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Revanth Reddy Congratulates Telangana UPSC Rankers

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Revanth Reddy on Friday congratulated civil services aspirants from Telangana who secured ranks in the UPSC Civil Services Examination 2025 final results, praising their dedication and hard work.

In a statement issued here, the Chief Minister said that several candidates from the state had achieved success in one of the country's most prestigious competitive examinations. He particularly highlighted the achievements of candidates who benefited from the state government's Rajiv Gandhi Civils Abhaya Hastam Scheme, aimed at supporting economically weaker civil services aspirants.

According to the Chief Minister, as many as 20 candidates who received assistance under the scheme secured ranks in the final results announced by the Union Public Service Commission.

Revanth Reddy noted that the Telangana government had provided financial assistance of ₹1 lakh each to 202 candidates who appeared for the Civil Services Mains examination under the initiative. Of these beneficiaries, 51 candidates successfully qualified for the interview stage, and 20 ultimately secured ranks in the final list.

The Chief Minister said the achievements reflect the de-



termination and talent of Telangana's youth and expressed confidence that the successful candidates would play an important role in public administration and national development.

"The success of these candidates is a matter of pride for Telangana. Their hard work and commitment have brought recognition to the state," he said while extending his best wishes for their future careers in the civil services.

Revanth Reddy further stated that the government introduced the Rajiv Civils Abhaya Hastam scheme to reduce the financial burden on aspirants from poor and middle-class families preparing for the civil

services examination. The scheme provides financial assistance to eligible candidates appearing for the mains stage to help them continue their preparation without financial stress.

He reiterated that the Telangana government remains committed to supporting talented students and encouraging youth from disadvantaged backgrounds to pursue careers in public service.

The Chief Minister also expressed hope that more students from the state would be inspired by these achievements and come forward to prepare for the civil services, thereby contributing to the nation's governance and development.

Telangana Candidates Shine in Civil Services 2025 Results

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Candidates from Telangana have delivered an impressive performance in the Civil Services Examination 2025 final results, with several aspirants securing notable ranks. The achievement has been widely welcomed, with the state government highlighting the role of its support initiatives aimed at helping candidates from economically weaker backgrounds prepare for the prestigious examination.

To encourage and assist aspirants from poor families who aim to crack the Civil Services, the Telangana government has been implementing the Rajiv Civils Abhaya Hastam scheme. The programme is designed to provide financial support to deserving candidates so they can focus on preparation without financial constraints.

Under the initiative, the Singareni Collieries Company Limited extended financial assistance to candidates appearing for the Civil Services Mains examination. A total of 202 aspirants who took the Mains exam received financial support of ₹1 lakh each through the programme.

The scheme has produced encouraging results. Out of the candidates who received assistance under the Rajiv Civils Abhaya Hastam initiative, 51 were short-listed for the interview stage of the Civil Services Examination. Among them, 20 candidates ultimately secured ranks in the final results, marking a significant suc-

cess for both the aspirants and the support programme.

Officials said the initiative has helped talented candidates from economically weaker sections pursue their dreams of entering the civil services by reducing the financial burden associated with preparation, travel, and other examination-related expenses.

Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy congratulated all candidates from the state who cleared the Civil Services Examination. In a message, the Chief Minister praised their hard work and dedication and said their achievements would inspire many more young aspirants across Telangana to aim for the country's highest administrative services.

He also reiterated the state government's commitment to supporting meritorious students from underprivileged backgrounds through targeted schemes and institutional support.

The Civil Services Examination, conducted annually by the Union Public Service Commission, is one of the most competitive examinations in the country, selecting candidates for prestigious services such as the Indian Administrative Service (IAS), Indian Police Service (IPS), and Indian Foreign Service (IFS).

The strong performance by Telangana candidates in the 2025 results is being seen as a positive sign for the state's growing pool of civil services aspirants, reflecting both individual determination and the impact of supportive government initiatives.

BRS Alleges Misuse of Telangana Funds for Kerala Campaign Ads

Hyderabad, March 6 | TPN Bureau

The opposition BRS has accused the Telangana government of misusing public funds for political publicity in other states, particularly in Kerala, sparking fresh political controversy. Former minister T. Harish Rao strongly criticized the Congress government, alleging that the state's resources are being diverted for election-related campaigns outside Telangana while welfare promises within the state remain unfulfilled.

Addressing the media, Harish Rao said the government has been repeatedly claiming that the state treasury is empty, yet it is spending large sums of money on full-page advertisements in Malayalam newspapers in Kerala ahead of elections. According to him, the advertisements prominently feature photographs of the Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister while projecting Telangana as a model welfare state.

He alleged that the Congress government has effectively turned the Telangana treasury into an "ATM" to support its political interests in other states. "On one hand they say the state is facing financial constraints, and on the other they are spending crores of rupees on publicity campaigns in neighboring states," he said.

Harish Rao further claimed that several promises made during the election campaign have not been implemented in Telangana. He accused the government of failing to deliver the financial assistance promised to women under the Mahalakshmi scheme and alleged that commitments such as providing gold assistance for marriages and scooters for college-going girls remain unfulfilled.

The BRS leader also criticized the government over employment and education issues, stating that the promised job calendar and



large-scale recruitment drives have not materialized. Instead, he alleged, students protesting for job notifications have faced police action in areas such as Ashok Nagar and Osmania University.

Rao also raised concerns about agricultural policies, claiming that farmers have been neglected. He alleged that the government discontinued schemes introduced earlier and failed to provide adequate investment support, crop bonuses, and timely fertilizer supply. He further said pension beneficiaries and retired employees are still waiting for promised benefits.

According to the BRS leader, Telangana funds are being used not only in Kerala but also for publicity in states like Maharashtra, Delhi, Bihar, and Haryana during election periods. He described this as a misuse of public money for partisan political promotion.

Demanding accountability, Harish Rao called on the state government to immediately stop spending public funds on advertisements in other states. He also urged that the money already spent on such campaigns be reimbursed to the state treasury by the Congress party.

The ruling Congress government has not yet issued an official response to the allegations.

Revanth Reddy Highlights SC Sub-Categorisation, Welfare at Shilpakala Vedika

Hyderabad, March 6 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy on Thursday said the present government belongs to the people and was formed with the strong aspiration of bringing "people's rule" and meaningful change in the lives of citizens. Addressing a gathering at Shilpakala Vedika, the Chief Minister reflected on the political struggle that led to the Congress coming to power in the 2023 Assembly elections.

Reddy stated that the government was formed not with the support of administrative machinery or illegal wealth, but through the determination of people who wanted a change. He said the party fought against those who allegedly used illegal cases and money to dominate politics, while the Congress relied on sincerity and public support to secure victory.

The Chief Minister also spoke extensively about the long-pending issue of Scheduled Caste (SC) sub-categorisation. He noted that the demand had been under discussion for decades and that several activists had sacrificed their lives during the movement. Reddy said he had personally witnessed the struggle over the last 20 years and



had supported the cause whenever possible.

Recalling past incidents, he said that when he attempted to raise the issue through an adjournment motion in the Assembly years ago, he was expelled from the House along with other leaders. Despite political pressures, he asserted that he stood firmly with the Madiga community, which he described as one of the most backward groups within the SC category.

Drawing inspiration from characters in the Indian epic Mahabharata, Reddy said he admired Karna for his sense of friendship and loyalty, and Barbarika for standing with the weak. He said these ideals guided his commitment to supporting marginalized communities and ensuring justice in policy decisions.

The Chief Minister pointed out that Telangana became the

first state to implement SC sub-categorisation after the directions of the Supreme Court. While acknowledging that the move alone would not solve all problems, he said the government would also address issues related to promotions, higher education, and land rights.

Reddy emphasized the role of government employees, describing them as the "eyes, ears, and brand ambassadors" of the administration. He said the government had launched a 99-day Praja Palana progress programme and was implementing multiple welfare initiatives.

Among the priorities, he mentioned providing ration cards to all eligible poor families, supplying fine rice, constructing Indiramma houses, and ensuring free electricity benefits. He urged officials to work diligently so that welfare schemes reach the most disadvantaged communities.

Highlighting the financial pressures on the state, Reddy said around 1,000 government employees retire every month, requiring nearly ₹1,000 crore in retirement benefits. Despite limited financial resources, he said the government was managing its finances while continuing welfare programmes.

The Chief Minister stressed that education was the key to uplifting marginalized communities. He said the government was reforming the education sector and had increased diet and cosmetic charges for students in government hostels to improve facilities.

Reddy concluded by saying that his tenure as Chief Minister was an opportunity to help people and ensure that weaker sections become leaders in society, producing future collectors, doctors, engineers, and lawyers who will contribute to the rebuilding of Telangana.

Sajjanar Warns Youth Against Risky Social Media Stunts

Hyderabad, March 6 | TPN Bureau

Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TSRTC) Managing Director V. C. Sajjanar has cautioned youngsters against performing dangerous stunts for the sake of gaining popularity on social media platforms. Reacting to a viral video circulating online, he urged youth to avoid risking their lives and the safety of others merely to gain likes, shares, and followers.

Sajjanar shared the video on social media and expressed serious concern over the growing trend of youngsters performing risky bike stunts on public

roads. He questioned the mindset behind such acts and said that the craze for instant fame on social media is pushing some youths to behave irresponsibly.

According to him, roads are meant for safe travel and not for performing dangerous stunts or recording videos for entertainment. Such reckless behaviour, he said, can lead to serious accidents and may also endanger innocent commuters using the road.

The TSRTC chief stressed that these acts are not only unsafe but also illegal. Authorities can take strict action against those involved in such activities, including registering cases, imposing fines, and seizing vehicles. He warned that indi-

viduals indulging in such behaviour could face legal consequences.

Sajjanar also appealed to parents and guardians to guide young people and create awareness about the risks associated with these trends. He said that proper guidance at home can help prevent youngsters from getting influenced by such dangerous online challenges.

He further urged social media users not to encourage such content by sharing or promoting it. According to him, when such videos gain attention online, others may try to imitate them, leading to more unsafe incidents.

Concluding his message, Sajjanar advised youngsters to fo-



cus on responsible behaviour and constructive activities rather than chasing temporary fame on social media. He emphasised that protecting life and ensuring road safety should always remain the top priority for everyone.

99-Day Praja Palana Plan Aims to Accelerate Development

Khammam, March 6 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Revenue, Housing and Information Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy on Friday called on officials to ensure the successful implementation of the government's 'Praja Palana - Pragati Pranalika' 99-day special action plan aimed at improving governance and resolving long-pending public issues.

The minister was speaking at a preparatory review meeting of the undivided Khammam district held at the IDOC conference hall in Khammam under the chairmanship of district in-charge minister Vakifti Srihari. During the meeting, Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy directed officials to work with sincerity to identify and resolve problems faced by people at the grassroots level.

The minister reviewed several civic issues, particularly drainage problems in municipalities and corporations. He noted that improper construction levels in some drainage systems had led to stagnation of wastewater, posing health risks to residents. He instructed engineering officials to conduct detailed inspections, identify problematic locations and take immediate corrective measures. If necessary, faulty drainage structures should be removed and rebuilt, he said. He also asked district collectors to record which officials were responsible for the lapses and ensure accountability.

Addressing the long-standing disputes between forest and revenue lands in the region, the minister said the 99-day programme should



be used as an opportunity to permanently resolve such issues. He pointed out that several villages in constituencies such as Kothagudem, Sathupalli, Yellandu and Wyrva have been facing boundary disputes for years, causing difficulties for farmers.

Ponguleti instructed district collectors, Divisional Forest Officers and revenue officials to jointly conduct field surveys to clearly demarcate boundaries and resolve the disputes without delay. The government aims to ensure a comprehensive solution to these issues within the timeframe of the special programme, he said.

The minister also announced that

a one-day training programme would be organised on March 12 at the district level for newly elected local body representatives including sarpanches, councillors, mayors and chairpersons. The training will help them understand administrative procedures and ensure effective utilisation of development funds.

He noted that panchayat funds pending for nearly two years are now being released and urged local representatives to work with village secretaries to utilise the funds transparently for rural development.

Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy further stressed the need to create awareness among farmers about scientific agricultural practices. He said ex-

cessive use of fertilisers and pesticides was affecting soil fertility and urged agriculture officials to conduct soil testing and promote crop diversification. Officials were also asked to arrange exposure visits for farmers to study best farming practices in other regions.

Emphasising that governance should go beyond political differences, the minister urged public representatives from all parties to participate in the development initiative and work collectively for the welfare of the people. Senior officials, legislators and local body representatives from the undivided Khammam district attended the meeting.

Ensure Welfare Schemes Reach All Eligible Beneficiaries: Ponguleti

Mahabubabad, March 6 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Revenue, Information and Housing Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy on Friday directed officials to ensure that all development and welfare schemes implemented by the state government reach every eligible beneficiary without delay.

The minister was speaking at a preparatory meeting on the Praja Palana Pragathi Pranalika 99-day programme held at the Integrated District Offices Complex (IDOC) in Mahabubabad for the undivided Warangal district. The meeting was attended by Forest, Environment and Endowments Minister Konda Surekha, Mahabubabad MP Porika Balram Naik, Government Whip Ramchandra Naik, MLC Ravinder Rao, MLAs Murali Naik, Donthi Madhava Reddy, Rajender Reddy, Nagaraju, and Revuri Prakash Reddy, along with Warangal Mayor Gundu Sudharani and other public representatives and senior officials.

Addressing the gathering, Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy said the state government is organising the Praja Palana Pragathi Pranalika programme from March 6 to June 12 with the aim of bringing government services closer to the people. He instructed officials to work in coordination to resolve issues identified in both rural and urban areas



during the programme.

The minister said the government is giving high priority to education and healthcare sectors. He directed officials to address the shortage of doctors in government hospitals and recruit necessary staff to ensure quality medical services, particularly in remote villages. Unused medical equipment in hospitals should be removed, and essential equipment must be effectively utilised by appointing trained staff, he added.

Ponguleti also instructed authorities to take strict action against

school vehicles operating without proper fitness certificates. He suggested monitoring school vehicles through GPS systems to ensure student safety.

The minister emphasised the need to accelerate the construction of Indiramma houses for residents living in slum areas. If there are delays due to funding approvals, officials should immediately send reports to the government. He directed that special officers be appointed to monitor government hostels and conduct inspections, even sharing meals with students to understand

their conditions.

Officials were also asked to prepare beneficiary lists at the village and mandal levels for all government schemes. Ponguleti said efforts must be made to complete Indiramma housing works by the end of March. Houses where construction has not begun should be cancelled after obtaining consent from beneficiaries, and collectors would be held responsible if ineligible persons are allotted houses.

Speaking at the meeting, Konda Surekha asked officials to expedite the disposal of petitions received through the Prajavani grievance system and suggested developing software that allows applicants to track the status of their petitions via mobile phones.

The ministers also stressed resolving forest and revenue land disputes through joint surveys and asked officials not to delay land acquisition required for roads, canals, and other development projects.

Ponguleti further instructed officials to remove unused old buildings, particularly dilapidated school structures, and submit proposals for constructing new buildings while ensuring that existing buildings are properly maintained.

The meeting was attended by collectors from the undivided Warangal district and officials from various departments.

Mahesh Kumar Goud Congratulates Civil Services 2025 Achievers

Hyderabad, March 6 | TPN Bureau

Mahesh Kumar Goud on Thursday congratulated candidates from Telangana who secured success in the Civil Services Examination 2025 final results, stating that their achievements have brought pride to the state.

In a statement, the Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) president said it was encouraging to see candidates from the state securing impressive ranks at the national level in one of the country's most competitive examinations conducted by the Union Public Service Commission. He extended his heartfelt congratulations to all the successful candidates and wished them a bright future in public service.

Goud said the success of Telangana aspirants reflects the determination, dedication and hard work of the state's youth. He noted that clearing the Civil Services examination requires years of preparation, discipline and commitment toward achieving a clear goal.

