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Shiv Pratap Shukla Arrives in Hyderabad Ahead of Swearing-In

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The Hon'ble Governor-designate of Telangana, Shiv Pratap Shukla, arrived in Hyderabad on Tuesday and was accorded a warm reception by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, along with several ministers from the Government of Telangana and senior officials. The Governor-designate was received with official honours upon his arrival in the city, marking the beginning of the formal transition ahead of his swearing-in ceremony.

Senior cabinet ministers, top bureaucrats and officials from the state administration were present at the airport to welcome the incoming constitutional head of the state. The reception reflected the importance attached to the occasion as Telangana prepares for the installation of its new Governor.

According to official sources, the swearing-in ceremony of Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla will take place on March 11 at 11:30 a.m. at Lok Bhavan in Hyderabad. The ceremony will be conducted with full protocol and is expected to be attended by senior leaders from the state government, legislators, members of the judiciary, and



other dignitaries.

The oath of office will be administered in accordance with constitutional procedures, formally entrusting Shri Shukla with the responsibilities of the Governor of Telangana. Security arrangements and administrative preparations have already been put in place at Lok Bhavan to ensure the smooth conduct of the ceremony.

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy welcomed the Governor-designate and extended the state government's cooperation in ensuring a productive working relationship between the Raj Bhavan and the state administration. Ministers and officials also greeted Shri Shukla and conveyed their best wishes ahead of his assumption of office.

The appointment of Shiv

Pratap Shukla as Governor marks an important development in the state's constitutional framework. As the Governor, he will serve as the constitutional head of Telangana, overseeing key ceremonial duties while also playing a significant role in upholding the provisions of the Constitution in the state.

Political leaders and officials expressed confidence that the new Governor would contribute positively to the governance and development of Telangana during his tenure.

With preparations in full swing, Lok Bhavan is set to host the oath-taking ceremony on Wednesday morning, where Shiv Pratap Shukla will formally assume charge as the Governor of Telangana in the presence of state leaders and dignitaries.

Supreme Court Grants Relief to Prabhakar Rao in Phone Tapping Case

New Delhi/Hyderabad, March 10 | TPN Bureau –



The Supreme Court of India on Tuesday granted relief to former Telangana Special Intelligence Bureau chief T. Prabhakar Rao in the alleged phone-tapping case by granting him anticipatory bail.

A bench of the apex court provided the relief after hearing arguments related to the ongoing investigation into the controversial surveillance allegations. The court observed that the investigation in the case was nearing completion and noted that Prabhakar Rao had cooperated with the probe being conducted by the Special Investigation Team (SIT).

The case pertains to allegations that the phones of several politicians, businessmen, journalists and other prominent individuals were illegally intercepted during the previous government's tenure in Telangana. Investigators have alleged that the operation was carried out under the supervision of senior intelligence officials when Prabhakar Rao headed the state's intelligence wing.

While granting anticipatory bail, the Supreme Court directed Prabhakar Rao to cooperate fully with the investigation and follow all conditions imposed by the court. The bench also made it clear that the bail could be cancelled if he attempts to tamper with evidence or influence the investigation.

The phone-tapping case has generated significant political and administrative debate in Telangana after the allegations surfaced fol-

lowing the change of government in the state. In response to the claims, the state government constituted a Special Investigation Team to examine the alleged illegal surveillance activities and determine the role of officials involved.

During the course of the investigation, several police officials were questioned and some were arrested in connection with the case. Authorities have been analysing digital records, communication data and surveillance equipment to trace how the alleged network functioned and identify those responsible for authorising the operation.

Investigators are also examining whether electronic evidence related to the surveillance activities was destroyed or tampered with during the period under scrutiny. Prabhakar Rao has been considered a key figure in the investigation because of his role as the former head of the intelligence bureau during the time the alleged phone tapping took place. With the Supreme Court granting anticipatory bail, Prabhakar Rao has secured temporary relief from arrest. However, the investigation into the phone-tapping allegations is expected to continue as authorities seek to establish the full scope of the surveillance activities and the individuals involved.

Pre-Budget Meeting Focuses on Panchayat, Rural Development, Women & Child Welfare



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A pre-budget meeting was held under the leadership of Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka and Minister for Panchayat Raj, Rural Development, and Women & Child Welfare Seethakka, to discuss budget proposals for the upcoming financial year. Senior officials from the respective departments participated in the meeting, providing comprehensive inputs on financial allocations and developmental priorities.

During the discussions, the ministers emphasized the critical role of the Panchayat Raj, Rural Development, and Women & Child Welfare departments in directly impacting the lives of millions of citizens across Telangana. They highlighted that the upcoming budget would give special focus to rural infrastructure, women empowerment, and child welfare programmes.

The ministers noted that government priorities include the construction of Panchayat buildings, establishment of new Anganwadi centres, and development of women's hostels in villages. They also assured that adequate funding would be provided to enhance ser-

vices in rural schools and primary health centres, ensuring accessible and quality education and healthcare.

Child health and nutrition were emphasized as a top priority. The ministers stated that more funds would be allocated this year compared to the previous budget to strengthen child welfare programmes and nutritional support initiatives. They instructed officials to establish new Anganwadi centres in alignment with integrated schools, aiming to provide education, nutrition, and care under a single framework, thereby promoting holistic development.

Addressing rural employment concerns, the ministers said that in light of central government reductions in the employment guarantee scheme, the Telangana government would bridge the gap by allocating state resources to maintain and expand employment opportunities in rural areas. They assured that funds would be provided to ensure continued implementation of livelihood programmes without disruption.

The ministers concluded by reiterating that rural development, women empowerment, and child welfare form the foundation of the state's overall growth. Budget allocations will be tailored to meet the specific needs of these departments, ensuring that development initiatives are responsive to the needs of citizens. The meeting underscored the government's commitment to strengthening the rural economy, empowering women, and supporting the well-being of children across Telangana.

Hyderabad to Host 13th Asian Textile Conference on April 2-3

Hyderabad, March 10 | TPN Bureau –

The prestigious 13th Asian Textile Conference (ATEXCON) will be held in Hyderabad on April 2 and 3, Telangana Ministers Tummala Nageswara Rao and Duddilla Sridhar Babu announced on Tuesday.

The international conference will take place at Novotel Hyderabad Convention Centre and is expected to bring together industry leaders, textile manufacturers, advanced machinery suppliers, and government representatives from several countries. The ministers officially unveiled the conference poster at the Telangana Secretariat.

The event is being organised by the Government of Telangana in collaboration with the Confederation of Indian Textile Industry, which is serving as the co-host. The conference aims to strengthen cooperation within



the textile sector and provide a platform for discussions on the future of the industry in Asia and globally.

Senior officials who attended the poster launch included Chief Secretary A. Ramakrishna Rao, Principal Secretary for Handlooms and Textiles Shaailaja Ramaiyer, Telangana State Industrial Infrastructure Corporation Managing Director Shashank, Director (Invest-

ments) Madhusudan, along with other senior officials.

Officials said the conference would serve as an important platform for dialogue on major developments and challenges in the textile sector. Key sessions will focus on encouraging startups in the textile industry, understanding changing global market demands, improving the availability of raw materials, and addressing operational chal-

lenges faced by manufacturers.

The ministers noted that hosting ATEXCON in Hyderabad reflects Telangana's growing importance as a hub for the textile and apparel industry. They expressed confidence that the conference would help attract new investments, promote innovation, and strengthen the state's textile ecosystem.

The previous edition, the 12th ATEXCON, was held in Mumbai last year and saw participation from industry leaders, policy makers, and experts from multiple countries. Organisers expect this year's conference in Hyderabad to draw even larger participation and facilitate meaningful discussions on shaping the future of the textile sector. Through this international event, Telangana aims to showcase its textile capabilities, policy support, and investment opportunities while strengthening partnerships with global industry stakeholders.

Godavari Pushkaralu 2027 to Mirror Kumbh Mela with Grand Preparations

Hyderabad, March 10 | TPN Bureau

The Telangana government has announced that the upcoming Godavari Pushkaralu will be organised on the lines of the Kumbh Mela, featuring elaborate arrangements that reflect the State's cultural identity and heritage.

