare scheme implementation, and pending administrative approvals. The legislators emphasized the urgency of addressing these matters, noting that many of them have been unresolved for a considerable period, impacting the daily lives of people.

Among those who met the Deputy Chief Minister were State Minister Vasanamsetti Subhash and MLAs Pulaparthi Ramanjaneyulu, Lokam Nagamadhavi, Sundarapu Vijay Kumar, and Gummanuri Jayaram, along with others. Each of them presented constituency-specific concerns and sought immediate government intervention.

Sources indicated that the MLAs requested the Deputy CM to prioritize development

works and expedite the resolution process by coordinating with relevant departments. They also urged for better allocation of resources and improved monitoring mechanisms to ensure effective implementation of government schemes at the grassroots level.

Responding positively, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan assured the legislators that the government is committed to addressing public grievances in a timely and transparent manner. He stated that all the issues brought to his notice would be reviewed thoroughly, and necessary directions would be issued to the concerned officials for prompt action.

He further emphasized the importance of collaboration between elected representatives and the administration to achieve sustainable development. By working together, he noted, the government can ensure that the benefits of development reach every section of society.

The meeting reflects the ongoing efforts within the Assembly to bridge the gap between governance and public needs. It also highlights the proactive approach of MLAs in voicing the concerns of their constituents and seeking solutions through institutional channels. Overall, the interaction is seen as a positive step toward strengthening governance and ensuring that development initiatives are effectively implemented across Andhra Pradesh.



# Comprehensive Review on Tenali Development: Minister Nadendla Manohar Sets Vision for Modern City

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Andhra Pradesh Minister for Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Nadendla Manohar, conducted a detailed review meeting on the development of Tenali at the State Secretariat in Velagapudi. The meeting was attended by State Architect Nivin, Municipal Commissioner Rama Appalanaidu, and officials from engineering and sanitation departments.

The discussions focused on key areas such as urban infrastructure, sanitation, modernization, and overall city beautification. The Minister issued several important directives aimed at transforming Tenali into a clean, efficient, and modern urban center.

One of the major decisions taken was to demolish the existing municipal building and construct a new, state-of-the-art facility under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model. The proposed structure will include both office and commercial spaces. Officials were instructed to prepare project proposals in the form of a Request for Proposal (RFP) and invite investors by the first week of May.

In the area of sanitation, the Minister emphasized strengthening the door-to-door garbage collection system. He directed officials to ensure strict segregation of wet and dry waste and adopt scientific waste management practices. Plans are also underway to establish biogas plants to efficiently process organic waste.

Further, the Minister called

for the expansion of night sanitation drives and beautification initiatives to enhance the city's appearance. He also suggested implementing innovative programmes under the "Clean Tenali" concept, in coordination with experts, including representatives from institutions like ASCI, Hyderabad.

To improve waste collection efficiency, the government plans to provide dustbins to every household and replace traditional pushcarts with electric vehicles for garbage collection. Separate chambers for dry and wet waste collection will be introduced, with a target to complete implementation by the end of May.

The Minister also instructed officials to enhance the capacity of existing waste processing plants and prepare financial proposals for setting up new facilities. Coordination with Swachh Andhra Corporation and the Pollution Control Board was stressed to ensure effective implementation of sanitation programmes.

Additionally, proposals are being prepared for constructing a skywalk bridge near the municipal office to facilitate safe pedestrian movement across the main road. Plans were also discussed to redevelop the Tenali market into a modern, iconic structure.

Concluding the meeting, Minister Nadendla Manohar urged all departments to work in coordination to transform Tenali into a model city with improved cleanliness, infrastructure, and quality of life for its residents.

# Government Restores RDT Foreign Funding Renewal: Minister Savita

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Andhra Pradesh BC, EWS Welfare, Handlooms and Textiles Minister S. Savita stated that the government has honoured its commitment by restoring the foreign funding (FCRA) renewal for the Rural Development Trust (RDT). She said this move would ensure the continuation of vital services being provided to the poor in Anantapur and surrounding regions.

Addressing the media at the Assembly premises, the Minister thanked Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Minister Nara Lokesh for their timely intervention. She explained that due to certain technical issues, the FCRA renewal had been stalled, affecting the flow of foreign funds to the organization. However, the coalition government took the matter seriously and coordi-

nated with the central authorities to resolve it.

Savita highlighted that RDT, founded by Vicente Ferrer and Anne Ferrer, has been serving underprivileged communities for over 60 years. The organization has played a key role in providing housing to thousands of poor families, supporting farmers with land and agricultural tools, and delivering education and healthcare services.

She noted that RDT's super-specialty hospital has greatly benefited patients by providing advanced medical treatment locally, reducing the need to travel to cities like Hyderabad or Bengaluru. The hospital has been especially helpful for pregnant women and economically weaker sections.

The Minister also mentioned that several sportspersons from Anantapur have achieved national and international recognition through training support from RDT. She praised the

organization for its holistic development approach.

Explaining the process behind the renewal, Savita said that the issue was taken up with the central government through Minister Nara Lokesh, who coordinated with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah. She also acknowledged the efforts of Union Minister Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu in facilitating the process.

Criticizing the previous administration led by Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, she alleged that they failed to address the issue earlier and accused them of trying to claim undue credit.

Savita concluded that restoring the RDT funding is a significant step toward continuing welfare services and reaffirmed the government's commitment to supporting organizations that work for the upliftment of marginalized communities.



# Amaravati Resolution Dedicated to Women Farmers: Home Minister Anitha

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Andhra Pradesh Home Minister Vangalapati Anitha delivered a powerful speech in the State Assembly during the discussion on the legal status resolution for Amaravati, describing it as a historic moment and a tribute to the resilience of farmers, particularly women.

Highlighting the significance of the Amaravati movement, Anitha said it would be remembered as one of the largest people's movements in India after the freedom struggle. She emphasized that the contribution of women farmers was extraordinary and deserved to be recognized in history. According to her, the resolution granting legal status to Amaravati should be dedicated to these women who stood firm throughout the agitation.

The Minister noted that women from different backgrounds, including pregnant women, elderly women, and mothers with infants, actively participated in the protests, demonstrating immense courage and commitment. She stated that their sacrifices symbolize the strength and unity of the Telugu people.

Anitha also pointed out that thousands of acres of land were voluntarily given by small and marginal farmers for the development of Amaravati, without any major protests or agitations. This, she said, reflects the trust people had in the vision of building a world-class capital for the state. She added that Amaravati, a region with historical significance dating back to the Satavahana period, carries both cultural and emotional value for the people.

Referring to support from across the state, the Minister said that people from North Andhra expressed solidarity with Amaravati farmers, strengthening the movement.



She also mentioned that Nara Bhuvaneshwari donated gold bangles in support of the agitation, which became a symbol of commitment to the cause.

Criticizing the previous government led by Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, Anitha alleged that the proposal of three capitals created confusion and uncertainty in the state. She accused the former administration of undermining the aspirations of Amaravati farmers and failing to respect their sacrifices.

The Home Minister further alleged that women participating in the movement were subjected to harassment and mistreatment. She claimed that peaceful protests were disrupted and that those supporting the movement faced various forms of pressure. According to her, even basic arrangements during padayatras were disturbed, reflecting an attempt to suppress the voices of farmers. Anitha stated that despite these challenges, the farmers, especially women, continued their struggle with determination. She said their persistence ultimately led to the current resolution, which aims to restore justice and reaffirm Amaravati's status as the capital. Concluding her address, the Minister described the passage of the Amaravati legal resolution as a historic step that not only strengthens administrative clarity but also honors the sacrifices of farmers. She reiterated that the government remains committed to developing Amaravati as a symbol of pride and progress for Andhra Pradesh.

# Jagan Changed Stand on Amaravati, Says Minister Narayana

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Andhra Pradesh Minister P. Narayana alleged that former Chief Minister Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy has changed his stance on the Amaravati capital issue, accusing him of misleading the public with contradictory statements.

Addressing the media, Narayana stated that Jagan's comments on Amaravati have been inconsistent over time. He claimed that while earlier opposing Amaravati and promoting alternative capital models, Jagan is now attempting to shift his narrative, creating confusion among people. According to the minister, such changes in stand reflect a lack of clarity and political opportunism.

Narayana further alleged



that during his tenure, Jagan failed to prioritize the development of Amaravati and instead stalled key infrastructure projects. He accused the previous

government of halting construction works, delaying payments to contractors, and creating uncertainty around the capital city's future. These ac-

tions, he said, not only affected development but also caused distress among farmers who had contributed land for the capital. The minister also criticized Jagan for what he described as "false propaganda" regarding Amaravati. He refuted claims that the capital is being constructed in a riverbed, asserting that all development activities are being carried out as per approved master plans and environmental guidelines. He emphasized that misleading statements could negatively impact public perception and investor confidence.

Highlighting recent progress, Narayana said that development works in Amaravati have resumed with renewed momentum under the current government. He pointed out that farmers are voluntarily participating in land pooling

initiatives, indicating growing trust in the project. He reiterated that Amaravati will remain the sole capital of Andhra Pradesh and that the government is committed to completing it as a world-class city. The minister also underlined the importance of having a single, centralized capital for efficient governance. He stated that administrative functions, policy decisions, and public services can be delivered more effectively when the capital is well-planned and fully developed. Concluding his remarks, Narayana asserted that attempts to mislead people on the capital issue would not succeed and warned that such strategies could have serious consequences. He reaffirmed the government's commitment to Amaravati's development, calling it essential for the state's growth and future.

# BJP Extends Full Support to Amaravati Resolution, Says Minister Satya Kumar Yadav

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Andhra Pradesh Health Minister Satya Kumar Yadav reaffirmed the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) complete support for granting legal status to Amaravati, stating that the capital city stands beyond caste, religion, and regional divisions.

Speaking in the State Assembly during a special discussion on the Amaravati resolution, the minister described the day as both "historic and unfortunate." He expressed regret that even after 12 years, the state had to revisit the issue of Amaravati's legitimacy despite thousands of farmers voluntarily contributing over 33,000 acres of land for the capital's construction.

Yadav emphasized that the Central Government has extended full cooperation toward the development of Amaravati. He highlighted that several institutions were sanctioned in line with the vision of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and noted that even



commitments beyond those mentioned in the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act were being fulfilled. He cited the national status granted to the Polavaram Project and the proposal for a 189-kilometer Outer Ring Road around Amaravati as key examples of this support. Launching a sharp attack on the previous government led by Y. S. Jagan Mohan

Reddy, the minister alleged that the state's development suffered due to "destructive and regressive decisions" taken after 2019. He compared the political shift to a "virus" that disrupted progress and criticized the three-capital proposal, accusing it of creating confusion and halting Amaravati's growth. He further alleged that the earlier administration

withdrew the CRDA Act and betrayed public trust after initially supporting Amaravati in the Assembly. Yadav also claimed that farmers, including women, faced harassment and suppression during protests, and accused the previous regime of targeting them through coercive measures. Highlighting the broader development agenda, the minis-

ter stated that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, balanced growth is being ensured across regions including North Andhra and Rayalaseema. He mentioned key initiatives such as the Visakhapatnam Railway Zone and the establishment of a Central University in Anantapur. In a lighter moment, Yadav drew a humorous comparison referencing comedian Brahmanandam, stating that misleading statements by the former Chief Minister could metaphorically "wither even the Nallamala forests," drawing laughter from members including the Chief Minister in the Assembly. Concluding his speech, the minister asserted that the resolution would ensure justice to farmers and reaffirm Amaravati as the permanent capital of Andhra Pradesh. He reiterated BJP's unwavering support and expressed confidence that the capital's development would now move forward with renewed momentum and clarity.



## Amaravati is the Emotional and Future Identity of Andhra Pradesh: Nadendra Manohar

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Andhra Pradesh Civil Supplies Minister Nadendra Manohar asserted that Amaravati represents not just a capital city, but the emotional identity and future of the people of Andhra Pradesh. Speaking during the special Assembly session convened to pass a resolution granting permanent capital status to Amaravati, the minister reaffirmed the unwavering commitment of the Jana Sena Party to the cause.

Manohar emphasized that Amaravati stands as a symbol of sacrifice made by the people of 29 villages who voluntarily gave over 34,000 acres of land for the state's future. He described their contribution as historic, noting that many farmers set aside their personal and family interests to support the vision of building a world-class capital.

Highlighting the role of Jana Sena Party, Manohar stated that the party has supported Amaravati from the very beginning. He credited party president and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan for consistently advocating Amaravati as the sole capital of Andhra Pradesh in every public platform. He recalled that Pawan Kalyan even crossed barricades and police restrictions to stand in solidarity with the farmers, demonstrating unwavering commitment to their cause.

The minister strongly criticized the previous government led by Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, accusing it of adopting a vindictive ap-

proach toward Amaravati. He alleged that farmers were subjected to harassment, denied basic support such as lease payments, and faced continuous administrative hurdles. According to him, the government's policies disrupted the capital development process and caused distress among farmers.

Manohar also pointed out that Amaravati farmers carried out a historic protest for over 1,600 days, including a notable padayatra from Amaravati to Tirupati, which demonstrated unity and determination. He stated that Jana Sena repeatedly raised the issue at the national level, ensuring that the sacrifices of farmers were brought to the attention of central leadership.

Speaking on democratic values, the minister stressed that public opinion must be respected in governance. He recalled his own experience during the state bifurcation debates, stating that even after prolonged discussions and resolutions, public sentiment was overlooked. Drawing a parallel, he criticized the previous administration for ignoring the will of the people in the Amaravati issue.

Concluding his speech, Manohar said that the resolution should not be seen as a mere procedural step but as a reflection of the aspirations of five crore people. He expressed confidence that under the leadership of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and with support from the Centre, Amaravati will emerge as a world-class capital, bringing pride to all regions of the state.

## Rajahmundry-Kakinada Port Train Gets Permanent Status: Daggubati Purandeswari

Amaravathi March 28 TPN Bureau:

In a major relief to daily commuters, the special train service between Rajahmundry and Kakinada Port has now been converted into a permanent service, following efforts by BJP MP Daggubati Purandeswari.

The train, which was earlier operating as a temporary special service with numbers 07523/07524, will now run as a regular MEMU Express with new numbers 67301/67302. This decision was approved by the Railway Ministry after repeated representations made by Purandeswari, who highlighted the difficulties faced by passengers on this busy route.

Expressing her gratitude, Purandeswari thanked Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw for responding positively to the request and prioritizing public needs. She stated that the move reflects the Centre's commitment to improving regional connectivity and passenger convenience.

The Rajahmundry-Kakinada Port route is widely used by office-goers, students, and small traders who travel daily between the two cities. With the service now made permanent, thousands of passengers can benefit from a more reliable and affordable transport option. The uncertainty associated with special train services, which are often temporary, has now been eliminated.