"The achievements of these candidates are a matter of pride for Telangana. They have proved their ca-



pability in a highly competitive national examination and will now have the opportunity to serve the country in key administrative roles," he said.

The TPCC chief expressed hope that the successful candidates would play a significant role in governance and contribute to the nation's development by delivering effective and people-centric administration.

Highlighting government initia-

tives supporting civil services aspirants, Goud said the Telangana government has been implementing the Rajiv Civils Abhaya Hastham scheme to assist students from poor and middle-class families who aspire to clear the examination. The scheme aims to reduce the financial burden on deserving candidates by providing necessary financial assistance for their preparation.

He also mentioned that the Sin-

gareni Collieries Company Limited has extended financial support to Civil Services aspirants appearing for the Mains examination. Under this initiative, financial assistance of ₹1 lakh each was provided to 202 candidates who appeared for the Civil Services Mains.

According to him, the programme has produced encouraging results. Among the candidates who received assistance, 51 were selected for the interview stage of the examination, and 20 ultimately secured ranks in the final results.

Goud said such support programmes play an important role in motivating talented students from economically weaker backgrounds to pursue their dreams of entering the civil services. He expressed hope that more youth from Telangana would come forward to attempt the Civil Services examination in the coming years.

He added that the success of these candidates would inspire many aspiring students across the state to aim higher and work towards serving the nation through prestigious services such as the IAS, IPS and other central civil services.

Ponnam Prabhakar Launches Development Initiatives in Hyderabad



Hyderabad, March 6 | TPN Bureau

As part of the Telangana government's "Praja Palana - Pragati Pranalika" 99-day action plan, Hyderabad In-charge Minister Ponnam Prabhakar on Thursday inaugurated several development initiatives at Chacha Nehru Park in Masab Tank.

The minister formally launched an e-waste collection center set up under the supervision of self-help groups (SHGs) in the park premises. The center aims to encourage residents to dispose of old electronic items such as televisions, refrigerators, computers, and laptops responsibly so they can be recycled in an environmentally friendly manner.

Speaking at the event, Prabhakar said that unused electronic items lying in households often go to waste and can harm the environment if not handled properly. He urged citizens to bring such materials to the newly established e-waste collection facility so they can be processed through proper recycling systems.

The minister also inaugurated Hyderabad's first mirror library, constructed over an area of about 1,500 square yards at Chacha Nehru Park. The library is expected to serve as an educational and community resource for local residents. A special center has also been established to accept book donations from the public to expand the library's collection.

In addition, Prabhakar launched the Indira Mahila Shakti Canteen aimed at providing employment opportunities for women through self-help groups. During the program, he distributed

cheques worth ₹35 crore as zero-interest loans to women's self-help groups to support livelihood activities and small businesses.

Addressing a meeting with women's groups, the minister said the Telangana government under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has initiated the 99-day development program to accelerate progress across the state. He stated that the initiative will be implemented in nearly 12,000 villages, wards, and municipalities, from rural areas to the capital city.

Prabhakar also encouraged more women to join self-help groups, noting that the number of such groups in urban areas is still relatively low. He said the government has launched several welfare programs for women, including free bus travel, subsidized electricity up to 200 units, and ration cards issued in women's names.

The minister added that special schemes are also being implemented through SETWIN to promote self-employment opportunities, including the distribution of sewing machines and skill-development initiatives.

Rajya Sabha MP Anil Kumar Yadav, MLC Balamuri Venkat, GHMC Commissioner RV Karan, Hyderabad District Collector Dasari Harichandana, and other public representatives and officials attended the event.

Prabhakar called upon women to actively participate in the government's development initiatives and work towards achieving greater economic independence and leadership in society.

Hyderabad to Implement 99-Day Praja Palana Action Plan: Ponnam



Hyderabad, March 6 | TPN Bureau

Hyderabad district in-charge minister Ponnam Prabhakar said the state government has launched a 99-day special action plan under the "Praja Palana - Pragati Pranalika" initiative to address local issues and strengthen governance across the state.

Speaking to the media after a review meeting, the minister said Chief Minister Revanth Reddy had proposed the 99-day action plan during a meeting with district collectors. The program will focus on resolving local problems through coordinated efforts between public representatives and government officials.

According to the minister, the initiative will run from March 6 to June 12 and will focus on ten key sectors aimed at improving governance and public service delivery. Officials from various departments in Hyderabad district have been given clear directions to ensure effective implementation of the plan.

Ponnam Prabhakar said the action plan has been designed jointly with minister Azharuddin, public representatives, and district officials to address issues faced by residents. He emphasized that the program must be implemented successfully

across all levels in the state capital, from local streets and divisions to constituencies and district administration.

He said the initiative will provide an opportunity for citizens to bring their concerns directly to the attention of public representatives and officials so that they can be resolved during the 99-day program.

The minister noted that several issues related to basic infrastructure, electricity supply, and education have already been brought to the government's notice. He also stressed the need to encourage parents to enroll children in government schools instead of relying solely on private institutions.

Ponnam Prabhakar expressed confidence that Hyderabad district would set an example in the successful implementation of the program compared to other districts in the state.

He also warned that strict action would be taken against officials who act irresponsibly or neglect their duties during the execution of the 99-day initiative. The government, he said, expects all departments to work with dedication to ensure that the objectives of the Praja Palana program are achieved effectively.

Raghava Constructions Denies Illegal Quarrying Allegations



Hyderabad, March 6 | TPN Bureau

Raghava Constructions has strongly refuted allegations made by Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) leaders regarding illegal quarrying activities in Manasa Hills in Rajendranagar mandal. The company termed the accusations baseless and alleged that they were part of a political conspiracy to tarnish the image of Telangana Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy.

The clarification came during a press conference held at the company's site office in Manasa Hills on Friday. Project Manager D. Gopal Krishna of HRDCL Roads and Tirumala Metal Industries owner Kumar Raja addressed the media and rejected claims made by former minister T. Harish Rao and other BRS leaders.

They stated that neither Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy nor Raghava Constructions had any direct or indirect involvement in illegal quarrying activities in the area. According to them, the allegations were intended solely to damage the minister's personal and political reputation.

The company representatives explained that the land in question was part of a 100-acre property auctioned by the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority at Budvel during 2022-23, when the BRS government was in power. The layout development contract for the project was awarded to NCC Limited by HMDA.

During the development works, large quantities of rocks were excavated and later dumped at Kotwal Guda by the contracting company. These rocks, the representatives said, are now being crushed and reused for construction purposes.

They clarified that no new quarrying operations or blasting activities have taken place in Manasa Hills in recent years. The material currently being processed is only the previously dumped rock from earlier development projects.

According to the officials, the same dumped material is also being crushed by NCC Limited through another firm, DKR, and used for road construction works under the HMDA Budvel project. Similarly, Tirumala Metal Industries has been crushing the dumped rocks, and the processed material is being purchased by Raghava Constructions for road works.

The representatives further said that Raghava Constructions is executing road projects under the Hyderabad Road Development Corporation Limited and that all payments made by the government follow established procedures. Royalties determined by the government are duly recovered from project bills, ensuring full transparency in the process.

They also pointed out that similar practices have been followed in several locations, including Vattinagulapally and Kokapet, where crushers have been operating using rocks obtained from earlier excavation activities during the previous BRS government's tenure.

The company warned that making allegations without evidence could damage its reputation and said legal action would be considered if such claims continued. Raghava Constructions maintained that all its activities are being carried out in accordance with government regulations and that no illegal mining or blasting has taken place at Manasa Hills.

Sridhar Babu Inaugurates Next Generation Technologies Office



Medipalli, March 6 | TPN Bureau

Telangana IT and Industries Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu inaugurated the new office of Next Generation Technologies at Medipalli in Boduppal Circle of Medchal district on Thursday.

Speaking on the occasion, the minister said the Telangana government is actively encouraging new industries, particularly those related to science and technology. He noted that such initiatives play a key role in strengthening innovation and creating opportunities for young professionals in the state.

Sridhar Babu appreciated the efforts of Next Generation Technologies for working over the past two decades to promote scientific and technological advancements. He said the organisation has been contributing significantly by collaborating with young scientists and enthusiastic innovators.

The minister called upon the company to continue working with

young researchers and scientists to achieve new patents and breakthroughs in the fields of electronics and software technology. He emphasized that innovation-driven companies can help Telangana emerge as a major hub for research and development.

Former Andhra Pradesh minister Nakka Anand Babu, National Security Advisory Board member Satish Reddy, and Next Generation Technologies Chairman Someswara Rao were present at the event.

Company representatives including Kiran Kumar, Anil, Hari, Lenin, Chandrasekar, Vinay, and Ramachandra Reddy, along with several guests and well-wishers, also attended the inauguration ceremony.

The event highlighted the growing focus on promoting technology-driven enterprises and strengthening the research ecosystem in Telangana.

No Politics in Development: Revanth Reddy

Hyderabad, March 6 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has emphasized that development should rise above political differences and must be pursued with a collective spirit for the welfare of the people. He stated that politics should not hinder projects and initiatives aimed at improving the lives of citizens.

Speaking about the government's approach to governance, the Chief Minister said development is a continuous process that requires cooperation from leaders across political parties. He stressed that the focus of the government is on ensuring that welfare schemes, infrastructure projects, and economic initiatives reach people without delay or obstruction.

Revanth Reddy said the Telangana government is determined to accelerate development across all sectors, including infrastructure, education, healthcare, and employment generation. According to him, policies and programmes are being implemented with the objective of creating opportunities for youth, strengthening public services, and improving living standards in both urban and rural areas.

The Chief Minister not-



ed that attracting investments and promoting industrial growth are among the key priorities of the government. He said that building strong infrastructure and ensuring administrative transparency will

help Telangana maintain its position as a preferred destination for investment and innovation.

He also highlighted the importance of cooperation between the state and the central government in

implementing large-scale development projects. Such coordination, he said, would help bring additional resources and opportunities to the state, ultimately benefiting the people.

Revanth Reddy reiterated that the government's development agenda is not limited to specific regions but is aimed at ensuring balanced growth throughout Telangana. He said the administration is committed to addressing local issues, improving civic infrastructure, and strengthening public institutions.

Calling for a constructive political environment, the Chief Minister said leaders should avoid turning development issues into political controversies. Instead, he urged them to support initiatives that bring tangible benefits to the public.

He further stated that the state government will continue to introduce innovative policies and welfare measures to support farmers, youth, women, and marginalized communities. According to him, inclusive growth and social justice remain central to the government's vision.

Revanth Reddy concluded by saying that the true measure of governance lies in delivering development that reaches every household. He expressed confidence that with collective efforts and a people-first approach, Telangana will continue to progress and emerge as a model state for development in the country.

Congress Hits Back at Harish Rao Over Advertisement Row



Hyderabad, March 6 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Congress leaders on Thursday strongly countered allegations made by BRS leader T. Harish Rao regarding the state government's advertisements in other states. Addressing a press conference at Gandhi Bhavan, MLC Addanki Dayakar along with party

spokesperson Srinivas Reddy and TPCC General Secretary Soujanya accused BRS leaders of spreading misinformation for political mileage.

Addanki Dayakar alleged that Harish Rao has been creating controversy almost every day by picking up different issues and making baseless accusations against the Congress

government. He said the BRS leadership has no moral authority to question the Congress over advertisements, recalling that the previous BRS government had also released advertisements across the country during elections in other states.

"Did you not issue advertisements during elections in states like Punjab

and Maharashtra? When the TRS was renamed as BRS, advertisements were published across the country. You should remember that before criticizing us," Dayakar said.

He also remarked that the BRS government frequently released advertisements whenever former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao wanted publicity. According to him, the Congress government is only publishing advertisements that highlight welfare schemes and development initiatives currently being implemented in Telangana.

Responding to criticism about the Chief Minister's foreign visits, Dayakar clarified that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy paid the Harvard School program fee from his personal funds. He also accused certain media outlets of acting as mouthpieces for the previous government.

The Congress leader further criticized BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao, stating that the party leaders who ruled the state

for a decade are now suddenly raising concerns about issues they allegedly ignored during their tenure.

Dayakar said it was ironic for BRS leaders to question the Congress government about students and public welfare when, according to him, they had failed to address many of these issues while in power.

He also questioned why BRS leaders are objecting to advertisements released by the current government when similar practices were followed during their administration.

During the press meet, the Congress leaders also criticized the BRS leadership for what they described as unnecessary political attacks and urged them to play the role of a constructive opposition.

The leaders added that the Congress government remains focused on implementing welfare schemes and development programs across the state, despite criticism from opposition parties.

Ponnam Prabhakar Reviews 99-Day Praja Palana Programme

Karimnagar, March 6 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Minister Ponnam Prabhakar on Thursday chaired a review meeting on the implementation of the Praja Palana Pragathi Pranali 99-day action plan in the undivided Karimnagar district. The minister said the programme must reach every village and ward to ensure effective governance and direct engagement with people.

Addressing officials and public representatives, Prabhakar said the 99-day action plan focuses on ten key areas aimed at strengthening administration and improving public services. He noted that the initiative was recently discussed during a meeting of district collectors convened by Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy.

The minister explained that the programme will be implemented in five stages — ward, village, mandal, district, and state levels. The campaign will cover a wide range of issues, from environmental cleanliness and pollution control to public welfare

and service delivery.

Prabhakar urged public representatives to actively participate in the programme and asked officials to discharge their responsibilities with commitment. He said the four district collectors in the undivided Karimnagar region must work in coordination to ensure the programme's success.

"The government should reach common people through this 99-day initiative," the minister said, adding that key sectors such as road safety, policing, education, and healthcare will receive special focus during the programme.

Highlighting road safety measures, he said individuals who help accident victims reach hospitals within the "golden hour" will be honoured with the Rahaveer Award and given a cash incentive of ₹25,000. He also referred to a new rule introduced by the Central Government under which accident victims will receive medical treatment worth up to ₹1.5 lakh within the first week of the incident. Officials were asked to



create awareness among the public about these provisions.

Prabhakar said many people earlier hesitated to help accident victims due to fears of police cases, but the new policies aim to encourage citizens to act quickly and save lives.

The minister also stressed the importance of strengthening government schools. He said the state government is providing improved infrastructure and facilities, and the 99-day action plan

must focus on increasing student enrolment and reducing dropout rates.

Officials were directed to promptly address public grievances and ensure that welfare schemes reach beneficiaries without obstacles. The minister specifically mentioned programmes such as 200 units of free electricity, fine rice distribution, LPG subsidy, and the Indirama housing scheme.

Prabhakar said Karimnagar district should set an example in implement-

ing the initiative. Under the guidance of Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao, district ministers, MLAs, and local bodies including sarpanches, municipal councillors, chairpersons, and mayors must take responsibility to ensure the programme's effective execution.

He warned that negligence in implementing the programme would not be tolerated and urged all stakeholders to work collectively to make the initiative a success.

Talasani Inaugurates Ice Cream Parlour in Padmarao Nagar



Secunderabad, March 6 | TPN Bureau

Former minister and Sanathnagar MLA Talasani Srinivas Yadav on Thursday inaugurated a new ice cream parlour and café, "Thankos Natural Ice Creams and Café," at Padmarao Nagar in Secunderabad.

The MLA formally opened the parlour by cutting the ribbon and lighting the ceremonial lamp. After the inauguration, he toured the outlet and enquired about the various flavours and products available at the café.

Speaking to the media on the occasion, Talasani Srinivas Yadav said people generally prefer cold beverages and ice creams during the summer season, and such outlets provide refreshing options to beat the heat.

Highlighting the importance of maintaining quality standards, the MLA said ice creams prepared with natural ingredients are enjoyed by both children and adults. He noted that consuming nutritious ice creams occasionally can also be beneficial for health.

In a symbolic gesture to mark

the opening, Talasani Srinivas Yadav personally paid for and purchased the first ice cream from the parlour, making the first official sale of the store.

Owner Nikhil Kumar said the café offers a wide range of natural-flavoured ice creams prepared using quality ingredients. He announced that customers will receive a 50 percent discount during the first month as part of the launch offer.