At the inaugural meeting of the Cabinet Sub-Committee on "Godavari Pushkaralu-2027" held at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat on Tuesday, officials were directed to undertake permanent infrastructure projects that highlight the "Telangana Brand" and the rich traditions of the State.

The meeting was chaired by D. Sridhar Babu and attended by Ministers Konda Surekha, Tummala Nageswara Rao, Komatireddy Venkat Reddy, Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, Seethakka, and Adhuri Laxman Kumar, along with Government Adviser Sudarshan Reddy and senior officials.

The committee reviewed the schedule of the Pushkarams,



departmental preparedness, and the roadmap for infrastructure and logistics. According to Vedic scholars, the Adi Pushkaralu will be held from June 26 to July 7, 2027, while the Antya Pushkaralu will take place from July 13 to 24, 2028.

Ministers recalled that the people's government, led by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, had successfully conducted the Saraswati Pushkaralu and Sannakka-Saralamma Jatara, and directed that Godavari Pushkaralu be executed with even greater scale, efficiency, and safety.

About eight crore devotees are expected to participate, with 96 key locations along the Godavari river identified, con-

necting major temples and pilgrimage spots. Drawing lessons from previous Pushkarams, separate State-level and district-level plans are being prepared to improve ghats, roads, and other facilities based on local conditions.

Officials confirmed that Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) would be ready by the end of the month. In the first phase, nine high-footfall locations have been designated as 'Tier-1' areas, where works will be executed on a war footing.

To ensure seamless coordination, a Special Officer for the Pushkarams will be appointed, along with department-wise nodal officers. Special emphasis will be placed on traffic management, emergency access routes, medical facilities, and parking arrangements.

Ministers emphasised that no compromise will be made in preparations and instructed officials to ensure meticulous planning and high-quality infrastructure to make the Godavari Pushkaralu a safe, grand, and memorable event for devotees.

208 Arrested in Telangana Cyber Crackdown

Hyderabad, March 10 | TPN Bureau –

The Telangana Cyber Security Bureau has arrested 208 people across the state for their alleged involvement in mule bank account operations used to facilitate cyber fraud.

According to TGCSB Director Shikha Goel, the arrests were made as part of a special drive titled "Operation Crackdown 1.0," launched on February 25 to dismantle financial networks supporting cybercriminals. During the operation, police registered 1,549 FIRs, identified 626 suspects and arrested 208 accused.

Officials said the arrested individuals come from varied professional and social backgrounds, highlighting how cybercrime networks are recruiting people from multiple sections of society. Among those taken into custody were bank employees, software engineers, businesspersons, private employees, healthcare workers, daily wage labourers, students and women.

Investigators found that many of the accused were operating



mule bank accounts, allowing cyber fraudsters to route illegally obtained money through their accounts in exchange for commissions of up to five percent on each transaction. These accounts were allegedly used to transfer funds generated through different cyber scams across the country.

As part of the large-scale operation, 137 police teams comprising 512 personnel conducted simultaneous inspections at 137 bank branches across Telangana. During the checks, officials verified 1,888 suspicious mule accounts that were reportedly linked to more than 9,400 cybercrime complaints registered across India, involving an estimated fraud amount of nearly ₹100 crore.

During the raids, police seized 63 mobile phones along with 208

bank passbooks and cheque books that were allegedly used for fraudulent financial transactions. The arrested individuals are reported to be between 19 and 45 years of age.

Officials also discovered that some mule account holders had opened virtual bank accounts using fake identities, fabricated KYC documents and proxy mobile numbers. This method allowed cybercriminals to operate anonymously and quickly move funds through multiple accounts to avoid detection.

In several cases, suspects allegedly used bank accounts belonging to family members to route fraudulent money. Investigators have also identified 52 additional associates who were believed to be involved in recruiting account holders, arranging SIM cards, collecting ATM cards and coordinating cash withdrawals after fraudulent funds were deposited.

The Telangana Cyber Security Bureau said such operations would continue as part of its efforts to dismantle cybercrime networks and prevent financial fraud across the state.

Ponnam Prabhakar Launches FMD Vaccination Drive in Potharam (S)

Husnabad, March 10 | TPN Bureau

Minister Ponnam Prabhakar visited Potharam (S) village in the Husnabad constituency to inaugurate a free Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) vaccination programme for cattle and promote rural development initiatives. The drive is aimed at protecting livestock from viral infections, enhancing dairy production, and encouraging small farmers to raise healthy animals alongside their paddy cultivation.

Speaking at the event, the Minister highlighted that the Telangana State Animal Husbandry Department provides free FMD vaccines every six months across the state. This preventive programme is designed to safeguard cows and buffaloes from contagious diseases, improve milk production, and strengthen the local economy. Minister Prabhakar urged farmers to take advantage of this initiative, emphasizing the importance of livestock as a source of nutrition, income, and employment in rural communities.

The Minister also focused on promoting modern dairy practices. He encouraged farmers to cultivate nutritious fodder using appropriate fertilizers and to invest in high-quality cows and buffaloes.



He showcased a Jersey cow at his camp office, capable of producing six liters of milk daily, as an example of the benefits of crossbred dairy cattle. He assured villagers that the government would support purchases of healthy livestock to boost milk production and empower farmers economically.

In addition to livestock development, Minister Prabhakar emphasized the government's broader development plans under the 99-day Praja Palana Pragathi programme. He instructed officials to

implement development and awareness activities in every village, including initiatives to improve education, health, and environmental sustainability. He urged villagers to prioritize government schools to increase student enrollment, undergo regular health check-ups, and actively participate in environmental protection measures. Residents were also encouraged to reduce plastic usage and utilize steel banks provided to each village for sustainable development.

As part of the visit, the Minister inaugurated the Indira Mahila Shakti Programme and the Parameshwara Cement & Bricks Industry, highlighting government efforts to empower women and promote local industrial growth. The Minister underlined that women's participation in community development, education, and industrial work is crucial for strengthening rural economies and ensuring equitable growth.

Officials and local residents, including farmers, women representatives, and community leaders, participated in the programme. The event combined public health, agricultural awareness, women empowerment, and environmental initiatives, demonstrating the Telangana government's commitment to holistic rural development. Minister Prabhakar concluded by urging villagers to actively engage with these initiatives, protect livestock, promote milk production, and contribute to the overall prosperity of the community.

This visit reinforced the government's focus on improving livelihoods, safeguarding public health, empowering women, and ensuring sustainable development in Telangana's rural areas.

Ponnam Prabhakar Leads 99-Day Praja Palana Pragathi in Huzurabad



Karimnagar, March 10 | TPN Bureau

Huzurabad witnessed an extensive public governance and development initiative under the 99-day Praja Palana Pragathi programme, with Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnam Prabhakar attending as the chief guest. The event celebrated the assumption of office by Huzurabad Municipality Chairperson Rontala Suhasini and Vice Chairperson Guduri Anjali, with the Minister extending warm congratulations and pledging government support for the municipal administration.

The programme began with tributes at the Ambedkar statue, followed by a massive rally from Ambedkar Chaurasta to the municipal office, highlighting civic awareness and public participation. Minister Prabhakar emphasized that political activity ends with elections, but development remains the collective goal. He urged citizens to continue supporting the ruling party to ensure Huzurabad's growth and prosperity.

During the session, the Minister outlined key urban development priorities including infrastructure expansion, employment opportunities, clean drinking water, drainage systems, electricity lines, and environmental protection. He instructed officials to oversee the cleanliness of surroundings, implement no-drugs initiatives, clear pending files, and promote recycling of obsolete items like TVs, fridges, and washing machines. He also stressed planting trees before the upcoming monsoon and building a plastic-free society using steel alternatives.

Minister Prabhakar underscored women's empowerment as a critical focus. Highlighting state schemes such as free RTC bus travel for women, Indira Mahila Shakti canteens, solar power plants, and petrol stations run by women's groups, he stated that these initiatives save significant public funds while promoting gender equality. He encouraged women's participation in all aspects of governance and economic development.

He also stressed the importance of health and education, urging residents to undergo regular medical check-ups, increase enrollment in government schools, and engage children in sports, arts, and physical activity for holistic development. The Minister emphasized safe environments for children, awareness against drugs and cannabis, and agricultural programs to strengthen rural livelihoods.

