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Revanth Reddy Reviews Sports Infrastructure Plans



Hyderabad, March 9 | TPN Bureau

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Sunday conducted a review meeting on the development of sports infrastructure in the state at Jubilee Hills. The meeting focused on strengthening facilities for athletes and developing world-class infrastructure to promote sports in Telangana. The review meeting was attended by Sports and Youth Services Minister Vakiti Srihari, Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, Chief Minister's Advisor Vem Narendra Reddy, Chairman of the Sports Authority of Telangana Shiv Sena Reddy, Chief Secretary A. Ramakrishna Rao, and senior officials including Principal Secretaries Srinivasa Raju and Sheshadri. Managing Director of the Sports Authority of Telangana Soni Baladevi and Vice-Chancellor of the Young India Sports University Dr. G. Kishore were also present. During the meeting, officials discussed the development of



international-standard facilities at the Young India Sports University. Plans were reviewed to create infrastructure that can support training for various sports disciplines and help athletes prepare for global competitions. The Chief Minister emphasized that the state should develop comprehensive sports infrastructure capable of training athletes for major international events, including the Olympic Games. He suggested that the proposed sports university should include modern facilities, training centers, and specialized grounds for different sports. Revanth Reddy also directed officials to take steps to renovate the outdoor stadium at Gachibowli Stadium. In addition, he instructed that an indoor stadium, university complex, hostel buildings, and training facilities be developed within the stadium premises to support athletes and sports academies. Officials presented several architectural designs for the proposed developments, which

were reviewed by the Chief Minister. He offered suggestions to improve the plans and ensure the facilities meet international standards. The Chief Minister also asked officials to prepare long-term strategies with the goal of enabling Telangana to host major international sporting events such as the Olympics and the Commonwealth Games in the future. He stressed that the state should aim to produce athletes capable of competing and excelling at the Olympic level. Furthermore, Revanth Reddy directed officials to modernize major sports venues in the city including Kotla Vijayabhaskara Reddy Stadium, Lal Bahadur Shastri Stadium, and Saroornagar Indoor Stadium. These stadiums, he said, should be upgraded to meet future training and competition requirements. The meeting concluded with instructions to prepare detailed plans for improving sports infrastructure across the state and strengthening Telangana's position as a hub for sporting excellence.



Congress Stands for Secularism: Uttam Kumar Reddy

Suryapet, March 9 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy said that the Indian National Congress has always stood as a symbol of secularism in the country and has consistently supported the welfare and protection of minorities, particularly the Muslim community. The minister made these remarks while attending an Iftar dinner organised by the Congress party on Monday evening at Suryapet district headquarters on the occasion of the holy month of Ramadan. The event witnessed participation from several party leaders, community members, and local representatives. Speaking on the occasion, Uttam Kumar Reddy said that from Delhi to the grassroots level, the Congress party has always extended its support to Muslims and worked for their development and welfare. He stated that the Congress believes in treating all religions equally and ensuring inclusive growth for every section of society. The minister emphasised that the Congress party has a long-standing tradition of promoting communal harmony and safeguarding the rights of minorities. "If one has to describe secularism in a single line, the Congress party stands as its true address," he said. He further noted that leaders of the Congress party, from Rahul Gandhi at the national level to A.

Revanth Reddy, the Chief Minister of Telangana, have consistently worked towards the welfare and upliftment of the Muslim community. According to him, Congress governments have always given priority to minority protection, welfare, and development. Uttam Kumar Reddy also expressed happiness at participating in the Iftar gathering during the holy month of Ramadan, which he described as a time of prayer, charity, and community bonding for Muslims across the world. Assuring continued support to the Muslim community in the district, the minister said he would remain accessible as the district in-charge minister to address their issues. He promised that several long-pending demands in Suryapet would be taken up for resolution at the earliest. Among the issues highlighted were the development of facilities such as a Shadi Khana, community hall, and improvements to the local Kabristan. The minister said steps would be taken to resolve these issues soon in order to improve facilities for the Muslim community in the district. Several leaders attended the event, including Telangana Tourism Corporation Chairman Patel Ramesh Reddy, senior Congress leader Sarvotham Reddy, District Congress Committee president Gudipati Narsaiah, Market Committee Chairman Koppula Venkata Reddy, Municipal Chairperson Morishetty Niveditha, and PCC Secretary Chakilam Rajeshwar Rao, among others.

CM Reviews Policing Reforms at Police Officers' Retreat

Hyderabad, March 9 | TPN Bureau

Senior police officials presented detailed reports to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy during the Telangana Police Officers' Retreat-2026, highlighting key challenges in policing and future strategies to strengthen law enforcement in the state. As part of the programme, officials from various police departments explained their initiatives and proposals through PowerPoint presentations. They briefed the Chief Minister on the changes required in policing methods in the coming years and the support needed from the government to enhance the effectiveness of the police force. During the review, the Chief Minister offered several suggestions to senior officers on improving the functioning of the police department and addressing emerging challenges in maintaining law and order. Revanth Reddy emphasized the need to strengthen the cy-



bercrime wing in view of the rapid growth of technology and the rise of new forms of cyber offences. He noted that as digital usage increases, law enforcement agencies must upgrade their capabilities to prevent cybercrime and protect citizens from online fraud and other digital threats. The Chief Minister also advised the police department to explore the use of Artificial Intelligence in policing. He suggested that advanced technolo-

gies could be used to detect crime patterns, identify offenders quickly, and enhance surveillance and investigative capabilities. In addition to technology-driven policing, the Chief Minister highlighted the importance of addressing social issues that could lead to crime. He asked officials to consider appointing trained counsellors in educational institutions to monitor changes in students' behaviour and identify those

who may be at risk of drug abuse. According to the Chief Minister, early identification of drug-related issues among youth and providing proper counselling can help prevent addiction and reduce the spread of narcotics among students. He said cooperation between police departments, educational institutions, and counsellors would be essential in tackling the problem effectively. Senior police officers also explained the need for policy changes and new initiatives to improve crime prevention, investigation efficiency, and public safety. They requested the government's support in implementing modern technologies and strengthening infrastructure within the police department. The meeting concluded with the Chief Minister assuring officials that the government would consider the proposals and work towards building a modern, technology-driven policing system capable of addressing future challenges.

Delhi HC Issues Notices to Kejriwal, Kavitha in Liquor Policy Case

New Delhi, March 9 | TPN Bureau

The Delhi High Court has issued notices to several accused, including Arvind Kejriwal and K. Kavitha, in connection with the alleged Delhi Liquor Policy Case after a petition was filed by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) challenging a lower court order that had earlier discharged the accused. The High Court issued notices to a total of 23 individuals linked to the case and directed them to respond to the CBI's petition. The agency had approached the court seeking a review of the trial court's decision, arguing that the order discharging the accused was legally flawed and required reconsideration. Earlier, a special court in New Delhi had discharged all the accused in the case, stating that the prosecution had not presented sufficient evidence at that stage to proceed with a full trial. The court had also made certain observations regarding the investigation carried out by the agencies. However, the CBI challenged that ruling before the Delhi High Court, contending that the trial court had exceeded its jurisdiction by evaluating evidence in detail at the preliminary stage. The agency argued that such an assessment should be carried out only during the course of the trial after all evidence is formally presented. During the hearing, the High Court also stayed certain remarks made by the trial court against investigating officers and agreed to examine the CBI's arguments in detail. The respondents have been asked to file their replies before the next hearing. The case relates to the formulation and implementation of the Delhi Excise Policy 2021-22, which was later scrapped amid allegations of irregularities and corrup-



tion. Investigating agencies had alleged that certain provisions in the policy were manipulated to benefit specific liquor traders in exchange for kickbacks. According to the probe conducted by central agencies, the alleged scam involved a network of politicians, businesspersons, and intermediaries who were suspected of influencing policy decisions for financial gains. The investigation has been one of the most high-profile corruption cases in recent years, drawing national political attention. K. Kavitha, a leader associated with the Bharat Rashtra Samithi, had earlier faced investigation and legal proceedings in connection with the case. Similarly, Arvind Kejriwal, the national convener of the Aam Aadmi Party and Chief Minister of Delhi, has also been linked to the case during the course of the investigation. The Delhi High Court will hear the matter further after receiving responses from the accused individuals named in the petition.

Singhvi, Narender Reddy Elected to Rajya Sabha Unopposed

Hyderabad, March 9 | TPN Bureau

Senior advocate and Congress leader Abhishek Manu Singhvi and BRS leader Vem Narender Reddy were unanimously elected to the Rajya Sabha from Telangana, with the Election Commission of India officially declaring them elected after the deadline for withdrawal of nominations ended without any contest. The announcement confirmed that both candidates were elected unopposed as no other candidates remained in the fray for the two vacant seats. With the absence of rival nominations, the scheduled polling process became unnecessary, paving the way for a smooth and uncontested election. Abhishek Manu Singhvi, a senior leader of the Indian National Congress, is widely known for his legal expertise

and long-standing presence in national politics. A distinguished senior advocate in the Supreme Court, Singhvi has previously served multiple terms in the Rajya Sabha and has been one of the party's prominent voices on legal and constitutional matters in Parliament. His election from Telangana reflects the party's strategy of fielding experienced leaders with strong parliamentary backgrounds. Singhvi has often represented the Congress in key national debates and legal battles, particularly on constitutional issues, governance, and federal policies. His return to the Upper House is expected to strengthen the party's presence in parliamentary discussions and legislative proceedings. Meanwhile, Vem Narender Reddy, a senior figure in the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS), also secured a Rajya Sabha berth without opposition. Known for his organizational



work and political involvement in Telangana, Narender Reddy has been associated with the BRS leadership for several years. His election is seen as recognition of his contributions to the party and its political activities in the state. Political observers note that the unopposed election reflects the numerical strength and political understanding among parties in the Telangana Legislative Assembly regarding the two seats. Since the number of candidates matched the avail-



able seats, there was no requirement for voting by MLAs. Following the declaration by the Election Commission of India, the formal certificates of election will be issued to both leaders, completing the procedural process for their entry into the Upper House of Parliament. With their election, Singhvi and Narender Reddy will represent Telangana in the Rajya Sabha, where they are expected to participate in national legislative debates and policymaking discussions in the coming years.

Ponnam Prabhakar Flags Off 5K Run in Husnabad

Husnabad, March 9 | TPN Bureau

A 5K run was organized in Husnabad constituency on Sunday as part of the Telangana government's "Praja Palana - Pragati Pranalika" 99-day action programme. The event was flagged off by State Minister Ponnam Prabhakar at the constituency headquarters, drawing enthusiastic participation from students and local residents.

The programme witnessed the presence of municipal representatives including Municipal Chairperson Dandi Lakshmi, Vice Chairperson Chittari Padma, councillors, senior leaders, and government officials. A large number of students and townspeople took part in the run, which aimed to promote health awareness and civic responsibility among citizens.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Ponnam Prabhakar said the Telangana government has launched a 99-day action plan under the Praja Palana initiative, which will be implemented from March 6 to June 12 across the state. The programme includes a series of activities designed to address public issues and create awareness about cleanliness, health, and civic responsibilities.

He emphasized that maintaining clean surroundings is essential to prevent diseases and improve public health. The minister urged local public representatives, including those from gram panchayats and municipal bodies, to actively participate in awareness campaigns and encourage people to maintain



hygiene in their neighbourhoods. Prabhakar also called on residents to keep their homes and localities clean and adopt healthy lifestyles by engaging in regular physical exercise. He suggested that households should responsibly dispose of unused or damaged electronic items such as televisions, refrigerators, and washing machines by sending them for recycling instead of allowing them to accumulate as waste. The minister further highlighted the need to prevent stagnant water in vacant plots and open spaces in

Husnabad, noting that such conditions often lead to mosquito breeding and related health issues. Civic authorities and residents must work together to eliminate such hazards, he added. As part of the 99-day programme, the municipality plans to conduct daily activities aimed at raising awareness and resolving local civic issues. Authorities will focus on addressing concerns related to drinking water supply, drainage, sanitation, and other essential public services. Prabhakar also stressed the im-

portance of conserving water, especially with the summer season approaching, and urged residents to use water resources carefully. He encouraged efforts to increase enrollment in government schools, organize medical check-ups for students, and promote sports and youth activities in the constituency. The minister expressed hope that Husnabad constituency would set an example by successfully implementing the programme and actively participating in the initiatives scheduled until June 12.

Konda Surekha Inspects Resort at Harina Vanasthali Park

Hyderabad, March 9 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Forest and Environment Minister Konda Surekha conducted a surprise inspection at the Ananya Resort located inside Mahavir Harina Vanasthali National Park following complaints about irregularities in its management.

The minister visited the resort along with forest department officials and reviewed the facilities provided to visitors. During the inspection, she expressed serious concern over the poor maintenance and lack of basic amenities for tourists. She noted that essential facilities such as toilets, the swimming pool, cottages, and the kitchen were not being maintained properly, causing inconvenience to visitors and families who come to the park for recreation.