He also stated that there are plans to expand the brand by opening more such ice cream parlours in other areas in the future.

Several local leaders, party workers and residents attended the inauguration programme. Among those present were shop representatives Kusuma, Nikita, Vedavyas, Prashanti, Srikanth, Latha and Ravi, along with Lashkar District Sadhana Samithi president Gurram Pawan Kumar Goud, BRS division president L. Venkatesham (Raju), and local leaders including Mukka Srinivas, Sudhakar Reddy, Mahender Goud, Gajjala Srinivas, Hari Chari, Ravi, Devender, S. Rajender, Vijay Shankar and Ajay.

A large number of party workers and local residents also participated in the event.

Garbage Cleared After News Report Highlights Issue



Before



After

Quthbullapur, March 6 | TPN Bureau

A civic issue highlighted in a local news report led to immediate action by sanitation authorities in the Dundigal area of Quthbullapur on Friday. The report, published by True Point News, drew attention to heaps of garbage accumulated near Balaji Colony in Gandimaisamma and close to the double-bedroom housing area in Bahadurpally.

The article pointed out the irony of garbage piles

lying right in front of signboards warning people not to dump waste at the location. Following the publication of the report, sanitation officials from the Dundigal Circle promptly responded and initiated a special cleaning drive in the affected areas.

Sanitation workers were deployed to remove the accumulated garbage from the roadsides and nearby open spaces. Within a short time, the waste piles were cleared and the surroundings were restored to

a cleaner condition.

Local residents expressed relief after the removal of the garbage heaps, stating that the issue had been causing inconvenience and unhygienic conditions in the neighbourhood. They appreciated the efforts of the sanitation staff for responding quickly and carrying out the clean-up operation.

Residents also thanked True Point News for bringing the issue to the attention of the authori-

ties. They said that highlighting public concerns through the media helps ensure quicker responses from civic officials and improves accountability in maintaining public spaces.

At the same time, locals urged authorities to ensure regular monitoring so that such problems do not recur in the future. They requested that sanitation teams conduct periodic inspections and maintain cleanliness in the area on a consistent basis.

Officials also appealed to citizens to cooperate by not dumping garbage indiscriminately and by following proper waste disposal practices. Maintaining public hygiene, they said, requires collective responsibility from both the authorities and the public.

The swift action taken after the news report has been welcomed by residents, who hope that similar attention will be given to other civic issues affecting their neighbourhoods.

BRS Demands ₹1 Crore Ex-Gratia for Tolichowki Collapse Victims

Hyderabad, March 6 | TPN Bureau

Sravan Dasoju has strongly condemned the Telangana government and the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation following the fatal scaffolding collapse at Tolichowki's Nizam Colony, describing the incident as "not an accident but an institutional murder."

In a press note issued on Friday, the BRS leader alleged that the tragedy was the result of systemic negligence, regulatory failure and alleged collusion by authorities overseeing building safety in the city.

The incident occurred on March 5 when scaffolding at an under-construction building collapsed, killing two migrant labourers—Tirupathi Rao (31) and Adinarayana (47), both natives of Srikakulam district in Andhra Pradesh. Three others—R. Ramesh, M. Ramesh and local auto driver Ali Ahmed—sustained serious injuries in the accident.

Dasoju said the victims had travelled from neighbouring Andhra Pradesh in search of livelihood but lost their lives due to unsafe construction practices.



"The sight of their bodies amid the debris is a chilling reminder of how cheaply the lives of the poor are valued," he said.

Raising serious questions over building regulation, the MLC alleged that the builder had permission to construct only a G+2 struc-

ture but was reportedly constructing up to seven floors. He questioned how four additional illegal floors were allowed to come up without strict action from GHMC officials.

According to him, notices had reportedly been issued earlier, but no physical en-

forcement action was taken to stop the construction work.

He also pointed out serious safety violations at the site, claiming there were no safety nets, protective harnesses or adequate safeguards for workers, while the scaffolding used was reportedly old and

poorly secured.

Calling the incident a "stain on the conscience of the city," Dasoju placed five key demands before the government. He demanded 1 crore ex-gratia compensation for the families of the deceased workers and complete free treatment in corporate hospitals for those injured in the accident.

He also called for the immediate arrest and prosecution of the builder Suleiman and site supervisor Nasar under stringent legal provisions. Additionally, he sought suspension of the concerned GHMC ward officer and assistant city planner for alleged negligence in monitoring the illegal construction.

Dasoju further appealed to the governments of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh to intervene to ensure justice and compensation for the victims' families.

Warning of serious consequences if immediate action is not taken, he said the government must act firmly against illegal construction and ensure accountability to prevent such tragedies in the future.

BJP Legal Leader Welcomes Proposal for Supreme Court Bench in Madras



Nacharam, March 6 | TPN Bureau

Pitta Srinivas Reddy has welcomed the proposal to establish a bench of the Supreme Court of India in Madras, stating that the move would significantly benefit people from southern states seeking access to justice.

Speaking on Friday, the Supreme Court advocate and national leader of the BJP Legal Cell expressed happiness over the reported decision of the Central Government to support the establishment of a Supreme Court bench in Chennai (formerly Madras). He also appreciated the initiative of a member of the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam who introduced a bill in the Rajya Sabha seeking the creation of the bench in the southern region.

Pitta Srinivas Reddy noted that for several years, there had been growing demands from people and legal communities in southern states for the establishment of additional benches of the Supreme Court, particularly in cities like Hyderabad and Chennai. Such a move, he said, would make it easier for litigants from the southern part of the country to access the apex court without the need to travel

long distances to New Delhi.

He said that the issue had been raised repeatedly through representations and requests sent to the National Democratic Alliance government over the past few years. According to him, the matter was examined by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and several Union ministers including Amit Shah, Arjun Ram Meghwal, J. P. Nadda, G. Kishan Reddy and Bandi Sanjay Kumar.

Reddy said the decision to move forward with a Supreme Court bench in Madras has been widely welcomed by people across southern states, particularly members of the legal fraternity who have long advocated decentralising the functioning of the apex court.

On the occasion, he also conveyed his gratitude to Surya Kant and A. K. Singh for their support and cooperation in matters related to strengthening the judicial system.

He expressed hope that the proposed bench would improve access to justice and reduce the burden on litigants from southern India, while strengthening the judicial infrastructure in the region.

Illegal Constructions Raise Concern in Kompally Circle

Kutbullapur, March 6 | TPN Bureau

Allegations of illegal constructions are mounting in Kompally Circle of Kutbullapur, raising serious concerns among local residents about the role of town planning authorities and public safety.

Kompally, which was earlier a municipality, was later upgraded to a circle with the expectation that development and urban management would improve. However, residents say the situation has taken a worrying turn, with the number of unauthorized constructions reportedly increasing in several areas.

Locals allege that in areas such as Dulapally, Suraram and Ram Reddy Nagar, buildings are being constructed without proper permissions. In particular, large sheds are reportedly being built extensively in the New Steel City area of Dulapally. Residents claim



that these structures are coming up rapidly without adherence to required regulations.

Concerns are also being raised about the apparent inaction of the town planning officials who are responsible for monitoring such activities. When media representatives questioned the

concerned authorities, they reportedly responded that action would be taken. However, residents say that despite such assurances for several months, there has been little visible progress on the ground.

Several structures are already nearing completion while others continue to rise quickly. What has par-

ticularly alarmed locals is the construction of large sheds with zero setbacks, which violates standard planning norms meant to ensure safety, ventilation and access.

Residents fear that such constructions could pose serious risks in the future. They point out that if any fire accidents or other

emergencies occur in these tightly built structures, rescue operations could become extremely difficult.

People in the area are now demanding transparency from the authorities. If the buildings are indeed being constructed with valid permissions, officials should publicly present the relevant approvals, residents say. Otherwise, they are urging the authorities to take immediate action against illegal sheds and unauthorized multi-storey constructions.

The growing number of such structures has also sparked speculation among locals about whether the authorities are unaware of these developments or if the constructions are taking place with their knowledge.

Residents are now waiting to see whether the town planning department will step in to curb the illegal constructions and enforce regulations in Kompally Circle.

CBIT Chemical Engineering Students Visit ARCI

Hyderabad, March 6 | TPN Bureau

Students from the Department of Chemical Engineering at Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT) participated in a one-day industrial visit to the International Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy and New Materials (ARCI) at Balapur, Hyderabad, on March 6, 2026. The visit aimed to provide students with practical exposure to advanced research facilities and the industrial applications of chemical engineering.

The programme was organized by the Head of the Department, M. Mukunda Vani, under the guidance of CBIT Principal C. V. Narasimulu. A total of 52 third-year Chemical Engineering students participated in the visit. The students were accompanied by faculty members B. Ganesh, Naga Prapura, and Anitha, who coordinated the programme and guided them throughout the visit.

At ARCI, the students were welcomed by officials and given an overview of the institute's research activities and technological advancements. The interaction session was led by R. Vijay, Director of ARCI, along with Sanjay Bharadwaj, Scientist and Head, and senior administrative officials including A. Srinivas.

During the sessions, the experts explained ARCI's work in several advanced fields such as powder metallurgy, advanced materials, surface engineering, nanomaterials, and energy materials. They also highlighted the practical applications of these technologies in sectors like aerospace, energy, automotive, and defense industries.



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The visit included technical presentations and interactive discussions that helped students understand modern manufacturing techniques, materials development, and the growing importance of innovation in engineering industries. The experts also emphasized the role of interdisciplinary research, sustainability, and emerging technologies in shaping

the future of materials science.

The industrial visit provided valuable insights into how chemical engineering principles are applied in real-world research and industrial environments. Students also gained a deeper understanding of the role played by research institutions in driving technological innovation and industrial growth.

Faculty members noted that such industrial visits help bridge the gap

between classroom learning and practical industry exposure. These initiatives enhance students' technical knowledge, research orientation, and awareness of career opportunities in advanced engineering fields.

The students expressed gratitude to the CBIT management, the Principal, and the Department of Chemical Engineering for organizing an informative and enriching learning experience.

CBIT Celebrates International Women's Day

Hyderabad, March 6 | TPN Bureau

Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT) celebrated International Women's Day on March 6 with enthusiasm and meaningful discussions on women's empowerment. The programme was organized by the Women Development Cell (WDC) in collaboration with the National Service Scheme (NSS) under the theme "Give to Gain."

The event featured Indumathi Singh Valluri, Head-HR at Mass-Mutual India, as the chief guest. Delivering an inspiring address, she spoke about the significance and history of International Women's Day, which began in the early 1900s with movements advocating equal rights and improved working conditions for women.

With over three decades of professional experience and an MBA from Osmania University, Indumathi Singh Valluri highlighted the challenges women face in professional fields, particularly in STEM sectors. She noted that although nearly 40-45 percent of en-



gineering students are women, only around 25 percent eventually pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, and less than one percent reach leadership positions.

Encouraging students to overcome barriers, she stressed the importance of financial independence, resilience, self-care, and

confidence. Her session concluded with an interactive discussion where students and faculty members shared their views on women's development, workplace challenges, and career opportunities.

CBIT Principal C. V. Narasimulu emphasized the importance of empowering women and ensuring their safety in society. He noted that

educational institutions play a key role in shaping confident and capable women leaders. Vice-Principal K. Krishna Veni remarked that behind every successful individual stands the support of family and society, which encourages growth and achievement.

WDC Chairperson K. Radhika explained the theme "Give to Gain" through the concept of the four Ps—Personal Care, Parenting and its Importance, Progress with Purpose, and Pursuing Passion over Perfection. She said these principles help create strong families and successful organizations.

Convenor of WDC P. Kowstubha and NSS Faculty Coordinator B. Sridhar, along with Student President P. Shivani and NSS Women Administrator Rishitha Tatipalli, thanked women faculty members and students for their enthusiastic participation in the programme.

The event concluded with a message promoting equality, empowerment, and collective responsibility in building a supportive environment for women.

Mother Dies, Daughter Hospitalised After Family Dispute



Hyderabad, March 6 | TPN Bureau

A domestic dispute ended in tragedy in the Jeedimetla area under Pet Basheerabad police station limits on Friday, leaving a woman dead and her young daughter hospitalised.

According to police, Burani Mounika (29) and her husband Burani Bhanu Teja, residents of the locality, reportedly had an argument on March 4 over a family matter related to their marriage. Following the heated exchange, Mounika is believed to have been deeply distressed.

In a moment of extreme emotional distress, she allegedly consumed pesticide that had been brought earlier for agricultural use and also administered the substance to her seven-year-old daughter, Hasini.

Bhanu Teja, who noticed the situation, immediately rushed both Mounika and the child to a private hospital in

Suchitra for emergency treatment. Despite medical efforts, Mounika's condition deteriorated and doctors declared her dead at around 2:29 a.m. on Friday. Her daughter Hasini is currently undergoing treatment at the hospital, and doctors are monitoring her condition.

Police from Pet Basheerabad station have registered a case and initiated an investigation into the incident. Authorities are examining the circumstances that led to the tragic development.

The incident has shocked residents in the area, with neighbours expressing concern over how momentary emotional distress can lead to devastating consequences for families. Police officials have urged people facing domestic or emotional problems to seek help and counselling rather than taking extreme steps.

DC Directs Effective Implementation of Praja Palana Programme



Quthbullapur, March 6 | TPN Bureau

Gajularamaram Circle Deputy Commissioner Sripada Rameshwar has directed officials to ensure the effective implementation of the Telangana government's 99-day Praja Palana Pragathi Programme.

Addressing a review meeting held at the circle office on Friday, the Deputy Commissioner instructed officials and staff from various departments to strictly follow the government's schedule and carry out the programme activities on a daily basis. He also asked them to submit reports on time in the formats prescribed by the Cyberabad Municipal Corporation.

Rameshwar emphasized that the Praja Palana programme aims to bring governance closer to the people by identifying public issues at the grassroots level and resolving them promptly. He urged officials to actively engage with residents and respond quickly to their concerns.

Officials and staff from various departments in the circle, including UCDRPs and Anganwadi teachers, participated in the meeting.

Meanwhile, as part of the Friday Dry Day initiative, a special awareness programme on mosquito control was conducted in Balayya Basti and VSR Celestial Towers areas under the Gajularamaram Circle. During the programme, officials visited local colonies and advised residents to avoid water stagnation and maintain cleanliness in their surroundings.

The Deputy Commissioner said that preventing mosquito breeding is essential to control diseases such as dengue and malaria. He urged residents to ensure proper sanitation around their homes and cooperate with civic authorities in maintaining a clean environment.

Officials, staff members, and local residents participated in the awareness drive.

MP Vamsi Krishna Provides Buses to Medical College



Mancherial, March 6 | TPN Bureau

Gaddam Vamsi Krishna on Friday handed over three buses worth ₹80 lakh to the Government Medical College in Mancherial, fulfilling a promise made earlier to address transportation difficulties faced by students.

The buses were purchased using funds from the Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) and were formally handed over at a ceremony held on the college campus. The event was attended by Mancherial District Collector Kumar Deepak, college authorities, medical staff, students and other public representatives.

Speaking on the occasion, Vamsi Krishna recalled his previous visit to the college when students raised concerns about the lack of transport facilities between the campus and their hostels. Many students had reportedly faced difficulties commuting daily due to the absence of dedicated transport services.

"During my earlier visit, students informed me that there was no proper transport facility to travel to the hostel. To resolve this issue, three buses have been provided through MPLADS funds at a cost of ₹80 lakh," the MP said.

He expressed hope that the new buses would ease the daily commute for students and enable them to focus better on their stud-

ies without worrying about transportation. The MP also encouraged students to work hard and bring recognition to the district through their academic achievements.

Highlighting the importance of education, Vamsi Krishna said the Telangana government is giving priority to strengthening the education sector and improving infrastructure in educational institutions. He said providing essential facilities such as transportation, hostels and modern infrastructure is key to supporting students pursuing professional education.