Key local leaders present included Choppadandi MLA, Karimnagar DCC President Medipalli Satyam, Huzurabad Congress in-charge Oditala Pranav, and other prominent figures. The Minister assured that Huzurabad's municipal administration will receive full support for every decision, and that continuous coordination with district and municipal officials will ensure successful implementation of development projects.

The 99-day action plan, running from March 6 to June 12, focuses on civic cleanliness, no-drugs campaigns, public safety, file clearance, and infrastructure development, reflecting the government's commitment to sustainable urban growth and citizen welfare in Huzurabad.

Ponnam Prabhakar Reviews 99-Day Public Governance Progress in Elkatkurthi

Hanumakonda/Elkatkurthi, March 10 | TPN Bureau

As part of the 99-day Public Governance Progress Plan, Ponnam Prabhakar, Minister for Transport and BC Welfare, conducted a detailed review meeting at the Farmers' Forum in Elkatkurthi, Hanumakonda district. The session focused on ongoing development and welfare initiatives under various state departments including Mission Bhagiratha, education, health, rural development, police, and transport. Senior officials presented progress reports on activities carried out and ongoing projects under the plan.

Minister Ponnam Prabhakar emphasized the need for proactive measures to prevent drinking water issues in villages. He instructed officials to identify potential problem areas in advance and implement immediate corrective action. He further directed health authorities to coordinate with Kakathiya Medical College and district health departments to organize medical camps in village health sub-centres, ensuring healthcare access for all residents.

The minister also reviewed the status of Indiramma housing schemes, instructing officials to expedite completion of houses in the final stages and ensure timely



handovers. Beneficiaries who have yet to complete marking procedures were advised to do so promptly. Village sarpanches and AE engineers of the Housing Department were tasked with supervising construction and accelerating project completion. New allotments are expected in April.

Education received special attention during the meeting. Minister Prabhakar urged officials to increase student enrollment in government schools for the 2026-27 ac-

ademic year. Dropout students should be identified and re-enrolled, emphasizing the role of education in personal and community development. He called for strengthening government schools and creating better learning environments to encourage participation.

In transport matters, the minister instructed authorities to issue driving licenses to residents of Elkatkurthi and Bhimadevarapalli mandals, and announced distribution of helmets to sarpanches and

vice-sarpanches to ensure safety. Officials, public representatives, and employees were urged to coordinate efficiently for program implementation.

Following the review, Minister Prabhakar inaugurated the Gender Resource Centre constructed by the Rural Poverty Alleviation Organisation in Elkatkurthi. He highlighted women's empowerment, economic strengthening, and environmental conservation, encouraging reduced plastic usage through steel bank distribution managed by women's groups. He reiterated the government's goal to empower one crore women as economically and socially self-reliant citizens.

The review meeting was attended by DRDO officials Mena Srinu, DEO officials Gayatri and Giriraj Goud, health department officers including Dr. Appayya, transport officials including DTC Suresh Reddy, ACP Prashanth Reddy, sarpanches, tehsildar Prasad Rao, MPDO Vijay Kumar, and representatives of various women's organizations.

The session reinforced the government's commitment to transparent governance, rural development, education, health, women empowerment, and citizen welfare across Hanumakonda district.

RS Member Vem Narender Reddy Meets Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy



Hyderabad, March 10 | TPN Bureau

Newly elected Rajya Sabha member Vem Narender Reddy met Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy at his residence on Tuesday in a courtesy call following his recent election to the Upper House.

During the meeting, Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy extended his heartfelt congratulations to Vem Narender Reddy on his election to the Rajya Sabha. He appreciated the MP's experience, dedication, and commitment to public service, emphasizing that his efforts will strengthen Telangana's voice at the national level and ensure the state's concerns are effectively represented in the country's capital.

The Minister expressed confidence that Vem Narender Reddy's parliamentary journey would be successful and fruitful, enabling him to contribute meaningfully

to public welfare initiatives. He wished the Rajya Sabha member all the best in his new role, highlighting the importance of leveraging his expertise to serve citizens and promote the state's development agenda.

Both leaders discussed the significance of collaborative efforts between the state and central representatives to advance Telangana's priorities. The meeting underscored the shared commitment to enhancing governance, addressing public concerns, and ensuring effective representation of the state in parliamentary proceedings.

This courteous interaction reflects the strong camaraderie between Telangana's leadership and its representatives in the Rajya Sabha, aiming to work collectively for the state's progress and welfare of its people.

Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy Demands Lifting of Suspension in Lok Sabha



Delhi, March 10 | TPN Bureau

Lok Sabha MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy has demanded that the suspension imposed on him and seven other MPs be lifted to allow their participation in ongoing parliamentary proceedings.

Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy emphasized that suspended members should be allowed to participate in discussions on the no-confidence motion, arguing that excluding them undermines democratic representation. He recalled that during the first budget session, opposition leader Rahul Gandhi was denied the chance to speak, prompting him and other MPs to raise questions from the well of the House in protest.

As a result of the protest, eight MPs, including Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy, were suspended by Speaker Om Birla, which triggered a controversy over alleged partiality in the Speaker's actions. Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy accused the Speaker of treating members with

bias, stating that this was the root cause of the dispute.

The MP demanded immediate removal of the suspension so that the affected MPs could participate fully in parliamentary debates, including the no-confidence motion and other critical legislative matters. He stressed that democratic norms require all elected representatives to have the opportunity to voice their concerns and contribute to parliamentary discussions.

Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy also urged the House leadership to ensure impartiality in conducting parliamentary business and provide fair chances for all members to engage in debates, emphasizing that the ongoing suspension undermines transparency and accountability in legislative proceedings.

The issue has drawn nationwide attention, highlighting concerns over the treatment of opposition MPs and the need for inclusive participation in parliamentary deliberations.

Seethakka Attends Rainbow Homes Annual Festival in Balingampally



Balingampally, March 10 | TPN Bureau

Minister for Women and Child Welfare Seethakka graced the annual festival of Rainbow Homes, a renowned orphanage and child development centre in Balingampally, as the chief guest. During the event, she distributed awards to students who excelled in various sports competitions, recognizing their talent, dedication, and hard work.

Addressing the gathering, Minister Seethakka lauded Rainbow Homes for bringing light into the lives of orphaned children. She emphasized that despite lacking parental care, the students and mentors at Rainbow Homes demonstrate extraordinary commitment, nurturing children with education, sports training, and moral guidance. She remarked, "Human service is divine service. Supporting the underprivileged and giving them opportunities to grow is a noble act."

The minister encouraged students to discover their hidden talents and develop their creativity. She highlighted the importance of holistic growth, urging children to excel not only in academics but also in sports and other extracurricular activities. She further urged the institution to continue instilling societal values, ethics, and community awareness among the children.

Minister Seethakka assured that the government would extend its full support to organiza-

tions like Rainbow Homes, emphasizing her responsibility as the Women and Child Welfare Minister to safeguard and promote child welfare initiatives. She motivated the students to persevere through difficulties, reminding them that setbacks are part of the journey toward success. "Even if you fail multiple times, never stop striving. Your dedication and talent will lead you to success," she said.

The minister emphasized the importance of discipline, hard work, and persistence, encouraging children to be role models for others and to maintain a strong, positive outlook for the future. She appreciated the institution's efforts in shaping the lives of children and pledged that the government would help address the challenges faced by such orphanages.

Minister Seethakka concluded by inspiring the students to aim high, excel in every field, and uphold the values of compassion, dedication, and social responsibility. She reinforced the message that children who overcome adversities and work hard today will become leaders and role models of tomorrow.

The event celebrated both talent and humanitarian values, highlighting the critical role of institutions like Rainbow Homes in empowering underprivileged children and preparing them for a brighter future.

TPCC MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud Leads Ramzan Tofa Distribution in Nizamabad



Nizamabad, March 10 | TPN Bureau

On the occasion of the holy month of Ramzan, TPCC MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud participated in the government-organized Ramzan Tofa distribution programme in Nizamabad, aimed at providing essential items to Muslim families to celebrate the festival with dignity and joy. The event drew a large number of local community members, public representatives, minority leaders, and party officials.

Addressing the gathering, Mahesh Kumar Goud highlighted the spiritual and social significance of Ramzan, describing it as a symbol of patience, charity, and brotherhood. He stressed that the government ensures citizens from all communities can celebrate the festival happily, reflecting inclusivity and social harmony. The MLC also pointed out that the state government, under Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, and other ministers, is committed to minority welfare and the promotion of communal peace.