According to Purandeswari, this development will not only ease daily travel but also support economic and social activity between the Godavari districts. She emphasized that the availability of a low-cost, consistent rail service would significantly reduce travel burdens, particularly for middle-class and working populations.

The MEMU (Mainline Electric Multiple Unit) service is known for its efficiency and suitability for short-distance travel, making it ideal for this route. Railway officials believe that the conversion into a permanent service will improve scheduling, ensure continuity, and enhance overall passenger experience.

Passengers in both regions have welcomed the decision, calling it a long-awaited move that addresses a key transportation need. Many expressed hope that more such services would be introduced in the future to strengthen connectivity across Andhra Pradesh.

Purandeswari further assured that she would continue to push for additional railway facilities, modernization of stations, and better infrastructure in her constituency to meet the growing demands of the public.

This decision marks a significant step in strengthening rail connectivity in the region and reflects the impact of consistent public representation in addressing local issues.

## Sharmila Questions Centre, Seeks Clarity on Amaravati Funding

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Andhra Pradesh Congress Committee (APCC) chief Y. S. Sharmila Reddy welcomed the Assembly resolution granting legal status to Amaravati, but raised a series of sharp questions targeting both the State and Central governments over funding and legal commitments for the capital's development.

Addressing the media in Vijayawada, Sharmila described the resolution as a positive step and said seeking an amendment to Section 5 of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act was "legally justified." However, she questioned why the State government was not equally assertive in demanding funds under Section 94(3), which mandates Central support for the development of the new capital.

Taking an indirect dig at Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, she asked whether the same determination shown in pushing for legal clarity on Amaravati could not be extended to securing financial assistance from the Centre. "Is inserting the term 'at Amaravati' in Section 5 more important than ensuring funds under Section 94(3)?" she questioned.

Sharmila further argued that merely issuing a Gazette notification would not ensure the growth of Amaravati, stressing that large-scale financial backing is essential for building a world-class capital. She pointed



out that the Reorganisation Act clearly places responsibility on the Central government to support the capital's construction and questioned whether the State had demanded its rightful share. Referring to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, she criticized what she described as inadequate support from the Centre, asking whether symbolic gestures were being projected as substantial contributions. She also questioned whether the State government was settling for loans instead of insisting on grants, thereby placing a financial burden on the people.

The APCC chief expressed concern over the estimated 1 lakh crore required for Amaravati's construction, asking whether the cost would ultimately fall on the citizens of

Andhra Pradesh. She demanded that the Assembly pass a resolution pressuring the Centre to release funds as a matter of right, rather than as discretionary support. Sharmila also alleged that the Centre was diluting provisions of the Reorganisation Act and said the State must take a firm stand against such actions. She emphasized that the Assembly is the appropriate platform to demand accountability and ensure that commitments made during the state's bifurcation are honored. Concluding, she said the Congress party expects the ruling coalition to respond clearly to these questions in the Assembly and assure the people of Andhra Pradesh that Amaravati's development will not be compromised due to lack of funds.

# Amaravati Roads Were Built During Jagan Regime: Perni Nani Counters Government Claims

Amaravathi March 28 TPN Bureau:

Senior YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) leader Perni Venkatramiah (Nani) stated that significant road infrastructure in Amaravati was actually developed during the tenure of former Chief Minister Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, countering claims made by the ruling coalition.

Responding to the ongoing Assembly debate on Amaravati's legal status, Perni Nani alleged that the current government is attempting to mislead the public by taking sole credit for development works. He asserted that several key roads in the capital region were initiated and executed during the YSRCP regime, and that the narrative being projected now ignores those contributions.

Nani emphasized that YSRCP has never opposed Amaravati as

a capital, but had raised concerns over alleged irregularities and financial mismanagement in its development. He reiterated that their stand was focused on transparency and equitable development rather than abandoning the capital region.

Backing his claims, recent reports indicate that road infrastructure development in Amaravati has been ongoing for years, with trunk roads and connectivity projects designed to support long-term urban growth and traffic needs. These include wide arterial roads and connectivity corridors aimed at transforming Amaravati into a modern capital city.

The YSRCP leader further criticized the Assembly resolution process, calling it politically driven and incomplete. He questioned whether due legislative procedures were followed and argued that broader issues concerning farmers, finances, and govern-

ance were being sidelined.

Nani also pointed out that infrastructure development is a continuous process involving multiple governments over time. He urged the ruling alliance to acknowledge past efforts instead of politicizing the issue for electoral gains.

The remarks come amid heated exchanges between the ruling coalition and opposition over Amaravati's future, with each side presenting contrasting narratives on development and governance. While the current government maintains that it is reviving and accelerating capital works, the opposition insists that groundwork laid during the previous regime is being overlooked. As the debate continues, Amaravati remains at the center of Andhra Pradesh's political discourse, symbolizing both development aspirations and political differences between major parties.



# KDCC Bank Growth Hinges on Role of Society Chairpersons: Chairman Nettem Raghuram

Vijayawada march 28 | TPN Bureau:

The Chairman of KDCC Bank and former minister, Nettem Raghuram, emphasized the crucial role of society chairpersons in the development of the bank during a joint meeting of Krishna district society heads held at Makineni Basava Punnaiah Function Hall in Vijayawada.

stakeholders to work together toward this goal.

Providing an overview of the bank's performance, he noted that KDCC Bank currently holds the 5th position overall in Krishna and NTR districts. He described this achievement as significant, considering the stiff competition from major commercial banks such as State Bank of India, Union Bank of India, Bank of Baroda, and Canara Bank.

However, Raghuram proudly highlighted that KDCC Bank has secured the 1st position in the cooperative banking sector across the state and

stands 4th at the national level. He attributed this success to the combined efforts of the bank's staff, management, and member societies.

Focusing on farmer welfare, he explained that the bank has introduced the Janata Insurance Scheme to provide financial security to farmers. Under this scheme, families of farmers who die in accidents are provided financial assistance of up to 2 lakh. Additionally, the interest on crop loans taken by such farmers is completely waived, offering relief to their families.

He also mentioned that PACS members are given 10,000 as support for funeral expenses. The bank continues to extend various loan facilities, including education

loans, housing loans, and loans for purchasing agricultural land, aimed at improving farmers' livelihoods.

Raghuram further noted the bank's push toward digital banking services, including RTGS, NEFT, UPI, and mobile banking. To support small businesses, PhonePe QR code facilities have also been introduced.

During the meeting, key resolutions were approved, including 182.31 lakh interest waiver for farmers, a budget of 115.68 crore for the financial year 2026-27, land acquisition for new branch buildings, and the establishment of three new branches in Velaturu, Redigudem, and Seri Lakshimpuram.

The gathering also paid tributes to late society chair-



man Chinta Venkateswara Rao of Navabupeta. Employee union leaders expressed gratitude to Raghuram for his

role in implementing salary revisions from manager to AGM level, appreciating his commitment to employee wel-

fare. Several leaders and officials, including CEO Shyam Manohar and other senior staff, attended the event.

# Praja Darbar Ensures Swift Resolution of Public Grievances: Chairman K. Nagul Meera

Vijayawada march 28 | TPN Bureau:

State Dudekula Finance Corporation Chairman K. Nagul Meera stated that the Praja Darbar initiative, being conducted under the aegis of the state government, is playing a key role in addressing public grievances promptly. He made these remarks while participating in a Praja Darbar programme held at Sri Telaprolu Raja High School premises in Appalaswamy Street of the 51st division in Vijayawada West constituency on Saturday.

The programme, organized under the leadership of MP Kesineni Sivanath (Chinni), is being conducted every week to directly connect with people and resolve their issues efficiently. During the event, Chairman Nagul Meera, along with District Library Development Organization Chairman M.S. Beg, Telugu Mahila State



Vice President Shaik Asha, and City Corporation Director Sukashi Kiran Kumar, received petitions from the public and forwarded them to the concerned officials on the spot. They instructed the to ensure speedy resolution of the issues.

Speaking on the occasion, Nagul Meera highlighted that the ruling alliance parties—TDP, Jana Sena, and BJP—have continued to stay connect-

ed with the public even after assuming power; by organizing Praja Darbar programmes. He praised Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, describing him as a leader committed to public welfare, who has directed officials and leaders to reach out to people and resolve their grievances without delay.

He further stated that, following the directions of MP Kesineni Sivanath, the Praja

Darbar programme is being conducted regularly in Vijayawada West constituency, ensuring that people's concerns are addressed on a war footing. He added that the initiative has been receiving a positive response from the public.

M.S. Beg also encouraged citizens to make use of the Praja Darbar platform, noting that the presence of officials during the programme helps in pro-

viding immediate solutions to various issues.

During the event, citizens raised multiple concerns, including applications for house sites, ration cards, and health-related issues. The leaders promptly conveyed these matters to the and urged them to take immediate action.

Several party leaders and representatives attended the programme, including TDP district vice president Kotteti Hanumantha Rao, district secretary Pilla Srinivasa Rao, 51st division president Kuncham Durgarao, general secretary Bevara Ravi, Market Yard Committee Vice Chairman Pala Madhav, former corporator Ummadi Chanti, and others. The Praja Darbar programme continues to serve as an effective platform for bridging the gap between the government and the, ensuring timely grievance redressal and strengthening public trust in governance.

# EAGLE Initiative Leads the Way Toward a Drug-Free Society: A Story of Compassion and Leadership

Vijayawada march 28 | TPN Bureau:

In a remarkable example of humane policing, IGP A.K. Ravikrishna has once again demonstrated that the role of a police officer goes far beyond maintaining law and order—it extends to transforming lives on the brink of collapse. Through the proactive efforts of the EAGLE (Elite Anti-Narcotics Group for Law Enforcement) team, a young life has been given a second chance, highlighting a powerful step toward building a drug-free society.

The incident dates back to March 18, when the IGP visited the de-addiction center at the Government Hospital in Vijayawada. During his visit, he came across a deeply troubling case—a 16-year-old boy who had fallen prey to drug and ganja addiction. The boy's fragile condition and the emotional distress of his parents left a profound impact on the officer.

The parents, overwhelmed with fear and helplessness, expressed their concern that once discharged, their son might return to his old circle of friends and relapse into addiction. Moved by their plight, IGP Ravikrishna responded immediately, assuring them that their child's future would not be left to uncertainty.

Acting on his directions, the EAGLE team in Vijayawada stepped in as a protective shield for the teenager. Taking full responsibility for his rehabilitation, the team ensured that as soon as the boy was discharged from the hospital, he was safely transferred under their supervision to the Don Bosco De-addiction Center in Nuzvid. There, he would receive structured counseling, care, and a supportive environment essential for recovery and reintegration into society.

This intervention stands out not merely as an administrative action, but as a reflection of visionary leadership. IGP Ravikrishna's approach em-



phasizes not just addressing the symptoms of crime, but tackling its root causes. His ability to listen, empathize, and implement a sustainable solution underscores the essence of people-centric policing.

Equally commendable is the dedication of the EAGLE team, whose tireless efforts on the ground ensure that such initiatives translate into real impact. Their swift coordination and commitment to the welfare of vulnerable individuals demonstrate a model of policing that blends efficiency with compassion.

The incident also sends a strong message about the importance of protecting the youth from the dangers of substance abuse. At a time when many young lives are at risk of being derailed, such timely interventions can alter destinies and restore hope to families.

Ultimately, true policing lies not only in apprehending offenders but also in preventing individuals from descending into crime and addiction. By rescuing a young boy from the clutches of substance abuse, IGP A.K. Ravikrishna and his team have illuminated a path of hope for many others facing similar struggles.

This inspiring act serves as a reminder that with empathy, responsibility, and decisive action, authorities can play a transformative role in shaping a healthier and safer society.

# Swachh Andhra-Swarna Andhra Initiative Promotes Waste-Free Living in Vijayawada Rural

Vijayawada march 28 | TPN Bureau:

As part of the Swachh Andhra-Swarna Andhra programme, a special awareness initiative focusing on waste segregation and sustainable living was conducted at Gollapudi Swarna Gramam in Vijayawada Rural mandal on Saturday. District Collector Dr. G. Lakshminsha attended the programme as the chief guest and emphasized the importance of adopting eco-friendly practices at the grassroots level.

The programme highlighted the theme of managing waste at its source—homes and offices—by segregating wet and dry waste and promoting a lifestyle that minimizes or completely avoids waste genera-



tion. The initiative aims to transform villages into garbage-free zones through collec-

tive participation and responsible habits.

During the event, the Collec-

tor planted saplings in the premises and administered a pledge to the participants, encouraging them to actively contribute to environmental protection. He also felicitated individuals who have been consistently practicing waste segregation at the household level by presenting them with appreciation certificates.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Lakshminsha urged every citizen to significantly reduce plastic usage and switch to environmentally friendly alternatives. He stressed that proper segregation of wet and dry waste at the household level is a key step in achieving cleanliness and sustainability in rural areas.

District Panchayat Officer Lavanya Kumari also spoke on the occasion, explaining that

plastic waste collected through Swachh Rathams across villages will be exchanged for grocery items of equivalent value. This initiative is expected to motivate villagers to actively participate in plastic waste collection and disposal.

The programme witnessed the participation of several officials and local leaders, including Mandal Parishad Officer K. Parthasaradhi, Deputy MPDO Manne Durgavaraprasad, and village elders Bommasani Subba Rao, Nuthulapati Venkateswara Rao, and Nuthulapati Balakoteswara Rao. The event was organized under the supervision of the DPO office, reinforcing the government's commitment to building a cleaner and greener Andhra Pradesh through community-driven efforts.

# VMC Commissioner Calls for Building a Waste-Free Society Under Swarna Andhra-Swachh Andhra Initiative

Vijayawada march 28 | TPN Bureau:

Vijayawada Municipal Corporation (VMC) Commissioner Dhyan Chandra has called upon citizens to actively participate in building a waste-free society. The appeal was made during the Swarna Andhra-Swachh Andhra programme on Saturday morning at Vambe Colony, as per the directives of the Andhra Pradesh State Government.

Addressing the gathering, the Commissioner stated that the Swarna Andhra-Swachh Andhra initiative is being conducted every month with the aim of promoting cleanliness and environmental awareness among citizens. He highlighted that Vijayawada Municipal Corporation has consistently been ahead of many cities

from other states in the Swachh Survekshan rankings, reflecting the city's commitment to sanitation and waste management.

Dhyan Chandra emphasized that the focus of this month's programme is on creating "waste-free institutions." He explained that for VMC to become a truly waste-free organization, every institution—be it schools, offices, or other establishments—must adopt proper waste management practices. He stressed that collective responsibility and consistent efforts are essential to achieve this goal.

The Commissioner further noted that such initiatives are instrumental in spreading awareness among people of all age groups, from children to elders. By organizing these programmes regularly, the administration aims to instill sustainable habits

and promote environmentally responsible behavior across the city.