Mancherial District Collector Kumar Deepak appreciated the initiative taken by the MP and said the buses would greatly benefit students by ensuring safe and reliable transport between the medical college and hostel facilities.

Students of the Government Medical College welcomed the move and expressed gratitude to the MP for fulfilling his promise. They said the new buses would make their daily travel easier, safer and more convenient.

The addition of the buses is expected to significantly improve mobility for students and staff, particularly those residing in hostels located away from the campus, thereby enhancing the overall academic environment at the institution.

Green Queens Honoured at Dulapally Forest Academy Ahead of Women's Day



Quthbullapur, March 6 | TPN Bureau

International Women's Day celebrations were held at the Dulapally Forest Academy under the Telangana Forest Department with a special programme titled "Green Queens (Haritha Raanulu)" to honour women working for forest protection.

The event was organised to recognise the contributions of women staff in safeguarding forests. On the occasion, 25 women forest personnel from across the state were presented excellence awards for their outstanding service in forest conservation.

The programme was conducted under the leadership of Forest Academy Director Priyanka Varghese. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Head of Forest Force (PCCF & HoFF) Dr. C. Suvarna and Additional Director General Swati Lakra attended the event as chief guests and inaugurated the programme by lighting the ceremonial lamp.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Suvarna said that Women's Day should not be viewed as a celebration limited only to women, but as an opportunity for both men and women to strengthen the values of equality. She observed that while women may appear physically weaker, they possess remarkable mental strength and resilience.

She pointed out that in the Forest Department, many employees who left their jobs as beat officers were men, while women continued to serve despite various challenges. According to her, women frontline staff play a crucial role in protecting forests and wildlife. Through continuous fieldwork, they gain valuable experience and skills, enabling them to carry out their responsibilities effectively.

Additional DGP Swati Lakra said it was a matter of pride to see women performing duties in uniform. She noted that women are making significant contributions in several sectors, including the police, healthcare, and forest departments, and are emerging as role models for society.

Several senior officials of the Forest Department attended the programme, including Forest Wildlife Conservator Vinay Kumar, PCCF senior officer Ratnakar Jauhari, Forest Development Corporation Managing Director Sunitha M. Bhagavat, CCF (CAMPA) Kshitij, senior officers Arpana, Srilakshmi, Praveena, and Forest Academy Deputy Director Rekha Bhanu.

The event highlighted the dedication, courage, and commitment of women who work on the frontlines to protect forests and natural resources.

Strengthening Public Health: The Strategic Evolution of the Janaushadhi Pariyojana for Affordable and Quality Generic Medicines

The true measure of a nation's progress is often reflected in how easily its citizens can access basic necessities like healthcare. For decades, the high cost of medicines remained a major financial barrier to health and wellness for millions in India. In this context, Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP), an initiative under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to provide quality generic medicines at significantly lower prices than their branded counterparts has brought about a profound and systematic transformation by addressing a critical gap in public healthcare.

Globally, generic medicines are a cornerstone of accessible healthcare systems. They account for nearly 80-90% of prescriptions worldwide and have played a crucial role in expanding access to essential medicines. Though generic medicines may differ in packaging, labeling, and inactive ingredients, studies have shown that these variations do not affect their therapeutic effectiveness. They are equivalent to brand-name drugs in terms of dosage, safety, strength, quality, and intended use, adhering to the same rigorous production and quality standards.

PMBJP is not merely a retail intervention; it represents a structural strengthening of India's healthcare system. This is reflected in the theme of this year's Janaushadhi Saptah "जन औषधि सुसुती भी, भरोसेमंद भी, सेहत की बात, बचत के साथ", which resonates strongly with millions of beneficiaries. Through a steadily ex-



panding network of over 18,000 Janaushadhi Kendras, the scheme has ensured that medicines are available at prices 50% to 80% lower than market rates, offering support to families across socio-economic backgrounds. Field surveys have shown that beneficiaries appreciate the cost savings and improved access to medicines.

The scale of the scheme is further reflected in its product basket. Janaushadhi offers an extensive inventory consisting of 2,110 medicines and 315 surgical products covering 29 distinct therapeutic areas. Under the direct stew-

ardship of the Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI), the portfolio expansion is a dynamic, data-driven process involving market analytics, stakeholder engagement, and the rigorous oversight of a dedicated expert committee, ensuring the scheme stays aligned with the nation's evolving health requirements and pharmacological demands.

With strong regulatory oversight Indian pharmaceutical companies have become trusted suppliers in more than 200 countries, including highly regulated markets

such as the U.S., U.K. and European Union. Indian pharmaceutical companies are expanding into emerging markets such as Latin America, Africa, and Eastern Europe.

The industry is also focusing on biosimilars, generic versions of biologic drugs, as well as investing more in R&D to produce complex generics and specialty drugs. These forward-looking initiatives position India not only as a global manufacturing hub but also as a future innovation leader in affordable medicine.

Quality vs. Price debate oc-

asionally influences public perception. The PMBJP has effectively dismantled the myth that affordability implies a compromise in manufacturing standards through a multi-layered quality assurance framework. Medicines are procured from WHO-GMP certified manufacturers, ensuring adherence to global production standards. The protocol dictates that every single batch of medicine undergoes stringent validation at National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) approved laboratories before it reaches a phar-

macy shelf. These medicines comply with the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, and match the safety and efficacy standards of branded alternatives. The quality journey includes meticulous pre-procurement audits and post-procurement laboratory testing. PMBI, the implementing agency of the Pariyojana regularly monitors and audits the quality of medicines to ensure that there is no deviation from the established protocols.

An IT-enabled distribution network supported by five state-of-the-art warehouses and 41 specialized distribu-

tors nationwide has ensured that the supply chain remains resilient against disruptions.

By focusing on three pillars of accessibility, quality, and affordability, PMBJP has significantly reduced medical expenses for millions of people. With continued institutional support, increasing public awareness, and further infrastructural enhancements, the vision of a Janaushadhi Kendra in every district is no longer a distant aspiration—it is a tangible, nearing reality.

A major focus under the "Viksit Bharat @2047" vision is to build a strong, fair, and affordable healthcare system for everyone. This includes better hospitals, lower medical costs, easier access to treatment, and availability of affordable medicines. With multi-sectoral collaborations, the PMBJP has proved that with the right institutional vision, healthcare can be both high-quality and universally accessible. The Government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is committed to ensure this Pariyojana continues its upward trajectory of progress and maintains its status as a global model for affordable health care.



Jagat Prakash Nadda

A Strategic Shift in Bihar Politics: Why Nitish Kumar May Be Headed to the Rajya Sabha



For more than two decades, Nitish Kumar has been one of the most influential figures in Bihar's political landscape. His leadership has shaped the state's governance, alliances, and electoral strategies in profound ways. Now, the possibility of him moving to the Rajya Sabha marks a potentially significant turning point not only for his own political career but also for the future direction of Bihar politics.

This development has sparked intense discussion among political observers. Nitish Kumar has served multiple terms as the Chief Minister of Bihar and has played a central role in coalition politics at both the state and national levels. If he chooses to transition to the Rajya Sabha, it could signal a strategic recalibration in his political journey as well as a reconfiguration of power within the ruling alliance in Bihar.

A Long Political Journey

Nitish Kumar's political career spans several decades. He

first emerged in politics during the movement led by Jayaprakash Narayan in the 1970s, which mobilized large numbers of young leaders, who later shaped national and state politics. Over time, Nitish established himself as a disciplined and pragmatic politician.

He served multiple terms as a Member of Parliament and held important portfolios in the Union government, including the Railways Ministry. His tenure as Railway Minister was particularly noted for administrative reforms and improvements in safety and management.

However, his most significant political role has been as the Chief Minister of Bihar. Since first assuming the office in 2005, he has become synonymous with governance reforms in the state. During his tenure, Bihar witnessed improvements in infrastructure, road connectivity, law and order, and social welfare programs. His emphasis on women's em-

powerment, particularly through policies like reservation for women in local bodies and schemes encouraging girls' education, earned him the image of a reform-oriented leader.

Because of his governance-focused approach, he came to be known as "Sushasan Babu," a nickname reflecting his reputation for promoting good governance.

Coalition Politics and Strategic Alliances

One of the defining features of Nitish Kumar's political career has been his ability to navigate complex coalition politics. Over the years, he has allied with different political formations depending on the prevailing political circumstances.

His party, Janata Dal (United), has alternated alliances between the Bharatiya Janata Party and the Rashtriya Janata Dal-led bloc at various points in time. These shifts often drew criticism from opponents, who accused him of po-

litical opportunism. Yet supporters argue that these decisions reflected a pragmatic approach aimed at maintaining stability and influence in Bihar politics.

Despite the frequent realignments, Nitish Kumar managed to maintain a significant support base. His image as an administrator and his focus on development helped him retain political relevance even when electoral fortunes fluctuated.

Why the Rajya Sabha?

The possibility of Nitish Kumar moving to the Rajya Sabha raises several important questions. For many analysts, this potential move appears to be part of a broader political strategy rather than a simple career transition.

After years of leading the state government, shifting to the Rajya Sabha could allow him to play a more national role while stepping back from the day-to-day responsibilities of running the state administration. It may also pro-

vide him with greater flexibility to influence national coalition politics.

Another factor could be the evolving power dynamics within Bihar's ruling alliance. In recent elections, the Bharatiya Janata Party has emerged as the larger partner in the coalition. As a result, there has been speculation that the party may seek a larger role in the state's leadership structure.

If Nitish Kumar moves to the Rajya Sabha, it could open the door for a leadership transition in Bihar, potentially allowing the BJP to install one of its own leaders as Chief Minister.

Changing Power Equations in Bihar

Bihar's political landscape has always been shaped by alliances and shifting loyalties. The current ruling coalition includes both the BJP and the Janata Dal (United), but the balance of power within the alliance has gradually shifted.

In the most recent state assembly elections, the BJP won more seats than Nitish Kumar's party. Although Nitish Kumar continued as Chief Minister, the electoral outcome signaled a change in political momentum.

A move to the Rajya Sabha could therefore represent a negotiated adjustment within the alliance. Such a transition might help maintain stability within the coalition while acknowledging the BJP's growing strength in the state.

At the same time, it would allow Nitish Kumar to remain an influential political figure without being directly involved in state-level administration.

A Possible Generational Transition

Another aspect of this potential shift is the possibility of a generational transition in Bihar politics. Nitish Kumar has been at the center of the state's political scene for

nearly two decades. His departure from the Chief Minister's post would create space for new leadership to emerge.

Within the Janata Dal (United), there may be efforts to groom younger leaders who can carry forward the party's legacy. Similarly, the BJP may see an opportunity to strengthen its organizational presence in the state by taking on a larger governing role.

Such transitions are not uncommon in Indian politics, where senior leaders often move to advisory or parliamentary roles while new leaders take charge at the state level.

National Political Implications

Nitish Kumar's move to the Rajya Sabha could also have implications beyond Bihar. As an experienced politician with deep knowledge of coalition politics, he could play a role in shaping broader political strategies at the national level.

In India's parliamentary system, the Rajya Sabha often serves as a platform for senior political leaders who contribute to legislative debates, policy discussions, and coalition negotiations. Nitish Kumar's presence in the upper house could therefore strengthen his ability to influence national political conversations.

His experience in governance and his reputation as a consensus-builder could make him a valuable figure in parliamentary deliberations.

Supporters and Critics

Reactions to the possibility of Nitish Kumar moving to the Rajya Sabha have been mixed. Supporters argue that after years of leading the state, he deserves a role that allows him to contribute at the national level. They believe his administrative experience and political wisdom could benefit the country's legislative processes.

Critics, however, view the

move differently. Some believe it may be a strategic retreat prompted by changing electoral dynamics in Bihar. Others argue that stepping away from the Chief Minister's role could weaken the political base of the Janata Dal (United).

These contrasting perspectives highlight the complexity of Nitish Kumar's political legacy.

The Future of Bihar Politics

Regardless of the motivations behind the move, one thing is clear: any major decision by Nitish Kumar is likely to reshape Bihar's political landscape.

If he transitions to the Rajya Sabha, it would mark the end of an era in state politics. His leadership has defined Bihar's governance for many years, and his departure from the Chief Minister's office would inevitably create a political vacuum.

The question then becomes who will fill that space and how the new leadership will approach governance and development.

Conclusion

Nitish Kumar's potential move to the Rajya Sabha represents more than just a personal career shift. It reflects the evolving dynamics of coalition politics, changing power equations within alliances, and the possibility of generational transition in Bihar's leadership.

For decades, he has been a central figure in shaping the state's political direction. Whether he continues to influence politics from the national stage or remains involved in guiding his party's future, his role in Indian politics is far from over.

As Bihar navigates this potential transition, the coming months will reveal how these political developments reshape the balance of power in the state and what they mean for the broader national political landscape.

Major Political Shift Likely in Bihar as Nitish Kumar Heads to Rajya Sabha



Bihar may soon witness a major political transition as long-time Chief Minister Nitish Kumar prepares to move to the Rajya Sabha, paving the way for a new leadership arrangement in the state. According to sources, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) could get its first Chief Minister in Bihar, while Nitish Kumar's Janata Dal (United) is expected to remain a key partner in the government.

Nitish Kumar, who has served as Bihar's Chief Minister for over two decades and has taken oath a record ten times, has filed his nomination for the upcoming Rajya Sabha elections. His move signals a significant shift in Bihar's political landscape and could mark the end of an era dominated by his leadership in the state.

Sources suggest that once Nitish Kumar steps down from the Chief Minister's post, the BJP is likely to claim the top position in the state government. This would be the first time that a BJP leader becomes the Chief Minister of Bihar, a state where the top post has traditionally been held by leaders from JD(U) or the Rashtriya Janata Dal.

Even though the BJP may

take the Chief Minister's role, the alliance dynamics indicate that JD(U) will continue to have a strong presence in the cabinet. Reports suggest that around 15 ministers from JD(U) are likely to be inducted into the new Bihar cabinet, ensuring that Nitish Kumar's party retains significant influence in governance.

In addition to JD(U) ministers, representatives from other National Democratic Alliance (NDA) partners are also expected to be included in the cabinet. Two ministers from the Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas), along with one minister each from the Rashtriya Lok Morcha and Hindustani Awam Morcha, are likely to be part of the government.

Another notable development in the emerging power structure is the possible entry of Nitish Kumar's son, Nishant Kumar, into active politics. Sources indicate that Nishant Kumar could be appointed as Deputy Chief Minister, marking his political debut. If this happens, it would represent a new generation entering Bihar's political arena under the guidance of Nitish Kumar.

Meanwhile, the BJP is expected to retain the position of

Bihar Assembly Speaker as part of the broader power-sharing arrangement within the ruling alliance. The details of the new government formation are still being discussed among alliance leaders.

Nitish Kumar has also reportedly called a meeting of JD(U) Members of Parliament and senior party leaders to discuss the political transition and the future roadmap for the party. The meeting is expected to focus on maintaining unity within the party and ensuring a smooth leadership transition in Bihar.

The Rajya Sabha elections, for which Nitish Kumar has filed his nomination, are scheduled to fill several vacant seats across different states. Voting and counting for these seats will take place later this month.

In a message to his supporters, Nitish Kumar said he wants to serve the country as a member of the Rajya Sabha and assured that his commitment to Bihar's development will remain unchanged. He stated that his relationship with the people of Bihar would continue and that he would keep working towards building a stronger and more developed state.

He also emphasized that the new government formed in Bihar would have his full support and guidance. According to him, political leadership may change, but the goal of development and good governance should remain constant.

Nitish Kumar's decision to move to the Rajya Sabha comes only a few months after he was sworn in for another term as Chief Minister. This has sparked intense political debate in Bihar, with opposition parties questioning the sudden shift in leadership.

Political observers say the move could be part of a broader strategic arrangement within the NDA ahead of future elections. By allowing the BJP to take the Chief Minister's position while ensuring JD(U) continues to hold significant power in the cabinet, the alliance may be attempting to strengthen its political base in the state.