Mahesh Kumar Goud said the Ramzan Tofas, which include essential groceries and other items, are intended to help eligible families enjoy the festivities without financial strain. He noted that the programme is especially beneficial for economically weaker and middle-class households, allowing them to partake in the celebrations meaning-

fully. He added that such initiatives strengthen community bonds and encourage values of generosity and mutual support.

The programme also featured participation from local leaders, municipal representatives, minority community heads, and a large turnout of residents who came to receive the Ramzan Tofas. Mahesh Kumar Goud extended warm greetings to all in advance, expressing hope that the festival would serve as a reminder of peace, tolerance, and communal harmony. He urged citizens to use the occasion to foster goodwill, strengthen social cohesion, and promote ethical values of sharing and caring for the underprivileged.

He further emphasized that government-supported festivals such as this demonstrate the administration's commitment to inclusivity and the welfare of all communities, ensuring that cultural and religious celebrations are accessible and joyful for every citizen. The event highlighted the collaborative effort between elected representatives and government bodies to support minority welfare, strengthen community ties, and promote social harmony across Telangana.

Through the Ramzan Tofa distribution, the programme reinforced the importance of celebrating traditions while upholding the values of charity, respect, and unity, contributing to a peaceful and cohesive society.

Transparent Land Services in Focus: Rovers to Aid Re-Survey of 373 Villages



Hyderabad, March 10, 2026 | TPN Bureau

As part of efforts to make land transactions more transparent and provide efficient services, especially to farmers, Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, Minister for Revenue, Housing, and Information & Public Relations, highlighted key initiatives during the pre-budget meeting for 2026-27 held at the Secretariat under the chairmanship of Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka.

The minister outlined measures to streamline land-related services by integrating the Revenue, Stamps & Registration, and Survey departments under a single umbrella. To facilitate this, a dedicated digital portal is being introduced, allowing citizens easier access to land records and reducing delays in dispute resolution.

Announcing a major modernization drive, the minister stated that traditional survey methods would be replaced by advanced rover devices for accurate land surveys. Already, 460 rovers—one per mandal—have been procured, with proposals for an additional 400 in the upcoming budget. This initiative will support the re-survey of 373 villages currently without proper cadastral maps, with funds to be allocated in the 2026-27 budget.

Addressing infrastructure, Minister Srinivas Reddy said permanent government buildings would be constructed for RDO and Tahsildar offices currently operating from rented spaces. These facilities

would enhance administrative efficiency and citizen convenience, with the required budget provisions to be ensured.

The minister emphasized that these reforms aim not only at improving efficiency but also at ensuring transparency, accountability, and accessibility in all land-related services. Officials from the Revenue and Finance departments participated in the meeting and discussed detailed budget requirements for each department.

By combining technology-driven surveys, streamlined administration, and permanent office infrastructure, the Telangana government aims to provide faster, reliable, and citizen-friendly land services. The initiatives also reflect the government's commitment to farmers and rural communities, ensuring timely resolution of land issues and supporting overall rural development.

This meeting underscored the government's vision of modern governance where digital tools, robust infrastructure, and transparent processes work together to serve the public efficiently while empowering farmers and local residents.

The pre-budget discussions are expected to shape the 2026-27 allocations for the Revenue, Housing, and Survey departments, ensuring effective implementation of re-survey programs and other citizen-centric initiatives across the state.

Minister Reviews 99-Day Public Governance Plan in Akkannapet

Siddipet District, March 10 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar held a review meeting with sarpanches and panchayat secretaries at Akkannapet mandal headquarters in Siddipet district to assess the implementation of the government's "Praja Palana - Pragati Pranalika" 99-day action plan.

Addressing the meeting, the minister said the programme, which is being implemented from March 6 to June 12, aims to strengthen governance, improve public services, and accelerate development works at the grassroots level. He urged officials and public representatives to work in coordination to ensure the success of the initiative.

Ponnamp Prabhakar emphasized the importance of maintaining cleanliness in villages and government offices. He directed officials to clear pending files promptly to ensure efficient administration and faster service delivery to the public. As part of the programme,



medical camps will be organized in every village in Akkannapet mandal to conduct health check-ups for residents.

The minister also instructed the police and transport departments to organize awareness programmes under the "Arrive Alive" initiative to promote road safety and prevent accidents. He asked officials to prepare lists of eligible beneficiaries from SC, ST, BC, and minority communities who are yet to receive wel-

fare benefits such as fine rice through ration cards and 200 units of free electricity.

Highlighting the growing concern of substance abuse, the minister directed local authorities to conduct awareness programmes against drugs, narcotics, and ganja in villages to protect youth from addiction.

In addition, he announced that helmets would be distributed to sarpanches and deputy sarpanches and encour-

aged them to help youth above 18 years obtain driving licenses in their villages. He also urged farmers to adopt crop diversification practices, including oil palm and horticulture cultivation, based on scientific recommendations from agricultural experts.

Ponnamp Prabhakar reiterated that the State government is implementing several schemes with the goal of empowering one crore women to become financially strong. Women's

self-help groups are being encouraged to run initiatives such as Indiramma canteens, solar power plants, and other income-generating activities.

The minister stressed the need to strengthen government schools by increasing student enrollment and reducing dropouts. Officials were asked to intensify the "Badibata" campaign and ensure that more children join government schools.

He also reviewed the progress of Indiramma housing projects and directed officials to complete pending houses quickly so that beneficiaries can perform housewarming ceremonies by the end of the month.

The minister concluded by stressing the importance of protecting the environment and building a plastic-free society. He encouraged the use of steel banks provided to women's groups and warned that action would be taken against excessive plastic usage. Officials were also instructed to take proactive steps to prevent drinking water shortages in villages during the summer.

MP Vamshi Krishna Alleges Neglect of RFCL Ramagundam by Centre

Peddapalli, March 10 | TPN Bureau

Peddapalli Member of Parliament Gaddam Vamshi Krishna has expressed serious concern over the functioning of the Ramagundam Fertilizers and Chemicals Limited, alleging that negligence and mismanagement by the Central government are affecting the operations of the fertilizer plant.

Speaking about the issue, the MP said the Ramagundam-based fertilizer unit in Peddapalli constituency is not being managed properly and is currently functioning far below its potential. He stated that he had written several letters to Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers J. P. Nadda highlighting the problems and concerns regarding the plant. He also mentioned that he personally met the minister to explain the issues faced by the organisation, but no concrete response had been received so far.

According to Vamshi Krishna, the production capacity of the RFCL Ramagundam plant is not being fully utilised. At pre-



sent, the facility is operating at only around 70 percent of its production capacity. He pointed out that the company's head office being located in New Delhi has resulted in a lack of adequate attention to the local operational issues.

The MP said he had repeatedly requested the Central government to

shift the company's head office from Delhi to Hyderabad so that administrative decisions could be taken more efficiently and local concerns addressed quickly. However, the Centre has reportedly informed him through an official communication that there is no proposal to relocate the headquarters.

Recalling the history of the plant, Vamshi Krishna said the Ramagundam fertilizer factory, which had once been shut down, was revived due to the efforts of senior leaders including former Union Minister G. Venkataswamy. He noted that discussions held with former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh played a key role in re-

starting the facility. Later, when G. Vivek Venkatswamy served as MP, significant efforts were made to bring the plant back into production.

The MP said the fertilizer plant has been crucial for providing employment opportunities to local youth and for supplying urea to farmers in Telangana and several other states. However, he alleged that the current management and policies under the BJP-led government have created confusion in the supply and management of urea.

He further claimed that improper import planning and failure to utilise the existing production capacity are causing difficulties for farmers who depend on timely fertilizer supply. Vamshi Krishna warned that the situation could seriously impact farmers in Telangana.

He concluded by stating that he would continue raising the issue and protesting until justice is done and the interests of farmers and workers connected to the Ramagundam fertilizer plant are protected.

Narmetta Oil Palm Unit to Be Inaugurated on March 22

Hyderabad, March 10 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao announced that a modern oil palm processing unit at Narmetta village in Siddipet district will be inaugurated on March 22 by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy.