During the event, awareness stalls were set up to educate citizens on various aspects, including anti-larval operations, the ban on single-use plastics, and the importance of using eco-friendly products. Demonstrations were also conducted on preparing compost at home and growing vegetables on rooftops, encouraging residents to adopt sustainable living practices.

A rally was also organized as part of the programme to spread awareness about waste management. Commissioner Dhyan Chandra flagged off the rally, in which students, residents, and officials participated enthusiastically. Through slogans and demonstrations, participants educated the public on proper

waste segregation, particularly the separation of wet and dry waste, and the importance of responsible disposal practices.

The programme witnessed the presence of several senior officials, including Additional Commissioner (Projects) Dr. D. Chandrasekhar, Chief Medical Health Officer Dr. K. Arjuna Rao, Chief City Planner K. Sanjay Ratna Kumar, Zonal Commissioner K. Prabhudas, Project Officer (UCD) M. Vijayalakshmi, Executive Engineer Srinivas, Assistant Medical Health Officer Dr. Annappurna, and other staff members.

The initiative, organized under the supervision of the Public Relations Office of Vijayawada Municipal Corporation, reflects the government's continued commitment to environmental sustainability and citizen participation in achieving a cleaner, greener city.





## Commissioner N. Maurya Inaugurates Summer Relief Water Booth in Tirupati

Tirupati, March 28 TPN Bureau:

In a proactive step to combat the rising summer heat, Municipal Commissioner N. Maurya inaugurated a "Chalivendram" (public drinking water booth) set up under the supervision of the Tirupati Municipal Corporation on Saturday. The initiative aims to provide relief to citizens struggling with increasing temperatures during the peak summer season.

Speaking on the occasion, Commissioner Maurya emphasized that the corporation has taken special measures to ensure that people do not suffer due to extreme heat conditions. He stated that several

Chalivendrams have been established across the city to provide safe and cool drinking water to the public. In addition to water, buttermilk is also being distributed to help people stay hydrated and refreshed.

The Commissioner further highlighted that special arrangements are being made at busy junctions and traffic signals to assist both pedestrians and vehicle drivers. Temporary shades are being installed to protect people from direct sunlight, ensuring some comfort while they wait in traffic or walk through the city.

Maurya urged citizens to take necessary precautions during the summer, advising

them to avoid unnecessary travel during peak afternoon hours. He also stressed the importance of staying hydrated and following safety measures to prevent heat strokes, which are common during this season.

Appealing to the public and philanthropists, the Commissioner called upon donors to come forward voluntarily to support the initiative by setting up more Chalivendrams and shaded areas across Tirupati.

Municipal Engineer Gomati, D.E. Madhu, and other officials were also present at the event, supporting the initiative aimed at safeguarding public health during the scorching summer months.

## Sri Kodandarama Swamy Blesses Devotees in Venugana Alankaram at Ontimitta Brahmotsavams

Tirupati, March 28 TPN Bureau

As part of the ongoing Brahmotsavams at the sacred Sri Kodandarama Swamy Temple, the second day festivities were celebrated with great devotion and spiritual fervor on Saturday. The highlight of the day was the divine appearance of Lord Sri Ramachandra Murthy in the beautiful Venugana Alankaram, offering blessings to devotees.

In the early hours of the morning, the grand procession of the deity commenced at around 7:30 AM and was carried out along the four Mada streets surrounding the temple. The atmosphere turned vibrant as groups of devotees performed traditional Chekka Bhajans and Kolatam, singing devotional hymns in praise of the Lord. Accompanied by auspicious Mangala Vadyams, the procession created a spiritually uplifting and festive

environment.

Devotees gathered in large numbers and participated with deep devotion, offering karpooa harathis at various points during the procession and seeking the divine blessings of the Lord. The entire event reflected the rich cultural and spiritual heritage associated with the temple and its annual Brahmotsavams. Later in the day, at around 11:00 AM, the sacred Snapana Tirumanjanam ritual was conducted in the temple. During this ceremony, the presiding deities were ceremonially bathed with milk, curd, honey, and sandalwood paste, signifying purification and divine grace. Deputy Executive Officer Smt. Prasanthi, Temple Superintendent Sri Hanumanthiah, Inspector Naveen, temple priests, and a large number of devotees took part in the celebrations, making the event a grand success filled with devotion and spiritual bliss.



## Tirupati Gears Up for CM Chandrababu Naidu's Visit; Officials Directed to Ensure Flawless Arrangements

Tirupati, March 28 TPN Bureau :

District authorities have intensified preparations for the upcoming visit of Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on March 30, with officials instructed to execute their duties without delay.

District Collector Dr. S. Venkateshwar reviewed the arrangements on Saturday at the Collectorate's video conference hall as part of the Advance Security Liaison (ASL) meeting. The review was conducted in coordination with District Superintendent of Police Subbarayudu, along with senior officials including DRO Narasimhulu, Additional SP Ravimanoharachari, Probationary Deputy Collector Geethanjali, Srikalahasti RDO Bhanu Prakash Reddy, and Tirupati RDO Ramamohan.

According to the Collector,



the Chief Minister will first inaugurate the TIDCO housing units at Naidupeta and later participate in the P-4 programme at Sri Padmavati Mahila Visvavidyalayam. He emphasized that all departments must coordinate effectively and complete assigned responsibilities promptly to ensure smooth conduct of the program.

The Collector clearly stated that any delay or negligence in executing duties will not be tolerated, urging officials to maintain strict timelines and accountability in all aspects of the arrangements.

SP Subbarayudu stressed the importance of robust security measures, directing police personnel to ensure foolproof bandobust during the Chief Minis-

ter's program. He cautioned against any lapses and instructed teams to remain vigilant throughout the visit.

Following the review meeting, the Collector, along with the SP, Municipal Commissioner Maurya, and other officials, inspected the arrangements at the Indira Priyadarshini Auditorium within the university premises, where the P-4 programme will be held.

Additionally, the Collector informed that the Governor of Andhra Pradesh, Abdul Nazeer, will attend the 13th convocation ceremony at Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University at 2:30 PM on the same day. He directed officials to ensure meticulous arrangements for the Governor's visit as well, highlighting the importance of maintaining protocol and security standards

## Collector Himanshu Shukla Orders High-Speed Boat to Curb Illegal Entry by Tamil Fishermen

Nellore, March 28 TPN Bureau:

In a decisive move to strengthen coastal security and safeguard fishermen, District Collector Himanshu Shukla has directed fisheries officials to immediately procure a high-speed patrol boat to curb illegal entry by Tamil Nadu fishermen along the coast.

The directive came during a special review meeting held at the Collector's camp office on Saturday, attended by fisheries leader and tahsildars from nine coastal mandals. The focus of the meeting was to enhance surveillance and ensure the safety of fishermen operating near the Juvvaladinne Fishing Harbour.

Addressing the officials, the Collector emphasized that the government is fully committed to the safety and welfare of fishermen. He noted that currently two patrol boats are deployed for sea surveillance, and these would be upgraded into high-speed vessels. Additionally, he ordered the immediate procurement of a new, technologically advanced 450



HP high-speed boat, with an estimated cost ranging between 1.20 crore and 1.50 crore. He assured that necessary funds would be sanctioned without delay.

The Collector also instructed officials to equip the new boat with modern safety and surveillance tools, including binoculars with video recording capability, high-capacity ropes, fire extinguishers, flashlights, and medical kits. He stressed that cost should not be a constraint when it comes to adopting advanced technology for ensuring security.

Importantly, he directed that

the newly procured boat be allocated to local fishermen, who will manage its operations and maintenance. This approach, he said, would not only improve coastal vigilance but also empower the fishing community.

He further stated that the high-speed boat would enable swift patrolling, helping authorities detect and prevent unauthorized movements by Tamil Nadu fishermen. Until the new boat is acquired, officials were instructed to arrange a rental high-speed boat within two days for immediate deployment at the harbor.

## Civil Supplies Minister Nadendla Manohar to Review Paddy Procurement in Nellore

Nellore, March 30 TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Civil Supplies Minister Nadendla Manohar is scheduled to visit Nellore district on Monday, March 30, as per an official statement released by the Minister's office on Saturday. The visit aims to review the ongoing paddy procurement process in the district and ensure its smooth implementation.

During his tour, the Minister will assess the progress of paddy collection at various procurement centers and interact with officials on the ground. The focus is on effectively utilizing the fine variety of paddy produced in the district



by converting it into fine rice. This initiative is aimed at enhancing the quality of food provided to school students and hostel inmates by ensuring better nutrition.

Officials stated that the government is taking proactive steps to integrate locally produced fine rice into welfare schemes, thereby benefiting both farmers and beneficiar-

ies. The Minister's visit is expected to reinforce these efforts and address any bottlenecks in procurement operations. As part of the, Nadendla Manohar will conduct field-level inspections to identify potential issues in the procurement system.

He will also provide necessary guidance to officials to prevent disruptions and ensure that farmers do not face any inconvenience during the procurement process.

The visit underscores the government's commitment to strengthening the agricultural supply chain while also improving the nutritional standards of public welfare programs across the state.

## 20 Lakhs Donated to SV Gosamrakshana Trust in Tirupati

Tirupati, March 28, TPN Bureau

A significant contribution of 20 lakhs was made to the SV Gosamrakshana Trust, reinforcing ongoing efforts toward cow protection and welfare in Tirupati. The donation was made by a prominent contractor from North Goa, Sri Ramakanth Shetty, on Saturday.

The donor formally handed over the demand draft to Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) Executive Officer Mudada Ravichandra at the EO's Camp Office in Tirupati. The event was attended by TTD Board Member G. Bhanu Prakash Reddy, who appreciated the generous contribution and acknowledged the donor's commitment to supporting religious and welfare initiatives.

The SV Gosamrakshana Trust, managed by TTD, is dedicated to the protection, maintenance, and care of cows, which hold deep cultural and spiritual significance in Hindu traditions. The trust oversees goshalas where cows are provided with proper shelter, nutrition, and medical care. Donations like this play a crucial role in ensuring the smooth



functioning and expansion of such facilities. Speaking on the occasion, officials highlighted that contributions from devotees and philanthropists help sustain various service activities undertaken by the trust. They also emphasized the importance of community participation in preserving traditional values and supporting animal welfare initiatives. The donation is expected to further strengthen the trust's capabilities in providing better infrastructure and care for the animals. It also reflects the growing support from individuals across different regions of the country towards religious and charitable causes associated with TTD. Such acts of generosity not only support the welfare of animals but also inspire others to contribute towards noble causes, fostering a spirit of compassion and service in society.

## Chittoor Police Conduct Counselling for Rowdy Sheeters, Warn Against Criminal Activities

Chittoor match 28|TPN Bureau:

In a proactive step towards strengthening law and order, the Chittoor district police have initiated special counselling sessions for rowdy sheeters and individuals with a criminal background. This is being carried out under the directions of District Superintendent of Police Tushar Dudi and under the supervision of Additional SP Rajasekhar Raju.

As part of this initiative, across various police station limits in the district summoned rowdy sheeters, history-sheeters, and individuals known for anti-social behavior to the stations and conducted structured counselling sessions. The aim is to reform such individuals and prevent them from engaging in unlawful activities in the future.

During the sessions, police emphasized the importance of respecting the law and leading a disciplined life in society. They clearly instructed participants to stay away from criminal behavior and warned against involvement in dis-



order activities, including gambling and earning a good reputation in society.

Police officials also issued a stern warning that strict legal action will be taken against

those who do not heed the warnings. They also assured that such awareness and control measures will be regularly conducted to build a safer and more secure environment for the people

## Graduation Day Celebrated at Anurag Montessori School in Visakhapatnam

Uttarandhra March 28| TPN Bureau

The Graduation Day of Anurag Montessori School was celebrated with great enthusiasm on March 28, 2026, at Sagarmala Conventions, Port Stadium, Visakhapatnam.

The event was organized by the East Coast Railway Women's Welfare Organization, which runs the institution. Smt. Jyotsna Bohra, President of ECoRWWO, presided over the programme, while Lalit Bohra attended as the Chief Guest. Guests of Honour included Shri E. Santharam, ADRM (Infra), and Shri K. Rama Rao, ADRM (Operations). Several dignitaries, including Vice-President Smt. Gayatri Santharam and Secretary Smt. Ankita Sharma, along with school staff and executive members, were present.

Speaking on the occasion, Lalit Bohra appreciated the school's commitment to quality education, innovative teaching practices, and the overall grooming of students. He em-

phasized the importance of well-equipped classrooms and a supportive learning environment in shaping young minds. He also encouraged parents to nurture independence and confidence in their children.

Addressing the gathering, Jyotsna Bohra described Graduation Day as a significant milestone in a child's life, symbolizing growth and achievement. She highlighted that such celebrations play a vital role in building confidence, emotional expression, and social interaction among children. She also advised parents to focus not only on academics but also on instilling values such as social awareness, positive thinking, and stress management.

Anurag Montessori School offers Nursery, LKG, UKG, and daycare facilities, equipped with modern amenities including CCTV surveillance and audio-visual interactive classrooms. The event concluded on a joyful note, marking an important step in the academic journey of young graduates

# Chittoor District Speeds Up Voter List Revision; 15.78 Lakh Electors Registered

Chittoor, March 28 TPN Bureau:

Acting on the directives of the Election Commission of India, the Chittoor district administration has accelerated the process of resolving voter claims and objections as part of the Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls. District Collector Sumit Kumar stated that, as of now, the district has a total of 15,78,617 registered voters across seven constituencies.

The Collector reviewed election-related activities during a meeting held at the Nagarjuna IAS Conference Hall in the Collectorate with representatives of various political parties. He emphasized that the ongoing revision process aims to ensure a transparent and error-free voter list by removing bogus and deceased voters while facilitating the inclusion of eli-



process. Political parties were that nearly 76% of the map- daily are being promptly for-

warded to the Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) login system on the same day.

In specific constituencies, Nagari has 35 pending forms, while Chittoor has only 11, reflecting efficient monitoring by officials. Proposals for additional staff recruitment have been sent to the CEO's office to further streamline the process.

A special training programme for BLOs will soon be conducted, focusing on application scrutiny and document verification. The Collector reiterated that ensuring transparency and preventing wrongful deletions remain top priorities in the voter list revision process.

District Revenue Officer K. Mohan Kumar, representatives from major political parties, and election staff were present at the meeting.

# Complex Heart Surgery Successfully Performed at Yashoda Hospital



TPN Bureau, East Godavari:

In a remarkable medical achievement, doctors at Yashoda Hospitals Secunderabad successfully performed a highly complex redo Bentall heart surgery on a young patient, showcasing advanced expertise in cardiac care.

Addressing the media at a press meet held in Rajahmundry, renowned cardiac surgeon Dr. Sudheer Valluri stated that the procedure was carried out on a 25-year-old who had previously undergone heart surgery. The patient was admitted with serious complications related to the aortic root and valve, making the situation critical and necessitating a high-risk redo Bentall surgery.