The coming weeks are expected to be crucial for Bihar politics as discussions continue over the leadership transition and cabinet formation. If the proposed arrangement takes shape, Bihar will witness one of the most significant political changes in its recent political history.

Siddaramaiah Presents Record 17th Karnataka Budget With ₹4.48 Lakh Crore Outlay

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah presented his record 17th state budget, outlining an ambitious financial roadmap for the 2026-27 fiscal year with a total expenditure of ₹4.48 lakh crore. The budget focuses on welfare schemes, infrastructure development and economic growth while maintaining fiscal discipline.

Delivering the budget in the state assembly, Siddaramaiah emphasized that Karnataka remains one of the leading contributors to India's economic growth and tax revenues. The government aims to balance welfare initiatives with long-term investments that support development across sectors.

According to the budget estimates, total revenue receipts are expected to reach ₹3,15,050 crore. This includes the state's own tax revenue of around ₹2,20,000 crore, non-tax revenue of ₹16,000 crore and transfers from the central government estimated at ₹79,050 crore. With additional borrowings and capital receipts, the total available funds for the year are projected to cross ₹4.47 lakh crore.

The government has planned total expenditure of ₹4,48,004 crore for the financial year. Out of this, ₹3,38,007 crore will be spent on revenue expenditure, while ₹74,682 crore is earmarked for capital expenditure, which includes infrastructure development and other long-term investments. Another ₹35,316 crore has been allocated for loan repayments.

Despite the large outlay, the state continues to face financial challenges. The budget projects a revenue deficit of ₹22,957 crore, indicating that the government's regular in-



come will fall short of meeting its revenue expenses. At the same time, the fiscal deficit is estimated at ₹97,449 crore, which accounts for 2.95 percent of the state's Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP). Officials say this level remains within the limits set by the Karnataka Fiscal Responsibility Act.

By the end of the financial year, Karnataka's total liabilities are expected to reach ₹8.24 lakh crore, representing around 24.94 percent of the GSDP. The government has said that despite the rising liabilities, it will continue to maintain fiscal discipline and ensure responsible financial management.

Several important policy announcements were also made in the budget. One of the major initiatives is the government's plan to move forward with the Mekedatu Dam Project, which aims to supply drinking water to Bengaluru

and nearby regions. The state government plans to submit a revised project report to the central government along with a proposal seeking forest clearance.

Another significant proposal in the budget is the introduction of the Rohith Vemula Act, which aims to prevent caste-based discrimination and harassment of students in educational institutions. The legislation is intended to strengthen safeguards for students in universities and colleges across the state.

The budget also focuses on expanding educational opportunities and improving social welfare programmes. The government has reiterated its commitment to supporting vulnerable communities through targeted schemes and financial assistance.

At the same time, the administration highlighted the need for stronger cooperation between the state and the central

government. Siddaramaiah stressed the importance of cooperative federalism and called for greater sensitivity toward the financial needs of states like Karnataka that contribute significantly to the national economy.

The Chief Minister also underscored Karnataka's role as one of India's most dynamic economic regions, particularly in sectors such as technology, manufacturing and services. He said the government's policies aim to strengthen these sectors while ensuring inclusive development for all sections of society.

Overall, the 2026-27 budget reflects the state government's attempt to balance welfare commitments with economic expansion. With a record spending plan and several policy initiatives, the budget sets the tone for Karnataka's development priorities in the coming year.

"Abnormality Becoming the New Normal": Rajnath Singh Warns Over Iran-Israel-US Conflict

India's Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has expressed serious concern over the escalating tensions in West Asia involving Iran, Israel and the United States, saying the global security environment is becoming increasingly unpredictable. According to him, unusual geopolitical developments are gradually turning into the "new normal," raising concerns about international stability.

Speaking at the maritime conclave "Sagar Sankalp" in Kolkata, the Defence Minister described the current global situation as extremely complex. He said the ongoing conflict in the Middle East demonstrates how rapidly global power dynamics are shifting and how traditional geopolitical frameworks are weakening.

Rajnath Singh pointed out that countries are increasingly competing with each other across multiple domains — land, air, sea and even space. This growing rivalry, he said, is creating uncertainty in international relations and raising serious concerns about global peace and security. The Defence Minister warned that such developments represent an abnormal situation, but what is more worrying is that these conditions are becoming increasingly common.

Referring to the ongoing conflict in West Asia, Singh said the situation is highly unusual and difficult to predict. He added that it is not possible at this stage to clearly determine how the crisis will evolve in the coming days or what impact it may have on neighbouring



regions.

A major concern highlighted by the Defence Minister is the impact of the conflict on global energy security. He noted that the strategically important Strait of Hormuz and the wider Persian Gulf region are critical for the transportation of oil and gas across the world. Any disruption in this region could directly affect global energy supplies and international trade.

He explained that disturbances in the Persian Gulf can quickly lead to disruptions in oil and gas supply chains, which would in turn affect economies worldwide. Rising geopolitical tensions could also disturb global trade routes and create instability in financial markets.

Rajnath Singh further observed that oceans, which were once primarily seen as routes for commerce, are now emerging as centres of strategic competition among nations. Control over maritime routes and naval power is increasingly becoming a key factor in global power politics.

In this changing geopolitical landscape, Singh emphasized that India must

strengthen its maritime capabilities and play a responsible leadership role. As a major maritime nation, India has the responsibility to contribute to stability and security in the global maritime domain.

The Defence Minister also stressed the importance of self-reliance in defence production. He said that building strong domestic capabilities is the best way to protect the country from supply-chain disruptions and global uncertainties.

According to Singh, advanced and precision technologies are increasingly shaping modern defence systems. Strengthening indigenous defence manufacturing and supporting defence public sector undertakings will be crucial for India's long-term security strategy.

Concluding his remarks, Rajnath Singh said the evolving global situation clearly shows that the world is entering a period of rapid geopolitical transformation. In such an environment, nations must remain prepared for uncertainty while strengthening their economic and strategic resilience.

India Has Adequate Fuel Stocks Amid Iran War, Refineries Told to Boost LPG Production



Amid rising global concerns over a possible energy crisis triggered by the escalating Iran conflict, the Indian government has assured that the country currently has sufficient fuel reserves. At the same time, authorities have directed refineries across the country to increase production of cooking gas to prepare for any potential supply disruptions.

Government sources say India has adequate stocks of crude oil and petroleum products, including petrol, diesel and liquefied petroleum gas (LPG). Oil companies have also been advised to increase imports from regions outside the Gulf so that domestic fuel supply remains stable even if tensions in the Middle East worsen.

The precautionary steps come as the ongoing conflict involving Iran raises fears about the security of global energy supply routes. One of the biggest concerns is the Strait of Hormuz, a narrow but extremely important waterway through which nearly one-fifth of the world's oil supply is transported. Any disruption in this region could have serious consequences for global energy markets and countries that depend heavily on oil imports.

India, which imports a large share of its crude oil

from the Middle East, is particularly sensitive to developments in the region. A significant portion of India's crude oil shipments pass through the Strait of Hormuz, making the situation closely monitored by policymakers and energy companies.

Despite these concerns, officials say there is no immediate cause for alarm. According to government sources, India currently has enough energy reserves to sustain the country for several weeks. These reserves include both crude oil and refined petroleum products stored in strategic reserves, refineries and other storage facilities across the country.

To strengthen preparedness, the government has asked both public and private sector refineries to increase LPG production. Cooking gas is one of the most widely used fuels in Indian households, and officials want to ensure uninterrupted supply even if imports are affected due to the geopolitical tensions.

India is also exploring alternative energy supply options in case the Middle East conflict continues for a prolonged period. In recent years, the country has diversified its crude oil sourcing strategy and now imports significant quantities from countries outside the Gulf

region. Energy companies are actively working to secure additional crude oil shipments from different parts of the world. This diversification is aimed at reducing the risk of supply disruptions caused by geopolitical tensions in any single region.

Another concern related to the crisis is the possibility of rising global oil and gas prices. Conflicts in major energy-producing regions often lead to sharp increases in international energy prices, which can affect domestic fuel costs and inflation levels in many countries.

Experts warn that while India's current reserves provide short-term stability, prolonged disruptions in shipping routes in the Middle East could eventually tighten supply chains and push prices higher. This is why the government is closely monitoring the situation and preparing contingency plans to safeguard the country's energy needs.

For now, officials emphasize that India's energy security remains stable. With adequate reserves, diversified import sources and increased domestic LPG production, the country is taking proactive steps to ensure that households and industries continue to receive uninterrupted fuel supplies despite the ongoing global uncertainty.

“Blue Sparrow From Space”: The Precision Strike That Killed Iran’s Supreme Leader



In one of the most dramatic developments in the escalating Middle East conflict, Iran’s Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei was reportedly killed in a highly precise missile strike involving an advanced weapon system known as the Blue Sparrow. The incident marked a major turning point in tensions between Iran, Israel and the United States, underscoring how modern warfare increasingly relies on high-tech weaponry and intelligence-driven operations.

According to reports, the 86-year-old Iranian leader had spent several weeks moving between highly secure underground bunkers amid fears of Israeli attacks on Tehran. Iran’s leadership had taken extraordinary precautions to protect him as tensions in the region intensified. However, the circumstances surrounding his death suggest that even these extensive security measures were not enough to prevent a carefully planned and technologically sophisticated strike.

The attack reportedly occurred when Khamenei briefly emerged from his underground shelter to attend an important meeting with senior government and military officials in central Tehran. The gathering was believed to involve discussions about the ongoing conflict and Iran’s strategy in responding to military pressure from Israel and its allies. Within a short time of his arrival at the compound, a missile struck the location with extraordinary accuracy, killing Khamenei and several other high-ranking officials who

were present at the meeting.

The weapon believed to have been used in the strike was Israel’s Blue Sparrow missile system. This advanced missile is designed to travel along a quasi-ballistic trajectory, allowing it to climb toward the edge of the atmosphere before descending rapidly toward its target. Such a flight pattern makes it extremely difficult for conventional air defence systems to intercept it, especially when the missile approaches its target at high speed during the final phase of its descent.

The missile is typically launched from a fighter aircraft and guided toward its destination using advanced navigation and targeting technologies. Because of its unique trajectory and precision guidance, it is capable of striking highly protected targets such as fortified command centres or underground facilities. The system is widely regarded as one of the most sophisticated tools in Israel’s missile arsenal.

Intelligence experts believe the strike was the result of prolonged surveillance and detailed planning. Israeli intelligence agencies had reportedly monitored Khamenei’s movements for an extended period, searching for an opportunity when he would appear outside Iran’s network of heavily fortified underground facilities. Such moments were extremely rare, given the strict security protocols surrounding the Iranian leader.

When intelligence indicated that Khamenei would attend the

meeting in Tehran, the operation was reportedly activated quickly. The missile strike was timed to coincide precisely with the gathering of senior officials, maximizing its impact on Iran’s leadership structure.

The death of Khamenei represents a monumental event in Iran’s political history. He had served as the country’s supreme leader since 1989 and held ultimate authority over Iran’s political, military and religious institutions. For decades he was the central figure shaping Iran’s domestic and foreign policy, as well as its strategic posture in the Middle East.

His sudden death created an immediate leadership crisis within Iran. The country’s political system places enormous power in the hands of the supreme leader, meaning that his absence leaves a major gap at the top of the government. Iran’s political and religious institutions will now have to navigate the complex process of choosing a successor while maintaining internal stability.

At the same time, the strike dramatically heightened tensions across the region. Iran quickly vowed retaliation, warning that those responsible for the attack would face severe consequences. The government signaled that it would respond through both military and strategic measures against Israel and any countries perceived to have supported the operation.

Security analysts believe the incident could trigger a new phase in the ongoing conflict. The killing of such a powerful

and symbolic leader is likely to deepen hostilities and increase the risk of further military escalation between Iran and its adversaries.

Beyond the immediate political consequences, the strike also highlighted the evolving nature of modern warfare. Precision weapons, real-time intelligence gathering and advanced missile systems are increasingly shaping how conflicts unfold. The ability to target high-level leadership figures with extraordinary accuracy represents a dramatic shift from traditional battlefield confrontations.

The reported use of the Blue Sparrow missile in this operation demonstrated how technological advancements allow countries to strike targets at great distances with minimal warning. Such capabilities raise new questions about defence strategies and the vulnerability of even the most heavily protected individuals.

As the Middle East grapples with the aftermath of the attack, the geopolitical implications are expected to unfold over the coming weeks and months. The loss of Iran’s supreme leader has reshaped the political landscape of the region and intensified an already volatile conflict.

What happens next will likely depend on how Iran responds and how global powers attempt to manage the escalating tensions. For now, the strike that eliminated Ayatollah Ali Khamenei stands as one of the most consequential and dramatic events in the history of the modern Middle East.

Iran’s Underground Missile Cities May Be Strategic Liability in Escalating Conflict

Iran has long promoted its underground missile bases—often called “missile cities”—as a symbol of military strength and deterrence. Built deep beneath mountains and reinforced terrain, these secretive facilities are designed to store, transport, and launch ballistic missiles while protecting them from aerial strikes. However, recent analyses suggest that these underground networks may also represent a significant vulnerability if conflict in the Middle East intensifies.

Over the past decade, Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) has frequently released footage and images showing vast tunnel complexes filled with missiles mounted on launch platforms. These bases are believed to be spread across different parts of the country and are intended to ensure Iran can maintain a missile capability even during heavy bombardment. By hiding weapons underground, Iran aims to shield them from enemy surveillance and air attacks while preserving the ability to retaliate quickly.

Despite these advantages, military experts say the same underground infrastructure could become a strategic weakness during a large-scale war: Once the locations of



these missile facilities are identified through intelligence gathering, satellite monitoring, or cyber surveillance, they can become fixed targets. Modern bunker-busting bombs and precision-guided munitions are specifically designed to penetrate deep underground structures, potentially destroying key missile stockpiles or blocking launch tunnels.

Another concern is that underground bases rely heavily on limited entry and exit points. These tunnels and launch corridors must open to the surface in order for missiles to be deployed. If these access points are damaged or sealed during attacks, the missiles inside could effectively become trapped, preventing them from being used when needed most.

Logistical challenges also play a role. Underground facilities require power, ventilation, communication systems, and transport routes within the tunnel networks. Dis-

rupting these systems through cyber operations, electronic warfare, or targeted strikes could cripple the functionality of entire bases without necessarily destroying them outright.

Additionally, concentrating large numbers of missiles in specific locations can increase the risk of catastrophic losses. If a single base is successfully hit, it could destroy a substantial portion of Iran’s missile inventory at once. This concentration of assets may undermine the very survivability these facilities were designed to ensure. As tensions continue to rise across the Middle East, analysts argue that the effectiveness of Iran’s underground missile cities will depend on secrecy, mobility, and redundancy. While these fortified bases project power and resilience, advances in surveillance and precision weaponry mean they may not be as invulnerable as once believed.

Pakistan Considers Weekly Fuel Price Revision as Middle East War Threatens Oil Supply



Pakistan is planning a significant change in its fuel pricing policy as rising tensions in the Middle East raise concerns about disruptions to global oil supply. The government is considering shifting from the current fortnightly petrol price revision system to a weekly mechanism in order to respond more quickly to fluctuations in international oil markets.

The proposal comes as the ongoing conflict in West Asia continues to create uncertainty in global energy markets. Pakistan, which relies heavily on imported crude oil and petroleum products, is particularly vulnerable to any disruptions in international supply chains. Officials believe that more frequent price adjustments would help the government manage sudden changes in import costs and prevent large price shocks in the domestic market.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif recently chaired high-level discussions with government officials to evaluate the possible impact of the crisis on Pakistan’s fuel supply and economy. During the meeting, authorities reviewed several contingency measures aimed at ensuring adequate fuel availability and controlling the financial burden on the government.