The facility has been constructed in Nangunur mandal of Siddipet district with an estimated cost of around ₹300 crore and is expected to significantly strengthen the oil palm cultivation ecosystem in the state. The minister reviewed the arrangements for the inauguration with officials from the agriculture and allied departments.

According to the minister, the new processing factory has been built by Telangana Oil Federation to support farmers engaged in oil palm cultivation. Initially, the plant will operate with a processing capacity of 30 tonnes per hour (TPH). However, the infrastructure has been designed to allow future expansion up to 120 tonnes per hour.

Tummala Nageswara Rao stated that the new unit will provide major



support to oil palm farmers by offering improved processing, storage and marketing facilities. Farmers will be able to directly bring their harvested oil palm fruits to the factory for quick processing. With the use of modern technology in oil extraction, the quality of the final product is expected to improve, enabling farmers to receive better market prices.

At present, two oil palm

processing mills are already functioning in Bhadradri Kothagudem under Telangana Oil Fed, with a combined processing capacity of around 120 metric tonnes per hour. The new facility at Narmetta will further strengthen the state's efforts to promote oil palm cultivation and increase production.

To mark the inauguration of the processing unit, the state govern-

ment will organise a three-day Rythu Mela (Farmers' Fair) from March 20 to 22 under the supervision of the agriculture and allied departments. The fair will feature exhibitions and awareness programmes on modern farming practices, advanced agricultural machinery, oil palm cultivation techniques and methods to improve crop productivity.

Officials from different

departments will set up information stalls at the event to provide farmers with guidance on government schemes, crop management and agricultural innovations.

Meanwhile, the minister also appealed to Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan to grant immediate approval for opening procurement centres for key crops under the Price Support Scheme (PSS) during the 2025-26 Rabi season.

He requested the Centre to allow procurement of crops such as black gram, groundnut, sunflower and Bengal gram at Minimum Support Price (MSP) as harvesting has already begun in several regions of Telangana. The Union minister reportedly responded positively and assured that the proposal would be examined and approvals granted soon.

Tummala Nageswara Rao said arrangements are already in place to open procurement centres across the state, including 45 centres for Bengal gram, 20 for sunflower, 10 for black gram and five for groundnut, ensuring that farmers receive fair prices for their produce.

Drive to Identify Houses Not Handing Over Garbage to Collection Autos



Quthbullapur, March 10 | TPN Bureau

As part of the ongoing 99-day Praja Palana Pragathi Programme, officials in the Gajularamaram Circle conducted a special drive on Tuesday to identify households that are not handing over their garbage to municipal collection autos. The initiative is aimed at strengthening sanitation management and ensuring proper waste disposal in residential areas.

On the fifth day of the programme, municipal sanitation teams carried out door-to-door garbage collection and inspection in several localities, including Suraram village, HMAT Society, Shapur Nagar, Devender Nagar, Subhash Chandra Bose Nagar Colony and PP Nagar Colony. During the drive, officials identified houses that were not giving their waste to the municipal garbage autos and were allegedly disposing of it in open areas.

Authorities said such practices contribute to unhygienic conditions and increase the risk of pollution and disease. The special drive was therefore conducted to create awareness among residents and ensure that garbage is handed over only to authorized municipal collection vehicles.

Deputy Commissioner Sripada Rameshwar personally participated in the programme and supervised the sanitation activities in the circle. He instructed residents to cooperate with municipal workers by handing over their garbage to the collection autos at

the designated timings.

He also advised citizens not to dump waste indiscriminately in streets, vacant plots or open areas, stressing that maintaining cleanliness in residential colonies requires active participation from the public. Officials said proper waste management plays a key role in keeping neighborhoods hygienic and preventing environmental problems.

During the drive, sanitation staff interacted with residents and explained the importance of segregating and handing over household waste properly. Officials also noted down details of households that were not cooperating with the waste collection system so that further awareness or necessary action could be taken if required.

Municipal authorities emphasized that keeping the city clean is a shared responsibility between the civic body and the residents. They said initiatives like the identification drive would help strengthen the waste collection system and improve sanitation standards in the area.

Sanitation officials, municipal staff, colony residents, UCD resource persons, members of Self-Help Groups (SHGs), and representatives of colony welfare associations actively participated in the programme. Officials expressed hope that with public cooperation, the sanitation drive would help maintain a cleaner and healthier environment across the Gajularamaram Circle

TRUEPOINT Report Leads to Repair of Dangerous Road Pit



BEFORE



AFTER

Quthbullapur, March 10 | TPN Bureau

A long-pending civic issue in Bahadurpally's Green Hills Colony under Dundigal Circle was finally resolved after a report by True Point News highlighted the problem faced by residents for over a month. The publication's coverage drew the attention of municipal authorities, who promptly moved to repair a large and hazardous pit on the road that had been troubling locals for nearly 45 days.

Residents said the pit had formed in the middle of the road several weeks ago, posing a serious threat to mo-

torists and pedestrians alike. Due to the deep crater, commuters had to navigate the stretch cautiously every day, fearing accidents. Despite repeated complaints from the colony residents, the issue reportedly remained unattended for weeks.

The situation changed after True Point News carried a report titled "One Pit, Hundreds of Daily Troubles," drawing attention to the difficulties faced by the public. Soon after the article was published, officials from the Dundigal municipal engineering department responded and visited the

site to assess the situation.

Authorities immediately initiated repair works using machinery and filled the dangerous pit, restoring the road and easing the movement of vehicles and pedestrians in the locality. The quick response following the media report brought relief to the residents who had been struggling with the unsafe road condition for several weeks.

Local residents expressed gratitude to True Point News for bringing their problem to light and ensuring that the authorities took action. They said the issue had been ignored for more

than a month, despite repeated requests to concerned officials. The residents added that the media report played a crucial role in drawing attention to their plight.

Colony members said the road had become particularly dangerous during night hours when visibility was low. Two-wheelers and small vehicles were especially vulnerable to accidents due to the sudden dip in the road surface. Many drivers were forced to slow down drastically or take detours to avoid the damaged stretch.

Residents also empha-

sized the importance of responsible journalism in addressing public grievances. They noted that by highlighting civic issues, the media helps bring problems faced by common people to the notice of authorities and ensures accountability.

"Media plays a vital role in representing the voice of the people. Because of the report published by True Point News, our long-standing problem was finally resolved," several residents said, thanking the publication for standing up for the community and helping secure a solution to the issue.

Swachh Auto Workers Protest CM Remarks

Quthbullapur, March 10 | TPN Bureau

Tensions flared in Jagadgirigutta on Tuesday as GHMC Swachh Auto workers staged a protest against remarks allegedly made by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy. The sanitation workers expressed strong resentment over the comments, demanding that the Chief Minister withdraw his statements and issue a public apology.

The protest took place near the garbage dumping yard on Jagadgirigutta Road under the Quthbullapur constituency limits. Swachh Auto drivers and sanitation workers gathered in large numbers and parked their vehicles at the site, staging a dharna to voice their anger. The workers said the comments had hurt the dignity of those who play a crucial role in keeping the city clean.

Protesters stated that Swachh Auto workers have been at the forefront of waste collection in the city and have been working tire-

lessly under challenging conditions. Even during the COVID-19 pandemic, they continued their duties without taking leave, risking their lives to ensure sanitation services remained uninterrupted. In such circumstances, the alleged remarks from the Chief Minister were deeply disappointing and disrespectful, they said.

The workers demanded that the Chief Minister immediately withdraw his comments and tender a public apology. They warned that if the government fails to respond, the agitation could intensify and spread across the state. According to the protesters, sanitation workers across Telangana may launch a statewide protest and even go on strike if their demands are ignored.

The union leaders also highlighted long-standing issues faced by Swachh Auto workers. They said the sanitation vehicles currently in use were provided in 2015 during the previous BRS government, with



around 4,500 Swachh Autos distributed for waste collection operations. Many of these vehicles have now become outdated and are in poor condition. Despite repeated requests, workers claim that funds for repairs are insufficient and no new vehicles have been provided by the present government.

The workers said they continue to carry out their duties from as early as 4

a.m. until evening, ensuring garbage is collected from various neighbourhoods across the city. Despite the hardships, they said their primary goal remains maintaining cleanliness in Hyderabad.