Konda Surekha said that despite the resort being leased to a private company for the past ten years, the management had allegedly failed to follow government regulations. According to officials who accompanied the minister, the inspection revealed that the resort had paid taxes to the government only once during the entire lease period,



raising concerns about financial irregularities. The minister also pointed out that bookings at the resort were reportedly being made without issuing proper bills. Such practices, she said, result in significant revenue losses to the government. Operating commercial activities without transparent billing was a serious violation and would be examined thoroughly by the authorities.

Another major concern raised during the inspection was the treatment of employees working at the resort. The minister was informed that workers were not receiving proper salaries through bank accounts and that payments were being made through informal methods. She further noted that employees had not been provided with statutory benefits such as provident fund and other labour protections, which she said was a

violation of labour laws. Emphasising the importance of environmental protection, the minister said that eco-tourism activities in forest areas must strictly follow guidelines that support conservation. She stated that activities within a national park should focus on protecting wildlife and preserving natural habitats rather than being used primarily for commercial purposes. In light of the irregularities found during the inspection, Konda Surekha directed officials to initiate steps to cancel the private company's management rights within the next two months. She instructed the forest department to take over the resort and develop the area under its supervision in accordance with eco-tourism standards while providing improved facilities for visitors. The minister also warned that strict action would be taken against anyone violating rules in forest areas. Chief Conservator of Forests Priyanka Varghese, Ranga Reddy DFO Rohit Gopidi, FDO Venkataiah and FRO Sai Prakash accompanied her during the inspection.

New Rajya Sabha MP Vem Narendra Reddy Meets Vakiti Srihari

Hyderabad, March 9 | TPN Bureau

Newly elected Rajya Sabha member Vem Narendra Reddy paid a courtesy visit to State Minister Vakiti Srihari at the Ministers' Quarters in Hyderabad on Sunday.

During the meeting, Minister Vakiti Srihari congratulated Vem Narendra Reddy on his election to the Rajya Sabha and wished him success in his new role as a Member of Parliament. The minister expressed confidence that Narendra Reddy would effectively represent public issues and contribute to the development of the state and the country. On the occasion, Vakiti Srihari and his spouse presented a bouquet to Vem Narendra Reddy as a gesture of goodwill and extended their best wishes for his tenure in the Upper House of Parliament. The meeting was held in a cordial atmosphere, with leaders ex-

changing views and greetings following Narendra Reddy's recent election as a Rajya Sabha member. Also present during the occasion was Shiv Sena Reddy, Chairman of the Telangana State Sports Authority, who also congratulated Vem Narendra Reddy on his election. He conveyed his best wishes and hoped that the newly elected MP would work towards strengthening sports infrastructure and youth development initiatives in the state. Leaders present at the meeting appreciated the contributions of Vem Narendra Reddy to public life and expressed hope that he would continue to work for the welfare and progress of the people. The interaction highlighted the spirit of cooperation among political leaders and marked a moment of celebration for the newly elected parliamentarian.

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Bhatti Vikramarka Offers Prayers at Tirumala

Tirumala, March 9 | TPN Bureau

Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu, Deputy Chief Minister of Telangana, said that offering prayers at the sacred shrine of Lord Venkateswara at Tirumala Temple along with family members was a spiritually fulfilling and divine experience. During his visit, the Deputy Chief Minister prayed for the well-being and prosperity of the people of the Telugu states. On the occasion, he also offered special prayers for the newly married couple, Surya Vikramaditya and Sakshi, wishing them a life blessed with good health, happiness, and prosperity. Bhatti Vikramarka stated that visiting the revered temple, often regarded by devotees as "Kaliyuga Vaikuntham," brought him immense spiritual satisfaction. He said such visits strengthen faith and inspire leaders to work with greater commitment toward public welfare. The Deputy Chief Minister also prayed for the continued development and progress of Telangana.

He expressed hope that the state would achieve greater growth in both economic and social sectors through the upcoming budget that is expected to be presented in the Assembly soon. He further prayed that Telangana should move forward with the vision of becoming a globally competitive state by the year 2047. According to him, the government is committed to implementing policies and development programmes that will strengthen the state's economy, improve social welfare, and enhance opportunities for citizens. Bhatti Vikramarka added that the blessings of Lord Venkateswara would guide the government in taking decisions that benefit the people and contribute to the overall prosperity of the state. The Deputy Chief Minister concluded by expressing his prayers that the people of the Telugu states remain happy, healthy, and prosperous, and that the state continues to progress steadily on the path of development.

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Tummala Meets CM, Discusses Development Issues



Hyderabad, March 9 | TPN Bureau

State Minister Tummala Nagaswara Rao met Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy in Hyderabad on Sunday and discussed several development-related issues concerning farmers and infrastructure projects in the state.

During the meeting, the minister requested the Chief Minister to allocate time for inaugurating the proposed oil palm processing unit at Narmetta in Siddipet district. He informed that the unit would play a significant role in supporting farmers engaged in oil palm cultivation and improving agricultural income in the region. Tummala also brought to the Chief Minister's attention the need to expedite the construction and development works of the market yard at Koheda. He urged the government to issue necessary instructions to concerned departments so that the market facility can be completed quickly and made available for farmers at the earliest.

The minister further informed the Chief Minister that procurement centres for crops such as chickpeas, sunflower, black gram, and groundnut would soon be established to ensure better market

ing facilities for farmers. He said the initiative would help farmers sell their produce without difficulties and receive fair prices. In addition, Tummala appealed to the Chief Minister to allocate house sites and Indiramma housing units to eligible poor families in Velugumatta. He emphasized that providing housing support to economically weaker sections would significantly improve their living conditions. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy reportedly responded positively to the requests made by the minister and assured that the concerned matters would be examined and necessary steps would be taken. The meeting focused on strengthening agricultural infrastructure, improving market access for farmers, and extending welfare schemes to the underprivileged sections of society. Officials said the government is committed to addressing development issues and ensuring that welfare initiatives reach the intended beneficiaries. Minister Tummala expressed confidence that with the Chief Minister's support, the proposed projects and welfare measures would be implemented effectively in the coming months.

Nizamabad Press Club Committee Takes Oath.



Nizamabad, March 9 | TPN Bureau

The oath-taking ceremony of the newly elected committee of the Nizamabad Press Club was held in a grand manner on Sunday. Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) president and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud attended the event as the chief guest and congratulated the newly elected committee members. Addressing the gathering, Mahesh Kumar Goud highlighted the crucial role played by journalists in a democratic system. He said the media carries the responsibility of informing the public truthfully about developments in society. Journalists, he noted, act as an important bridge between the people and the government by bringing public issues to the attention of policymakers and administrators. He expressed confidence that the newly elected committee of the Nizamabad Press Club would work actively for the welfare and rights of journalists. He also emphasized that a strong and responsible media plays a vital role in strengthening democratic values and ensuring transparency in governance. Government advisor Mohammed Ali Shabbir, MLAs Bhupathi Reddy and Danpal Suryanarayana, Nizamabad city Mayor Dandu Neetu Kiran, District Congress Committee president Bobbili Ramakrishna, along with political leaders including

Nagesh Reddy, were among those who attended the ceremony. They extended their greetings to the newly elected Press Club committee members and wished them success in their responsibilities. Several leaders who spoke on the occasion praised the contribution of journalists in highlighting public concerns and promoting accountability in governance. They said that the press plays a vital role in shaping public opinion and ensuring that the voices of citizens reach the authorities concerned. The event witnessed the participation of a large number of Press Club members, public representatives, political leaders, and journalists from the district. The gathering reflected the strong support and solidarity within the media fraternity. The newly elected committee members expressed gratitude for the trust placed in them by fellow journalists. They assured that the committee would work dedicatedly to protect the rights of journalists and focus on initiatives aimed at improving their welfare and professional growth. The ceremony concluded on a positive note, with participants expressing hope that the new leadership would strengthen the activities of the Nizamabad Press Club and further contribute to the development of responsible journalism in the region.

Vakiti Srihari Felicitates Powerlifting Medalist



Hyderabad, March 9 | TPN Bureau

State Minister for Sports and Youth Services Vakiti Srihari felicitated international powerlifter Perumalla Pradeep Kumar at the Ministers' Quarters in Hyderabad on Sunday for winning a silver medal at the recent Powerlifting World Cup.

Pradeep Kumar, a retired gazetted officer from Telangana, achieved the feat in the Masters category at the international competition held last month in Cairo, Egypt. Competing in the 82.5 kg weight category, he lifted a total of 400 kilograms to secure second place and bring laurels to Telangana and the country.

During the meeting, Pradeep Kumar paid a courtesy visit to the minister and presented details of his achievement. Minister Vakiti Srihari congratulated him by placing the medal around his neck and appreciating his dedication and commitment to the sport.

Pradeep Kumar had earlier served as an Accounts Officer in the Malkajgiri Police Commissionerate before retiring from service. Despite his retirement, he continued to pursue powerlifting and successfully represented India at the international level.

Speaking on the occasion, the minister praised Pradeep Kumar for his remarkable performance and for bringing recognition to Telangana on the global stage. He said such achievements inspire young athletes and demonstrate that dedication and perseverance can lead to success at any stage of life.

Vakiti Srihari also assured that the government would extend all possible support to sports persons who bring pride to the state through their achievements. He encouraged Pradeep Kumar to continue participating in international competitions and achieve more victories in the future.

The minister expressed hope that Pradeep Kumar would serve as a role model for aspiring athletes and motivate them to pursue sports with determination and discipline. He added that the Telangana government is committed to promoting sports and providing encouragement to talented athletes across various disciplines.

The felicitation ceremony highlighted the importance of recognizing athletes who achieve excellence and represent the state and the nation at international platforms.

KTR Slams Revanth Reddy Over 'Rahul Bandhu' Remark

Hyderabad, March 9 | TPN Bureau

Working president of the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) and former minister K. T. Rama Rao on Sunday strongly criticised Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, alleging that the Congress government has failed to properly implement farmer welfare schemes and has diverted attention from key agricultural support programmes.

Addressing party leaders and supporters during a public interaction, KTR accused the state government of delaying the release of financial assistance to farmers under the Rythu Bandhu scheme. He claimed that farmers across Telangana were expecting timely support from the government, particularly during the agricultural season when they depend on financial assistance for purchasing seeds, fertilisers, and other inputs.

KTR alleged that the Congress government had not honoured its commitments to the farming community after coming to power. He said the previ-



ous BRS government had implemented Rythu Bandhu as a direct financial support scheme aimed at reducing the burden on farmers and helping them manage cultivation costs. According to him, the scheme had been widely appreciated by farmers during the BRS administration.

Taking a dig at the current government, KTR remarked that the focus of the Congress leadership

appeared to have shifted away from farmers. He sarcastically referred to the situation as the launch of a "Rahul Bandhu" programme, suggesting that the government was more interested in political priorities rather than continuing farmer-centric initiatives.

The BRS leader also accused the ruling party of failing to fulfil several promises made during the Assembly election cam-

paign. He said the Congress had announced multiple welfare guarantees before the elections but had not implemented them effectively after forming the government.

KTR further alleged that delays in releasing financial assistance were creating uncertainty among farmers, particularly those who depend heavily on seasonal support to sustain their agricultural activities. He emphasised

that agriculture remains the backbone of the rural economy and that governments must ensure consistent and reliable support to the farming community.

The former minister stated that the BRS would continue to raise issues concerning farmers' welfare both inside and outside the Assembly. He said the party would question the government on delays in the implementation of welfare schemes and demand greater transparency in the utilisation of public funds meant for agriculture and rural development.

KTR added that the BRS remains committed to safeguarding the interests of farmers and would continue to highlight their concerns in public forums as well as legislative discussions.

The remarks come amid ongoing political exchanges between the BRS and the Congress-led government in Telangana, with both parties frequently criticising each other over governance, welfare programmes, and the implementation of election promises.

Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy Criticizes Lok Sabha Speaker



Hyderabad, March 9 | TPN Bureau

Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy, Member of Parliament from Bhongir Lok Sabha constituency, on Sunday criticized the functioning of the Lok Sabha ahead of the second phase of the Parliament budget session, alleging that the

opposition is not being given adequate opportunity to raise public issues.

Addressing the media, the MP said that opposition parties have moved a no-confidence motion against Om Birla, the Speaker of the Lok Sabha, accusing him of not allowing opposition leaders to

speak in the House.

Kiran Kumar Reddy alleged that the Speaker has been repeatedly preventing Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi and other opposition MPs from expressing their views during parliamentary proceedings. He claimed that while opposition mem-

bers are frequently interrupted, MPs belonging to the ruling alliance are being given more opportunities to speak.

According to the Bhongir MP, the Speaker should ensure equal opportunity for all members of the House, irrespective of party affiliation. However, he alleged that in the 18th Lok Sabha, opposition voices are not receiving adequate importance.