Currently, petroleum prices in Pakistan are revised every two weeks based on international oil prices and currency fluctuations. However, policymakers believe that the rapidly changing global situation requires a more flexible pricing mechanism. By revising fuel prices every week, the government hopes to react faster to market move-

oil markets and geopolitical developments to ensure that the country is prepared for any sudden disruptions. Energy officials are also examining alternative supply routes and potential partnerships with friendly nations to secure additional crude oil shipments if required.

Another factor putting pressure on Pakistan’s fuel supply chain is the sharp increase in shipping and insurance costs for oil tankers. Rising geopolitical risks have made transporting oil more expensive, and these additional costs could eventually translate into higher fuel prices for consumers.

For a country already dealing with economic challenges and inflation, a sudden spike in petrol and diesel prices could have serious consequences. Fuel costs directly affect transportation, electricity generation, and the prices of essential goods. Any major increase could further strain household budgets and increase inflationary pressure.

By introducing weekly fuel price revisions, the government hopes to spread out the impact of rising import costs and avoid sudden dramatic price hikes. This approach could make price adjustments more gradual and manageable for consumers while helping authorities maintain financial stability in the energy sector.

The proposal is currently under review and will likely require approval from the Economic Coordination Committee of the federal cabinet before it can be implemented. If approved, the new system could come into effect in the near future.

As global tensions continue to influence energy markets, Pakistan’s move reflects the challenges faced by many oil-importing nations trying to balance supply security, economic stability, and consumer affordability in an increasingly uncertain world.

US Keen on Trade With India, But Warns It Won’t Repeat ‘China Mistake’

The United States has signalled strong interest in expanding trade ties with India, but also made it clear that future economic cooperation will be shaped by lessons learned from its past engagement with China. Speaking at the global policy forum Raisina Dialogue in New Delhi, US Deputy Secretary of State Christopher Landau said Washington wants deeper economic cooperation with India while ensuring that American interests remain protected.

Landau’s remarks highlighted how the US views India as an increasingly important partner in the evolving global economic and geopolitical landscape. However, he emphasized that any trade arrangement between the two countries would be structured carefully to avoid repeating what American policymakers consider a strategic miscalculation in their earlier economic engagement with China.

According to Landau, the United States previously supported China’s integration into the global trading system with the expectation that American companies would gain access to a massive market and efficient supply chains. Instead, China’s economic growth and industrial expansion eventually turned it into a powerful competitor for the US in global trade and manufacturing.

He suggested that Washington would adopt a more cautious approach while strengthening economic ties with India. The objective, he said, is to ensure that trade agreements remain fair and beneficial for American businesses and workers. Landau



indicated that the US does not want to repeat a situation where generous market access or concessions allow another country to become a direct commercial rival in the future.

Despite this caution, Landau stressed that the US strongly values its relationship with India. He described India’s rise as one of the defining developments of the 21st century and suggested that cooperation between the two democracies could create enormous economic opportunities. The US believes that closer trade relations could unlock significant potential for both countries, especially in areas such as technology, energy, manufacturing, and supply chains.

Landau’s comments also reflected the broader foreign policy approach associated with US President Donald Trump, whose “America First” doctrine places strong emphasis on protecting domestic economic interests. The policy prioritizes ensuring that international trade agreements benefit American industries and workers rather than relying solely on global economic integration.

However, Landau clarified that the “America First” philosophy does not mean the United States intends to isolate itself from the world. Instead, he said cooperation with other countries remains essential for achieving strategic and economic goals. The United States still views partnerships and alliances as important tools for addressing global challenges and maintaining stability in international markets.

In that context, the growing partnership between India and the United States has become a key element of Washington’s strategic thinking. Both countries share concerns about supply chain resilience, emerging technologies, and geopolitical developments in Asia. Strengthening trade ties is therefore seen as part of a broader effort to deepen collaboration between the two nations.

Landau also suggested that future agreements between India and the US would be built on the principle of mutual benefit rather than one-sided concessions. This approach, he indicated, reflects a more pragmatic

understanding of global economic competition. Countries are expected to pursue their own national interests while still cooperating in areas where those interests align.

The remarks come at a time when both nations are exploring ways to expand bilateral trade and investment. Negotiations between the two sides have been underway for some time, and officials have indicated that discussions are progressing toward a potential agreement that could reshape economic ties between the two countries.

If concluded successfully, such a deal could strengthen cooperation across several sectors and create new opportunities for businesses on both sides. It could also reinforce the strategic partnership between India and the United States at a time when global economic alliances are increasingly influenced by geopolitical considerations.

At the same time, the cautious tone in Landau’s comments underscores how past experiences continue to shape American trade policy. The US appears determined to balance its enthusiasm for deeper cooperation with India with safeguards designed to protect its long-term economic interests.

Ultimately, Landau’s message was clear: the United States welcomes stronger trade relations with India and recognizes the country’s growing global influence. But Washington intends to ensure that future economic partnerships are structured carefully so that both nations benefit without repeating the strategic mistakes of the past.

Bears Take Control as Sensex Crashes 1,097 Points; Nifty Slips to 24,450

Indian equity markets witnessed a sharp decline on March 6 as investors turned cautious amid global uncertainties and rising crude oil prices. Benchmark indices ended the trading session deep in the red, with heavy selling pressure seen across several sectors. The downturn signaled the return of bearish sentiment in the market after a brief recovery in the previous session.

The BSE Sensex plunged 1,097 points, or 1.37 percent, to close at 78,918.90, while the Nifty 50 dropped 315.45 points, or 1.27 percent, to settle at 24,450.45. The indices opened on a weak note and remained under pressure throughout the session, eventually closing near the day's lowest levels.

Market participants attributed the decline to a broad-based sell-off across sectors, particularly in financial and realty stocks. Investor sentiment was dampened by rising geopolitical tensions and a surge in global crude oil prices, which raised concerns about inflation and economic stability. These developments prompted traders to adopt a cautious approach and triggered profit-booking in several heavyweight stocks.

The broader markets showed relatively better resilience compared with the benchmark indices. The Nifty Midcap index declined around 0.7 percent, while the Nifty Smallcap index slipped 0.2 percent during the session. Although these segments also ended in the red, the fall was less severe compared to the large-cap indices,



indicating that selling pressure was mainly concentrated in frontline stocks.

Among the major losers on the Nifty were ICICI Bank, Axis Bank, Shriram Finance, UltraTech Cement, and Eterna, which witnessed notable selling pressure. Financial stocks in particular dragged the indices lower, reflecting cautious investor sentiment toward banking and lending companies amid the uncertain global environment.

Despite the broader weakness, a few stocks managed to post gains. Bharat Electron-

ics, Reliance Industries, NTPC, ONGC, and Sun Pharma emerged as the top performers of the day. These stocks helped limit the downside to some extent, though their gains were not enough to offset the broader market losses.

Sectoral indices presented a mixed picture. Segments such as auto, realty, PSU banks, and private banks ended the day lower by 1-2 percent, reflecting strong selling pressure in interest-rate-sensitive sectors. In contrast, the defence index

surged nearly 3 percent, making it one of the standout performers of the session. Capital goods stocks also showed strength, gaining about 1.3 percent, while the power sector index rose around 0.4 percent.

Market analysts pointed to rising geopolitical tensions as a key trigger behind the sharp fall in equities. Ongoing global conflicts and tensions have pushed crude oil prices higher in international markets. For an oil-importing country like India, rising crude prices can have serious

economic implications, including increased inflation and a widening trade deficit.

Another factor weighing on market sentiment was the weakness in the Indian rupee against the US dollar. Currency depreciation often raises concerns about capital outflows and imported inflation, both of which can impact corporate earnings and economic growth. As a result, investors preferred to reduce exposure to equities and move toward safer assets.

The sharp fall also reflects

a broader trend that has been building up over the past few sessions. Both the Sensex and the Nifty have recorded notable declines during the week, highlighting the growing caution among investors amid uncertain global conditions.

Technical analysts believe the Nifty is now approaching an important support zone. According to market experts, the 24,000 level could act as a crucial support, while the 25,000 level may emerge as a major resistance point in the near term. If the index slips below the support zone, fur-

ther downside pressure cannot be ruled out.

Volatility in global markets has also contributed to nervous sentiment among investors. Rising crude oil prices, geopolitical tensions, and mixed economic signals from major economies have created a challenging environment for equity markets worldwide.

Despite the near-term pressure, some market experts believe that corrections like these often create opportunities for long-term investors. Market pullbacks allow investors to accumulate fundamentally strong stocks at more attractive valuations. However, analysts advise investors to remain cautious and selective while investing during volatile phases.

For now, the return of bearish momentum suggests that markets may continue to witness fluctuations in the coming sessions. Investors will keep a close eye on global developments, crude oil prices, currency movements, and foreign institutional investor activity for cues about the market's next direction.

In conclusion, the steep fall in the Sensex and Nifty highlights the fragile state of investor sentiment in the face of global uncertainties. With geopolitical tensions rising, oil prices climbing, and investors turning cautious, the market appears to have entered a phase of heightened volatility. The coming days will be crucial in determining whether the indices stabilize or face further pressure as global risks continue to evolve.

SEBI Approves IPO Plans of Bonbloc Technologies, Milestone Gears and Eastman Auto

India's capital markets regulator, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), has approved the initial public offering (IPO) proposals of three companies—Bonbloc Technologies, Milestone Gears, and Eastman Auto & Power. With this clearance, the companies can now proceed with their plans to raise funds from the public markets and list their shares on the stock exchanges.

SEBI issued its observations on the draft offer documents of these companies in early March. The regulator cleared the draft papers of Eastman Auto & Power and Bonbloc Technologies on March 5, followed by Milestone Gears on March 6. Once SEBI provides its observations, it indicates that the review process of the draft IPO documents has been completed, allowing companies to move forward with the next stages of the public offering.

Bonbloc Technologies is a technology-focused company that develops enterprise software solutions using emerging technologies such as blockchain, artificial intelligence, data science, and the Internet of Things. The company intends to raise funds through a combination of a fresh issue of shares and an offer for sale by existing shareholders. The capital raised through the IPO will mainly be used to support expansion plans, strengthen technology infrastructure, and enhance its product development capabilities.

Milestone Gears, another company that has received SEBI approval, operates in the precision engineering and manufacturing sector. The company produces gears and mechanical components used in automobiles and industrial machinery. With rising demand in the automotive and engineering sectors, Milestone Gears plans to use the IPO proceeds to expand its manufacturing capacity, upgrade technology, and improve operational efficiency. A successful listing will also help the company strengthen its financial position and increase its visibility among



investors.

Eastman Auto & Power is also preparing to enter the public markets after receiving regulatory approval. Unlike the other two companies, Eastman Auto & Power had chosen the confidential filing route while submitting its draft IPO documents. This process allows companies to file preliminary papers with the regulator without publicly disclosing detailed financial and strategic information during the early stage.

Eastman Auto & Power operates in the power solutions and energy transition sector, manufacturing products such as batteries, solar power systems, and power management equipment. The company is expected to use the funds raised through the IPO to expand its manufacturing facilities, strengthen research and development, and increase its presence in renewable energy and energy storage markets.

The approvals granted to these companies highlight the continued strength of India's primary market. Over the past few years, several companies across different industries—including technology, manufacturing, and renewable energy—have chosen to raise capital through public listings.

Strong participation from retail and institutional investors has made the IPO market an attractive option for businesses seeking to fund expansion and reduce debt. Favorable economic conditions and growing investor interest in equity markets have also contributed to the increas-

ing number of companies planning public issues.

After receiving SEBI's observations, companies must complete several steps before launching their IPOs. These include updating financial disclosures, finalizing the issue size, determining the price band, and preparing the final prospectus. Once these formalities are completed, the companies can announce the IPO dates and open the issue for subscription.

During the subscription period, investors will have the opportunity to apply for shares through the book-building process. After the allotment process is completed, the companies' shares will be listed on the stock exchanges, allowing trading to begin.

For investors, the upcoming IPOs of Bonbloc Technologies, Milestone Gears, and Eastman Auto & Power could provide opportunities to invest in companies operating in fast-growing sectors such as technology, engineering, and energy solutions. However, market experts advise investors to carefully evaluate factors such as financial performance, industry outlook, and company valuation before investing in any IPO.

Overall, SEBI's approval for these IPO proposals reflects the continued momentum in India's capital markets. As these companies move closer to launching their public issues, investors and market participants will closely watch their performance and the response from the market once the shares are listed.

RBI Deploys \$12 Billion to Defend Rupee as Middle East Conflict Pushes Currency to Record Low



The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has stepped in aggressively to support the Indian rupee after the currency slipped to a record low amid rising geopolitical tensions in the Middle East. According to market estimates, the central bank deployed nearly \$12 billion this week to stabilize the rupee and control volatility in the foreign exchange market.

The rupee came under significant pressure as escalating conflict in the Middle East rattled global financial markets and pushed investors toward safe-haven assets like the US dollar. The situation also triggered a surge in global crude oil prices, which further weighed on the Indian currency. During the week, the rupee slipped past the 92 per dollar level, marking its weakest point in history before the RBI intervened to limit further losses.

Market participants indicated that the central bank was active across several segments of the currency market. The RBI reportedly sold dollars in the spot market as well as in the forwards and futures markets. Intervention was also seen in the offshore non-deliverable forward market, which plays a key role in determining sentiment toward emerging market currencies.

One of the key strategies used by the RBI was selling dollars before domestic markets opened for trading. By doing so, the central bank aimed to send a strong signal to currency traders and

help stabilize the rupee early in the session. Once the rupee began to recover, additional dollar sales during the trading day helped maintain stability and prevent further depreciation.

The pressure on the rupee intensified after tensions in the Middle East expanded across the Gulf region. The crisis caused oil prices to jump sharply, raising concerns for India, which relies heavily on imported crude oil. Rising oil prices increase the demand for dollars in the domestic market and widen the country's current account deficit, both of which can weaken the rupee.

The geopolitical turmoil has also triggered capital outflows from Indian financial markets. Foreign investors have been pulling funds out of Indian equities as global risk appetite declines. At the same time, many importers have rushed to hedge their dollar payment obligations, anticipating further weakness in the rupee. This surge in demand for dollars has added additional pressure on the currency.

Despite the challenges, the RBI has substantial foreign exchange reserves that allow it to intervene in the market when needed. India currently holds forex reserves of more than \$700 billion, providing the central bank with significant resources to manage currency volatility and maintain stability in the financial system.

The RBI typically states that its currency market interventions are in-

tended to curb excessive volatility rather than defend a specific exchange rate level. However, during periods of intense market pressure, the central bank often steps in more forcefully to prevent disorderly movements in the rupee.

Economists say the future direction of the rupee will largely depend on global developments, especially the trajectory of the Middle East conflict and international oil prices. If geopolitical tensions continue or oil prices rise further, the rupee could remain under pressure in the near term.

Higher crude prices not only affect the currency but also increase India's import bill and raise inflation risks for the economy. As a result, policymakers will be closely monitoring the situation in global markets.

Market analysts believe the RBI may need to remain active in the currency market if volatility persists. While the recent intervention helped stabilize the rupee temporarily, ongoing geopolitical uncertainty could continue to create pressure on emerging market currencies.

Overall, the RBI's swift action has helped prevent a sharper fall in the rupee and reassured market participants during a period of heightened global uncertainty. However, the situation remains fluid, and the central bank may need to continue using its reserves strategically to protect the currency from further shocks.

“Soggy Paper Straw” Memes Go Viral as Global Tensions Dominate Social Media



As global tensions and war-related headlines dominate conversations online, social media users have turned to humour to express their frustration and disbelief. In a surprising trend, the humble paper straw has become the internet's latest symbol of irony, with memes about “soggy paper straws” spreading rapidly across platforms like X, Instagram and Reddit.

The viral meme trend highlights what many users see as a contrast between individual environmental efforts and large-scale geopolitical conflicts happening around the world. In many of these memes, people joke about being encouraged to adopt eco-friendly habits—such as using paper straws instead of plastic—while world leaders simultaneously escalate political and military tensions.