Dr. Sudheer explained that such surgeries are extremely challenging due to factors like scar tissue from previous operations and the risk of excessive bleeding. However, with meticulous planning and a coordinated team effort, the expert medical team successfully replaced the damaged aortic root and valve, and re-implanted the coronary arteries.

The surgery was completed successfully, and the patient has now fully recovered and is leading a normal life, bringing hope and confidence to patients facing similar conditions.

Highlighting the hospital's capabilities, Dr. Sudheer noted that redo Bentall procedures require precision, expertise, and seamless teamwork to achieve positive outcomes. He added that Yashoda Hospitals has developed significant proficiency in handling complex cardiac surgeries, maintaining high standards of healthcare.

The hospital is also extending cardiac care services closer to people in Andhra Pradesh by organizing special cardiac surgery outpatient departments (OPDs) every month. These are conducted on the first Saturday in Jangareddygudem, second Saturday in Tanuku, and fourth Saturday in Rajahmundry, enabling patients from the Godavari districts to access specialized care.

AP Marketing Manager Nalam Bala Veerabhadra and Executive Raghava Chaitanya were also present at the event.



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# Preparations Underway in Vinjamur for CM Chandrababu Naidu's Pension Distribution Programme

Nellore, March 28| TPN Bureau

Ahead of Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu's visit to Vinjamur on April 1 for a pension distribution programme, district officials have intensified preparations to ensure smooth conduct of the event.

Joint Collector Mogili Venkateswarlu, along with District Superintendent of Police Ajitha, inspected the arrangements on Saturday. They reviewed ongoing works at the (tank) site and park development activities, providing necessary instructions and suggestions to concerned.

The officials also examined the proposed arrangements for the Praja Vedika programme, where the Chief Minister is expected to address a large gathering. Details regarding the stage (dais) setup and stalls were reviewed through layout maps, with a focus on ensuring proper planning and execution. The Joint Collector directed to make adequate arrangements so that the large number of at-



safe drinking water facilities. were instructed to set up Chalivendrams (water booths) at key locations to ensure comfort and hydration for the people attending the program.

Further, the inspection team reviewed the construction of the helipad and the road route connecting it to the programme venue, ensuring seamless movement for the Chief Minister and other dignitaries.

lore Municipal Commissioner Nandan, ZP CEO Sridhar Reddy, DRDA PD Nagaraju Kumari, DWMA PD Gangabhavani, and others participated in the inspection.

The district administration is taking all necessary steps to ensure the event is conducted efficiently and without any disruption.

# AP Governor to Visit Tirupati and Tirumala on March 30-31

Tirupati, March 28 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Governor Abdul Nazeer will undertake a two-day official visit to Tirupati and Tirumala on March 30 and 31, as announced by District Collector S. Venkateshwar. According to the official schedule, the Governor will arrive at Renigunta Airport at 2:30 PM on March 30. He will then proceed to Taj Hotel Tirupati, reaching at around 3:00 PM. Later in the evening, the Governor will leave for Sri Venkateswara Veterinary

University, where he will attend the 13th convocation ceremony scheduled at 4:00 PM. The convocation ceremony is expected to witness participation from university faculty members, students, and distinguished guests. The Governor's presence will add significance to the, where degrees will be conferred upon graduating students. After attending the convocation, the Governor will travel to Tirumala and is scheduled to reach the Sri Bhagya Rest House at around 6:25 PM for an overnight stay. On the following day, March

31, he will offer prayers at the sacred Tirumala Venkateswara Temple at 9:30 AM. Following darshan, the Governor will depart Tirumala at 2:00 PM and proceed to Renigunta Airport.

He is scheduled to leave for Hyderabad at 3:20 PM, marking the conclusion of his visit.

District have been instructed to make comprehensive arrangements for the Governor's tour, including security, transportation, and protocol measures, to ensure the is conducted smoothly without any inconvenience.

# Senior Advocate C.H.V. Prasad Elected President of Rajahmundry Bar Association

TPN Bureau, East Godavari:

In a significant development in the legal fraternity, senior advocate C. H. V. Prasad has been elected as the President of the Rajahmundry Bar Association, securing a decisive victory. The election results reflect the strong confidence reposed in his leadership by the legal community.

Known for his vast experience and dedication, Prasad's victory is being widely seen as a recognition of merit and commitment. Having previously served as a Government Pleader, he earned a reputation for effectively representing the government side in several crucial cases. His long-standing experience in the legal pro-



fession played a key role in his success in this closely contested election.

The election witnessed enthusiastic participation from advocates, with a majority

backing Prasad's candidature. His leadership is expected to usher in a new phase of development and unity within the Bar Association.

Speaking after his victory, Prasad expressed gratitude to fellow advocates for placing their trust in him. He emphasized that his primary focus would be on improving infrastructure facilities for association members and addressing the welfare needs of both junior and senior advocates.

He further stated that collective decision-making would be the cornerstone of his leadership, ensuring that all members are involved in the growth and functioning of the association. Strengthening the asso-

ciation's reputation and creating a supportive environment for young lawyers were highlighted as key priorities.

Members of the legal fraternity have welcomed his election, expressing optimism that his experience and balanced approach will contribute significantly to the progress of the Bar Association. Senior advocates and association members extended their congratulations, marking the occasion with celebrations and felicitations.

With an experienced leader at the helm, the Rajahmundry Bar Association is expected to achieve new milestones and further strengthen its role in the legal landscape.

# BJP Leaders Warn Extremist Elements Over Akividu Incident on Sri Rama Navami

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Leaders of the Bharatiya Janata Party issued a strong warning to extremist elements following the incident that took place in Akividu on the occasion of Sri Rama Navami. Addressing the media at the Tirupati Press Club on Saturday, BJP leaders called for restraint and urged those involved in such activities to change their approach.

Prominent leaders including Bhanu Prakash Reddy, Ajay Kumar, Jalli Madhusudana Rao, Varaprasad, and Ponnaganti Bhaskar participated in the press meet.

Speaking on the occasion, the leaders expressed concern over the incident in Akividu and stated that such developments should not be allowed to escalate into larger conflicts. They emphasized that situations like these must not turn

into another Ayodhya-like scenario, urging all sections of society to maintain peace and communal harmony.

The BJP leaders warned that any attempts to disturb law and order in the name of religion would not be tolerated. They called upon authorities to take strict action against those responsible and ensure that peace is maintained in the region.

Reiterating their stance, the leaders appealed to the public to remain calm and not fall prey to provocations. They stressed the importance of unity and mutual respect among communities, especially during religious occasions.

The press meet concluded with a strong message advocating peace, responsibility, and adherence to law, while cautioning against any form of extremism that could disrupt societal harmony.

# Noida International Airport Set to Be Inaugurated by PM Modi Today

Noida International Airport is all set to be inaugurated today by Narendra Modi in the presence of Yogi Adityanath and other dignitaries, marking a major milestone in India's aviation expansion. The event is being watched closely as one of the biggest infrastructure achievements in recent times, with significant implications for regional connectivity, economy, and employment.

The airport — located near Noida and slated to serve the National Capital Region — has been under development for several years. Once fully operational, it will be one of India's largest and most advanced airports, designed to

significantly decongest Indira Gandhi International Airport and boost air travel capacity.

Today's inauguration marks the first phase of operations, allowing commercial flights to begin soon. Officials expect the airport to attract both domestic and international carriers, facilitating travel for millions of passengers annually. The new facility is anticipated to serve as a major aviation hub in northern India, enhancing connectivity across the country and abroad.

Construction of the airport has been strategically planned with state-of-the-art infrastructure, including modern terminals, cargo facilities, and advanced passenger services. The project has been completed in phases, with the initial phase focusing on operational readiness, safety protocols, and passenger amenities.



The development also carries strong economic implications for the region. Apart from creating direct employment opportunities in aviation and airport services, the airport is expected to spur growth in hospitality, logistics, retail, and allied sectors. The surrounding areas are likely to witness a surge in commercial and residential investments, contributing to overall urban development.

For the people of Uttar Pradesh and the wider NCR region, the airport represents improved travel convenience, reduced congestion at existing terminals, and more flight options. It is set to enhance trade and tourism, further integrating the regional economy with global markets. The inauguration ceremony will be attended by Union ministers, state officials, aviation industry leaders,

and other dignitaries. Security arrangements and logistical planning have been put in place to ensure a smooth event, as the airport opens its doors to the public. As flights begin operations following the inauguration, passengers and airlines alike will be watching closely to see how the new facility functions during its initial phase. The airport's success will be a significant test of India's capacity to build and manage world-class infrastructure. Overall, today's event marks a key moment in India's aviation story — a step forward in expanding connectivity, creating jobs, and enhancing the country's global transport footprint.

# India Denies Elon Musk Was Part of Modi-Trump Call on Iran War

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has firmly rejected reports claiming that Elon Musk joined a recent phone conversation between Narendra Modi and Donald Trump regarding the ongoing conflict in Iran. Officials clarified that the call was strictly a bilateral discussion between the two leaders and involved no third party.



The controversy began after some media outlets suggested that Musk had taken part in the conversation about the Iran war. These reports claimed the call focused on escalating tensions in the region, including the crisis around the Strait of Hormuz and broader Middle East diplomacy. The Indian government responded promptly to dismiss these claims, underlining that only Modi and Trump participated.

MEA officials emphasised that the reports of Musk's involvement were inaccurate and should not be taken as fact. The statement reinforced that the conversation remained strictly bilateral, with no external participant. The report that sparked the clarification

originated from a foreign newspaper, suggesting that Musk might have joined the leaders' discussion.

Such a scenario would have been highly unusual, given that a private business executive, even with global influence, rarely participates in high-level diplomatic conversations on wartime strategy. The government's rebuttal aimed

to set the official record straight. This episode highlights the sensitivity surrounding diplomatic communications amid the ongoing Middle East conflict.

Any suggestion of third-party involvement in strategic discussions can raise questions about influence, strategy, and transparency. The MEA's statement made it

clear that India views the phone conversation as a direct dialogue with US leadership with no external participant. The bilateral call itself reflects continuing coordination between India and the US on regional security and efforts to manage rising tensions related to Iran, but according to official sources, Musk was not part of that conversation.

# Mamata Banerjee Strikes Back at Amit Shah's Charges, Says TMC Being Targeted Ahead of West Bengal Elections

Mamata Banerjee has hit back strongly at Amit Shah over recent chargesheet actions against her party, All India Trinamool Congress (TMC), calling them politically motivated ahead of the crucial West Bengal assembly elections in 2026. Banerjee accused the central government of using investigative and prosecutorial agencies to target TMC leaders and weaken the party's electoral prospects. She said the chargesheets being filed against her party reflect a broader campaign to intimidate opponents rather than uphold the rule of law. Her retort comes amid a series of high-profile cases that have involved TMC leaders facing legal scrutiny. The Chief Minister argued that the timing of these actions could not be coincidental, pointing to their proximity to the upcoming state polls. Banerjee claimed that such moves are meant to divert attention from pressing issues such as unemployment, inflation, and public welfare. She reiterated her party's stance that legal systems should be independent and free from political influence. In her statements, Baner-



jee emphasised that TMC remains committed to contesting the elections vigorously, asserting that democratic processes should allow citizens to elect their representatives without fear or coercion. She also called upon party workers and supporters to stay united and focused on grassroots engagement, asserting that voters will see through what she described as attempts to undermine their political choice.

Responding to Banerjee's remarks, leaders from the ruling

coalition argued that legal procedures must take their course and that no individual or party is above the law. They maintained that chargesheets and investigations are driven by evidence and not political considerations. The central government has repeatedly denied any misuse of institutions for political ends. The exchange between Banerjee and Shah highlights growing political tension as West Bengal gears up for the 2026 assembly elections. The state has historically been a key battleground, with intense competition between regional parties and national alliances. Analysts say the latest round of accusations and counter-accusations reflects deeper strategic posturing by both sides as they seek to influence voter sentiment ahead of polls. As campaigning intensifies, issues such as governance, development, law and order, and corruption are expected to dominate public discourse. With both sides entrenched in their positions, political observers say West Bengal's electoral battle will be closely watched for its implications on national politics and federal relations.

# Himanta Sarma Takes Aim at Congress Over Hindu Vote in Assam Ahead of Assembly Polls

Himanta Biswa Sarma has sharply criticised the Indian National Congress over its approach to Hindu voters in Assam, in remarks that are drawing attention as the state gears up for crucial assembly elections later this year.



Sarma's comments came during a public event, where he accused the Congress of taking the support of Hindu voters for granted and failing to adequately address their concerns. He argued that the party has historically focused more on wooing other voter segments, leaving the Hindu electorate feeling overlooked. According to Sarma, this perceived neglect is one reason why the Congress has struggled to build strong electoral support in Assam.

The Assam chief minister also suggested that Congress leaders speak more about their own interests than the issues facing ordinary Hindus in the state. He claimed that this has led to confusion and a sense of alienation among communities that the party had hoped to win over. Sarma asserted that his own party has a better understanding of local aspirations and cultural sentiments, positioning himself as a more credible and responsive leader.

Earlier political battles in Assam have often highlighted the state's complex social fabric, where issues such as immigration, identity, economic development, and cultural heritage play a significant role in shaping voter preferences. The BJP and its allies have traditionally emphasised these themes, whereas the Congress has sought to balance multiple voter interests. Sarma's latest critique signals that religious identity and cultural representation are likely to be significant talking points in the upcoming campaign.

Sarma's remarks have triggered responses from political opponents, with Congress lead-

ers defending their record and accusing him of misrepresenting their outreach. Party spokespersons have insisted that their policies and platform address concerns across communities and that they remain committed to inclusive governance. Some analysts have described the exchange as reflective of growing polarisation in political rhetoric as the election draws nearer.

The timing of Sarma's comments — just months before the assembly polls — suggests strategic positioning by both sides. Assam's political landscape has seen intense competition in recent elections, with power shifting between rival parties and coalitions. The BJP-led alliance, with Sarma at the forefront, has sought to consolidate support across diverse voter blocs, while the Congress aims to regain lost ground.

Observers say that speeches like Sarma's are part of broader efforts to shape narratives and build momentum heading into the polls. As campaigning accelerates, topics such as religion, development, and cultural identity are expected to dominate political debates, influencing how citizens engage with the electoral process. Overall, Sarma's attack on the Congress's outreach to Hindu voters highlights emerging themes in Assam's election landscape and underscores the competitive nature of the contest ahead. Parties will likely continue to refine their messages as they seek to appeal to voters across the state.

# Decisive Wins Increasing, Close Fights Fading in West Bengal Elections

In the lead up to the West Bengal Legislative Assembly election 2026, historical voting patterns show a shift away from tight contests toward more decisive victories in many constituencies — a trend that could shape the political battleground this year.