Speaking on the occasion, GHMC Swachh Auto Union President Venkanna demanded that the Chief Minister retract the remarks that allegedly insulted sanitation workers. Swachh

Auto Joint Action Committee Chairman Ettari Gopi also criticised the government, stating that instead of addressing the workers' problems, making derogatory remarks against them was unacceptable.

A large number of Swachh Auto drivers and union representatives participated in the protest, warning that the agitation would continue until their concerns are addressed.

Hygiene Kits Distributed to Students on Women's Day



Nacharam, March 10 | TPN Bureau

Marking the occasion of International Women's Day, hygiene kits were distributed to students at the Government School in Mallapur under the Uppal constituency. The initiative was organized by the Arogya Setu Foundation as part of its "Project Sakhi" programme aimed at promoting health awareness among students.

The event was held in Mallapur, Hyderabad, where around 300 students from the government school received hygiene kits. Along with the distribution, an awareness session on personal hygiene and health was conducted to educate students about maintaining cleanliness and adopting healthy habits in their daily lives.

Organizers said the programme was designed to encourage young students to understand the importance of hygiene, particularly during their formative years. The session focused on educating children about basic health practices, cleanliness, and the importance of maintaining proper hygiene to prevent illnesses.

Speaking on the occasion, Student NGO founder Vishnu Vikas said that such initiatives are being undertaken with the support

of Pratyusha Foundation and the cooperation of various student volunteers. He noted that the organizations are committed to conducting more awareness programmes and welfare activities for students in the future.

He emphasized that spreading awareness about hygiene among schoolchildren is essential for building a healthier society. "Through initiatives like Project Sakhi, we aim to educate students about personal hygiene and health while also supporting them with essential kits," he said.

The programme witnessed active participation from volunteers and representatives of the organizing groups. Founder Vishnu Vikas, Co-founder and General Secretary Akshita Patel, and Vice President Nikita were present at the event along with other members and volunteers.

Students and school staff appreciated the initiative and thanked the organizers for conducting the awareness programme and distributing the kits. The organizers said similar activities would continue in other schools as part of their ongoing efforts to promote health awareness and support students in government institutions.

CBIT Organizes Expert Lecture on "Role of Staff in Institutional Branding and Perception"



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stitute of Technology (CBIT), Hyderabad, organized an Expert Lecture on

"Role of Staff in Institutional Branding and Perception" on 10 March 2026

at 2:00 PM in the SMS Seminar Hall, CBIT.

The lecture was delivered by Dr. Sudhakar Rao, Director, ICFAI Group and an alumnus of IIM Bangalore, who shared valuable insights on the crucial role played by faculty and staff in shaping the image, reputation, and public perception of educational institutions. During the session, he presented several interesting real-time case studies from the education and corporate sectors, illustrating how institutional reputation is influenced by the collective efforts, communication practices, and professional behavior of staff members.

He emphasized that institutional branding is not limited to promotional activities but is built through academic excellence, quality teaching, research contributions, student engagement, and responsible digital presence. Principal Prof. C. V. Nar-

asimhulu appreciated the initiative and stated that every staff member plays a vital role in strengthening the credibility and reputation of the institution through dedication, professionalism, and meaningful engagement with stakeholders.

Dr. Mamta Thakur, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, formally introduced the chief guest at the beginning of the program.

The program was convened by Dr. Venkat Barla and Dr. G. N. R. Prasad, who coordinated the event successfully. The session witnessed active participation from faculty members and staff, followed by an interactive discussion.

Advisor - CDC, Dr. N. L. N. Reddy, delivered the vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to the speaker for sharing valuable insights and appreciating the efforts of all those involved in organizing the program successfully.

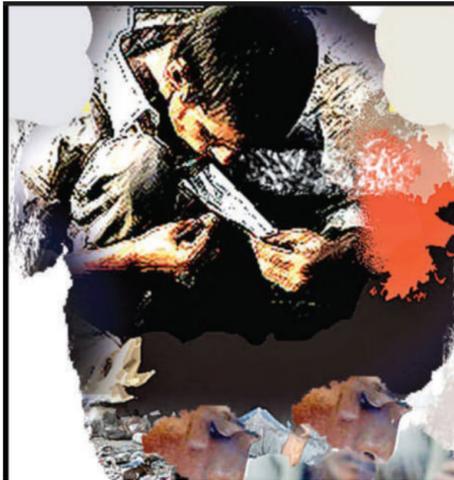
Drugs Push Youth into Darkness

Adilabad, March 10 | TPN Bureau

The growing use of narcotic substances among youth is emerging as a serious social concern, with experts warning that drugs such as ganja and other intoxicants are destroying young lives and affecting families across communities. What often begins as casual experimentation for temporary pleasure gradually turns into addiction, pushing many young people into a dangerous cycle that threatens their health and future.

Reports indicate that the consumption of ganja and other narcotic substances has been increasing among youth in several areas. In some cases, individuals are even resorting to narcotic injections to experience stronger effects. Medical experts warn that if addiction is identified at an early stage, treatment and counselling can help individuals recover more quickly. However, delays in seeking help may lead to severe physical and psychological consequences.

There are also concerns that illegal drug trade is continuing quietly in certain villages. Small packets of ganja are reportedly being sold secretly, while substances such as gutka and other chemically prepared intoxicants are also being consumed by some youngsters. Drugs made with harmful chemicals like Alprazolam and other synthetic compounds are reportedly being misused, further worsening the situation. In extreme cases, addicts reach a stage where they are unable to function normally without consuming these substances.



Doctors caution that drug abuse has serious health consequences affecting almost every organ in the human body. Prolonged consumption can increase the risk of paralysis, insomnia, and high blood pressure. It can also damage eyesight and may even lead to permanent vision loss. The liver is particularly vulnerable, with long-term abuse potentially leading to severe liver disorders. Digestive problems such as indigestion and acidity are also common among addicts.

The impact of narcotics extends beyond physical health. Drug abuse can slow brain function, impair judgement, and lead individuals to engage in risky or criminal behav-

our. Youth under the influence may resort to rash driving, violent acts, or other dangerous activities. In some cases, addiction has been linked to severe depression and even suicidal tendencies.

Experts warn that widespread drug abuse can negatively affect society as a whole. Increased addiction can lead to rising health issues, reduced productivity, and growing social instability. They stress that stronger measures are needed to curb illegal drug trafficking and distribution. At the same time, awareness campaigns, community involvement, and family support are essential to protect young people from falling into the trap of substance abuse.

Authorities, community leaders, and citizens must work together to ensure that youth stay away from narcotics and focus on building a healthy and productive future.



— Madi Ganesh Sonala, Senior Journalist

Women's Day Celebrated at Mahankali Police Station

Secunderabad, March 10 | TPN Bureau

International Women's Day was celebrated with enthusiasm at the Mahankali Police Station on Monday. The programme was organized under the leadership of Sridhar, who joined the women police personnel in marking the special occasion.

As part of the celebrations, women police staff serving at the station were honored for their dedication and service. A cake-cutting ceremony was organized where the women personnel participated with enthusiasm. They were later felicitated with shawls, flower garlands and gifts as a mark of appreciation for their contribution to the police department.

Addressing the gathering, ACP Sridhar said that the role of women police officers in safeguarding society is extremely significant. He noted that women officers effectively balance both their professional duties and family responsibilities, bringing pride to the police department through their commitment and hard work.

He also highlighted that women today are excelling in various fields and playing a crucial role in strengthening institutions, including the police force. Their services, he said, are commendable and continue to inspire others in



the department.

The ACP extended warm Women's Day greetings to all the women personnel and appreciated their dedication to maintaining law and order while serving the community.

Several police officials and staff members participated in the programme. Among them were Circle Inspector S. Ravikumar, DI K. Rangareddy, Sub-Inspectors Sridhar, Sandeep Reddy, Likhita, and ASI Anil, along with other staff

members.

The event concluded with a message emphasizing respect, equality and empowerment of women in all spheres of life, particularly within the police department where their role continues to grow stronger.