One widely shared meme shows a person struggling to drink through a soft, collapsing paper straw while news headlines about global conflicts appear in the background. The humour lies in the apparent contradiction: individuals are asked to make small lifestyle changes to protect the planet, while major powers appear to engage in actions that could cause far greater damage on a global scale.

Another popular meme jokes that while global leaders talk about serious geopolitical confrontations, ordinary people are trying to “save the planet” with paper straws that quickly become soggy and difficult to use. The relatable frustration has struck a chord with

many internet users, leading to thousands of shares and reposts.

The trend also taps into a long-running complaint about paper straws themselves. Introduced by many restaurants and cafes as an alternative to plastic in order to reduce environmental pollution, paper straws have often been criticised by customers for becoming soft and unusable after only a few minutes. Some social media users humorously claim that the straws start dissolving before they can even finish their drinks.

While the jokes may seem lighthearted, they also reflect how people use humour to deal with serious world events. During periods of political tension, economic uncertainty or conflict, the internet often becomes a place where satire and memes help people process overwhelming news.

Memes have long served as a form of social commentary, allowing users to express opinions and frustrations in a humorous way. In this case, the soggy paper straw has become an unexpected symbol representing the gap many people feel between small individual actions and much larger global issues.

Ultimately, the viral trend shows how quickly everyday objects can turn into powerful internet symbols. What began as a simple joke about paper straws has evolved into a broader reflection on modern life, responsibility and the way people react to major events in the digital age.

Indian Woman Celebrates Holi With Japanese Landlord In US, Viral Video Warms Hearts



A heartwarming video of an Indian woman celebrating Holi with her Japanese landlord in the United States has gone viral on social media, drawing praise for its message of friendship and cultural connection. The clip captures a joyful moment between the two women as they celebrate the festival of colours together, despite being far away from home.

The video was shared on Instagram by the Indian woman, who revealed that she currently lives alone in the US. With no friends or family nearby to celebrate the festival, she expected to spend Holi quietly. However, her elderly Japanese landlord stepped in to make the day special by joining her in the celebration.

In the short clip, the two women can be seen smiling and laughing as they gently apply organic yellow colour to each other's cheeks. The simple yet meaningful celebration reflects a warm bond between the tenant and her landlord. At one point in the video, the Indian woman affectionately refers to her landlord as “pookie,” highlighting the close and friendly relationship they share.

While sharing the video online, the woman explained that her landlord joined her for the festival because she knew she was living alone in the country. She also described the elderly woman as “the sweetest,” expressing gratitude for the thoughtful gesture that made her Holi celebration memorable.

The video quickly gained attention online, with thousands of viewers praising the landlord's kindness and willingness to embrace another culture. Many social media users said the clip was a beautiful reminder that festivals have the power to bring people together regardless of nationality, language or background.

Several commenters admired the warm relationship between the two women. Many described the moment as wholesome and heartwarming, saying it perfectly reflected the true spirit of Holi—a festival that celebrates joy, togetherness and friendship.

Others said the video highlighted how small acts of kindness can have a big impact, especially for people living far away from their families. Some viewers even joked that the landlord should one day visit India to experience a grand Holi celebration in its full spirit.

Holi, often known as the festival of colours, is one of the most widely celebrated festivals in India. It marks the arrival of spring and symbolises the triumph of good over evil. Traditionally, people celebrate by throwing coloured powders, sharing sweets and spending time with loved ones.

For those living abroad, festivals can sometimes feel lonely. However, this touching moment between an Indian tenant and her Japanese landlord shows how compassion and companionship can turn even a simple celebration into a truly special memory.

“Activa Uncle” Helps Stranded Biker in Bengaluru Traffic, Wins Hearts Online

In a heartwarming incident that has captured the attention of social media users, a stranger in Bengaluru came to the rescue of a biker whose motorcycle broke down in the middle of heavy traffic. The simple yet thoughtful gesture has been widely praised online, with many calling it a “true Bengaluru moment.”

The story was shared by a Reddit user who described the stressful experience he faced while returning from a site visit. The man, an architecture student, said his motorcycle suddenly displayed an “Engine Temp High” warning before shutting down completely on a busy road between KR Puram and Kasturinar. With traffic building up around him, he had no choice but to push the bike along the crowded street.

The situation quickly turned exhausting. Surrounded by impatient vehicles and constant honking, the biker struggled to move the heavy motorcycle through the congested road. The challenge became even tougher when he had to push the bike uphill on a bridge while trying to navigate through slow-moving traffic.

Just when the situation seemed overwhelming,



help arrived unexpectedly. An elderly man riding a Honda Activa scooter noticed the struggling biker and stopped to check on him. After learning about the problem, the stranger immediately offered to help push the motorcycle to the nearest service centre.

The two then worked together to move the stalled bike through the busy Kasturinar-Ramamurthy Nagar stretch. The older man carefully assist-

ed the rider as they made their way through the traffic, helping guide the bike around obstacles and vehicles on the road. At one point, they even had to maneuver around a stalled bus blocking part of the route.

During the journey, the pair also had a brief conversation about modern motorcycles and how their sensors can sometimes cause the engine to shut down when certain issues are detected. Despite the

difficulty of the situation, the unexpected help made the experience much less stressful for the stranded rider.

After some effort, they eventually reached a service centre in Banaswadi. However, before the biker could properly thank the man or offer him something in appreciation, the stranger quietly left the spot without waiting for recognition.

Reflecting on the moment later, the rider said

the act of kindness left a strong impression on him. In the midst of chaotic city traffic, the stranger's willingness to stop and help reminded him that compassion still exists in everyday life.

The story has since resonated with many people online, who praised the anonymous “Activa uncle” for his generosity and shared similar experiences of strangers stepping forward to help when it mattered most.

Google Techie's Rs 1.43 Lakh Monthly Expense Breakdown In Bengaluru Sparks Online Discussion

A young professional working at Google has gone viral on social media after sharing a detailed breakdown of her monthly expenses while living in Bengaluru. The video, posted by 24-year-old techie Pooja Narula, revealed that she spent about Rs 1.43 lakh in February, sparking discussions about the rising cost of living in India's technology hub.

In the video, Narula explained that her spending included both regular living costs and several one-time expenses that pushed the total higher than usual. She began by listing her fixed monthly costs, which make up the basic portion of her budget while staying in the city.

According to her breakdown, her rent for a room in Bengaluru came to Rs 22,400 per month. She also spends about Rs 2,800 on services such as hiring a maid and a cook. Utility bills, including electricity and other basic services, add another Rs 2,000 to her monthly expenses.



Apart from essential costs, Narula also shared details about her lifestyle spending. She revealed that she usually spends around Rs 2,000 every weekend on social activities, which totals about Rs 8,000 a month. These outings include meeting friends, dining out and other leisure activities.

However, she clarified that February was not a

typical month for her financially because it included several additional expenses. During the month, she travelled home, which resulted in Rs 16,000 spent on flight tickets and another Rs 2,000 on airport cab rides.

The tech professional also had to move to a new house during the same period. The relocation process cost Rs 3,000 for mov-

ers and packers, and she paid a security deposit of Rs 66,600, which significantly increased her total spending for the month.

In addition to these costs, Narula mentioned that she spent around Rs 20,000 on dining plans and gifts for friends, further adding to the overall amount. After calculating all these expenses, she concluded that her total

spending for February reached approximately Rs 1.43 lakh.

While acknowledging that the figure may appear high, she explained that many of the expenses were temporary and not part of her regular monthly budget. Once those one-time payments are cleared, she expects her future monthly spending to be much lower.

The video quickly attracted attention online, with many viewers sharing their thoughts about the high cost of living in Bengaluru. Some people were surprised by the total amount, while others pointed out that relocation costs and housing deposits can significantly increase expenses in a single month.

The post has since sparked wider conversations on social media about budgeting, lifestyle spending and the financial realities faced by young professionals living in major metropolitan cities.

Man Rescued After Getting Trapped in Manchester Phone Box While Trying to Order Kebab



him tried to help by pulling on the door and attempting to force it open from outside, but their efforts were unsuccessful. The door appeared to be locked with a mechanism that could only be opened using special keys typically held by maintenance workers or telecom engi-

neers. As a result, the man remained trapped while his friends continued trying to free him.

The incident reportedly lasted for more than an hour. During that time, passersby began to notice the strange situation, and some gathered nearby to watch. A few even record-

ed videos of the unusual scene on their phones as the man waited inside the phone box.

At one point, the trapped man attempted to remove a glass panel from the lower part of the booth in an effort to escape. Although he managed to loosen the panel, it

still did not provide enough space for him to climb out safely.

With no other option left, his friends eventually called the fire brigade for assistance. Firefighters soon arrived at the scene and assessed the situation before working to open the stuck door. After a brief effort, they successfully forced the door open and freed the man from the booth.

Once he stepped out, the man appeared both relieved and slightly embarrassed by the ordeal. He reportedly thanked the firefighters who had come to help him and shook hands with them before leaving the area.

The unusual incident has since amused many people online. Social media users have joked about the situation, with some wondering whether the man ever managed to get the kebab he had originally tried to order. Others simply found the story a humorous reminder that even simple plans can sometimes lead to unexpected situations.

India Set for T20 World Cup Final Clash Against New Zealand in Ahmedabad



India have booked their place in the final of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026, setting up a blockbuster title clash against New Zealand in Ahmedabad. After a thrilling semi-final victory over England, the Men in Blue are now just one step away from lifting the trophy in front of their home crowd.

The semi-final between India and England at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai turned out to be one of the most exciting matches of the tournament. India posted a massive total of 253 for 7, powered by a stunning innings from Sanju Samson, who smashed 89 runs off just 42 balls. His aggressive batting included a flurry of boundaries and sixes, putting England under immense pressure and setting a daunting target.

England responded strongly during their chase. Young batter Jacob Bethell produced a sensational knock, scoring a blistering century that kept England in the contest. The English side fought hard throughout the innings and

pushed the game deep into the final overs.

However, India's bowlers held their nerve when it mattered most. Despite England's powerful batting effort, they finished on 246 for 7, falling just seven runs short of the target. The narrow victory ensured India's entry into the final and kept their hopes of winning the championship alive.

The match also produced several records, including one of the highest aggregate scores in a men's T20 World Cup game. With nearly 500 runs scored by both teams combined, the contest turned into a run-fest that kept fans on the edge of their seats until the very end. India's explosive batting display and disciplined bowling in the crucial moments proved decisive.

Following the victory, India will now travel to Ahmedabad for the grand finale. The final will be held at the Narendra Modi Stadium, the world's largest cricket stadium, which is expected to witness a packed crowd eager to watch the high-

voltage clash.

New Zealand secured their place in the final after a commanding performance in the first semi-final against South Africa. The Black Caps chased down their target comfortably, defeating South Africa by nine wickets. Their dominant victory demonstrated the strong form they have maintained throughout the tournament.

For India, the final represents an opportunity to achieve several historic milestones. If they defeat New Zealand, India could become the first host nation to win the T20 World Cup, the first team to successfully defend the title, and the first side to win three men's T20 World Cup trophies. These possibilities have added even greater excitement ahead of the final.

India's journey to the final has been marked by strong performances across departments. The batting unit has consistently produced big scores, with players like Sanju Samson leading the charge. Meanwhile, the

bowling attack, led by experienced pacers and disciplined spinners, has delivered crucial breakthroughs during key moments.

However, the final will not be an easy challenge. New Zealand have a reputation for performing well in ICC tournaments and are known for their calm and strategic approach in high-pressure matches. Their balanced squad and disciplined bowling attack make them a formidable opponent.

Cricket fans around the world are eagerly waiting for the much-anticipated showdown between the two teams. With both sides in excellent form and a world title at stake, the final promises to deliver high drama and thrilling cricket.

As India head to Ahmedabad for the decisive clash, expectations from millions of fans are sky-high. The team now stands just one step away from glory, with a chance to create history on home soil and add another memorable chapter to Indian cricket.

Bumrah Should Have Been Player of the Match in India's Thrilling Semi-Final Win, Says Former India Star



India's dramatic victory over England in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026 semi-final has sparked a debate over the Player of the Match award, with former Indian cricketer Irfan Pathan saying that pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah deserved the honour instead.

India defeated England by seven runs in a high-scoring encounter to secure a place in the final against New Zealand. Batting first, India posted a massive total of 253/7 in their 20 overs. The innings was powered by a brilliant knock from wicketkeeper-batter Sanju Samson, who smashed 89 runs off just 42 balls. His aggressive batting helped India set a daunting target and put England under pressure early in the match.

Despite the huge target, England produced a spirited chase and kept the match alive until the very end. Young batter Jacob Bethell played a sensational innings, scoring 105 runs off only 48 balls and leading England's fightback. His fearless batting ensured that India could not relax at any stage of the chase, and the contest turned into a nail-biting finish.

While Samson's batting was widely praised, many experts believed the turning point came during the final stages of England's innings when Jasprit Bumrah delivered a crucial spell. In particular, his 18th over proved decisive. At a time when England were building strong momentum and looked capable of chasing down the total, Bumrah conceded just six runs in that over. The tight bowling halted England's charge and shifted the pressure back onto the batting side.

Bumrah finished the match with fig-

ures of 1 for 33 from his four overs and also took the key wicket of England captain Harry Brook. His ability to control the game under pressure was once again on display, reinforcing his reputation as one of the best death-over bowlers in world cricket.

Following the match, former India all-rounder Irfan Pathan shared his opinion that Bumrah's impact on the game was greater than anyone else's. According to him, while Samson's explosive innings laid the foundation for India's big total, it was Bumrah's composure and precision in the closing overs that ultimately ensured India crossed the finish line.

Interestingly, Samson himself expressed similar views during the post-match presentation. Although he was named Player of the Match for his batting heroics, the Indian wicketkeeper said Bumrah's performance was equally deserving of the award. Samson praised the fast bowler as a once-in-a-generation talent who consistently delivers in high-pressure moments.

The semi-final clash turned out to be one of the most thrilling matches of the tournament, with both teams producing exceptional performances. Nearly 500 runs were scored in the match, making it a memorable contest for fans around the world.

In the end, India managed to hold their nerve and secure a narrow victory, booking their place in the final of the T20 World Cup. With confidence high and momentum on their side, the Indian team will now prepare for the title clash against New Zealand, hoping to cap off their impressive campaign with another world championship.

Heart Rate Hit 175: Suryakumar Yadav Admits Nerves After India Edge England in T20 World Cup Thriller



India captain Suryakumar Yadav admitted that his heart was racing during the tense closing moments of a dramatic T20 World Cup semi-final against England, revealing that his heart rate might have reached "160-175" as his team held on for a narrow seven-run victory.

The high-scoring contest, played at Mumbai's Wankhede Stadium, turned into one of the most thrilling matches of the tournament. India posted a massive total of 253 for 7 after being sent in to bat, thanks largely to a blistering knock from Sanju Samson. The opener smashed 89 runs from just 42 balls, striking eight fours and seven sixes to put the Indian side in a commanding position. Contributions also came from Shivam Dube, Ishan Kishan, Hardik Pandya and Tilak Varma, who chipped in with quick runs to push the total beyond the 250 mark.

Despite the huge target, England mounted a fierce chase and kept the pressure on India until the final moments. Young batter Jacob Bethell produced a sensational innings, scoring 105 off 48 balls and almost pulling off a remarkable victory for his team. England's aggressive batting meant that the match remained alive deep into the final overs.

Suryakumar later admitted that the closing stages were extremely nerve-

racking. The Indian skipper said that while the team believed they had put up a strong total, England's relentless chase kept everyone on edge. He even joked that if someone had checked his heart rate during the last few overs, it would have been well above normal levels.

The captain also revealed a lighthearted exchange with England skipper Harry Brook during the game. Suryakumar said he asked Brook how many more runs India needed because England were chasing the target so strongly that even a score of over 250 did not feel completely safe.