Comparing past election results reveals a clear change in how seats are won. In earlier elections, many constituencies were decided by relatively narrow margins, reflecting closely fought battles between major parties. But the trend has gradually shifted: recent elections saw a growing share of seats won by larger vote differences, indicating stronger mandates for winning parties. This suggests that fewer seats are slipping into the "photo finish" category, with voters appearing to deliver clearer preferences in many parts of the state.

The shift toward bigger victory margins has not been uniform across parties. One party has often benefited more from this pattern, winning a significant number of seats with large vote gaps. Meanwhile, rival parties have seen improvements in more competitive seat categories, slowly narrowing the margins in some areas. Nevertheless, the overall trend

shows that tightly contested seats — those decided by small vote differences — have become increasingly rare. Despite this movement toward decisive wins, a handful of constituencies still experience fierce competition. In these districts, the contests have historically been close, with result margins dropping into the low hundreds of votes. These seats

highlight the enduring pockets of political balance in the state, where even a small swing in voter preference can change the outcome. Examples of such close fights are often remembered by political observers and local voters alike because they reflect intense local dynamics and voter indecision. These constituencies can be decisive in determining overall

majorities when elections are tight, and they tend to attract extra attention from campaigners during poll season. Analysts believe that observing which seats remain competitive versus those that show decisive margins will be key this year. As the state goes to the polls in April with millions of voters expected to cast ballots, understanding these shifting patterns may offer insights into how strong a mandate any party is likely to secure. Ultimately, while West Bengal's political landscape still includes fiercely contested areas, the broader pattern suggests elections have increasingly been decided by larger victories rather than tiny margins. Whether this trend continues in the 2026 election will be closely watched, as it could influence not only seat counts but also the strength of political mandates in the assembly.

# AIADMK Boosts Women Candidates as Edappadi Palaniswami Eyes Comeback in Tamil Nadu Elections

In the run-up to the 2026 Tamil Nadu Assembly elections, the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) has released its second list of candidates, signalling a renewed push to challenge the ruling alliance and reclaim political ground across the state. This list reflects a notable effort by the party to elevate the role of women in its electoral strategy, while also keeping veteran leaders in key seats as part of its broader comeback ambitions.



The newly announced list includes 127 candidates, reflecting a mix of sitting legislators, experienced politicians, and an increased number of female nominees. This focus on women candidates is seen as a strategic decision to broaden the party's appeal and tap into issues that resonate with a significant voter base in Tamil

Nadu. Party leaders believe that stronger representation of women will give AIADMK an edge in constituencies where gender-related issues and grassroots connectivity matter.

Among the nominations, many seasoned figures and long-serving MLAs have been renominated, showing that the leadership — led by former

Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami — is relying on its experienced core as it takes on the ruling DMK and its allies. A sizeable portion of the list also includes former legislators and leaders with established political profiles, balancing continuity with fresh energy.

Palaniswami himself is set to contest again, likely from

his home turf constituency, underlining his intent to return to frontline electoral politics after the party's defeat in the last state polls. By anchoring the campaign around familiar leadership and experienced nominees, AIADMK is hoping to consolidate its traditional vote bank while appealing to undecided and swing voters.

The expanded candidate list comes amid intense competition in Tamil Nadu's political landscape. The ruling DMK alliance continues to prepare its campaign, while other parties and new entrants are also gearing up, making the 2026 polls one of the most closely watched electoral battles in the state's recent history.

Political analysts note that the inclusion of more women candidates could play a significant role in shaping outcomes in several constituencies, especially as voter priorities evolve

and social issues gain prominence in electoral discourse. AIADMK's strategy appears aimed at creating a broader coalition of support by addressing representation and community engagement.

At the same time, the campaign environment remains highly competitive, with rival parties mobilising resources and alliances ahead of voting day. Voters will look closely at how AIADMK's candidate choices — including the emphasis on women — resonate with local concerns ranging from governance and development to law and order.

As the election date draws nearer, AIADMK's updated list of nominees offers a glimpse into its tactical approach for 2026: blending experienced leadership with broader representation in an effort to make a decisive comeback in Tamil Nadu politics.

## Tense Call Between JD Vance and Netanyahu Highlights US-Israel Differences Over Iran Strategy

A tense phone call between JD Vance and Benjamin Netanyahu has exposed growing differences between the United States and Israel over the ongoing conflict with Iran, particularly regarding expectations of regime change in Tehran.

During the conversation, Vance reportedly raised concerns about what Washington views as overly optimistic projections from Israel about the impact of the war. Israeli leadership had earlier suggested that sustained military pressure could weaken Iran's ruling establishment or even trigger internal unrest. However, weeks into the conflict, those expectations have not materialised, with

Iran's leadership maintaining control and showing little sign of instability.

Vance is believed to have pointed out the gap between initial assumptions and current realities. One of the key expectations was that public dissatisfaction within Iran could quickly lead to protests or political upheaval. Instead, the conflict appears to have strengthened headline factions within Iran, consolidating authority rather than weakening it.

The tense exchange reflects growing unease within the administration of Donald Trump about the direction and objectives of the conflict. Vance, who had earlier expressed caution about the es-



calation, has continued to raise concerns about the risks of prolonged military engagement and the lack of a

clear endgame. Despite these concerns, the United States continues to support Israel while simulta-

neously exploring diplomatic options. Vance has reportedly played an increasing role in backchannel communica-

tions and could become a key figure in potential negotiations if talks with Iran resume. His involvement signals a growing emphasis on diplomacy alongside military pressure.

The disagreement also comes at a time when regional tensions remain high. The conflict has heightened concerns about broader instability in the Middle East and potential disruptions to global energy supplies. Developments around the Strait of Hormuz remain particularly sensitive, given its importance to global oil markets.

Despite the differences, both Washington and Tel Aviv continue to coordinate closely on security matters.

However, the call underscores emerging strategic divergences, especially regarding long-term objectives. While Israel appears focused on weakening Iran's leadership, the United States is increasingly cautious about expectations of rapid political change.

As the conflict continues, the conversation between Vance and Netanyahu highlights the complexities facing allies navigating a volatile geopolitical situation. With diplomacy, military pressure, and regional dynamics all in play, the path forward remains uncertain, and both countries must balance strategic goals with the risks of prolonged escalation.

## US Report Warns Pakistan Still Helpering Terror Groups Targeting India

A new report by the Congressional Research Service has warned that Pakistan continues to shelter terrorist groups targeting India, raising fresh concerns about regional security and counter-terrorism efforts.

According to the report, several India-focused militant organisations remain active on Pakistani soil. These include Lashkar-e-Taiba, responsible for the 2008 Mumbai attacks, and Jaish-e-Mohammed, which has been linked to the 2001 Indian Parliament attack. The report noted that these groups continue to operate from Pakistani territory and maintain their focus on India and the Kashmir region.

The findings also highlighted that Pakistan is not only a base for militant organisations but has increasingly become a target of terrorism itself. Terror-related violence in Pakistan has surged in recent years, reversing earlier declines. The rise in attacks has placed Pakistan among the countries most affected by terrorism globally, reflecting a resurgence of militancy in the region.

One of the key factors behind this trend is the changing



security environment following the return of the Taliban to power in Afghanistan in 2021. The shift has altered regional dynamics and emboldened extremist organisations operating across borders.

The report categorised militant groups operating in and around Pakistan into five major types: globally oriented organisations, Afghanistan-focused groups, India-focused outfits, domestic militant groups, and sectarian organisations. Many of these groups are driven by extremist ideology and maintain overlapping networks and operational links.

Among global extremist or-

ganisations, Al-Qaeda continues to maintain a presence in the region, although its central leadership has weakened over time. Meanwhile, Islamic State Khorasan Province has expanded its influence across Afghanistan and Pakistan, posing a growing threat to regional stability.

Within Pakistan, the report identified Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan as one of the deadliest organisations operating domestically. The group aims to overthrow the Pakistani government and impose strict rule, and it has been responsible for several major attacks in recent years.

The Congressional Research

Service clarified that its reports are prepared to inform lawmakers and do not represent official positions of the US Congress. However, such assessments often influence policy discussions and shape security strategies.

Overall, the report underscores persistent concerns about terrorism in South Asia and highlights the continued challenge posed by militant groups operating from Pakistani territory.

As regional tensions remain high, the findings add to growing calls for stronger counter-terrorism cooperation and sustained diplomatic engagement.

## Lightning Strikes Burj Khalifa as Heavy Rains and Thunderstorms Hit UAE

Severe thunderstorms, lightning, and heavy rainfall swept across the United Arab Emirates, triggering flooding, traffic disruptions, and safety warnings across several regions. Dramatic visuals captured lightning striking the iconic Burj Khalifa in Dubai as unstable weather conditions intensified.

The extreme weather was caused by a low-pressure system combined with an upper-air trough, leading to thunderstorms, strong winds, and heavy downpours across the country. Authorities issued alerts as poor visibility, dust storms, and gusty winds affected multiple areas, including Abu Dhabi and the northern emirates. Residents reported loud thunderclaps and flashes of lightning as the storm system moved across the region.

The lightning strike on the Burj Khalifa quickly drew widespread attention after visuals circulated online. The towering structure, known as the world's tallest building, appeared illuminated by lightning amid heavy rain and strong winds. Several roads in



Dubai experienced waterlogging, slowing traffic and prompting emergency responses from local authorities.

Eastern regions, particularly Fujairah, were among the worst affected. Heavy rainfall lashed multiple areas, while strong winds created rough sea conditions along coastal regions. Authorities warned residents to stay away from beaches and avoid outdoor activities during the storm. Rainfall also disrupted traffic in Sharjah, where waterlogged roads and flowing wadis led to temporary closures. Emergency teams were deployed to clear roads and assist motorists. Officials advised residents to avoid unnecessary travel and remain indoors until weather conditions improved.

In Abu Dhabi, police imple-

mented precautionary measures by reducing speed limits on major highways. Authorities urged motorists to drive cautiously, maintain safe distances, and avoid flooded roads. Emergency services were placed on standby to respond to any incidents. The National Emergency Crisis and Disaster Management Authority also issued safety guidelines, urging people to stay away from flood-prone areas and avoid crossing valleys during heavy rainfall. Residents were warned against gathering near dams or attempting to drive through flowing water. While thunderstorms are not uncommon during seasonal weather changes, officials noted that such intense storms remain relatively rare in the UAE. Authorities continue to monitor conditions and have urged residents to follow safety advisories as weather fluctuations persist. The sudden storms highlight how extreme weather events can disrupt daily life in the region, bringing dramatic lightning displays, heavy rain, and temporary disruptions across the desert nation.



## Indonesia Begins Social Media

### Restrictions for Children Under 16

Indonesia has begun implementing new restrictions limiting social media access for children under the age of 16, marking a major step in regulating young users' online activity. The move aims to protect minors from harmful content, cyberbullying, scams, and excessive screen time.

Under the new rules, children below 16 will face restrictions on accessing certain digital platforms considered high-risk. These include popular social media and online platforms where minors may be exposed to inappropriate content or harmful interactions. The policy is part of a broader government effort to create a safer digital environment and encourage healthier online habits among young users.

Officials said the decision was driven by rising concerns over children's exposure to online threats, including cyberbullying, pornography, misinformation, and fraudulent activities. Authorities also highlighted growing worries about excessive screen time and its impact on mental health, academic performance, and social development. The government believes that stricter controls will help parents better manage children's digital usage.

The restrictions are expected to be implemented gradually, with technology companies required to comply with the new regulations. Social media platforms may need to intro-

duce age-verification systems or deactivate accounts belonging to users under 16. Authorities are also working with digital companies to ensure smooth implementation and minimise disruptions.

The move makes Indonesia one of the first countries in Southeast Asia to introduce such measures. Governments worldwide are increasingly considering age-based restrictions as concerns grow about children's online safety and digital well-being.

However, the policy has sparked debate among parents, educators, and digital rights groups. Supporters argue that the restrictions will help shield children from harmful content and reduce internet addiction. Critics, meanwhile, say the move could limit access to educational resources, communication tools, and creative platforms that many young users rely on.

Despite the debate, Indonesian authorities maintain that the regulation is necessary to create safer online spaces for children. As the rollout begins, the effectiveness of the restrictions will depend on cooperation between the government, technology companies, schools, and parents.

The new policy reflects a growing global trend toward stricter regulation of children's digital activity, as countries try to balance access to technology with the need to protect young users in an increasingly connected world.

## Nepal PM Balendra Shah Signals Willingness to Strengthen Ties with India

Balendra Shah, Nepal's newly appointed Prime Minister, has expressed his eagerness to work closely with India, signalling a positive start to bilateral relations between the two neighbouring nations. His remarks came shortly after he assumed office and received congratulatory messages from Narendra Modi.

Responding to the congratulatory message, Shah thanked Modi for his warm wishes and highlighted his commitment to strengthening cooperation between Nepal and India. He emphasised the importance of enhancing ties across multiple sectors and working together to promote prosperity and development in the region.



The development is significant as Nepal holds strategic importance for India. Nepal, being a landlocked country, depends heavily on India for

trade routes, transit facilities, and access to seaports. A substantial portion of Nepal's imports and essential supplies moves through Indian territo-

ry, making strong bilateral relations vital for economic stability and growth.

Shah's appointment also comes at an important political moment for Nepal. He assumed office following political changes triggered by widespread protests and demands for governance reforms. His rise to leadership has been viewed as a shift toward a new generation of political leadership focused on transparency, accountability, and development.

India and Nepal share deep-rooted historical, cultural, and economic ties. The two countries maintain close people-to-people connections and an open border, which allows citizens to travel and work freely.

Cooperation between the two nations spans infrastructure development, energy projects, trade, connectivity, and security.

Shah's outreach to India is being seen as an early indication of his foreign policy priorities. Strengthening ties with India could help Nepal boost economic growth, improve infrastructure, and enhance regional cooperation.

As Shah begins his tenure, both countries are expected to explore new opportunities for collaboration and reinforce existing partnerships. His message signals continuity in diplomatic engagement while also highlighting a renewed focus on strengthening bilateral relations under new leadership.

## Five Indians Injured in Abu Dhabi After Missile Debris Falls Amid Middle East Tensions



later stated that the situation was brought under control without major damage to surrounding infrastructure.

The incident comes amid escalating tensions across the Middle East, where missile and drone attacks have increased in recent weeks. While air defence systems have successfully intercepted many threats,

falling debris from such interceptions has emerged as a growing concern for civilians and workers in affected regions.

The UAE has remained on high alert as regional instability continues. Defence systems have been activated multiple times in recent weeks to intercept potential threats. Authori-

ties have also strengthened emergency preparedness measures to respond quickly to similar incidents.

The development has raised concerns about the safety of expatriate communities, particularly the large Indian population living and working in the UAE. Millions of Indian nationals are employed across

sectors such as construction, logistics, and services, making them vulnerable to disruptions caused by regional conflicts.