He further claimed that whenever Rahul Gandhi attempts to address the House, disruptions are created. At the same time, he alleged that ruling party leaders such as Nishikant Dubey and Anurag Thakur are given microphones even when it is not necessary.

Kiran Kumar Reddy also objected to a recent statement made by the Speaker claiming that women MPs attempted to attack Narendra Modi, calling it misleading and inappropriate. He said such remarks send the wrong message to the public about the functioning of Parliament.

The MP also demanded that Parliament hold discussions on several important national and in-

ternational issues during the budget session, including the ongoing tensions between Iran and Israel, the suspension of eight MPs from the Lok Sabha, and rising prices of gas and crude oil.

He further alleged that India's policies should not be influenced by external pressure, referring to comments involving Donald Trump and decisions related to imports and tariffs. He said the government should clarify such matters in Parliament and ensure transparency in decision-making.

Kiran Kumar Reddy stated that opposition parties would stage a protest at the Makar Dwar entrance of Parliament to demand protection of democratic values and ensure that public issues are discussed in the House.

He emphasized that all 543 members of the Lok Sabha should be allowed to participate and vote if a no-confidence motion against the Speaker is taken up, adding that democracy can function effectively only when every elected representative is given the opportunity to voice the concerns of the people.

BRS Leaders Meet SCR GM Over Kazipet Railway Issues



Secunderabad, March 9 | TPN Bureau

Senior Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) leader and former Karimnagar MP Boinpally Vinod Kumar, along with several party leaders from Warangal district, met South Central Railway General Manager Sanjay Kumar Srivastava at the Railway Nilayam in Secunderabad on Monday and submitted a memorandum highlighting several railway-related demands concerning the region.

The delegation included former MLAs Dasyam Vinay Bhaskar and Aroori Ramesh, among other BRS leaders. During the meeting, the leaders discussed key issues related to railway development in and around Kazipet and urged the railway authorities to address long-pending demands of the local population.

One of the primary demands raised by the delegation was to provide employment opportunities to land-displaced families affected by the establishment of the Kazipet Railway Coach Factory. Vinod Kumar stated that the families who had given up their land for the project should be given jobs as part of a fair rehabilitation policy.

He pointed out that when the railway coach factory was set up in Latur in Maharashtra, a job package was provided to the displaced families. The BRS leaders requested the

railway authorities to implement a similar employment package for those who lost their land for the Kazipet project. According to Vinod Kumar, the SCR General Manager clarified during the meeting that the facility coming up in Kazipet is indeed a railway coach factory.

The delegation also demanded the establishment of a separate railway division at Kazipet, stating that the region has significant railway activity and deserves administrative recognition through a dedicated division. They said such a move would improve railway operations and infrastructure development in the area.

In addition, the leaders urged the railway authorities to construct railway overbridges (ROBs) and foot overbridges (FOBs) at several locations across the district to ensure the safety and convenience of commuters and residents.

Speaking to the media after the meeting, Vinod Kumar said the SCR General Manager responded positively to the issues raised by the delegation and assured that the requests would be examined.

The BRS leaders expressed hope that the railway authorities would take necessary steps to address the demands, particularly employment for displaced families and improved railway infrastructure in the Kazipet region.

Support Sought for Jeevan Reddy in HCA Secretary Election

Hyderabad, March 9 | TPN Bureau

President of the Amberpet Cricket Club V. Hanumanth has appealed to members of the Hyderabad Cricket Association (HCA) to support and elect Jeevan Reddy, who is contesting for the post of HCA Secretary in the upcoming association elections.

Speaking at a programme held in the city, Hanumanth said Jeevan Reddy is contesting the election with a clear vision of developing cricket and strengthening the sport at all levels across Telangana. He urged all club representatives to support a candidate who is committed to the growth of cricket and the welfare of players.

According to Hanumanth, when a person with a positive outlook and commitment towards sports development comes forward, it becomes the responsibility of the cricketing community to extend its support and ensure such leadership gets an opportunity to serve.

He said that if elected as the Secretary of the Hyderabad Cricket Association, Jeevan Reddy has



promised to work actively for the development of cricket across districts. One of his key priorities, Hanumanth noted, would be encouraging young talent, particularly from rural areas, by providing them with better training facilities, exposure, and opportunities to showcase their abilities.

Hanumanth also highlighted the importance of infrastructure develop-

ment for the growth of the sport. Referring to initiatives taken in neighbouring Andhra Pradesh, he mentioned that former president of the Andhra Cricket Association, Gokaraju Rangaraju, had undertaken several developmental programmes that helped strengthen cricket infrastructure in that state.

Drawing a comparison, he said Jeevan Reddy has

expressed a similar commitment to bring developmental initiatives to Telangana's cricketing ecosystem. He has reportedly assured that cricket grounds will be established in every district of the state to promote the sport at the grassroots level.

Hanumanth called upon all 217 club presidents, secretaries, and office bearers affiliated with the Hy-

derabad Cricket Association to participate in the election process and cast their votes responsibly in the HCA elections scheduled for March 15.

Several members of the cricket fraternity attended the programme, including HCA member Shesh Narayana, Adi Avinash, and others who expressed support for strengthening cricket development initiatives in the state.

Tension in Praneeth Antilia After Wall Demolition



Quthbullapur, March 9 | TPN Bureau

Tension prevailed at the Praneeth Antilia gated community in Bachupally on Monday after officials of the Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA) demolished a portion of the community's compound wall, triggering protests from residents.

Members of the residential community expressed deep concern over the sudden demolition, stating that they have been residing within municipal limits and regularly paying taxes. Residents alleged that the authorities arrived early in the day and began demolishing the compound wall without giving them sufficient time to respond to the notice issued earlier.

According to the residents, officials claimed that the compound wall was obstructing the proposed access road connecting the community to Outer Ring Road (ORR) Exit-4. They said the authorities informed them that a pathway needed to be created from within the community area to the ORR exit, which required removal of a section of the wall.

Residents stated that HYDRAA officials had served notices to the community on Saturday regarding the issue. However, the residents said they had already begun the process of responding through their legal representatives. Before they could formally submit their reply to the authorities, officials arrived at the site on Monday morning and proceeded

with the demolition, they alleged.

Angered by the development, several residents of the gated community came out onto the road and staged a protest, expressing strong dissatisfaction with the action taken by the authorities. Protesters argued that such steps should not have been taken without prior discussions or adequate time for the community to present its explanation.

The residents demanded that officials hold discussions with them and find an amicable solution to the issue. They also urged the authorities to clarify the necessity of the proposed access road and the legal basis for demolishing the compound wall.

Meanwhile, anticipating possible unrest, a large number of HYDRAA personnel along with police forces were deployed in the area to maintain law and order. Officials monitored the situation closely as residents continued to voice their concerns.

The incident has sparked debate in the locality about the process followed in implementing civic and infrastructure decisions that directly affect residential communities. Residents are now awaiting a response from the authorities regarding the future course of action and whether any dialogue will be initiated to resolve the dispute.

How the disagreement between officials and residents will ultimately be resolved remains to be seen.

Police Hold Anti-Drug Awareness Drive for Students



Quthbullapur, March 9 | TPN Bureau

As part of the Telangana government's flagship initiative Praja Palana-Pragathi Pranalika, the Dundigal Police organized an anti-drug awareness programme for students in their jurisdiction on Monday. The event was conducted following the directions of the Cyberabad Police Commissioner with the aim of educating youth about the dangers of drug abuse.

The programme was held at MLR ATM College under the leadership of Dundigal Station House Officer (SHO) Satish. Around 300 students participated in the awareness session, where police officials explained the serious physical, psychological, and social consequences associated with drug addiction.

During the session, officers warned that drug abuse can destroy the future of young people and severely impact their education, health, and personal lives. They advised students to stay away from harmful habits and focus on their academic goals and career development. Police officials also stressed that youth have a key role to play in spreading awareness and building a drug-free society.

The officers encouraged students to remain vigilant and report any suspicious drug-related activities in their surroundings. They emphasized that community cooperation, especially from students and educational institutions, is crucial in preventing the spread of narcotics among young

people.

College management extended full support to the programme and appreciated the efforts of the police department in creating awareness among students. Representatives from the college suggested that internship opportunities related to anti-drug campaigns and cybercrime awareness through the police department would further benefit students by providing practical exposure and social responsibility.

Officials noted that such awareness programmes are essential in guiding young people in the right direction and preventing them from falling into the trap of addiction. They said that continuous outreach initiatives in educational institutions can play a significant role in shaping responsible and informed citizens.

Police also used the platform to highlight the growing challenges posed by cybercrime and urged students to be cautious while using digital platforms. They encouraged students to use technology responsibly and report online fraud or suspicious activities to authorities.

Dundigal Circle Inspector Satish, Sub-Inspector Ranjith Reddy, other police personnel, college staff, and a large number of students participated in the event. The programme concluded with a call for collective efforts from the police, educational institutions, and the community to ensure a safer and drug-free environment for the youth.

Illegal Constructions Trigger Complaints in Quthbullapur

Quthbullapur, March 9 | TPN Bureau

A surge in complaints related to illegal constructions dominated the Prajavani public grievance programme held at the Quthbullapur Zonal Office in Chintal on Monday, drawing attention to growing concerns over urban planning violations in the area. Out of the total grievances received during the programme, as many as 30 complaints were linked to the Town Planning department, raising questions about the enforcement of building regulations in the zone.

Residents who attended the grievance redressal session alleged that unauthorized constructions have been increasing rapidly across several localities in the Quthbullapur zone. According to them, many builders and property owners are undertaking construction activities without obtaining proper permissions from the authorities. Citizens also complained about widespread violations of setback rules, which are meant to ensure adequate space between buildings for safety, ventilation, and public access.

Another major concern raised by residents was the conversion of residential properties into commercial establishments without approval. People said such changes are causing inconvenience to neighbour-



hoods, including increased traffic congestion, noise, and pressure on civic infrastructure. Several complainants urged officials to take immediate action against those violating building regulations.

Locals also questioned whether the Town Planning department had been vigilant enough in monitoring construction activities in the area. The unusually high number of complaints in a single Prajavani session has sparked debate

among residents about whether Quthbullapur has become a hotspot for illegal constructions.

Officials present at the programme acknowledged receiving the latest session and assured citizens that the grievances would be examined thoroughly. They said that each complaint would be verified through field inspections and appropriate action would be taken against violations found during the investigation.

The Prajavani initiative

is intended to provide a platform for citizens to directly present their grievances to government officials. The large number of complaints related to town planning during the latest session indicates that the issue of unauthorized constructions is becoming a pressing civic concern in the Quthbullapur zone.

Residents expressed hope that authorities would act swiftly and transparently to address the problem and ensure strict implementation

of urban planning norms. They emphasized that timely action against illegal structures is essential to maintain orderly development and protect the quality of life in residential neighbourhoods.

With public attention now focused on the issue, local residents are keenly watching whether officials will take concrete steps to curb unauthorized constructions and strengthen monitoring mechanisms in the Quthbullapur zone.

Illegal Sheds Demolished in Kompally-Dulapally

Quthbullapur, March 9 | TPN Bureau

Municipal authorities carried out a demolition drive against illegal constructions in Kompally and Dulapally areas under Circle-56 of the Cyberabad Municipal Corporation on Monday. Officials demolished seven sheds that were reportedly constructed without obtaining the required municipal permissions.

The action was taken following instructions from Deputy Commissioner N. Krishna Reddy, who directed the Town Planning department and municipal staff to conduct special inspections in the area. During the inspections, officials identified several sheds that had been erected in violation of municipal rules and without proper approvals.

After confirming the violations, the authorities immediately launched a demolition operation with the help of bulldozers and JCB machines. The illegal sheds were brought down as part of the corpora-

tion's efforts to curb unauthorized constructions and enforce urban development regulations.

Officials said the drive was conducted to ensure that all construction activities comply with municipal norms and building regulations. They emphasized that unauthorized structures not only violate planning guidelines but can also create safety hazards and disrupt orderly urban development.

Deputy Commissioner N. Krishna Reddy stated that the municipal corporation will not tolerate illegal constructions within its jurisdiction. He urged property owners and developers to strictly follow municipal rules and obtain necessary permissions before undertaking any construction work.

He also warned that strict legal action would be taken against those who violate building regulations, and such unauthorized structures would inevitably face demolition. According to officials, the civic body is

intensifying its efforts to monitor construction activities and identify violations at an early stage.

The authorities further stated that maintaining planned urban growth is essential for the city's infrastructure, public safety, and overall development. They stressed that adherence to building rules and planning norms is crucial to prevent congestion, infrastructure strain, and environmental issues in rapidly growing urban areas.

Officials confirmed that inspections and enforcement drives against illegal constructions will continue in various parts of the municipal corporation limits. They said the corporation is committed to ensuring that development takes place in accordance with the law and approved plans.