India's bowlers eventually stepped up at crucial moments to secure the win. Jasprit Bumrah delivered a calm and effective spell at the death, conceding only 33 runs in his four overs and helping to pull the match back in India's favour. Hardik Pandya also contributed with key wickets, while the fielding unit played an important role in restricting England's charge.

With the victory, India advanced to their second consecutive T20 World Cup final. The team will now face New Zealand in the title clash in Ahmedabad. While acknowledging that the final will bring pressure and nerves, Suryakumar said the squad and support staff are excited about the opportunity to fight for another world title.

Aravindh Chithambaram Defeats Van Foreest at Prague Chess Festival; D Gukesh Held to Another Draw

Indian Grandmaster Aravindh Chithambaram delivered a strong performance at the Prague Chess Festival by defeating Dutch Grandmaster Jorden van Foreest in the eighth round of the prestigious tournament. However, it was another disappointing day for reigning world champion D Gukesh, who was forced to settle for yet another draw.

Aravindh's victory came after a tense and closely contested battle that remained balanced for much of the game. Both players showed great accuracy in the early and middle stages, but the match eventually turned in Aravindh's favour after van Foreest made a costly mistake in the later stages. The Indian grandmaster remained calm and quickly took advantage of the opportunity to convert the game into a win.

The turning point came when van Foreest played an inaccurate knight move followed by an imprecise king manoeuvre. Aravindh capitalised immediately, gaining a decisive advantage. Demonstrating excellent technique in the endgame, he steadily increased the pressure and forced his opponent into a losing position. The win was significant as van Foreest had been among the leaders of the tournament for several rounds.

Meanwhile, the overall lead in the tournament was taken by Uzbekistan's talented Grandmaster Nodirbek Abdusattorov. He climbed to the top of the standings after defeating Czech Grandmaster David Navara. With this victory, Abdusattorov moved to 5.5 points and now leads the competition by half a point heading into the final round.

Abdusattorov has been in excellent form throughout the



tournament and continues to strengthen his reputation as one of the most exciting young players in world chess. If he manages to hold onto his lead in the final round, it would mark another major achievement in his rapidly rising career.

On the other hand, it has been a difficult campaign for India's teenage world champion D Gukesh. In the latest round, he faced Germany's Grandmaster Vincent Keymer. The match was a long and strategic contest, with both players trying to create winning chances. However, neither side could secure a decisive advantage, and the game ultimately ended in a draw.

The result extended Gukesh's winless streak in the tournament. Despite entering the event as one of the favourites, the young champion has struggled to find consistent form. Earlier

in the competition, he suffered defeats against strong opponents including Jorden van Foreest and Nodirbek Abdusattorov.

Time pressure and minor tactical errors have also played a role in some of his setbacks during the tournament. Nevertheless, Gukesh remains one of the brightest young stars in the chess world. At a very young age, he has already achieved remarkable milestones and is widely regarded as one of the future faces of international chess.

The Prague Chess Festival, held in the historic city of Prague in the Czech Republic, is considered one of the most prestigious tournaments in the global chess calendar. The Masters category features ten elite grandmasters competing in a round-robin format, making every round highly competitive.

With just one round remaining, the race for the title is still open. Nodirbek Abdusattorov holds a narrow lead, but several players are still within striking distance. Aravindh Chithambaram's victory has improved his standing and boosted his confidence heading into the final round.

For Indian chess fans, the tournament has brought mixed results. Aravindh's impressive win highlights India's growing strength in the global chess arena. At the same time, Gukesh's struggles show how challenging top-level tournaments can be, even for the reigning world champion.

As the final round approaches, all eyes will be on whether Abdusattorov can secure the title or if the tournament will witness another dramatic twist before the champion is decided.

Will Rashmika Mandanna Continue Acting After Marriage with Vijay Deverakonda?



The journey of a heroine in the film industry is often colorful yet unpredictable. One of the biggest turning points in an actress's career is marriage, which frequently raises questions about her professional future. A similar discussion is now taking place around Rashmika Mandanna after her reported marriage to Vijay Deverakonda.

Rashmika Mandanna, popularly known as the "National Crush," has built a remarkable career across multiple film industries. From Tollywood to Bollywood, she has created a strong identity for herself with several successful films and a massive fan following. However, her marriage to Vijay Deverakonda during the peak of her career has sparked curiosity among fans and industry observers about how it might affect her professional journey.

In the film industry, the career paths of heroes and heroines are often very different. Male actors usually continue to

act in films consistently even after marriage. In contrast, many actresses tend to slow down their careers after getting married, either due to personal priorities, family responsibilities, or a shift in the kind of roles they choose.

Before marriage, Rashmika was extremely busy with projects in Telugu, Tamil, and Hindi cinema. She was also actively trying to strengthen her presence in Bollywood. The Hindi film industry offers different types of roles and storytelling styles compared to South Indian cinema. Glamour, bold characters, and intense competition are often part of the Bollywood landscape.

This has led to speculation about whether Rashmika will continue accepting the same kinds of roles after marriage. Some fans wonder if she will reduce the number of films she signs or become more selective about the characters she portrays. Another question being discussed widely is whether she

will avoid highly glamorous roles in the future and instead focus on performance-oriented characters.

At the same time, Rashmika's marriage to Vijay Deverakonda—one of the most popular actors in Telugu cinema—could also create new challenges in balancing their professional schedules and personal lives. Both stars have demanding careers, and managing them alongside married life may require careful planning.

Despite these uncertainties, fans remain optimistic about Rashmika's future in cinema. Many believe that her talent, popularity, and determination will ensure that she continues to shine on the big screen even after marriage.

Ultimately, the films she chooses in the coming years will decide how the next phase of Rashmika Mandanna's career unfolds. For now, audiences are eagerly waiting to see what exciting projects she will take up in her new chapter of life.

Nani Applauds Sree Vishnu's 'Mrithyunjay', Calls It an Engaging Thriller



Actor Nani has showered praise on the upcoming Telugu film Mrithyunjay, starring Sree Vishnu, after watching the movie ahead of its theatrical release. His positive remarks have generated considerable excitement among fans and the film industry, creating strong buzz around the project before it hits theatres.

Sree Vishnu expressed his happiness over the encouraging response the film has received from early preview screenings. The actor said that several people from the industry watched the movie and appreciated the effort put in by the team. He revealed that Nani also watched the film earlier and shared his thoughts, which boosted the morale of the cast and crew.

After viewing the film, Nani took to social media to share his reaction. He said he enjoyed watching the movie and that it kept him engaged from start to finish. According to him, the story unfolds in a

gripping manner and holds the audience's attention throughout. Nani also mentioned that Sree Vishnu is widely known for his impressive comic timing and entertaining performances, but in this film he surprises viewers by presenting a different side of his acting ability.

The actor also congratulated producer Sandeep Gunnam on his debut production venture. Nani said he had always believed Gunnam would support unique and interesting stories, and he was glad to see him backing a project that attempts something different from the usual commercial formulas. He wished the entire team success and expressed hope that the film would receive strong support from audiences.

Mrithyunjay is an investigative thriller directed by Hussain Sha Kiran. The film features Reba Monica John as the female lead opposite Sree Vishnu. It is produced by Sandeep Gunnam and Vi-

nay Chilakapati under the banners of Lightbox Media and Picture Perfect Entertainment.

The film has already been receiving encouraging feedback from a few members of the film fraternity who attended early screenings. With Nani's appreciation adding to the growing curiosity, expectations around the movie have increased significantly. Fans of Sree Vishnu are especially eager to see him in a fresh and intense role in this thriller.

The technical team includes cinematographer Vidhya Sagar, music composer Kaala Bhairava, editor Sreekar Prasad and production designer Manisha A. Dutt. With a talented crew and strong early reactions, Mrithyunjay is expected to attract audiences looking for a gripping and refreshing cinematic experience.

With positive word-of-mouth already building, the film is heading into theatres with promising momentum.

Telangana CM Revanth Reddy Personally Congratulates Newlyweds Vijay Deverakonda and Rashmika Mandanna

Tollywood stars Vijay Deverakonda and Rashmika Mandanna, who recently tied the knot, continue to receive warm wishes from fans, celebrities and political leaders. Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy personally visited the couple to congratulate them and bless their new journey together.

The popular actors entered into marriage recently after years of friendship and rumored relationship, marking one of the most talked-about weddings in the South Indian film industry. The couple got married in a private ceremony attended by close family members and friends, and the celebrations were followed by several post-wedding events and rituals.

After the wedding, Vijay Deverakonda hosted traditional ceremonies in his hometown and also organized community feasts for local residents. These celebrations reflected the couple's desire to share their happiness with fans and well-wishers.

A grand wedding reception was later held in Hyderabad, which saw the presence of several prominent personalities from the film industry, politics and other fields. Many leading actors and celebrities attended



the event to bless the newly married couple.

However, Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy could not attend the reception as he was away in Delhi on official work at the time. Once he returned to Hyderabad, the Chief Minister made a special visit to Vijay Deverakonda's residence to personally congratulate the couple.

During the visit, Revanth Reddy presented a bouquet to Vijay Deverakonda and Rashmika Mandanna and extended his best wishes for their married life. The gesture was widely appreci-

ated by fans, and photos from the meeting quickly went viral on social media.

The images show the Chief Minister interacting warmly with the newlyweds, reflecting the friendly relationship between the film fraternity and political leaders in Telangana. Fans of both actors shared the photos widely online, expressing happiness at seeing their favourite stars receive blessings from prominent figures.

The wedding of Vijay Deverakonda and Rashmika Mandanna had already generated massive attention across social

media. The couple has long been one of the most beloved on-screen pairs in Telugu cinema, having worked together in successful films that strengthened their popularity among audiences.

Their marriage marked the culmination of years of speculation about their relationship. For a long time, the two actors had maintained privacy about their personal lives, though their strong bond was often noticed by fans and media.

After their wedding, the couple also participated in several traditional rituals and visits to temples to seek blessings for their new life. In addition, their team organized charitable activities such as distributing sweets and food offerings at temples across the country as part of the celebrations.

With the wedding festivities continuing and congratulatory messages pouring in from all sides, Vijay Deverakonda and Rashmika Mandanna have become one of the most talked-about celebrity couples in the country. The personal visit by the Chief Minister added another memorable moment to their wedding celebrations, making the occasion even more special for the newlyweds.

Mokshagna Set for Grand Tollywood Debut with Sequel to Balakrishna's Classic Film

For more than a decade, fans of the Nandamuri family have been eagerly waiting to see Mokshagna, the son of veteran actor Nandamuri Balakrishna, make his entry into Telugu cinema. Several announcements and rumours about his debut surfaced over the years, but none of them materialised. Now, according to the latest buzz in the film industry, the long-awaited launch of Mokshagna as a hero is finally taking shape with a major project.

Earlier, it was widely reported that Mokshagna would be introduced in a film directed by Prasanth Varma, the filmmaker known for creating unique cinematic concepts that appeal strongly to younger audiences. The plan was reportedly to introduce Mokshagna as part of Prasanth Varma's cinematic universe. The idea generated considerable excitement among movie lovers, as the director's style and storytelling were expected to give the young actor a strong start.

However, for various reasons, that project appears to have been put on hold. While there has been no official announcement explaining the change in plans, industry sources suggest that a new strategy has been devised for Mokshagna's launch.

The latest development indicates that Mokshagna may make his debut in the sequel to the



iconic science-fiction film Aditya 369, which starred Balakrishna and became a landmark movie in Telugu cinema. The sequel, tentatively titled Aditya 999 Max, is expected to carry forward the time-travel concept that made the original film so memorable. According to reports, Balakrishna himself has contributed the story idea for this ambitious project.

The responsibility of shaping the script for contemporary audiences is believed to have been given to director Krish Jagarlamudi. The filmmaker shares a successful association with Balakrishna, having previously directed the historical epic Gautamiputra Satakarni. Because of that collaboration, the Nandamuri family reportedly has

strong confidence in his ability to handle a large-scale and visually rich project.

The proposed film is expected to combine elements of socio-fantasy and science fiction, making it a visually grand production. The story will reportedly feature sequences set in different time periods, including ancient history and the future, much like the original film. With the help of advanced visual effects and high production values, the makers aim to create a cinematic spectacle that appeals to modern audiences.

Dialogue writer Burra Sai Madhav is also said to be associated with the project, adding further strength to the creative team. If the project moves forward as planned, it could be-

come one of the most ambitious films in Mokshagna's career debut.

Sources suggest that Mokshagna has already undergone training in acting and dance to prepare for his entry into films. The young actor is said to have been quietly working on his skills for some time, ensuring that he is ready to face the camera with confidence when the right opportunity arrives.

There is also speculation that Balakrishna himself may appear in an important role in the film, which would allow father and son to share screen space for the first time. Such a moment would be particularly special for fans of the Nandamuri family, who have long wanted to see the legacy of the family continue on the big screen.

An official announcement regarding the project is expected soon. Reports suggest that the makers may organise a grand launch event to formally introduce Mokshagna as a hero. Once the announcement is made, it is likely to put an end to years of speculation surrounding his debut.

For Nandamuri fans, Mokshagna's entry into Tollywood is a highly anticipated moment. If the project indeed turns out to be the sequel to Aditya 369, it could mark the beginning of a new chapter for the Nandamuri legacy in Telugu cinema.

Vijay and Trisha Arrive Together at Wedding Reception, Viral Video Sparks Buzz

A recent video featuring Vijay and Trisha Krishnan arriving together at a wedding reception has gone viral on social media, triggering widespread discussion among fans and film followers. The two popular Tamil cinema stars were spotted attending the event together in Chennai, and their joint appearance has once again brought them into the spotlight.

The clip shows Vijay stepping out of a car holding a bouquet of flowers, while Trisha follows him moments later. The duo then proceeds to greet the hosts and attend the reception. Their coordinated arrival immediately caught the attention of fans and social media users, leading to intense speculation about their relationship and renewed discussions around earlier rumours.

The reception they attended was reportedly hosted by the family of a well-known film industry figure, whose son recently got married. The event saw the presence of several prominent personalities from the film and business communities, making it a high profile gathering. Vijay and Trisha attended the function to congratulate the newlyweds and spent some time interacting with guests.



What particularly grabbed attention was the fact that both stars reportedly arrived in the same vehicle and appeared at the venue together. Photos and videos from the event quickly spread across social media platforms, with fans sharing and discussing the footage widely. In some clips, the actors are also seen wearing outfits in similar shades, which further fueled the buzz among netizens.

The viral moment has gained even more attention because it comes at a time when Vijay's personal life has been under intense public scrutiny. Reports about marital issues between Vijay and his wife Sangeetha have been circulating for some time. Recently, news about a divorce

petition reportedly filed by his wife surfaced online, making headlines across the entertainment industry.

Amid these developments, Vijay's public appearance alongside Trisha has led to fresh speculation among fans and commentators. Some social media users have linked the viral video to earlier rumours that the two actors share a close bond. However, neither Vijay nor Trisha has issued any official statement addressing these claims.

Both actors have worked together in several successful Tamil films over the years and share a strong on-screen chemistry that has been appreciated by audiences. Because of their long professional association, they

have often been seen attending industry events together. Their latest public appearance, however, has generated much more curiosity due to the ongoing personal and political discussions surrounding Vijay.

Apart from his film career, Vijay has also been actively focusing on politics. He recently launched his political party and has been preparing to contest upcoming elections, which has kept him in the public spotlight for reasons beyond cinema.

Meanwhile, Trisha continues to remain one of the most prominent actresses in South Indian cinema, balancing multiple film projects across languages. Despite the constant rumours and speculation surrounding her personal life, she has largely chosen to remain silent and focus on her work.

For now, the viral wedding reception video remains a hot topic among fans. Whether it was simply a casual appearance by two colleagues or something more significant is still unclear. Until either Vijay or Trisha addresses the speculation directly, the viral clip is likely to continue fueling conversations across social media and entertainment circles.