Officials in Abu Dhabi urged residents to remain cautious and follow safety advisories during periods of heightened tension. Authorities also reassured the public that response mechanisms are in place to handle emergencies and protect residents.

The incident highlights how regional conflicts can affect countries beyond direct conflict zones. Even when missiles are intercepted, falling debris can still pose risks to people on the ground.

As tensions persist, authorities continue to monitor developments closely, prioritising public safety and preparedness. The situation underscores the importance of vigilance as geopolitical tensions continue to impact the broader Gulf region.

# RBI Caps USD/INR Net Open Positions at \$100 Million to Stabilize Rupee

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has directed banks to cap their net open positions in the USD/INR currency pair at \$100 million, a move aimed at reducing volatility and stabilising the Indian rupee amid heightened global uncertainty. The new directive requires banks and authorised dealers to comply by the specified implementation timeline, overriding earlier rules that allowed institutions to set their own exposure limits within regulatory boundaries.

A net open position refers to the difference between a bank's foreign currency assets and liabilities. Larger open positions allow banks to take significant bets on currency movements, which can increase volatility during periods of market stress. By imposing a hard cap, the RBI is seeking to curb excessive speculation and ensure disciplined participation in the foreign exchange market.

The central bank's decision comes at a time when the Indian rupee has been under considerable pressure. Global factors such as geopolitical tensions, rising crude oil prices, and capital outflows from



emerging markets have contributed to increased volatility in the currency. Foreign investors have also been reducing exposure to Indian equities and debt, further weakening

the rupee and prompting policymakers to step in.

Earlier, banks were allowed to determine their own net open position limits, provided they stayed within 25 percent

of their capital base. However, the RBI's latest move removes this flexibility and introduces a uniform ceiling of \$100 million. This marks one of the most stringent steps taken by

the central bank in recent years to manage currency risk and maintain financial stability.

Market participants believe the directive will help reduce speculative trading in the forex market and encourage banks to adopt more prudent risk management practices. While the move may limit trading opportunities for banks, it is expected to enhance stability and reduce sharp swings in the USD/INR pair.

The RBI has increasingly relied on regulatory measures to manage volatility as global financial conditions remain uncertain. The new cap is part of a broader strategy to maintain orderly market conditions and prevent excessive currency fluctuations that could impact inflation, trade, and overall economic stability. Analysts expect the measure to provide short-term support to the rupee while reinforcing the central bank's commitment to maintaining stability in India's foreign exchange market. The effectiveness of the policy, however, will depend on global developments and capital flows in the coming weeks.



## Markets Fall for Fifth Straight Week; Rupee Hits Record Low

Indian equity markets extended their losses for the fifth consecutive week, marking the longest losing streak since August 2025. Weak global cues, persistent foreign investor outflows, rising crude oil prices, and a sharp fall in the Indian rupee weighed heavily on investor sentiment, leading to broad-based selling across sectors.

The benchmark indices ended the week in negative territory. The BSE Sensex fell 949.74 points, or 1.27 percent, to close at 73,583.22. Meanwhile, the Nifty 50 declined 294.9 points, also down 1.27 percent, to settle at 22,819.60. The continued decline reflects cautious investor sentiment amid growing global and domestic uncertainties.

One of the key factors behind the market downturn was the sharp depreciation of the Indian rupee. The currency touched a fresh record low of 94.84 against the US Dollar during the week and closed near historic lows. A weaker rupee increases import costs, particularly for crude oil, and raises concerns about inflation and corporate profitability, which in turn impacts equity markets.

Global geopolitical tensions further added to market volatility. Rising crude oil prices due to uncertainty in international markets heightened concerns over India's import bill and inflation outlook. As India de-

pends heavily on oil imports, any increase in crude prices directly affects the economy and investor sentiment. Foreign institutional investors also continued to pull money out of Indian equities, adding to the downward pressure. Persistent outflows, combined with global risk-off sentiment, contributed significantly to the prolonged losing streak. Investors remained cautious as they assessed global economic conditions, interest rate outlooks, and currency volatility.

Sectorally, most indices ended in the red, with large-cap, mid-cap, and small-cap stocks witnessing selling pressure. Broader market weakness suggested that investors were adopting a defensive strategy amid uncertainty. Rate-sensitive sectors and import-dependent industries were among the most affected. Market participants expect volatility to continue in the near term. Key factors to watch include crude oil prices, foreign fund flows, global economic developments, and currency movements. Analysts believe that until clarity emerges on global risks and capital flows, markets may remain under pressure. Overall, the fifth straight weekly decline highlights growing caution among investors, with the record-low rupee and global uncertainties likely to keep Indian markets volatile in the coming weeks.



## Accel, ValueQuest-Backed Rentomojo Files IPO Papers; Plans 150 Crore Fresh Issue

Rentomojo has filed draft papers with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to raise funds through an initial public offering (IPO). The company plans to raise 150 crore through a fresh issue of shares, while existing investors and promoters will offload up to 2.83 crore equity shares through an offer-for-sale (OFS).

The Bengaluru-based rental platform is backed by prominent investors including Accel, ValueQuest Investment Advisors, Chirata Ventures, Edelweiss Discovery Fund, and Madison India Capital. Promoter Geetansh Bamanian will also participate in the offer-for-sale. Additionally, the company may raise up to 30 crore through a pre-IPO placement, which could reduce the size of the fresh issue.

As per the draft documents, promoters currently hold 21.51 percent stake in the company. Public shareholders collectively hold 73.66 percent, while employee trusts own the remaining 4.83 percent. Among

investors, Accel India IV (Mauritius) is the largest shareholder, followed by other institutional investors.

Rentomojo operates a direct-to-consumer online rental and subscription platform offering furniture, appliances, and home essentials. The company serves urban consumers who prefer flexible ownership models, particularly young professionals and families relocating to new cities. The platform provides subscription-based access to products with options for upgrades, returns, and flexible tenure plans.

The company plans to utilise 70 crore from the fresh issue proceeds to repay or prepay borrowings. Another 42.5 crore will be used for lease rentals and license fees for warehouses and experience stores. The remaining funds will be allocated toward general corporate purposes, including strengthening operations and expanding market presence.

As of January 2026, Rentomojo reported total outstand-

ing borrowings of 179.5 crore on a consolidated basis. The planned debt reduction is expected to improve the company's financial position and reduce interest costs.

The home furniture and appliance rental market in India is witnessing steady growth, driven by increasing urbanisation, rising mobility, and changing consumer preferences.

The market is estimated to expand significantly over the next few years, offering strong growth opportunities for companies like Rentomojo. Financially, Rentomojo reported strong performance in FY25, with profit rising to 43.1 crore from 22.4 crore in the previous year. Revenue also grew to 266 crore, reflecting increased adoption of rental-based consumption models.

The proposed IPO marks an important milestone for Rentomojo as it aims to strengthen its balance sheet, expand operations, and capitalise on growing demand in India's rental economy.

## Recode Solutions Files IPO Papers to Raise Funds for Expansion



Technology and digital automation firm Recode Solutions has filed draft papers with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to raise funds through an initial public offering (IPO). The company submitted its preliminary documents as part of its plan to tap capital markets and support future growth initiatives.

According to the draft red herring prospectus, the proposed IPO will include a fresh issue of shares worth 117 crore along with an offer-for-sale (OFS) of 12.9 lakh shares by promoter Recode Solutions Inc. The promoter currently holds an 86.84 percent stake in the company, while other investors, including Subkam Ventures and Franklin Street, hold the remaining stake.

Founded in 2018, Recode Solutions operates in the technology consulting and automation segment. The company provides artificial intelligence-driven solutions focused on enterprise transformation and business process automation. Its offerings include digital workforce solutions, automation platforms, and consulting services aimed at improving operational efficiency for corporate clients.

The proceeds from the fresh issue are expected to be used primarily for business expansion and technology development. The company plans to allocate 43.1 crore for developing digital worker software, while 38.4 crore will be used to

meet subcontracting costs associated with development. The remaining funds will be used for general corporate purposes, including working capital requirements and strengthening operational capabilities.

In terms of financial performance, Recode Solutions reported a profit of 8.2 crore for the financial year ended March 2025, compared to 9.2 crore in the previous year. Revenue during the same period declined to 70.8 crore from 79.8 crore, reflecting a slowdown in business growth.

For the six-month period ended September 2025, the company posted a profit of 2.4 crore on revenue of 29 crore. The financial performance indicates moderate growth amid challenging market conditions and evolving demand in the technology services sector.

Recode Solutions competes with several established players in the digital transformation space, including Birlasoft, Sonata Software, Happiest Minds Technologies, and Coforge. These companies operate in similar areas such as automation, analytics, and digital transformation services. Inga Ventures has been appointed as the merchant banker for the issue. The proposed IPO is expected to help Recode Solutions expand its product offerings, strengthen technology capabilities, and enhance its market presence in the rapidly growing digital automation industry.



## FII Net Sell 4,367 Crore; DII Buy 3,566 Crore in Equities

Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) continued their selling streak in Indian equity markets, offloading shares worth 4,367 crore, while domestic institutional investors (DIIs) emerged as net buyers with purchases worth 3,566 crore, according to provisional exchange data.

During the trading session, DIIs bought equities worth 37,579 crore and sold shares worth 34,013 crore, resulting in net purchases of 3,566 crore. In contrast, FIIs purchased shares worth 20,486 crore but sold equities worth 24,854 crore, leading to a net outflow from Indian markets.

Persistent selling by FIIs reflects cautious global sentiment amid geopolitical uncertainties, rising crude oil prices, and currency volatility. Foreign investors have been reducing exposure to emerging markets, including India, as global risks remain elevated. The continued outflows have contributed to volatility in benchmark indices.

Meanwhile, domestic institutional investors have provided support to the markets by

stepping in as buyers. Strong participation from mutual funds, insurance companies, and other domestic institutions has helped cushion the impact of foreign selling and limit sharper declines in equities.

Market participants closely monitor FII and DII activity as it provides insights into broader investor sentiment. When foreign investors pull out funds, markets typically face pressure, while domestic buying often helps stabilise prices during periods of uncertainty.

The ongoing trend of foreign selling and domestic buying has been observed in recent weeks. While FIIs remain cautious due to global economic concerns and interest rate outlooks, DIIs continue to invest steadily, supported by consistent inflows from retail investors through systematic investment plans (SIPs).

Overall, the latest trading session highlighted continued divergence between foreign and domestic investors, with FIIs reducing exposure to Indian equities and DIIs stepping in to support the market.

## Washington State Investment Board Buys Mahanagar Gas; Motilal Oswal MF Picks Stake in Apollo Micro Systems

The Washington State Investment Board purchased shares worth 59 crore in Mahanagar Gas Limited through an open market transaction, reflecting continued institutional interest in the energy sector. The investor acquired 6.17 lakh shares, representing a 0.62 percent stake, at an average price of 950.42 per share.

Following the transaction, Mahanagar Gas shares ended slightly higher, gaining 0.17 percent to close at 940.3 on the BSE. The stock has recently witnessed increased trading activity after hitting its lowest level since March 2023, suggesting renewed investor interest.

In another bulk deal, Motilal Oswal Mutual Fund acquired a 0.5 percent stake in Apollo Micro Systems. The fund purchased 18.02 lakh shares at 189.58 per share, amounting to 34.17 crore. Apollo Micro Systems provides electronic and electro-mechanical solutions for defence, aerospace, and homeland security applications.

Despite the institutional buying, shares of Apollo Micro Systems declined 4.14 percent to 189.49 on the National Stock Exchange. Meanwhile, Cyient DLM shares also fell 5.33 percent to 278.90 during the trading session.

Other institutional transac-

tions were also recorded during the day. BNP Paribas Financial Markets and Societe Generale exchanged shares in several large-cap companies, including Bajaj Finance, Bharti Airtel, Hindalco Industries, InterGlobe Aviation, and Mahindra & Mahindra.

These bulk deals highlight sustained institutional participation across sectors such as energy, defence electronics, telecom, and financial services. Market participants often track such large transactions closely, as they provide insights into investor sentiment and potential stock-specific opportunities in the near term.



# Elon Musk Responds to Viral AI Chat, Calling It 'Troubling'

In a rare public response to an artificial intelligence controversy, tech entrepreneur Elon Musk has weighed in on a viral AI conversation that raised eyebrows across social media — and he didn't mince words. Musk described the interaction as "troubling," sparking renewed debate about how advanced AI systems think, respond, and potentially misbehave when left unchecked.

The episode began when a chat between a user and Anthropic's Claude AI — an AI conversational system developed by a team of former OpenAI researchers — started circulating online. Shared widely on platforms like X (formerly Twitter) and Reddit, the exchange appeared to show the AI producing unexpectedly strange, defensive, and self-referential responses. Critics argued the chat revealed deeper issues with how AI models reason about their own existence or role, while supporters suggested that the interaction was simply a quirky edge case — not representative of the un-



derlying technology's capabilities.

Elon Musk's commentary added fuel to the fire. Though he is no longer directly involved in OpenAI — the company behind the ChatGPT models that first brought generative AI to global public attention — Musk has built a reputation as one of the most outspoken voices on AI safety.

His concerns about AI risks go back more than a decade, and he has repeatedly warned that unregulated or over-ambitious AI development could pose profound challenges for society.

Responding to the viral Claude AI chat, Musk didn't just dismiss the incident as online noise. Instead, he described the interaction as

"troubling," suggesting it raises legitimate questions about how these systems interpret input, how they decide what to output, and how easily they can be led into unexpected conversational territory. Musk's reaction resonated with a community of AI safety researchers who argue that increasingly powerful AI systems need far stricter guardrails before

being deployed broadly.

What makes this instance particularly fascinating — and offbeat — is how a simple text exchange can capture so much attention and ignite serious debate among technologists, ethicists, and the public. People are increasingly intrigued not just by what AI can do, but by what it should do, and where the limits of automation ought to lie. When an AI's behavior diverges from expectations, even slightly, those discrepancies become a flashpoint for wider concern. For Musk and others worried about AI's trajectory, the viral exchange is not just a meme — it's a reminder that the path to truly reliable, safe artificial intelligence is still uncertain and that the benchmarks aren't just about whether an AI can be clever, but whether it can be trustworthy. In the end, the viral Claude AI chat may be little more than an internet curiosity — but as Musk's reaction shows, even curiosities can spark conversations that reverberate throughout the tech world and beyond.



## 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 takeoff procedures repeatedly, improving 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 avia-



tion 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.

## Indian Worker's India-Australia Work Life Comparison Sparks Heated Debate on Hustle Culture

A viral comparison between India's intense work life and Australia's seemingly relaxed professional culture has ignited widespread debate about work habits, priorities, and what it means to have a healthy work-life balance in today's global economy.