Women's Day Celebrated at ESI Hospital Nacharam

Nacharam, March 10 | TPN Bureau

International Women's Day was celebrated with enthusiasm at the ESI Hospital Nacharam on Tuesday. The event highlighted the importance of women in society and recognized the contributions of women employees working in the healthcare sector. Several dignitaries and staff members participated in the programme. Suraram Vijayalakshmi attended the event as the chief guest. Other prominent attendees included Medical Superintendent Dr. Ramesh Babu, RMO Dr. Veena Rani, and Dr. Satish. Leaders from employee and workers' organizations also took part in the celebration. Grace Craft, Chief Nursing Officer S. Premalatha, Hyderabad District Working President B. Hemalatha, and ESI Nacharam Branch President G. Victoria were present at the event.



During the programme, speakers emphasized the vital role women play in society and discussed the challenges they continue to face in various fields. They highlighted the need for greater respect, equality, and support for women both at workplaces and in the community. Participants also spoke about the contributions of women working in hospitals and healthcare institutions, noting that their dedication and service are crucial to providing quality care to patients. The speakers encouraged women employees to continue striving for professional excellence while supporting one another.

As part of the event, the gathering observed a moment of silence to pay tribute to B. Jyothi, a nursing officer who passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday. Staff members expressed their condolences and prayed for the peace of her soul. Several women staff members including Venu Kumar, Aruna, Bhagya, Chandrakala, Soundarya, Anjani, and Chamundeshwari attended the programme. The event concluded with messages encouraging unity, empowerment, and continued recognition of women's contributions in the healthcare sector.

Job Scam Busted in Bachupally, One Arrested

Quthbullapur, March 10 | TPN Bureau

A major job fraud case has come to light in Bachupally, where unemployed youth were allegedly cheated of lakhs of rupees with false promises of jobs in leading multinational companies. Police from the Bachupally Police Station have arrested the main accused in the case and launched a search for two other suspects who are currently absconding.

According to the police, the accused collected nearly ₹50 lakh from 137 unemployed individuals by promising them employment in reputed companies. The case was registered on February 14 following a complaint lodged by Kasula Jagadeesh, a resident of Nizampet.

In the complaint, the victim alleged that three individuals — Ajay Jakkula, Shrivani Kondaji and Sadgun Sadhula — had approached job seekers claiming they could secure positions in prominent multinational firms. The accused reportedly assured candidates that they had influence and contacts that would help them obtain jobs in major companies.

The accused allegedly lured victims by claiming they could arrange placements in companies such as Cognizant, JPMorgan Chase, Amazon, EPAM Systems, Qualcomm, and Wells Fargo.

To make the scheme appear legitimate, the suspects reportedly introduced a so-called "recommendation recruitment scheme" and collected placement fees ranging from ₹20,000 to ₹90,000 from each candidate. During the course of the investigation, police found that the complainant had transferred a total of ₹47.20 lakh to the accused through his own bank account and through accounts belonging to other victims.

When the promised jobs did not materialize, the victims reportedly approached the accused demanding refunds. However, the suspects allegedly stopped re-



sponding to calls and messages, raising suspicion among the victims and prompting them to approach the police.

Under the supervision of Bachupally Inspector N. Suresh, police launched an investigation and examined bank transactions related to the case. Acting on credible information, the police traced the main accused, Ajay Jakkula (34), who was hiding in Korutla in Jagityal district.

He was arrested on March 9 and produced before the court, which remanded him to judicial custody. Police have intensified efforts to trace the remaining accused, Shrivani Kondaji and Sadgun Sadhula, who are currently on the run.

Authorities have urged job seekers to remain cautious and avoid paying money to individuals or agencies that promise guaranteed employment in reputed companies.

Anti-Drug Awareness Seminar Held at Bhagyarathi College



Quthbullapur, March 10 | TPN Bureau

An anti-drug awareness seminar was organized at Bhagyarathi Degree College in Chintal to educate students about the harmful effects of narcotics and discourage drug use among youth. The programme aimed to create awareness among students and encourage them to stay away from addictive substances.

The seminar was attended by Malleham, Circle Inspector of Jeedimetla Police Station, who participated as the chief guest and addressed the students. Speaking on the occasion, he warned that the growing use of drugs among young people is becoming a serious concern and can destroy their future.

He advised students to remain focused on their studies and career goals and avoid falling into harmful habits such as substance abuse. He emphasized that drugs not only damage an individual's health but also negatively affect families and society as a whole.

During the session, police officials explained the various physical, mental and social consequences associated with drug addiction. They also informed students about the legal implications and the strict measures being taken by the police to

curb drug trafficking and consumption.

Sub-Inspector Naidu and DI Dhanunjay, along with other members of the police team, also participated in the programme and interacted with students. They spoke about the importance of awareness and encouraged students to report any suspicious activities related to drugs in their surroundings.

The college management appreciated the initiative and said such programmes are important in guiding students toward a healthy and responsible lifestyle. They stated that similar awareness activities will continue in the future to ensure students understand the dangers of drug abuse.

College Principal Naveen Raj and Director Nalla Jai Shankar Goud were present at the event along with faculty members and staff.

A large number of students from B.Com, B.Sc and BBA streams attended the seminar. Teaching and non-teaching staff also participated in the programme, making it an interactive session focused on spreading awareness about the risks of drug abuse and the importance of leading a drug-free life.

Is the Gulf Reconsidering Its Reliance on the US? Uncertain Security Guarantees Amid Escalating Regional War

The Middle East has been thrust into one of the most dangerous geopolitical crises in recent memory. What began with pre-emptive strikes by the United States and Israel on Iran on February 28, 2026 — including the killing of Iran's Supreme Leader and more than 40 senior military commanders — has escalated into a broader conflict that shows no sign of abating. The response from Iran has been fierce, with the Islamic Republic striking back not only at Israel but also at American military bases scattered across the region and critical energy infrastructure such as oil fields, oil depots, gas facilities, and major shipping arteries.

The sheer scale and intensity of Iran's counter-offensive have surprised many, but perhaps the most consequential impact has been the ripple effect on regional security perceptions — most notably within the Gulf states, long pillars of America's Middle East strategy. For decades, the countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) — including Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Kuwait, Bahrain, and Oman — have depended on Washington's military umbrella as the cornerstone of their security calculus. However, the current conflict has exposed deep flaws in that assumption, prompting public debate, elite criticism, and calls for alternate approaches to national defence and regional stability.

The Gulf's Strategic Dilemma

For much of the last half century, the United States positioned itself as the guarantor of Gulf security. This began in earnest after the British withdrawal from the Persian Gulf in the late 1960s, leaving a vacuum that Washington filled under doctrines encouraging allies to shoulder more of their own defence, backed by robust American military support. After the 1979 Iranian Revolution, when one of the region's central pillars of stability was lost, US commitments — including the Carter Doc-



trine, which pledged to defend the Gulf's security against external threats — became a defining feature of regional geopolitics.

During subsequent decades, the US established permanent military bases, made defence pact proposals, and championed alliance constructs designed to integrate Gulf defence with American military power — effectively embedding Washington into the fabric of the region's security architecture.

Yet, despite this deep engagement, those arrangements have largely failed to prevent or contain the latest round of violence. Iran's missiles and drones have penetrated Gulf airspace, striking economic and strategic targets, while the closure of major channels like the Strait of Hormuz — through which significant portions of global energy shipments pass — has alarmed markets worldwide. As a result, voices across the

Gulf are questioning long-standing assumptions about US commitment to their security.

Growing Frustration Within Gulf Societies

In recent days, criticism of US policy has grown louder among business leaders, opinion makers, and ordinary citizens in Gulf states. For example, prominent figures in the United Arab Emirates — long seen as among the closest regional partners of the United States — have publicly rebuked American policy, questioning why Washington would engage in a war that has brought instability to their doorstep without sufficient consultation or regard for Gulf interests.

This sentiment reflects deeper anxieties about the economic fallout of the conflict. The UAE's markets have been roiled, tourism has suffered, and logistical disruptions in trade have shaken

investor confidence. While Gulf governments have so far tried to maintain calm, the reverberations in the private sector paint a picture of a society that is increasingly sceptical of the perceived security benefits of its alignment with Washington.

Moreover, comments from some Gulf elites have underscored a broader trend toward questioning conventional narratives of dependency on American protection. Rejecting claims that the Gulf cannot defend itself without the US, critics point out that local defence spending and procurement — including billions spent on advanced weapons systems — represents a substantial investment that should not be conflated with dependency.