Town Planning officials, along with personnel from various municipal departments, participated in the demolition operation. The authorities also appealed to citizens to cooperate



with the civic body and report any illegal construction activities in their localities.

Two Reserve SI's Caught in ACB Net in LB Nagar



Hyderabad, March 9 | TPN Bureau

In a significant anti-corruption operation, the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) officials caught two Armed Reserve Sub-Inspectors while allegedly accepting a

bribe at the Cyber Crime Police Station under the Malkajgiri Police Commissionerate in LB Nagar on Saturday.

According to ACB officials, the accused officers

— Pramod Goud and Jata-vath Babu Naik — were working as Armed Reserve Sub-Inspectors at the Cyber Crime Police Station. The officers allegedly demanded a bribe of ₹1,00,000 from a

complainant in connection with a cybercrime case.

Investigators said the officers demanded the bribe in exchange for not freezing the complainant's bank account and for issuing a notice under Section 35 BNSS instead of proceeding with arrest in the cybercrime case. Unable to bear the pressure, the victim approached the ACB and filed a complaint against the officers.

Acting on the complaint, a trap was arranged by ACB officials. During the operation, the accused officer Jata-vath Babu Naik was caught red-handed while accepting the bribe amount on behalf of himself and his colleague. Officials recovered the tainted bribe money of ₹1,00,000 from his possession.

The operation was carried out under the supervision of Gangasani Sridhar, Deputy Superintendent of Police, ACB Hyderabad Range-II. Following the successful trap, ACB teams conducted searches at the Cyber Crime Police Station to collect further evidence related to the case.

ACB officials stated that the accused officers had

misused their official position and acted dishonestly to obtain undue advantage from the complainant. Both officers were taken into custody and will be produced before the Special Court for ACB Cases in Nampally for judicial remand.

The Anti-Corruption Bureau also reiterated its appeal to the public to report any instances of bribery involving government officials. Citizens can contact the ACB through the toll-free helpline number 1064 or through social media platforms to lodge complaints.

Officials assured that the identity of complainants would be kept strictly confidential and necessary action would be taken against corrupt public servants.

The incident has once again highlighted the importance of vigilance and the role of citizens in exposing corruption within government institutions. The investigation into the case is currently underway, and ACB authorities are examining whether the accused officers were involved in similar activities earlier.

World Cup Celebrations Turn Tense in Maisammaguda

Quthbullapur, March 9 | TPN Bureau

Celebrations following India's World Cup cricket victory turned tense in Maisammaguda under the limits of the Pet Basheerabad Police Station on Sunday night after a large gathering of youths reportedly created disturbances and allegedly attacked police personnel with stones.

According to police sources, the incident occurred around 11 p.m. when thousands of young people came out onto the streets to celebrate India's victory. An estimated crowd of nearly 7,000 to 8,000 youths gathered in the area, waving flags, dancing, and cheering as part of the celebrations.

During the celebrations, some youths reportedly stopped a passing DCM vehicle and climbed on top of it, dancing and shouting slogans. Their actions led to heavy disruption of traffic, as several vehicles were forced to halt on the road. Commuters in the area faced inconvenience due to the sudden crowd and road blockage.

Upon receiving information, police personnel rushed to the spot and attempted to disperse the crowd to restore normalcy and clear the traffic congestion. However, while the police were trying to control the situation and move the youths away from the road, a few individuals allegedly began pelting stones at the police.

The stone-pelting briefly creat-



ed tension in the locality, prompting the police to intensify efforts to disperse the crowd. As police moved in to control the situation, several youths reportedly fled from the spot and ran into nearby hostels to avoid being caught.

According to Circle Inspector Vijayavardhan, further complications arose when a women's hostel warden complained that some youths had behaved in an inappropriate manner and used abusive language toward her during the commotion. Acting on her complaint, police entered the hostel premises and took the individuals involved into custody.

Police have registered a case against the youths involved in the incident and launched an investigation to identify others who participated in the disturbance. Authorities are also examining video footage and other evidence to determine the sequence of events.

Officials said strict action would be taken against those responsible for disturbing public order and attacking police personnel. They also appealed to the public, especially young people, to celebrate such occasions responsibly without causing inconvenience or danger to others.

The situation was eventually brought under control, and police maintained a strong presence in the area to prevent any further disturbances.

Congress Leaders Inspect Weed Removal at HMT Lake



Nacharam, March 9 | TPN Bureau

Leaders of the Indian National Congress inspected the ongoing removal of excessive aquatic weed growth at the HMT Lake in Nacharam on Monday, following complaints from local residents about increasing mosquito problems in the area.

According to local Congress leaders, the lake had recently witnessed rapid growth of gurrapu dekka (aquatic weed), which led to stagnant water conditions and an increase in mosquito breeding. Residents of the Nacharam division raised concerns over the issue and submitted a representation to Congress senior leader and Uppal constituency in-charge Mandamula Parameshwar Reddy seeking immediate intervention.

Responding to the request, Parameshwar Reddy spoke with officials of the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) and urged them to address the issue at the earliest. Acting on the request, municipal authorities initiated the removal of the weed using specialized machinery to clean the lake and restore proper water flow.

During his visit to the site, Parameshwar Reddy reviewed the progress of the works and interacted with local party leaders and residents. He said that unchecked growth of aquatic weeds can create environmental prob-

lems and pose health risks due to mosquito breeding, especially during changing weather conditions.

He also stressed the importance of regular maintenance and monitoring of water bodies to ensure a clean environment and prevent public health concerns. The Congress leader assured residents that he would continue to follow up with civic authorities until the problem is fully resolved.

Local Congress leaders expressed their gratitude to Parameshwar Reddy for responding promptly to the issue and ensuring that necessary steps were taken to address the problem. They said the removal of the weed would help reduce mosquito breeding and improve sanitation in the surrounding areas.

Several Congress leaders and party workers participated in the inspection programme. Among them were Som Bhavana Goud, Srikanth Goud, Krishna Reddy, Ashwadhama Reddy, Mahesh Yadav, Faseenuddin, and Gadda Kranti, along with other senior leaders from the Nacharam division.

Residents of the locality expressed hope that continued cleaning and maintenance of the lake would prevent similar issues in the future and help maintain a healthier environment in the area.

Adarsha Women Welfare Association Marks 11th Anniversary

Quthbullapur, March 9 | TPN Bureau

The 11th anniversary celebrations of the Adarsha Women Welfare Association in Nizampet on Sunday, coinciding with the observance of International Women's Day. The event witnessed active participation from women across the locality and focused on promoting women's health, empowerment, and self-reliance.

As part of the celebrations, a free medical camp was organized for women with the support of a team of doctors from KIMS Hospitals. The camp provided health check-ups and diagnostic tests worth approximately ₹15,000 free of cost, enabling women to undergo basic medical screening and consult healthcare professionals.

In addition, cancer screening tests valued at around ₹5,000 were conducted under the supervision of the Grace Cancer Association. The initiative aimed to raise awareness among women about early detection and preventive measures related to cancer, encouraging them to take proactive steps toward maintaining their health.

A special attraction of the event was the "Miss Nizampet" beauty contest organized exclusively for women. Participants enthusiastically took part in the competition, showcasing confidence and talent.



Organizers announced that winners of the contest would receive cash prizes totaling ₹20,000.

Speaking on the occasion, Chalasani Bharati, founder of the Adarsha Women Welfare Association, emphasized that the organization is committed to promoting awareness about women's health, self-defense, and economic empowerment. She encouraged women to actively participate in all fields and strive for independence and leadership in society.

To further support women's safety, self-defense training was con-

ducted during the programme by Karate Kalyani, who demonstrated various karate techniques and provided practical guidance on personal safety and self-protection.

Organizers stated that the primary goal of the programme was to increase awareness about women's health and create opportunities for self-employment and skill development. They noted that such initiatives play an important role in empowering women and strengthening their confidence in everyday life.

A large number of women at-

tended the programme and actively participated in the various activities organized as part of the celebrations.

Among those present at the event were association president Chalasani Bharati, general secretary Guduru Srilatha, joint secretary Padmakanti, and executive committee members Sujatha, Nagalakshmi, and Phani, along with several volunteers and local residents. The event concluded with appreciation for the association's efforts in promoting women's welfare in the community.

Teachers Hold Black Badge Protest at URS Adilabad



Adilabad, March 9 | TPN Bureau

Teachers at the Urban Residential School (URS) in Adilabad staged a black badge protest on Sunday in response to a call given by the Telangana State United Teachers Federation (TSUTF). The protest was organized during the lunch break as part of the first phase of the statewide agitation announced by the federation.

According to the participants, the demonstration was intended to bring their long-pending demands to the attention of the government. Teachers expressed concern over unresolved issues affecting their service conditions and urged the authorities to take immediate steps to address them.

During the protest, teachers and staff members wore black badges as a symbol of dissent while continuing their regular duties in the school. The participants said the programme was conducted peacefully and reflected the unity of teaching and non-teaching staff in supporting the federation's call.

Teachers including Ravikanth Reddy, Ganesh, Rajanna, and Harika took part in the demonstration. Non-teaching staff members Swapna and Ruthika

also joined the protest and expressed their support for the demands raised by the teachers' federation.

The protesting staff demanded that the government release salaries for the strike period and implement a proper pay scale for teachers. They stated that addressing these issues is essential to ensure fair treatment and financial security for educators.

Participants emphasized that teachers play a crucial role in shaping the future of students and society, and therefore their legitimate demands should be resolved at the earliest. They urged the government to initiate discussions with the federation and take necessary measures to resolve the concerns raised by teachers.

The black badge protest was part of the first phase of the agitation programme announced by the Telangana State United Teachers Federation, which plans to organize similar demonstrations across various districts in the state.

Teachers at URS Adilabad said they would continue to support the federation's call until their demands are addressed and appropriate action is taken by the authorities.

ABVP Raises Concerns Over Crisis at Nizam College

Hyderabad, March 9 | TPN Bureau

Concerns have been raised over the deteriorating conditions at Nizam College, one of the oldest and most reputed educational institutions in Telangana. Surrender Dandugula, city secretary of Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) Basheerbagh unit, stated that the historic college, which has shaped the future of thousands of students for decades, is currently facing several infrastructural and administrative challenges.

Speaking about the issue, Surrender said the college has long served as a beacon of hope for students from economically weaker sections, rural backgrounds, and middle-class families. Over the years, the institution has produced many prominent personalities including political leaders, professors, scientists, and academicians who have contributed significantly to society.

He noted that the college has also been associated with several distinguished alumni, including renowned Indian astronaut Rakesh Sharma, highlighting its historic academic legacy.

However, Surrender alleged that the institution has been struggling with numerous problems over the past four to five years. Among the major concerns are inadequate hos-



tel facilities, shortage of rooms, insufficient toilets, lack of proper drinking water supply, and poor quality food in the hostel mess,

which are affecting the daily lives of students.

In addition, he pointed out that laboratories in the college lack ad-

equate equipment, while computer labs suffer from a shortage of functional systems. The library too reportedly lacks essential academic books required for students' studies, which has had a negative impact on the overall learning environment.

Students are also facing difficulties due to the absence of Wi-Fi facilities on campus, outdated classroom furniture, and non-functional fans and lights in several classrooms. These issues, Surrender said, have been creating inconvenience for students on a daily basis.

Further concerns include delays in scholarship disbursements, lack of proper security arrangements on campus, and inadequate development of sports facilities and playgrounds. Such problems, he said, are particularly affecting students from rural and economically weaker backgrounds who rely heavily on institutional support.

Surrender urged the state government and concerned authorities to immediately address these issues and take steps to restore the institution's infrastructure and academic environment. He warned that if the problems are not resolved soon, the historic college, once known for nurturing the dreams of thousands of students, risks losing its academic excellence and legacy.

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.

Delhi High Court Stays Remarks Against CBI Officers In Liquor Policy Case

The Delhi High Court has stayed certain remarks made by a trial court against officers of the Central Bureau of Investigation in connection with the controversial Delhi liquor policy case. The High Court also issued notices to Arvind Kejriwal and Manish Sisodia, seeking their response to a petition filed by the investigating agency.

The development came after the CBI challenged a trial court order that had discharged several accused in the case, including Kejriwal and Sisodia. While clearing the accused, the trial court had made strong observations about the conduct of CBI officers and even recommended departmental action against the investigating officer.

During the High Court hearing, the CBI argued that these remarks were unfair and damaging to the agency's reputation. The agency claimed that its investigation into the alleged irregularities in the Delhi excise policy was conducted in a thorough and



scientific manner. Government law officers also told the court that the trial court's judgment ignored crucial evidence collected during the investigation.

According to the CBI, the discharge order effectively amounted to an acquittal without a proper trial in what it described as a serious corruption case. The agency further argued that the trial court had

incorrectly evaluated the evidence at an early stage instead of allowing the case to proceed to trial.