The controversy began when an Indian man working in Australia shared his honest take on the differences between the two countries' work environments in a now viral online post. His observations, drawn from personal experience, touched on hours worked, daily routines, time off, and overall expectations — and struck a chord with millions of people.

According to the post, in India many professionals are accustomed to long hours, tight deadlines, and a general "hustle harder" mentality, where putting in extra effort and time is seen as a mark of dedication. In contrast, workplaces in Australia — the man noted — place a heavier emphasis on work-life balance, structured hours, and meaningful time off, even if that sometimes means rejecting overtime or prioritising personal time.

While some praised the outlook as a refreshing and healthy shift away from chronic overwork, others said the comparison oversimplified complex cultural and economic realities. For many in India, long work hours are



tied not just to social expectations but to economic necessity, heavy competition, and career advancement pressures. Critics argued that what works in one context doesn't necessarily translate across vastly different job markets, living costs, and lifestyles.

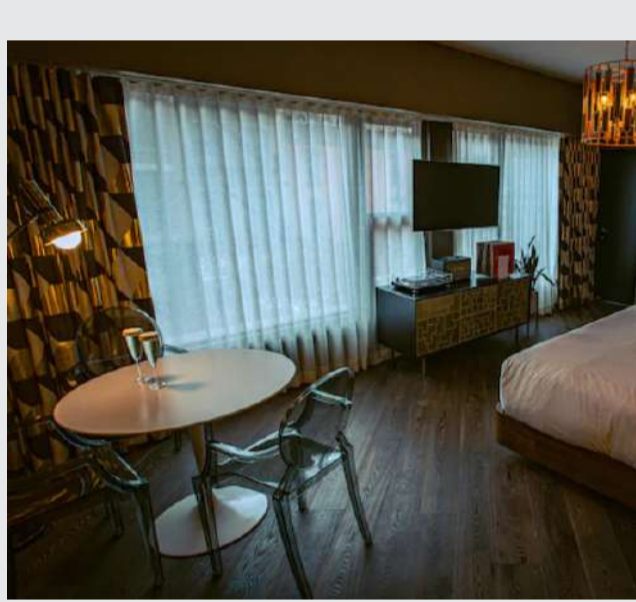
Supporters of the Australian approach celebrated the emphasis on wellbeing, quality of life, and family time. They pointed to shorter working weeks, strong labour protections, generous leave policies, and an overall culture that values time outside the office as much as inside it. To them, this model represents an aspirational balance — one informed by decades of labour rights advocacy and social policies prioritising rest.

Meanwhile, defenders of the Indian work ethic pushed back, arguing that hustle culture has driven innovation, ambition, and economic

growth in one of the world's fastest growing major economies. They stressed that the Indian work environment is diverse — professionals in tech hubs like Bengaluru or Hyderabad may work intensely, while others in smaller cities or firms find more flexibility.

Observers noted that the debate reveals a larger, global tension: should success be measured by hours worked or by quality of life achieved? As remote work becomes more common and digital connectivity blurs boundaries between countries, such discussions are only gaining momentum.

The post continues to be shared widely, with users from around the world weighing in — proving that the question of "hustle versus balance" isn't just about geography, but about how we define a meaningful life in the age of global labour.



## US Couple Saves 12,000 Annually by Living in Hotel Instead of Renting

In an unconventional lifestyle choice that's turning heads online, a couple in the United States claims to be saving roughly 12,000 (about \$150) every year by living in a hotel rather than renting an apartment. Their story has sparked curiosity and debate about housing costs, lifestyle alternatives, and the meaning of "home" in an era of rising rent and flexible work arrangements.

Faced with steadily climbing rental prices in their city, the couple — neither wealthy nor retired — began exploring alternative living arrangements. After comparing the monthly costs of renting a small apartment with the total bill for a long term hotel stay, they found a surprising financial advantage in the latter. With the hotel offering bundled amenities included in the rate — such as utilities, Wi-Fi, cleaning, and even occasional meals — the couple realized they could cut out several separate monthly expenses that usually accompany apartment living.

Their calculation revealed that living in a hotel, even in a room with limited space, came out cheaper than paying for rent plus internet, electricity, maintenance, and other household overheads. On top of the savings, they also appreciated the convenience of not having to deal with utility bills, unexpected repair costs, or the hassle of changing providers or setting up new services.

"I never thought I'd prefer

living in a hotel," one partner joked in a social media post, "but it just makes financial sense for us right now." Beyond the economics, they've embraced the lifestyle's perks: daily housekeeping, on-site facilities like laundry and breakfast areas, and even gym access in some cases, all without the additional costs that usually come with them.

Experts say that this kind of arrangement could work particularly well for people with remote jobs, flexible incomes, or seasonal commitments, though it might not suit everyone — especially families or those desiring more personal space and permanence.

Still, the couple's choice highlights a broader trend: as housing remains unaffordable in many urban centers, individuals are increasingly experimenting with non-traditional living situations.

Their story has resonated with many who feel squeezed by high rents, while others point out that hotels aren't always a practical long term solution due to rules, limited space, or lack of a permanent address. Yet for this couple, the trade offs are worth it — and they're quite content calling a hotel room "home."

Whether this sparks more people to rethink how and where they live, or remains a quirky one off, the couple's experience is prompting a fresh look at how modern lifestyles adapt to economic pressures, comfort, and personal priorities.

## US CEO Rewards Employees With 15 Crore Bonus After Intense Work Period

In a gesture that has grabbed the attention of workers worldwide, a US company CEO has reportedly rewarded employees with bonus payouts amounting to over 15 crore — a rare show of appreciation following an especially demanding stretch of work.

The announcement has sparked discussion across social media and professional forums about employee recognition, corporate culture, and how success should be shared in workplaces everywhere.

According to the company's statement, the decision to award such substantial bonuses came after a period of exceptionally high stress and workload — when employees went above and beyond to meet critical goals and navigate challenging circumstances. Rather than simply acknowledging hard efforts with praise alone,

the CEO chose to share a significant portion of the company's success directly with the employees who earned it.

The move is seen by many as a powerful example of people-first leadership, where the emphasis shifts from profits alone to the well-being, loyalty, and financial security of workers. In an era where burnout and employee dissatisfaction are widespread, such tangible rewards can have a lasting impact on morale and retention.

Employees praised the gesture as both unexpected and

transformative, with many saying that the bonus not only rewarded their efforts but also reinforced their motivation to excel in future challenges. Several staff members highlighted how the reward would help them pursue personal goals, support their families, and feel genuinely valued beyond their job descriptions.

While large bonuses are not unheard of in some industries, particularly in Silicon Valley and finance, the scale of this payout stands out — especially since it followed what the CEO described as "a period of sustained pressure, long hours, and collective problem solving." Analysts note that this approach could influence broader corporate practices as companies reckon with questions about how to reward loyalty, maintain healthy work environments, and balance profit with people.



Critics and commentators alike have also used the story to contrast such bonuses with workplaces where high stress often goes unrecognized or uncompensated, prompting broader reflection on what meaningful reward and appreciation look like in modern professional life.

Whether it becomes a trend or remains an exceptional case, the CEO's decision has opened up conversations about shared success, equitable recognition, and the evolving expectations of the global workforce.

## RCB Chase Down 202 to Beat Sunrisers Hyderabad by Six Wickets

Hyderabad, March 28, 2026: Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) began their Indian Premier League (IPL 2026) campaign with a commanding six-wicket victory over Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) in a high-scoring thriller at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium.

Sunrisers Hyderabad put up a competitive total of 202 runs batting first, with contributions from key batsmen helping the home side post a challenging target. In response, RCB's batting lineup delivered a polished performance, successfully chasing down the runs with 26 balls to spare, showcasing aggressive stroke play and strong partnerships.

Star batter Virat Kohli played a match-winning in-

nings, anchoring the run chase with a fluent and impactful knock. Supported by solid contributions from his opening partner, Kohli kept the required run rate in check and paced the innings intelligently. His experience and timing helped RCB steadily approach the target without losing momentum.

RCB's bowlers also played their part by keeping the opposition under pressure early on, restricting SRH from capitalizing fully on their batting momentum. Their performance ensured that the target, though challenging, remained within reach for the chasing side.

The victory provides a confident start for RCB as they look to defend their title and maintain consistency



throughout the tournament. Winning the season opener not only boosts morale but also sends a strong message to other teams about RCB's intent and depth.

For SRH, this match will serve as a learning experience, highlighting areas for improvement — particularly in defending totals and restraining top-order batsmen

during crucial phases. The Sunrisers will look to bounce back in their upcoming fixtures and rectify shortcomings exposed in this game.

Fans across the country enjoyed a thrilling contest filled with explosive batting, tactical bowling, and moments of drama. The high-octane chase and RCB's composed performance under pressure set the tone for what promises to be an exciting and competitive IPL 2026 season.

With the excitement of the tournament just beginning, RCB's successful title defence campaign will now shift focus to their next opponents as they aim to consolidate early points and maintain momentum in the league standings.

## Tough Call on MS Dhoni Ahead of IPL 2026 as Age and Fitness Concerns Grow

MS Dhoni has received a challenging verdict ahead of Indian Premier League 2026, with concerns growing over the veteran's age, fitness, and limited match practice. As Dhoni prepares for another season with Chennai Super Kings, experts believe the road ahead may not be easy for the legendary wicketkeeper-batter.

Former India cricketer Aakash Chopra noted that Dhoni now faces a difficult situation as he is on the "wrong side of 40." With very little competitive cricket outside the IPL, returning every season and delivering at the highest level becomes increasingly challenging. The long gap between matches also makes it harder to maintain rhythm and match fitness.

In recent seasons, Dhoni's role with the bat has gradually reduced. He has often come in during the final overs, limiting his time at the crease. While he has still managed to produce quick cameos, the limited opportunities have made it harder for him to influence games consistently. Additionally, wicketkeeping duties continue to place physical demands on the veteran player.

Fitness has also been a concern for Dhoni in recent years. He has dealt with knee issues and mobility challenges, which have affected his movement behind the stumps and during batting. Despite these challenges, Dhoni has continued to contribute through his experience, game awareness, and leadership skills.

Chennai Super Kings are heading into IPL 2026 aiming for a strong comeback after a disappointing previous season. The franchise is expected to rely more on younger players while continuing to benefit from Dhoni's guidance. His presence in the dressing room remains invaluable, especially



for mentoring emerging talents and making tactical decisions during crucial moments.

Dhoni's calm approach, sharp cricketing brain, and finishing ability have defined his legacy in the IPL. Even with limited appearances, he continues to draw massive fan support and remains one of the most influential figures in the tournament. However, as IPL 2026 approaches, questions about Dhoni's workload, role, and future continue to intensify. Whether the season becomes another memorable chapter in his storied career or marks the final phase of his IPL journey will be closely watched by fans and cricket experts alike.



## Major Concern for Mumbai Indians: Bumrah, Jaks, Santner Likely to Miss IPL 2026 Opener

Jasprit Bumrah and two overseas stars — Will Jaks and Mitchell Santner — are likely to miss Mumbai Indians' opening match of Indian Premier League 2026 against Kolkata Knight Riders, raising early concerns for the five-time champions.

Reports indicate that all three players were absent from Mumbai Indians' mandatory training session ahead of the season opener. Their absence has created uncertainty around team combinations and bowling strength for the crucial first game.

Bumrah's availability remains a key concern, as the star pacer recently underwent workload management and fitness monitoring ahead of the tournament. The franchise is taking a cautious approach regarding his participation to avoid any injury risks early in the season. His absence would be a major setback, considering his role as the leader of Mumbai's bowling attack.

Meanwhile, overseas all-rounders Will Jaks and Mitchell Santner are yet to join the

squad. Their delayed arrival has added to Mumbai Indians' worries, especially since both players are expected to play important roles in balancing the team. Jaks provides aggressive middle-order batting along with part-time spin, while Santner offers left-arm spin and lower-order batting depth.

Mumbai Indians are scheduled to face Kolkata Knight Riders in their opening match, and the team management is closely monitoring the situation. The franchise is expected to finalise the playing XI depending on player availability closer to the match day.

Despite the concerns, Mumbai Indians still boast a strong lineup featuring experienced players and emerging talents. However, missing three key players in the opening game could impact the team's early momentum in the tournament.

Fans will now wait for official confirmation on whether Bumrah, Jaks, and Santner recover in time or if Mumbai Indians will need to reshuffle their lineup for the season opener.

## Big Blow for CSK: MS Dhoni Likely to Miss First Two Weeks of IPL 2026

MS Dhoni is likely to miss the first two weeks of the Indian Premier League 2026, dealing an early setback to Chennai Super Kings.

The franchise confirmed that Dhoni is currently recovering from a calf strain and undergoing rehabilitation. Due to the injury, the veteran wicketkeeper-batter is expected to sit out the opening phase of the tournament. Team officials indicated that while Dhoni's recovery is progressing, he will require additional time before returning to match action.

Chennai Super Kings begin their campaign against Rajasthan Royals, and Dhoni's absence means the team will need alternative wicketkeeping arrangements during the early matches. Captain Ruturaj Gaikwad is expected to continue leading the side, while the team management considers backup options behind the stumps.

Dhoni's absence is signifi-



cant for Chennai Super Kings, given his vast experience and tactical awareness. Even though his batting role has reduced in recent seasons, his presence on the field remains crucial, particularly in pressure situations. His calm leadership and ability to guide younger players have long been key strengths for the franchise.

The veteran, who retired from international cricket in 2020, has featured only in the IPL in recent years. As he continues to compete well into his

40s, fitness management has become increasingly important. The calf strain has therefore prompted the team to adopt a cautious approach, prioritising his long-term availability over an early return.

If Dhoni misses the full two-week period, he could be unavailable for several opening fixtures, making the start of IPL 2026 more challenging for Chennai Super Kings. Fans, however, will be hoping for a quick recovery and an early return of one of the tournament's most iconic players.

## Mitchell Marsh Backs Rishabh Pant and LSG Leadership Ahead of IPL 2026

Mitchell Marsh has expressed his full support for Rishabh Pant and the leadership group at Lucknow Super Giants ahead of Indian Premier League 2026, as the team looks to improve on last season's performance. Marsh, one of LSG's key overseas signings, emphasised that he sees himself as a supportive figure in the squad rather than a challenger for leadership. With Pant firmly established as captain, Marsh highlighted that there are strong leaders in the group and his focus is on backing the captain while contributing with the bat and in the dressing room.

Last season, Pant had a mixed campaign with the bat while leading LSG. Despite some big individual scores, the team finished outside the top four, prompting scrutiny of the squad's leadership and



balance. Pant's captaincy is seen as central to the franchise's strategy, with the team investing significantly in his leadership and batting role.