The High Court took note of these arguments and temporarily stayed the controversial remarks made against the investigating officers. It also issued notices to Kejriwal, Sisodia and other accused individuals, asking them to respond to the CBI's appeal

challenging their discharge from the case.

The case relates to allegations of corruption and irregularities in the now-scrapped Delhi excise policy introduced by the city government. The policy had triggered a major political controversy, with opposition parties accusing the government of favouring certain liquor businesses. The allegations led to investigations by both the CBI and the Enforcement Directorate.

Earlier, a special court had dismissed the charges against the accused, citing lack of sufficient evidence to proceed with the trial. However, the CBI has now approached the High Court seeking to overturn that decision and revive the case.

The High Court will continue hearing the matter after receiving responses from the accused, and its decision could have significant implications for the high-profile investigation and the political debate surrounding the liquor policy controversy.

“Dialogue And Diplomacy Only Solution”: Jaishankar On Iran War Amid Parliament Chaos



India's External Affairs Minister Subrahmanya Jaishankar told Parliament that dialogue and diplomacy remain the only solution to the escalating conflict in West Asia. His statement came during a heated session in the Rajya Sabha, where opposition members raised strong concerns about the ongoing tensions involving Iran and the wider Middle East region.

Addressing lawmakers, Jaishankar said the situation in West Asia has become a matter of serious concern due to rising violence and instability. He stressed that India believes the crisis must be resolved through peaceful means and urged all sides involved in the conflict to avoid further escalation. According to him, maintaining stability in the region is extremely important because of its close economic and strategic ties with India.

The minister highlighted that millions of Indians live and work across the Gulf re-

gion, making their safety a top priority for the government. He assured Parliament that authorities are closely monitoring developments and are taking necessary steps to protect Indian citizens. Indian diplomatic missions in the region are actively assisting nationals and maintaining constant communication with local authorities.

Jaishankar also informed lawmakers that the government has issued travel advisories asking Indian citizens to avoid non-essential travel to Iran. Indians currently living there have been advised to stay in contact with the Indian embassy and follow official guidance due to the deteriorating security situation.

During his statement, the minister acknowledged that the conflict has already had tragic consequences involving Indian nationals. He mentioned that two Indian mariners had lost their lives while another person connected to maritime activity

in the region was reported missing. The government, he said, is providing assistance to the affected families and working to gather more details about the incident.

Apart from humanitarian concerns, Jaishankar also underlined the broader economic implications of the crisis. The Middle East plays a crucial role in India's energy security and trade, as it remains one of the country's largest suppliers of crude oil and natural gas. Any prolonged conflict in the region could potentially disrupt energy supplies and affect global oil prices.

Concluding his remarks, Jaishankar outlined the government's key priorities in dealing with the situation. These include promoting peace through diplomacy, ensuring the safety of Indian citizens abroad, and safeguarding India's strategic and economic interests during a period of heightened global tensions.

Centre Extends LPG Refill Booking Gap To 25 Days To Prevent Hoarding

The central government has increased the minimum waiting period for booking a refill of domestic LPG cylinders from 21 days to 25 days in an effort to prevent hoarding and black marketing of cooking gas.

According to government sources, the move was taken after authorities observed unusual booking patterns in several parts of the country. In some cases, consumers who previously booked cylinders after long intervals suddenly began placing orders within a few days, raising concerns about panic buying and stockpiling.

Officials said the revised booking rule aims to ensure fair distribution of LPG cylinders among households and prevent unnecessary pressure on the supply chain. By increasing the gap between book-



ings, the government hopes to discourage consumers from ordering cylinders earlier than required.

The decision comes at a time when global energy markets are witnessing uncertainty due to rising tensions in West Asia. Authorities believe the new rule will help maintain stable supplies and prevent panic buying during a period

of geopolitical instability.

Alongside the change in booking rules, the government has also directed oil refineries to increase LPG production to ensure adequate availability across the country. Officials have instructed that domestic consumers should be prioritised over commercial users so that households do not face shortages.

The government is also exploring additional international sources to strengthen India's LPG supply chain. Several countries have reportedly shown interest in supplying LPG to India, which could help diversify the country's fuel imports and maintain stable reserves.

Officials have reassured the public that India currently has sufficient fuel reserves and that there is no immediate shortage of petrol, diesel, or cooking gas. They also indicated that fuel prices are unlikely to rise unless global crude oil prices increase sharply.

The new rule is expected to stabilise demand, prevent panic bookings, and ensure that genuine domestic consumers continue to receive regular LPG cylinder supplies without disruption.

Delhi–Manchester IndiGo Flight Makes U-Turn After 7 Hours Amid Iran War



An IndiGo flight travelling from Delhi to Manchester was forced to return to the Indian capital mid-air after flying for nearly seven hours due to sudden airspace restrictions linked to the escalating conflict in West Asia.

According to flight tracking data, IndiGo flight 6E33 had already covered a significant distance before making a U-turn near the border between Ethiopia and Eritrea. The aircraft had departed from Delhi earlier in the day and was expected to reach Manchester in about 11 hours under normal conditions.

The airline later confirmed that the decision to turn back was taken because of last-minute restrictions imposed on certain airspaces as tensions continue to rise in the Middle East. Safety concerns and rapidly changing conditions in the region forced the airline to alter its flight plan.

To avoid the conflict zones, the aircraft had already been following an unusual southern route through the Gulf of Aden and parts of Africa instead of the traditional flight path across West Asian airspace. However, new restrictions introduced

during the journey made it impossible for the plane to continue safely toward its destination.

IndiGo said that passenger and crew safety remained its top priority and that the aircraft had to return to its origin as a precautionary measure. The airline also indicated that flights passing through or near the Middle East may face diversions, delays, or longer routes as the geopolitical situation continues to evolve.

The Delhi-Manchester service had only recently resumed after a brief gap and marked one of IndiGo's long-haul international routes. The sudden disruption highlights how global conflicts can directly affect international aviation, forcing airlines to change routes or cancel flights at short notice.

Airlines around the world have been closely monitoring the situation in West Asia, as airspace closures or restrictions in the region can significantly impact travel between Asia and Europe. With tensions still high, aviation authorities and airlines are continuing to assess flight paths to ensure passenger safety.

Opposition Targets Government Over Iran War, Drops Plan For Trust Vote Against Speaker



The second half of Parliament's Budget Session began with sharp political tensions as opposition parties shifted their focus to criticising the government over the ongoing Iran war and its possible impact on India's economy.

Initially, several opposition leaders had planned to move a no-confidence motion against Om Birla. However, the move was eventually dropped as opposition parties reportedly lacked the numbers needed to pass such a motion in the House.

Instead, opposition MPs chose to focus their criticism on the government's response to the escalating conflict involving Iran and Israel. They argued that the ongoing tensions in the Middle East could push global crude oil prices higher, which may have serious economic consequences for India.

As the session resumed, opposition members raised slogans and displayed placards inside Parliament, demanding a discussion on the situation. Several MPs expressed concerns about the possible rise in fuel prices and the broader economic impact if the conflict continues to escalate.

During the proceedings, Sub-

rahmanya Jaishankar addressed lawmakers and briefed Parliament on the developments in West Asia. He explained India's diplomatic approach and outlined the government's efforts to monitor the situation closely.

Opposition leaders also questioned the government about the safety of Indian citizens currently in Iran. They demanded details about evacuation plans and asked what steps were being taken to ensure the safe return of Indians if the conflict worsens.

The issue quickly turned into a major political flashpoint, highlighting how global geopolitical tensions can influence domestic politics. Opposition parties insisted that the government must provide clear answers on how it plans to handle potential economic fallout from rising oil prices and protect Indian nationals abroad.

With strong exchanges already taking place at the start of the session, the remaining days of Parliament's Budget Session are expected to witness heated debates on foreign policy, energy security, and the government's strategy in dealing with the evolving crisis in the Middle East.

Has Himanta Biswa Sarma Softened His Stand On “Miya” Ahead Of Assam Polls?



Himanta Biswa Sarma has recently shown signs of moderating his tone on the controversial “Miya” issue as the state prepares for the 2026 Assam Legislative Assembly election, although his broader political stance has largely remained unchanged.

The term “Miya” is often used in Assam to refer to Bengali-speaking Muslims, many of whom are believed by some political groups to have origins in migration from Bangladesh. The issue has been politically sensitive for years and has frequently appeared in debates over identity, land rights, and immigration in the state.

In the past, Sarma had adopted an aggressive stance on the issue, speaking strongly about eviction drives, alleged illegal immigration, and demographic changes in Assam. His comments and policies drew both support from sections of Assamese nationalist groups and criticism from opposition parties and civil

society groups who accused him of targeting a particular community.

However, recent statements suggest that Sarma is reframing his rhetoric ahead of the elections. Instead of directly attacking the community, he has begun emphasizing themes such as “illegal land encroachment,” “protecting indigenous rights,” and “law-based eviction drives.” His messaging appears to focus more on administrative action and governance rather than direct community-specific criticism.

Political observers say this shift may be part of a broader electoral strategy. The BJP leadership in Assam is aiming to consolidate its core voter base while avoiding excessive polarization that could trigger backlash or legal challenges during the election period.

At the same time, Sarma has not fully abandoned the political narrative around the issue. He continues to highlight con-

cerns about land encroachment and demographic balance, arguing that the government's policies are meant to protect indigenous communities and maintain social stability in the state.

Opposition parties, including the Congress and regional groups, claim the change in tone is purely tactical and meant to soften public perception ahead of the polls. They argue that the government's policies and past statements still reflect a confrontational approach toward the Bengali-speaking Muslim population.

The upcoming Assam election will be crucial for Sarma and the ruling party, which is seeking another term in power. Analysts believe the campaign will revolve around identity politics, development, immigration, and governance, with the “Miya” issue continuing to play a role—though perhaps in a more carefully framed political narrative than before.

“US Will Regret This”: Iran Warns After American Submarine Sinks Warship Near Sri Lanka



Iran has issued a strong warning to the United States after a US submarine sank an Iranian naval warship in the Indian Ocean, around 2,000 miles from Iran's coastline. The incident has sharply escalated tensions between the two countries and raised fears that the conflict could spread beyond the Middle East.

The Iranian warship, a frigate named IRIS Dena, was reportedly struck by a torpedo fired from a US submarine near the southern coast of Sri Lanka. The vessel had recently taken part in a multinational naval exercise hosted by India and was on its return journey when the attack occurred in international waters.

According to reports, the

strike caused severe damage to the ship, which sank soon afterward. Rescue operations were launched in the surrounding waters, and several sailors were pulled from the sea. However, Iranian officials said the attack resulted in heavy casualties, with dozens of sailors killed and many others injured.

Iran strongly condemned the strike and described it as an act of aggression. Iranian authorities said the warship was far from Iranian territory and claimed it was not involved in combat operations at the time of the attack. Officials warned that the United States would “bitterly regret” the action and vowed that Iran would respond at a time and place of its

choosing.

The United States acknowledged that one of its submarines carried out the strike. American defense officials said the action was part of a broader military operation targeting Iranian naval assets amid the ongoing regional conflict. They stated that the Iranian vessel was considered a legitimate military target.

The incident has triggered a sharp diplomatic dispute between the two nations. Iran insists the vessel was returning from a naval exercise and was not fully armed, while the United States maintains that the ship posed a potential threat.

The sinking of the warship also highlights how the conflict is expanding geographically.

While tensions have largely been centered in the Middle East, this incident occurred deep in the Indian Ocean, raising concerns about maritime security in the region.

Sri Lanka reportedly conducted search-and-rescue operations for sailors after the attack. Meanwhile, other Iranian naval vessels in the region moved closer to nearby ports to assist with rescue efforts and provide support.

Security experts warn that the incident could trigger further escalation between Iran and the United States. Any retaliatory action could increase tensions in major shipping routes, including key oil transport corridors, potentially affecting global trade and energy markets.

Why Attacking Turkey, a NATO Member, Is a High-Risk Move for Iran



Tensions in the Middle East have intensified after reports that a missile launched from Iran toward Turkish airspace was intercepted by air-defence systems. The incident has raised concerns that the conflict could spread beyond its current boundaries, especially because Turkey is a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

Turkey shares a long border with Iran and holds a strategically important position in the region. While Iran has launched missile and drone attacks against several countries hosting US military assets, Turkey had largely avoided being directly drawn into the conflict. However, the reported missile incident has highlighted the risks involved if Iran targets a NATO member.

If Article 5 were invoked, the alliance's more than 30 member nations could respond collectively, potentially bringing several powerful militaries into the conflict.

Even if Article 5 is not immediately triggered, an attack on Turkey would likely result in strong political and military consequences. NATO could increase defensive deployments in the region and provide additional support to Turkey. The alliance already maintains advanced air-defense systems capable of intercepting incoming missiles.

Turkey also occupies a crucial geographic location between Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. The country hosts several important NATO facilities and military bases, some of which are used by United States forces. Any attack on Turkish territory could therefore threaten NATO infrastructure and draw a stronger response from Western allies.

Diplomatically, targeting Turkey could also further isolate Iran on the global stage. Turkey has often attempted to maintain balanced relations in regional disputes and has sometimes acted as a mediator between conflicting sides. An attack on Turkey could damage those diplomatic channels and push Ankara closer to Western military alliances.

Another factor that makes such an attack risky is Turkey's strong military capability. Turkey has the second-largest military force in NATO after the United States. Its armed forces include a large standing army, modern air force, advanced drone technology, and well-developed defense infrastructure. A direct confrontation with Turkey could therefore open another major front in an already complex regional conflict.

Overall, analysts believe that attacking Turkey would be a high-risk strategy for Iran. Such a move could transform a regional conflict into a broader confrontation involving NATO, significantly increasing the scale and consequences of the ongoing tensions.

US Tests 'Doomsday' Minuteman III Missile Amid Rising Iran-Israel War Tensions

The United States has conducted a test of its nuclear-capable Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) amid rising tensions linked to the ongoing conflict involving Iran, Israel, and the United States. The missile launch has drawn global attention because it occurred at a time when geopolitical tensions in the Middle East are already high.

The test was carried out from Vandenberg Space Force Base in California. According to the US Air Force, the missile used in the test was unarmed and the launch was part of a routine exercise intended to verify the reliability and effectiveness of the country's strategic missile systems. Officials emphasized that the test had been scheduled years in advance and was not directly related to the ongoing conflict in the Middle East.

After being launched, the missile traveled thousands of kilometers across the Pacific Ocean before reaching its designated target area near Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshall Islands. The missile carried test re-entry vehicles that allowed engineers and defense experts



to collect data on its flight performance, navigation systems, and targeting accuracy.

The Minuteman III is one of the most powerful weapons in the US nuclear arsenal. It is a land-based intercontinental ballistic missile designed to carry nuclear warheads over extremely long distances. With a range of roughly 13,000 to 14,000 kilometers, the missile is capable of striking targets almost anywhere in the world within a short period of time.

This missile system forms an important part of the US nuclear deterrence strategy and is a key component of the country's nuclear triad, which includes land-based missiles, submarine-launched ballistic missiles, and nuclear-capable strategic bombers. The Minuteman III has been in service since the 1970s and continues to play a major role in maintaining the United States' strategic defense capabilities.

Although the test was de-

scribed as routine, its timing has attracted significant international attention. The ongoing tensions between Iran, Israel, and the United States have already led to military confrontations, missile strikes, and naval incidents in different regions.

Security analysts believe that such tests often serve as demonstrations of military readiness and deterrence, especially during periods of geopolitical instability. They show that the country's strategic weapons systems remain fully operational and capable of responding to potential threats.

The missile test comes at a time when global leaders and defense experts are closely monitoring developments in the Middle East. Any further escalation in the conflict could have serious implications for regional stability and global security.

While US officials maintain that the launch was part of a routine testing program, the event has nevertheless highlighted the heightened tensions surrounding the ongoing conflict and the growing concerns about possible wider military escalation.

Second Iranian Warship Moves Toward Sri Lanka After US Submarine Attack

A second Iranian naval vessel is heading toward Sri Lanka just a day after a US submarine sank an Iranian warship in the Indian Ocean. The development has heightened tensions in the region and raised concerns about further confrontation between the United States and Iran as the conflict continues to expand beyond the Middle East.

The earlier incident involved the Iranian frigate IRIS Dena, which was struck by a torpedo fired from a US submarine near the southern coast of Sri Lanka. The ship sank after the attack, leading to significant casualties among its crew. The strike marked a rare instance of submarine warfare in recent years and has intensified hostilities between the two countries.

Following the sinking of the frigate, another Iranian vessel has moved toward Sri Lankan waters. Reports indicate that the ship was operating in the same region when the attack on the first vessel took place and is now approaching the island nation. The movement has raised concerns that the vessel could also become a potential target if tensions escalate further.



Sri Lanka has unexpectedly found itself at the center of the situation because the naval incident occurred close to its coastline. The Sri Lankan government has been carefully managing the developments while maintaining a neutral stance. Authorities in the country have conducted rescue operations for sailors from the sunken Iranian warship and provided humanitarian assistance to those affected by the

attack.

Officials said more than 200 crew members from the second Iranian vessel were brought ashore for medical examinations and safety measures. Sri Lankan authorities stated that the action was taken for humanitarian reasons to ensure the well-being of the sailors and maintain maritime safety in the area.

The sinking of the first Iranian warship and the movement

of another vessel toward Sri Lanka have drawn international attention to the Indian Ocean region. Analysts believe that increasing naval activity and military operations in the area could create new security challenges for global shipping routes.

Important sea lanes that pass through the Indian Ocean are used for international trade and energy transportation. Any instability in this region could affect shipping operations and disrupt the flow of goods and oil supplies.

Diplomatic tensions have also intensified following the incident. Iran strongly condemned the attack and warned that the United States would face consequences. Meanwhile, American officials defended the strike, saying it was part of a broader military effort targeting Iranian naval capabilities.

With another Iranian warship now approaching Sri Lanka, the situation remains highly sensitive. Experts warn that any further confrontation at sea could deepen the conflict and increase security risks across the wider region.

Who Is Jiang Xueqin? Professor Behind Viral Trump-Iran War Prediction



A Chinese-Canadian academic, Jiang Xueqin, has recently gone viral on social media after an old lecture resurfaced in which he appeared to predict several major global developments, including the return of Donald Trump to power and a possible conflict involving the United States and Iran. As tensions in the Middle East intensify, many online users are revisiting his earlier remarks and referring to him as “China's Nostradamus.”

Jiang Xueqin is an educator, historian, and geopolitical analyst based in Beijing. Born in China and raised partly in Canada, he later studied at Yale University, where he earned a degree in English literature. Over the years, he has worked in journalism, education reform, and international development before becoming a teacher of history and philosophy in Beijing.

he studies patterns from world history, geopolitics, and strategic theory to analyze how major global events might unfold. His method is inspired by the concept of “psychohistory,” a fictional idea from Isaac Asimov's Foundation novels that suggests historical trends can be predicted by studying patterns in large groups of people.

The lecture that recently went viral was recorded in 2024. In it, Jiang made several predictions about global politics. He suggested that Donald Trump could return to power in the United States and that a confrontation between the US and Iran might eventually take place. He also argued that such a conflict could prove extremely difficult for the United States.

He also highlighted factors such as Iran's geography, large population, and potential for prolonged resistance as reasons why a major military confrontation could turn into a long and difficult conflict.

Because some of his earlier predictions appear to resemble current global developments, the lecture quickly spread across social media platforms. Many users began describing him as “China's Nostradamus,” although Jiang himself presents his ideas as historical analysis rather than prophecy.

The renewed attention has turned Jiang from a relatively lesser-known educator into a widely discussed figure online, with many people now examining his earlier lectures to see whether his other geopolitical predictions might also come true.

Apart from teaching, Jiang has gained attention through his YouTube channel titled “Predictive History.” In his lectures,

In his analysis, Jiang compared a potential US conflict with Iran to the Sicilian Expedition during the ancient Peloponnesian War. In that historical event, Athens launched a massive military campaign against Sicily but ultimately suf-

Sensex Plunges Over 1,300 Points, Nifty Slips Near 24,000 Amid Oil Price Surge and Global Tensions



Indian stock markets witnessed a sharp decline on Monday as rising geopolitical tensions in the Middle East and a spike in global crude oil prices triggered heavy selling across sectors. Benchmark indices ended the session significantly lower, although they recovered partially from the day's steep intraday losses.

The BSE Sensex dropped 1,352.74 points, or about 1.71 percent, to close at 77,566.16. Meanwhile, the NSE Nifty50 fell 422.40 points, or 1.73 percent, settling at 24,028.05. During the trading session, markets experienced even deeper losses, with the Sensex plunging more than 2,400 points and the Nifty slipping below the 23,700 mark before regaining some ground toward the end of the day.

The sharp fall in the market

was largely attributed to escalating tensions in West Asia, particularly concerns surrounding Iran and the broader regional conflict. These developments pushed global crude oil prices above the \$100-per-barrel level, raising worries about inflation and economic stability. For India, which relies heavily on imported crude oil, higher prices could lead to an increased import bill and additional pressure on the economy.

The surge in oil prices also affected the Indian rupee and added to the volatility in financial markets. The India VIX, commonly referred to as the market's "fear gauge," rose sharply during the session, indicating heightened uncertainty among investors. Analysts noted that prolonged geopolitical instability and sustained

high oil prices could impact corporate profitability and economic growth.

Sector-wise, all major indices on the National Stock Exchange closed in negative territory. Banking, automobile, and consumer durable stocks were among the biggest losers during the session. The PSU banking index recorded particularly steep declines as selling pressure intensified across financial stocks.

Broader markets were also not spared. Midcap and small-cap stocks faced significant selling, with both indices ending the day around two percent lower. This indicated that the weakness was widespread across the market and not limited to large-cap companies.

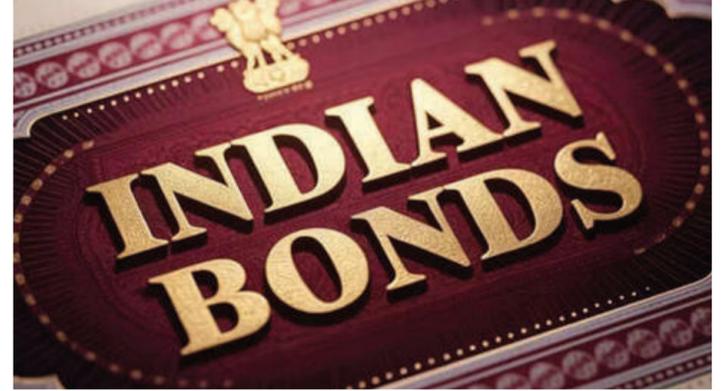
Early trading saw panic selling as investors rushed to reduce exposure to riskier assets

amid global uncertainty. Several frontline stocks declined sharply, while only a few companies managed to remain in positive territory. The overall market capitalisation of companies listed on the BSE also fell significantly during the session.

Despite the steep losses, markets managed to recover some ground in the latter half of the day as crude oil prices eased slightly. This helped benchmark indices trim a portion of their intraday losses before the closing bell.

Market experts believe volatility may continue in the near term as investors closely monitor geopolitical developments and fluctuations in global oil prices. These factors are expected to remain key drivers of market sentiment in the coming days.

Indian Government Bonds Decline as Oil Prices Surge Amid Ongoing Middle East Conflict



Indian government bond prices fell sharply as global crude oil prices jumped nearly 25 percent following escalating tensions in the Middle East. The surge in oil prices has raised concerns about inflation and economic stability in India, putting pressure on the country's bond market.

The sudden spike in crude oil prices unsettled financial markets and pushed government bond yields higher. Brent crude prices climbed to around \$115 per barrel as the conflict in the Middle East showed no signs of easing. The situation has created fears of disruptions in global oil supply, particularly through major shipping routes that are vital for energy transportation.

As oil prices surged, the yield on India's benchmark 10-year government bond increased significantly during trading. The yield on the 6.48 percent 2035 bond rose by several basis points to around 6.75 percent. Since bond prices

and yields move in opposite directions, the rise in yields reflects a decline in bond prices in the market.

Market participants said the sharp increase in crude oil prices has created uncertainty for investors. Higher oil prices could increase inflationary pressure in the Indian economy because India imports more than 80 percent of its crude oil needs. When oil becomes more expensive, the country's import bill rises, which can weaken the currency and push up domestic prices.

Analysts warned that if crude oil prices remain elevated for a longer period, inflation could increase significantly in the coming months. Higher inflation would make it more difficult for the Reserve Bank of India to ease monetary policy. As a result, investors are demanding higher yields on government bonds to compensate for potential inflation risks.

The weakening of the Indian rupee has also con-

tributed to pressure in the bond market. A weaker currency increases the cost of imports, further adding to inflation concerns. This combination of rising oil prices and currency depreciation has made investors cautious.

In response to the situation, the Reserve Bank of India is expected to take steps to stabilize the bond market. The central bank may conduct open market operations to purchase government securities and provide liquidity to the financial system. Such measures could help limit the rise in bond yields and maintain stability in the market.

Overall, the decline in Indian government bonds highlights how global geopolitical tensions and rising energy prices can quickly affect domestic financial markets. The outlook for the bond market will largely depend on the movement of crude oil prices and developments in the Middle East conflict in the coming weeks.