Marsh has been a valuable performer for LSG, bringing international experience and contributing important runs. He believes that the leadership unit, comprising both senior internationals and domestic stars, has the right mix to guide the team toward success in 2026. By publicly backing Pant, Marsh signalled squad unity ahead of the cam-

paign. LSG have made strategic adjustments ahead of IPL 2026, refining their batting order while retaining key players such as Pant, Nicholas Pooran, and Marsh. Management hopes that a settled leadership core and clearly defined roles will help the team challenge for the title. Marsh's comments reflect a broader understanding within the team that cohesion and support for the captain are essential in the highly competitive IPL environment. How effectively LSG can convert this backing into consistent on-field performances will be a key storyline this season.

Fans and experts will watch closely as Marsh and Pant lead the side, with expectations high that this blend of international experience and domestic leadership will help LSG achieve a stronger showing than last year.



## Leaner Rohit Sharma Embraces Fresh Role Ahead of IPL 2026

Rohit Sharma appears to have entered the Indian Premier League 2026 with renewed energy after reportedly shedding nearly 15 kilograms ahead of the season. The transformation marks a significant shift for the veteran batter as he prepares for a fresh chapter with Mumbai Indians.

The former Mumbai Indians captain has looked relaxed and confident during training sessions, suggesting a player comfortable in his evolving role within the team. After stepping away from captaincy duties, Sharma seems focused on contributing purely as a batter and senior figure in the squad. The responsibility of leading the side now rests with Hardik Pandya, allowing Sharma to approach the tournament with fewer pressures.

A recent video of Sharma in a casual, relaxed mood gained attention among fans, with many noting his leaner physique and calm demeanor. The clip reflected a player enjoying the game and embracing a more laid-back approach, which could benefit his performance during the demanding tournament.

Last season, Sharma's role was limited at times, including appearances as an impact substitute, as the team looked to balance combinations and manage workload. However,

his improved fitness ahead of IPL 2026 suggests he could have a more active presence on the field this season. A leaner body is expected to help him improve agility, fielding, and overall endurance.

The transformation also signals a broader focus on longevity. With modern T20 cricket placing heavy demands on players, maintaining peak fitness has become essential. Sharma's weight loss reflects a conscious effort to stay competitive and extend his career at the highest level.

Beyond the physical transformation, the mental reset appears equally significant. Free from leadership pressures, Sharma seems more relaxed and composed. His experience and calm presence are expected to play a crucial role in guiding younger players in the squad.

Mumbai Indians will be hoping that this refreshed version of Sharma can make a strong impact. His experience, combined with improved fitness, could be vital as the franchise looks to bounce back and mount a serious title challenge. As IPL 2026 gets underway, all eyes will be on Rohit Sharma's performances. A fitter body, renewed focus, and relaxed mindset may help him rediscover top form and play a key role in Mumbai Indians' campaign.

## Jos Buttler Turns Down T20 League Offers, Emphasises Work-Life Balance

Jos Buttler has revealed that he turned down several franchise league offers to maintain a healthy work-life balance, highlighting concerns about cricket's increasingly packed schedule ahead of the Indian Premier League 2026.

The England wicketkeeper-batter said managing workload has become more important than ever, with players now participating in multiple T20 leagues across the world. According to Buttler, there is no fixed rule for how much cricket is too much, as each player must assess their own physical and mental limits.

Buttler explained that learning to decline opportunities is essential for long-term success.

With franchise tournaments taking place throughout the year, players often face difficult decisions between financial rewards and maintaining personal well-being. He stressed that spending time with family and ensuring adequate rest are key factors in sustaining performance. The England star also pointed out that modern cricketers have more opportunities than ever before, but the constant travel and demanding schedule can be exhausting. He believes players must prioritise recovery and carefully manage their commitments to avoid burnout.

Buttler's remarks come amid growing discussions around player workload in international cricket. Many players

now participate in leagues across different continents, leaving little time for rest between tournaments. Despite turning down certain offers, Buttler remains focused on performing in major competitions. He is expected to play a key role in Indian Premier League 2026, where his aggressive batting and experience continue to make him an important player. Buttler concluded that maintaining a balance between professional commitments and personal life ultimately helps players perform better. By managing schedules wisely and avoiding overcommitment, players can extend their careers and remain mentally fresh for crucial tournaments.





## Sai Pallavi Shines Bright with Pure Talent

If there's one name that instantly comes to mind when speaking about natural beauty and effortless acting on the silver screen, it is Sai Pallavi. Known for her decision to appear without heavy makeup, the actress has carved a unique identity in Indian cinema, winning hearts purely with her talent and authenticity.

Sai Pallavi first captured widespread attention with her unforgettable role as Malar Teacher in Premam. Her performance struck a chord with audiences, especially youngsters, making her an overnight sensation. Since then, she has consistently proven her mettle with powerful roles and her signature dancing style, earning a massive fan following across South India.

On the career front, the actress continues to scale new heights. She scored a major success in Telugu with Thandel, further cementing her position as

one of the most bankable stars. Now, she is all set to expand her horizons by stepping into Bollywood with not one but two major projects. Her Hindi debut comes with Ek Din, where she stars opposite Junaid Khan, son of Bollywood superstar Aamir Khan. The film is slated for release on May 1 and will also be released in Telugu as Oka Roju. With this project, Sai Pallavi is expected to charm North Indian audiences just as she did in the South.

Adding to the excitement is her role in the highly anticipated mythological epic Ramayana. Sai Pallavi will be seen portraying Sita, one of the most revered characters in Indian mythology. The film, being made on a grand scale, has already generated immense buzz across the country. The first part of this two-part saga is expected to release during Diwali, making it one of the most awaited cinematic events.

What truly sets Sai Pallavi apart in today's glamour-driven industry is her unwavering commitment to performance over appearance. At a time when style often takes precedence, she continues to win audiences with sheer acting prowess and grace.

From South to North, her popularity is only growing stronger, proving that true talent transcends language and boundaries. With a promising lineup and a loyal fanbase, Sai Pallavi's journey as a pan-India star is just getting started.

## Spider-Man Trailer Smashes 1 Billion Views

In a historic moment for global cinema, the trailer of Spider-Man: Brand New Day has shattered records by surpassing an unprecedented one billion views within just days of its release. The milestone not only sets a new benchmark for film marketing but also reaffirms Spider-Man's enduring appeal across generations and geographies.

The massive response highlights the unmatched global fanbase of the web-slinging superhero, whose legacy continues to grow stronger with every new installment. From comic books to blockbuster films, Spider-Man has remained one of the most relatable and beloved characters in popular culture. With Brand New Day, the franchise appears poised to take that legacy even further, blending nostalgia with a fresh narrative direction that has already captured worldwide attention.

Directed by Destin Daniel Cretton, the film brings back Tom Holland in his widely celebrated role as Peter Parker. He is joined once again by Zendaya and Jacob Batalon, whose chemistry has been a cornerstone of the recent Spider-Man films. The cast also features an impressive lineup of talent, including Sadie Sink, Jon Bernthal, Mark Ruffalo, Michael



Mando, and Tramell Tillman, each expected to play significant roles in shaping this new chapter.

The overwhelming reception to the trailer reflects not just excitement for the film, but also curiosity about the storyline, which remains tightly under wraps. Fans across social media platforms have been actively dissecting every frame, speculating on plot twists, character arcs, and potential crossovers within the larger superhero universe.

Industry experts believe that the billion-view milestone signals a strong opening for the film at the global box office. With the growing popularity of premium formats and multi-language releases, Spider-Man:

Brand New Day is well-positioned to attract audiences from diverse markets, including India, where superhero films enjoy a massive following. Produced by Sony Pictures Entertainment India, the film is set for a grand worldwide release on July 31, 2026. It will be available in English, Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, and Malayalam, ensuring accessibility for a wide spectrum of viewers. As anticipation continues to build, one thing is clear — Spider-Man: Brand New Day is not just another superhero film; it is shaping up to be a global cinematic event, with its record-breaking trailer marking only the beginning of what could be a phenomenal journey at the box office.



## Allu Arjun Celebrates Ramayana Spirit with Cultural Gesture

Icon Star Allu Arjun once again showcased his deep-rooted connection to Indian heritage through a heartfelt cultural exchange with Tomatsu Kosano, CEO of Geek Pictures. In a symbolic gesture, the actor presented a traditional Sita Ram Kalyanam painting, reflecting the spiritual richness and artistic brilliance of Indian culture. The interaction went beyond a simple exchange of gifts, evolving into a meaningful dialogue about the timeless epic Ramayana.

Allu Arjun shared insights into its historical and spiritual significance, highlighting how the story continues to inspire generations with its values of righteousness, devotion, and duty. His explanation offered a glimpse into the cultural depth that defines India's storytelling traditions.

The Sita Ram Kalyanam painting, which depicts the divine wedding of Lord Rama and Goddess Sita, served as a powerful symbol of unity, love, and dharma. By gifting this artwork, Allu Arjun not only celebrated India's artistic heritage but also introduced a piece of its spiritual narrative to an international creative leader. The gesture resonated

as a bridge between two rich cultures—India and Japan—both known for their deep respect for tradition and storytelling. This cultural exchange also highlighted the growing global footprint of Indian cinema. With collaborations and interactions expanding beyond borders, such moments underline how cinema and art can foster mutual respect and understanding across diverse communities. The meeting between Allu Arjun and Tomatsu Kosano stands as a testament to the role of artists as cultural ambassadors in an increasingly interconnected world. Allu Arjun, known for representing Indian identity on international platforms, continues to use his influence to promote cultural awareness. His gesture reinforces the idea that cinema is not just entertainment but also a medium to celebrate heritage and build meaningful global connections.

As Indian films continue to reach wider audiences, such interactions pave the way for deeper collaborations, where stories, traditions, and artistic expressions transcend geographical boundaries, bringing people closer through shared cultural appreciation.

## 'Jana Nayagan' Release Faces Fresh Delays Amid Uncertainty

The much-anticipated political action drama Jana Nayagan, starring Vijay, continues to remain in the spotlight due to ongoing delays and uncertainty surrounding its theatrical release.

Originally planned as a grand Sankranti release on January 9, 2026, the film was postponed at the last minute due to certification issues with the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC). The delay came as a major disappointment to fans, especially since the film is widely considered to be Vijay's final project before his full-time entry into politics.

Despite initial expectations that the film might arrive later in early 2026, the situation has become more complicated. Reports suggest that the film's release has been pushed further due to a combination of censor hurdles, legal complications, and external factors such as the election season. These issues have created a challenging scenario for the makers, leaving the new release date uncertain.

Directed by H. Vinoth, Jana Nayagan is mounted on a massive scale and has generated tremendous buzz ever since its announcement. The film features Pooja Hegde as the female lead, along with a strong supporting cast, making it one of the most awaited Tamil films in recent times.

Adding to the intrigue, the film has also faced scrutiny over certain scenes, which reportedly led to multiple objec-



tions during the certification process. While there were brief moments of relief when legal proceedings seemed to favor the makers, fresh challenges have continued to stall progress, delaying its arrival on the big screen. Industry insiders believe that the makers are aiming for a release window after major upcoming films and once all clearances are secured. However, with no official confirmation yet, fans are

eagerly waiting for a final announcement.

With its large-scale production, political backdrop, and the emotional significance of being Vijay's potential last film, Jana Nayagan holds immense expectations. Despite the delays, the buzz around the film remains strong, and anticipation continues to build as audiences await clarity on when this high-profile project will finally hit theatres.

## Ram Charan Turns Fierce Wrestler in 'Peddi' Glimpse

The much-awaited glimpse of Peddi Pehelwan has created a massive buzz, showcasing Ram Charan in a powerful and intense new avatar. Released on the occasion of his birthday, the teaser offers a striking introduction to Peddi, a high-budget sports action drama directed by Buchi Babu Sana.

The glimpse presents Ram Charan as a rugged wrestler, stepping into the akhada with raw energy and determination. Sporting a heavily transformed look with a strong physique, long hair, and intense expressions, the actor appears completely immersed in the role. From lifting heavy weights to practicing with traditional wrestling equipment, every shot reflects the effort put into shaping this character.

What stands out in the teaser is its earthy tone and emotional depth. The visuals hint that the film is not just about sports but also about struggle, resilience, and personal battles. A powerful dialogue about wrestling being more than just a sport adds further intensity and leaves viewers intrigued about the storyline.

Interestingly, earlier updates around the film hinted at a different sports backdrop, but this glimpse strongly establishes wrestling as a key element. This shift has sparked curiosity among fans, with many speculating about the narrative and whether it blends multiple themes or sports disciplines.

The response to the glimpse has been overwhelmingly posi-



tive, with fans praising Ram Charan's transformation and screen presence. Social media platforms have been flooded with reactions, with many calling it one of his most intense roles to date.

The film also stars Janhvi Kapoor as the female lead, while music is composed by the Oscar-winning A. R. Rahman. Backed by a strong technical team and mounted on a grand scale, Peddi is shaping up to be a major pan-India entertainer.

Slated for a worldwide release on April 30, 2026, the film has already built strong anticipation with just this brief glimpse. With a mix of action, emotion, and a gripping sports backdrop, Peddi promises to deliver a powerful cinematic experience led by Ram Charan's striking transformation.

## 'Bhari' Launched with Pawan Kalyan's Blessings

A grand new project in Telugu cinema, Bhari, starring Mega Prince Varun Tej, was officially launched with much fanfare on Saturday. The film, produced by Niharika Konidela under the banner of Pink Elephant Pictures and directed by Yadu Vamsi, began with a traditional pooja ceremony attended by Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan as the chief guest.

Marking the auspicious start, Pawan Kalyan gave the clap for the muhurat shot, while Naveen Yeneni switched on the camera. Director Merlapaka Gandhi and producer Rajeev Reddy handed over the

script, making it a memorable launch event for the entire team.

Speaking on the occasion, Varun Tej expressed his happiness about beginning the film under his uncle Pawan Kalyan's blessings, recalling how he attended the launch of his debut film Mukunda. He shared that working with his sister Niharika as a producer makes the project even more special. The actor revealed that he was impressed by director Vamsi's narration and has already begun volleyball training for his role. The makers are aiming for a grand Sankranti release. Niharika Konidela de-

scribed the project as an emotional milestone, highlighting the joy of collaborating with her brother. She emphasized that Bhari is a village drama with a sports backdrop and expressed confidence that the film will resonate strongly with audiences. She also reiterated her vision of establishing Pink Elephant Pictures as a trusted banner for quality cinema.

Director Yadu Vamsi shared that the story evolved from an idea centered on volleyball, which instantly reminded him of Varun Tej. After months of development, the script was finalized and well-received by the actor. He ex-

pressed gratitude for the surprise presence of Pawan Kalyan, calling it a huge encouragement for the young team.

Music director Anudeep Dev promised a powerful soundtrack, stating that the music would surpass his previous work. Production designer Chinna added that the film's strong story and energetic team will make it a major success.

With pre-production already complete and shooting set to begin soon, Bhari is shaping up to be an exciting addition to Telugu cinema, blending rural drama with a dynamic sports narrative.