Rupee Falls to Record Low of ₹92.34 Amid Rising Crude Oil Prices

The Indian rupee weakened sharply on Monday, closing at a record low of ₹92.34 against the US dollar. The fall came as rising global crude oil prices triggered concerns about India's growing import bill and its impact on the country's economy. The currency faced strong pressure throughout the trading session due to global uncertainties and increased demand for the US dollar.

In the previous session, the rupee had closed at ₹91.74 against the dollar. The decline of around 60 paise in a single day reflects the growing volatility in the foreign exchange market. During the day, the rupee moved within a wide trading range as traders reacted to developments in global energy markets and geopolitical tensions.

One of the main reasons behind the rupee's weakness is the sharp rise in crude oil prices in international markets. Oil prices surged amid concerns over possible supply disruptions due to escalating tensions in the Middle East. The uncertainty surround-



ing oil supply routes has made investors cautious and increased pressure on currencies of oil-importing countries like India.

India imports more than 80 percent of its crude oil requirements from overseas markets. When oil prices rise, the country needs to spend more dollars on imports. This increases the demand for the US dollar and leads to depre-

ciation of the rupee. A weaker rupee also raises the cost of imports and can contribute to inflation in the domestic economy.

Market participants also reported that the Reserve Bank of India intervened in the foreign exchange market to limit the rupee's fall. The central bank is believed to have sold dollars in the market to stabilize the currency

and prevent excessive volatility. However, despite these efforts, the rupee remained under pressure due to strong global factors.

Analysts say that investors and importers have been actively buying dollars to hedge against further depreciation of the rupee. At the same time, exporters have been cautious about selling their dollar earnings immediately, hoping to benefit from a weaker rupee in the coming days.

Experts believe that the outlook for the rupee will largely depend on the movement of crude oil prices and global market sentiment. If oil prices continue to remain high, the pressure on the rupee may persist. Some analysts warn that the currency could weaken further toward the ₹93 per dollar level if the current trend continues.

Overall, the rupee's record fall highlights the vulnerability of emerging market currencies to global economic developments and fluctuations in commodity prices.

Crude Oil Eases but Remains Above \$104 as G7 Considers Releasing Emergency Reserves

Global crude oil prices retreated slightly on Monday but continued to remain above \$104 per barrel as investors closely monitored developments in the Middle East conflict. Although prices eased from earlier highs, ongoing geopolitical tensions and concerns about possible supply disruptions kept oil markets under pressure.

Earlier in the day, oil prices had surged sharply, briefly approaching \$120 per barrel. The spike reflected growing fears that the escalating conflict in the Middle East could disrupt global energy supplies. One of the biggest concerns is the potential impact on the Strait of Hormuz, a crucial shipping route through which a large share of the world's oil is transported. Any disruption in this route could significantly affect global supply and push prices even higher.

However, crude prices pulled back from their peak after reports that the Group of Seven (G7) nations were considering releasing oil from their strategic emergency reserves. The move is being discussed as a possible measure



to stabilize global energy markets and control the sharp rise in oil prices caused by the ongoing conflict.

Officials from major economies have reportedly held discussions to assess the situation and explore options to prevent further disruption to energy supplies. One of the key proposals involves a coordinated release of oil from

strategic reserves maintained by several large economies. These reserves are designed to be used during emergencies such as major supply shortages, geopolitical conflicts, or natural disasters that threaten energy security.

The possibility of such action had an immediate impact on oil markets. Prices dropped significantly from their earlier highs

once news of the potential reserve release emerged. Some oil benchmarks reportedly fell by more than \$15 within a short period after the discussions became public. Despite the decline, prices remained above \$104 per barrel, showing that the market continues to remain cautious.

The Middle East conflict has already caused volatility across global financial markets. Rising oil prices are a major concern because they can increase inflation, raise transportation and manufacturing costs, and slow economic growth in many countries.

Energy analysts say the future direction of oil prices will depend largely on how the geopolitical situation develops. If tensions escalate further or supply routes are disrupted, oil prices could remain elevated despite efforts by major economies to increase supply through reserve releases.

For now, investors and energy markets are closely watching the decisions of the G7 countries and any coordinated steps they may take to stabilize the global oil market.

Sedemac Mechatronics Shares Likely to Debut With Modest Gains; Analysts Suggest Partial Profit Booking



Shares of Sedemac Mechatronics are expected to make a modest debut on the stock exchanges, with market analysts advising investors to consider partial profit booking on listing day. The company's shares are scheduled to list on March 11 on both the BSE and the NSE after the successful completion of its initial public offering (IPO).

The ₹1,087-crore IPO of the Pune-based automotive electronics company was open for subscription from March 4 to March 6 and received nearly three times the bids for the shares available. The issue was priced in a band of ₹1,287 to ₹1,352 per share and attracted interest from both institutional and retail investors.

According to market estimates, the stock is currently commanding a grey market premium of around ₹70 per share. This indicates a potential listing gain of roughly 5 percent over the upper end of the IPO price band. Some estimates suggest a slightly lower premium, pointing to expected gains in the range of 3 to 5 percent, indicating a

relatively moderate listing performance.

Analysts believe investors who received share allotments may consider booking partial profits at the time of listing while retaining a portion of their holdings for the long term. They note that the company operates in a niche segment of the automotive electronics industry and has strong technological capabilities, which could support long-term growth prospects. However, the relatively high valuation of the IPO has prompted experts to recommend a cautious investment strategy.

Founded in 2007 and headquartered in Pune, Sedemac Mechatronics designs and manufactures advanced electronic control units (ECUs) used in vehicles and industrial applications. The company specializes in powertrain control technologies, including integrated starter generator controllers and ECU systems widely used in two-wheelers and three-wheelers.

The company has developed proprietary sensor-less motor control

technology aimed at improving efficiency and reducing system costs. Over the years, it has built strong relationships with several major original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) in the mobility and industrial sectors. Its products are used not only in India but also in international markets such as the United States and Europe.

At the upper end of the price band, the company's valuation is considered relatively high compared with its earnings. This suggests that much of the expected growth may already be factored into the stock price. Because of this, analysts advise investors to remain cautious and avoid taking excessive exposure after the listing.

Overall, while Sedemac Mechatronics is viewed as a technology-driven company with promising long-term prospects, market experts recommend a balanced approach. Investors may benefit from booking partial profits on listing day while holding the remaining shares to participate in potential future growth.

“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.

Hero's Welcome Awaits Sanju Samson in Kerala After T20 World Cup Glory

Indian cricket star Sanju Samson is set to receive a grand welcome in his home state of Kerala following India's triumphant campaign in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026. The wicketkeeper-batter played a crucial role in India's historic victory, and his impressive performances have made him a national hero and a source of immense pride for the people of Kerala.

The Kerala government has announced plans to organize an official reception to honour Samson for his outstanding contribution to India's World Cup success. The celebration is expected to take place in the state capital, Thiruvananthapuram, where thousands of fans are likely to gather to celebrate their hometown star. State leaders and officials have praised Samson for bringing recognition and pride to Kerala through his achievements on the international stage.

Samson's journey in the tournament has been remarkable. After facing criticism and inconsistent performances earlier in the season, the talented batter made a strong comeback during the crucial stages of the competition. His fearless batting style and aggressive approach helped India dominate important matches and maintain momentum throughout the tournament.

One of the defining moments



of Samson's campaign came in the final against New Zealand, where he played a sensational innings of 89 runs. His powerful knock helped India post a massive total and eventually secure a commanding victory, sealing another T20 World Cup title for the country. His performances throughout the tournament proved his ability to deliver under pressure on the biggest stage.

Back in Kerala, celebrations erupted as soon as India lifted

the trophy. Samson's hometown witnessed joyous scenes with fans bursting crackers, waving Indian flags, and celebrating the success of their local hero. Posters and banners featuring the cricketer appeared across several areas, reflecting the pride and excitement among residents.

Samson's family also expressed immense happiness over his achievements. They spoke about the difficult phases he had faced earlier in his career

and said they always believed he would eventually prove himself at the highest level of the sport.

The upcoming reception in Kerala is expected to be a memorable celebration. Fans are eager to honour the cricketer who inspired millions with his determination and match-winning performances. For Samson, the World Cup triumph marks a defining moment in his career and strengthens his bond with the state that has supported him throughout his journey.

Axar Patel's Heartwarming Family Post After T20 World Cup Win Goes Viral



India's T20 World Cup 2026 triumph sparked celebrations across the country, but one emotional moment involving Indian all-rounder Axar Patel captured the hearts of fans on social media. Shortly after India lifted the trophy, the cricketer shared a touching Instagram post featuring his wife and young son, and the post quickly went viral across the internet.

India secured a memorable victory over New Zealand in the final of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026, delivering a dominant

performance to claim the prestigious title. The team produced an outstanding display in the final, posting a massive total and eventually defeating New Zealand by a huge margin, adding another historic achievement to Indian cricket.

Following the victory, Axar Patel took to Instagram to share a special family moment from the celebrations. In the post, the all-rounder was seen holding the T20 World Cup trophy while posing with his wife, Meha Patel, and their son. The heartwarming

photograph reflected the joy and pride of the moment, capturing a personal and emotional side of the triumph beyond the cricket field.

Axar described the win as one of the most unforgettable moments of his life and expressed gratitude for being part of such a historic achievement for Indian cricket. The image of the cricketer celebrating with his family highlighted the sacrifices and unwavering support that players often receive from their loved ones throughout their

careers.

Fans quickly flooded the comment section with congratulatory messages and heartfelt reactions, praising the cricketer not only for his contributions on the field but also for sharing such a beautiful family moment. Many social media users described the picture as one of the most wholesome images from India's World Cup celebrations.

Axar Patel played an important role in India's campaign as a key all-rounder in the squad. His ability to contribute with both bat and ball provided balance to the team throughout the tournament. His performances in crucial moments helped India maintain momentum and dominate important matches during the competition.

The viral post also reminded fans that cricket victories are celebrated not only by players and supporters but also by the families who stand behind them through every challenge. For Axar Patel, lifting the World Cup trophy was a proud professional achievement, but sharing that joy with his family made the moment even more special.

As celebrations continue across the country, Axar Patel's heartfelt post remains one of the most memorable and emotional highlights from India's triumphant T20 World Cup campaign.

Mitchell Santner Reacts After New Zealand Lose T20 World Cup Final to India

Mitchell Santner, captain of New Zealand national cricket team, admitted that India national cricket team were the better side after his team suffered a heavy defeat in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026 final.

Speaking after the match, Santner said India played "outstanding cricket" and deserved the victory. He acknowledged that New Zealand struggled to contain India's powerful batting performance and later found the target far too difficult to chase.

India had set a massive total after their top order delivered a dominant performance. Aggressive batting in the powerplay and strong middle-overs acceleration helped them post one of the highest totals seen in a T20 World Cup final. New Zealand's bowlers found it difficult to stop the run flow, which eventually put their team under immense pressure.

During the chase, New Zealand lost wickets at regular intervals and failed to build any significant partnerships. The Indian bowlers maintained tight control throughout the innings, preventing the Kiwi batters from gaining momentum.

Santner admitted that the



large target forced New Zealand to take risks early in the innings. According to him, once a couple of key wickets fell, the pressure increased and the chase became extremely challenging.

Despite the disappointment, Santner praised his team's overall performance in the tournament. He highlighted that reaching the final of a global event is

a significant achievement and said the team had played consistently well throughout the competition.

He also credited India's bowling attack for executing their plans effectively during the final. Santner noted that the Indian bowlers kept attacking the stumps and maintained discipline, making it difficult for New

Zealand's batters to score freely.

Santner concluded by saying the team would learn from the experience and come back stronger in future tournaments. While the defeat was disappointing, he emphasized that the players would take pride in their journey to the final and focus on improving for upcoming international competitions.

Gambhir Rejects Samson-Yuvraj Comparisons After India's T20 World Cup Triumph



India head coach Gautam Gambhir has firmly dismissed comparisons between Sanju Samson and legendary all-rounder Yuvraj Singh following Samson's impressive performances in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026. Gambhir said it is unfair to compare players from different eras and stressed that every cricketer deserves to build his own identity in the game.

India recently secured a memorable victory in the tournament, defeating New Zealand in the final to lift the T20 World Cup title. Samson played a significant role in the team's success, delivering crucial performances at key moments and emerging as one of the standout players of the campaign.

Speaking after the victory, Gambhir praised Samson's resilience and determination. The Indian coach highlighted that Samson's journey in international cricket has been full of challenges. The wicketkeeper-batter had faced criticism and inconsistency earlier in his career, but he managed to turn things around when the team needed him the most. According to Gambhir, such comebacks reflect a player's true character and mental strength.

Gambhir also emphasized that comparing Samson with a legend like Yuvraj Singh does not do justice to either player. Yuvraj remains one of India's most celebrated match-winners, especially for his remarkable contributions

in major ICC tournaments. However, Gambhir believes that Samson should not be judged against past icons but should instead be allowed to create his own legacy in Indian cricket.

The coach also highlighted Samson's fearless approach during the World Cup campaign. His aggressive batting style and confidence at the crease helped India build strong totals and maintain pressure on the opposition throughout the tournament. Gambhir noted that Samson showed great maturity and composure in high-pressure situations.

Gambhir further revealed that the team management always had faith in Samson's ability. Even during difficult phases in his career, the management continued to back him because of his immense talent and potential. According to the coach, supporting players during tough times is essential for building a strong and successful team.

India's World Cup triumph has once again highlighted the depth of talent in the squad. With players like Samson stepping up on the biggest stage, Gambhir believes the future of Indian cricket looks extremely promising.

For Samson, this tournament could mark a turning point in his international career. Rather than being compared with past legends, he now has the opportunity to establish himself as one of the key players in India's next generation of cricket stars.

Varun Chakravarthy Trolls Pakistan With 'Tea Cup' Photo After India's T20 World Cup Win



Indian spinner Varun Chakravarthy left fans amused after sharing a humorous post on social media following India's victory in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026 final. The mystery spinner posted a photo of himself holding the trophy while sipping tea from a cup, a gesture widely interpreted as a playful dig at Pakistan.

India defeated the New Zealand national cricket team by 96 runs in the final held at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad to lift the T20 World Cup title. Batting first, the India national cricket team posted a massive total of 255 for 5 in 20 overs. In response, New Zealand were bowled out for 159, giving India a dominant victory in the championship match.

Soon after the win, Chakravarthy shared a picture on Instagram showing himself posing with the World Cup trophy and sipping tea. The image quickly went viral online, with fans interpreting it as a cheeky reference to the popular "tea is fantastic" meme often used in India-Pakistan cricket banter.

Social media users flooded the post with comments and laughing emojis,

with many praising the spinner's sense of humor. Fans widely shared the image across platforms, making it one of the most talked-about moments after the final.

This was not the first time Chakravarthy used the tea-cup gesture to tease Pakistan. He had earlier posted similar pictures during previous cricket tournaments, which had also gone viral among cricket followers. The recurring joke has now become a lighthearted symbol of the online rivalry between supporters of the two nations.

The playful exchange reflects the intense but entertaining nature of the cricket rivalry between the India national cricket team and the Pakistan national cricket team. Matches between the two sides are among the most watched sporting events in the world and often trigger humorous exchanges among fans on social media.

With India celebrating another global title, Chakravarthy's viral post added an extra touch of fun to the celebrations and once again showed how cricket victories often spill over into friendly online rivalry.

Viral "Ramayana" Set Photo Triggers Negative Comments on Sai Pallavi



A photo that allegedly shows actors Ranbir Kapoor and Sai Pallavi from the sets of the upcoming mythological film Ramayana has recently gone viral on social media, sparking widespread discussion and criticism online.

The ambitious epic, directed by Nitesh Tiwari, is one of the most highly anticipated Indian films currently in production. In the film, Ranbir Kapoor will portray Lord Rama, while Sai Pallavi has been cast as Goddess Sita. Ever since the project was announced, fans have been eager to see how the actors will appear in these iconic mythological roles.

Recently, an image began circulating widely across social media platforms. The photo appeared to show Ranbir Kapoor and Sai Pallavi dressed in traditional attire resembling the characters of Lord Rama and Sita. Because the film is being made on a grand scale and the makers

have maintained strict secrecy around the project, the image quickly caught the attention of fans and movie enthusiasts.

However, the viral picture also led to a wave of mixed and negative reactions online. Some social media users criticized Sai Pallavi's appearance in the image and claimed that she did not seem suitable for the role of Sita. These comments quickly spread across online discussions, creating a debate about the actress and her portrayal in the film.

At the same time, many people questioned whether the image was genuine. With the rise of artificial intelligence and advanced photo editing tools, several users pointed out that such images can easily be created or altered digitally. Because of this, some believe that the viral picture may not actually be from the movie's sets and could instead be an edited or AI-generated image.

It is also worth noting

that the makers of Ramayana have not officially released any first-look images of the lead actors in their mythological avatars so far. As a result, the authenticity of the viral photo remains uncertain, and fans are being cautious about believing everything that circulates online.

The makers have been maintaining tight security around the production to prevent leaks and protect the visual experience of the film. Since it is a large-scale mythological project, the team is reportedly putting great effort into ensuring that every detail—from costumes to visual effects—meets high standards.

With excitement around the film continuing to grow, fans are now eagerly waiting for the makers to unveil the official first look of Ranbir Kapoor as Lord Rama and Sai Pallavi as Sita. Until then, the viral image remains just another topic of debate on social media.

Fresh Trouble for Vijay's Jana Nayagan



Tamil superstar Vijay's much-anticipated film Jana Nayagan has once again found itself in the spotlight due to fresh issues surrounding its release. The project, directed by H. Vinoth, has already been facing multiple hurdles related to censorship and legal procedures, and the latest developments suggest that the challenges are far from over.

Earlier, the film encountered problems during the certification process. The Central Board of Film Certification reportedly raised objections to certain scenes in the movie. Some portions were believed to contain sensitive content that could potentially affect religious sentiments and the portrayal of certain institutions. As a result, the film was referred to a revising committee for further evaluation, which restarted the certification process and led to delays in its planned release.

Now, new concerns have surfaced again, adding further complications to the situation. Re-

ports indicate that discussions about the film's controversial elements have resurfaced, and the matter has once again drawn attention. These ongoing issues have created uncertainty about when the movie will finally receive clearance and reach audiences in theatres.

Jana Nayagan holds special importance in Vijay's career. The film is widely believed to be his last cinematic project before he fully transitions into active politics. Because of this, the movie has generated immense curiosity and excitement among fans and the film industry alike. Vijay had earlier hinted that such obstacles could arise once he made the decision to enter politics, acknowledging that the circumstances might impact the film and its producers.

The makers have been trying to resolve the situation through proper legal and procedural channels. However, the process has taken several twists and turns, including legal discussions and

repeated reviews of the film's content. These developments have slowed down the certification process and pushed the film's release further down the line.

Despite the ongoing setbacks, the production team remains hopeful about finding a resolution soon. Once the revising committee completes its evaluation and provides its recommendations, the filmmakers are expected to make the necessary changes to obtain the final certification required for release.

Produced by KVN Productions, Jana Nayagan features a strong supporting cast that includes Pooja Hegde, Bobby Deol, and Prakash Raj in important roles. The film's music is composed by Anirudh Ravichander, which has also raised expectations among fans.

For now, fans are eagerly waiting for a positive update from the makers. They are hopeful that the ongoing issues will be settled soon so that Vijay's much-awaited film can finally make its way to the big screen.

No Item Songs In Pawan-Harish Shankar Films Anymore, Says Team

A recent update about the upcoming film Ustaad Bhagat Singh has caught the attention of fans of Pawan Kalyan and director Harish Shankar. Reports suggest that the film will not feature the kind of item songs that were common in their earlier collaborations.

The movie is one of the most anticipated projects for Pawan Kalyan and is being directed by Harish Shankar. The film stars Sreeleela and Raashii Khanna as the female leads. A couple of songs from the film have already been released and have received a positive response from fans.

Many fans had expected the film to include a catchy item song similar to the one seen in Gabbar Singh, the blockbuster film that previously brought Pawan Kalyan and Harish Shankar together. The music album of that movie became extremely popular, and the item number in particular was a massive hit among audiences.

However, reports indicate that Harish Shankar has clarified that such songs will not be



part of his future films with Pawan Kalyan. The director reportedly believes that portraying the star in sequences where the hero chases or flirts with an item girl does not suit Pawan Kalyan's current image and status.

With Pawan Kalyan now holding a significant political and public profile, the filmmaker feels it would be more appropriate to present him in a different manner on screen. As a result, fans should not expect the typical mass-style item songs that were once common in commercial entertainers.

This decision reflects a shift in how the actor will be portrayed in future collaborations with Harish Shankar. While the films will still retain mass entertainment elements, the makers appear to be focusing more on story, action, and character-driven moments rather than traditional item numbers.

Despite this change, expectations for Ustaad Bhagat Singh remain extremely high among fans, and the film continues to generate strong buzz ahead of its release.

Atlee Plans Massive Action Schedule for Allu Arjun's Upcoming Film

Director Atlee is currently preparing for a major action schedule for his highly anticipated film with Allu Arjun. The project, tentatively referred to as AA22xA6, is progressing steadily, and the team is gearing up for an intense phase of filming in the coming weeks.

According to the latest updates, the makers are planning a large-scale action schedule as part of the next stage of production. This segment of the shoot will reportedly include high-octane action sequences designed on a grand scale. The team is said to be working on complex stunt choreography and elaborate setups to ensure that the action scenes stand out as one of the film's main highlights.

The collaboration between Allu Arjun and Atlee has generated enormous excitement ever since it was officially announced. It marks the first time the stylish star and the blockbuster director are working together, which has raised expecta-



tions among fans and industry observers alike.

A portion of the film's shooting has already been completed, and the production team is now focusing on organizing the upcoming schedules to maintain smooth progress. The planned action schedule is expected to be

particularly important, as it will feature several key sequences involving the lead actor.

The film is reportedly being mounted on a massive scale with top-notch technical standards and high production values. The makers are said to be investing heavily in visual effects and

large action set pieces to create a visually spectacular cinematic experience.

This project also holds special significance in Allu Arjun's career as it comes after the massive success of the Pushpa franchise, which expanded his popularity across India and international markets. Fans are eager to see him in a new avatar and are curious about how Atlee will present the star in this big-budget entertainer.

The film reportedly features Deepika Padukone as the female lead and is being produced by Sun Pictures. With Atlee known for delivering stylish commercial entertainers packed with action, drama, and strong emotional moments, expectations for this project are extremely high.

As preparations continue for the upcoming action schedule, fans are eagerly waiting for more official updates from the makers regarding the progress of the film and its future shooting plans.

New Update On Ravi Teja's Irumudi



A fresh update has emerged regarding the upcoming film Irumudi, starring Ravi Teja. The shooting of the movie is currently progressing at a fast pace, with the team actively filming important sequences involving the main cast.

The project is being directed by Shiva Nirvana, known for his emotional storytelling style. The collaboration between Ravi Teja and the director has already generated strong buzz among fans, as it is expected to present the actor in a different light compared to his recent mass-entertainer films.

Reports suggest that the current schedule includes several key scenes featuring veteran actor Sai Kumar along with other supporting cast members. The production team is said to be working quickly to complete the film's shoot within a tight schedule.

The movie is being produced by Mythri Movie Makers, one of the prominent production houses in

Telugu cinema. Music for the film is being composed by G. V. Prakash Kumar, which has raised expectations among music lovers and fans alike.

Interestingly, Irumudi is believed to be an emotional drama, a genre that Ravi Teja has not explored much in recent years. Industry buzz also hints that the actor might appear in a dual role, though the makers have not officially confirmed this detail yet.

The film's first look had earlier created curiosity among audiences by showing Ravi Teja in the avatar of an Ayyappa devotee, suggesting that the story could include spiritual or emotional elements alongside action and drama.

With shooting progressing smoothly and strong buzz surrounding the project, Irumudi is shaping up to be one of Ravi Teja's most anticipated upcoming films. Fans are now eagerly waiting for further updates about the teaser, songs, and the film's official release date.

Sivaji Reacts To Mixed Reviews For Sampradayini Suppini Suddapooosani



Actor and producer Sivaji recently responded to the mixed reactions received by his latest film Sampradayini Suppini Suddapooosani. The movie, which features Sivaji and Laya in lead roles, has been receiving varied opinions from audiences and critics since its release.

Reacting to the mixed talk surrounding the film, Sivaji expressed disappointment and claimed that some individuals were deliberately spreading negative comments about the movie on social media. According to him, attempts were made online to create a perception that the film had failed even before audiences could form their own opinion.

In a video message, Sivaji said he strongly believes in the film and feels that viewers should decide its fate rather than early online reactions. He criticized those who quickly labelled the film as having "mixed talk" soon after release, saying such comments can influence the audience's perception and impact a film's performance.

The film is directed by Sudheer Sriram and is described

as a dark crime comedy. The story revolves around an ordinary family that finds itself caught in a complicated situation after the sudden death of a police officer. The narrative explores how the family tries to deal with the unexpected incident and the challenges that follow.

While some viewers appreciated the performances of Sivaji and the emotional moments in the film, others felt that the screenplay and narrative structure could have been stronger. Critics pointed out that the film's tone shifts between dark comedy and drama, which may not work equally well for all audiences.

Despite the mixed feedback, Sivaji remains confident about the project and believes that the true verdict will come from theatre audiences rather than early social media discussions. He urged people to watch the film in theatres and form their own opinion.

As the film continues its theatrical run, it remains to be seen whether positive word-of-mouth from audiences will help it gain momentum at the box office.