America's Strategic Constraints and Gulf Expectations

Part of the frustration stems from a mismatch be-

tween Gulf expectations and American strategic priorities. Many Gulf countries hoped that their deepening economic ties with the US and large defence purchases would yield solid political commitments during times of crisis. Instead, Washington's approach has been perceived as cautious, constrained by domestic politics and a broader reluctance to become excessively entangled in Middle Eastern conflicts. This has, in turn, fueled a sense of abandonment among some Gulf leaders and citizens.

This dynamic was starkly illustrated when Gulf officials complained that they were not adequately warned about US Israeli operations that triggered Iran's sweeping retaliation. Those officials argued that the lack of communication and perceived prioritisation of Israeli and American forces over Gulf defence assets

contributed to vulnerabilities that should have been mitigated within existing alliance structures.

Furthermore, the effectiveness of Gulf air defences — particularly in the UAE — has been uneven, raising questions about the reliability of Western military technology and the robustness of existing security frameworks. While integrated defence systems have intercepted many incoming threats, the fact that Gulf infrastructure remains exposed during ongoing attacks underlines a strategic fragility that Gulf states can no longer ignore.

A Search for Alternatives Given these developments, regional actors are now considering alternative security options that go beyond old models of Western dependence. Some analysts argue that the Gulf must reassess its strategic architecture, exploring more organic re-

gional mechanisms that include not only GCC members but also historically adversarial neighbours like Iran and Iraq. Such a framework, although difficult to achieve, could offer a more inclusive and balanced method of dealing with conventional and asymmetric threats.

At the same time, Gulf leaders are also likely to strengthen bilateral and multilateral defence cooperation with other global powers, including China and Russia, which have increasingly asserted diplomatic roles in the region. These engagements could serve as hedges against overwhelming reliance on any single external partner.

For now, the immediate priority for Gulf states remains avoiding an uncontrollable escalation that could engulf the entire region. Many are attempting to maintain diplomatic channels with all major powers, emphasise de-escalation and preserve trade and energy flows — while quietly preparing for a future in which US security guarantees are seen as one factor among many, rather than an unassailable bedrock.

Conclusion

The unfolding conflict in the Middle East has not only redrawn battle lines but has also forced a profound strategic reckoning among the Gulf states. The long-standing belief that American military might could be relied upon to safeguard Gulf sovereignty against any external threat has been shaken. As Gulf societies and policymakers reassess their options, the region may be on the cusp of redefining its security relationships — not just with the United States but with the broader international community. Whether this leads to a more autonomous regional order or a diversified set of strategic partnerships remains to be seen. But one thing is clear: the old assumptions about US Gulf ties are being questioned as never before.

How the Iran Israel War Could Reshape Global Alignments: China's Strategic Shift Toward Russia

The war between Israel and Iran has rapidly evolved from a regional confrontation into a conflict with potentially massive global economic and geopolitical implications. Initially triggered by strikes on Iranian territory that killed key leaders and crippled portions of its infrastructure, the war has unleashed a series of strategic shocks. One of the most striking outcomes has been the effect on global energy markets, particularly the disruption of oil flows through the Strait of Hormuz — a narrow maritime corridor through which roughly one-fifth of the world's crude oil normally passes. This disruption has triggered a dramatic surge in oil prices and posed fundamental questions about energy security, great power politics, and the future of international alignments.

At the center of this geopolitical earthquake is China, a country that buys an unusual large share of its oil from Iran under Western sanctions. For years, Chinese imports of Iranian crude were discounted and sometimes relabeled to avoid scrutiny, representing a pragmatic arrangement that benefitted both sides. But the outbreak of full scale conflict has changed the arithmetic for Beijing. The closure — even if temporary — of the Strait of Hormuz has created the biggest oil price shock in years, rattling markets and destabilising economies worldwide.

Unlike other major economies, China has a relatively comfortable buffer against sudden supply disruptions. Beijing has been stockpiling oil for years, accumulating

strategic reserves far larger than they were a decade ago. These reserves, coupled with a rapidly transitioning energy mix that includes an expanding share of renewables, mean that China's immediate exposure to Middle East oil shocks is more limited than that of many other major importers. Moreover, the portion of China's overall energy consumption directly tied to oil that flows through Hormuz is smaller than widely perceived. Still, China cannot completely insulate itself from the effects of the current crisis.

China's economic ties to the Middle East are deep and multifaceted. Beyond crude oil, Chinese companies have invested heavily in regional infrastructure, energy projects, and port facilities across the Gulf and beyond. These investments have grown into a substantial financial portfolio that is now under threat from the war's escalation. The disruption to shipping traffic, the evacuation of Chinese personnel, and the suspension of some commercial operations demonstrate just how exposed Beijing is to instability in this vital region.

Yet while the immediate effects on China's energy security are important, a far more consequential development may be how the war influences Beijing's strategic posture and its relations with other major powers — especially Russia.

Before the conflict erupted, China was already an energy heavyweight with diversified sources. Russia, long a key supplier of oil and gas, accounts for a significant portion of



China's import mix. In fact, Russian crude supplies are among the largest single sources of energy for Beijing. In this context, the Middle East war has created a scenario where Russia's relative importance to China's energy security is likely to increase further.

Moreover, China's deepening relationship with Russia is not limited to energy. The two countries have been steadily drawing closer over the past decade, aligning more frequently in diplomatic forums, security cooperation, and economic ties. The war in the Middle East — and the resulting instability in global markets — appears to accelerate this trend. With energy markets in turmoil and Beijing seeking stability, Moscow's role as a re-

liable supplier of oil and gas assumes even greater significance.

If China expands its energy purchases from Russia, it could accelerate pending pipeline projects, reinforce cross border energy infrastructure, and solidify Russia as Beijing's most important energy partner. An immediate example would be the expansion of gas pipeline links that pass through Mongolia and into northern China, which would complement existing supply routes from Siberia. These developments would have strategic implications far beyond energy, strengthening an axis between Beijing and Moscow that could help redraft global power balances in the years ahead.

Yet it is important to recognize that China's dependence on Russia carries strategic risks. Moscow may gain leverage over Beijing by virtue of energy exports, potentially pushing for higher prices or advantageous terms. As the war intensifies, China might find itself more deeply economically intertwined with Russia, which could constrain its diplomatic freedom in other regions.

Despite these concerns, China's current approach to the war appears cautious. It has condemned the violence and called for restraint, even as it seeks to protect its own national interests. Chinese diplomats have engaged with a range of Middle Eastern actors — including Iran, Oman, Israel,

and Gulf states — in an attempt to calm tensions. Beijing's overarching goal appears to be to preserve as much stability as possible in a region upon which it depends for energy imports and economic opportunity.

For Iran, its economic dependence on China is even more pronounced. A large majority of Tehran's exports are destined for China, giving Beijing leverage and influence. But this relationship is not without its complications. Iran, while tied to China for energy revenue, also has a complex web of regional relationships and aspirations. Its strategy of using proxy groups and regional allies against Israel and other rivals complicates Beijing's attempts to remain neutral or act as a stabilizing force.

The war's broader geopolitical reverberations are already being felt. Major economies around the world have seen their stock markets fluctuate in response to oil price spikes. Nations heavily reliant on Middle Eastern oil are scrambling for alternative supplies, negotiating with producers in West Africa, Latin America, and Russia to diversify their sources. Insurance premiums for shipping in the region have skyrocketed, and logistical bottlenecks are straining global supply chains. The closure of key maritime routes has forced entire industries to reconsider risk exposure and operational strategy.

At the policy level, countries that once believed they could rely on a predictable global energy order are now confront-

ing uncertainty. Emergency talks among energy producers and consumers have been convened to coordinate reserve releases, mitigate price surges, and calm markets. But no amount of diplomatic coordination can fully offset the fundamental reality: a major source of global energy has become a theatre of war.

For China, the experience of this crisis may reinforce the wisdom of its long standing strategy to diversify energy sources and build self reliance. Its efforts to expand renewable energy capacity, build strategic reserves, and secure long term supply contracts with diverse partners could pay dividends if future instability persists. Yet paradoxically, the very turmoil that underscores the importance of diversification could push China closer into Russia's orbit, amplifying an alignment that many Western policymakers have long feared.

Ultimately, the war between Iran and Israel has become more than a regional conflict. It has transformed into a global strategic event with ramifications for energy security, great power competition, and the structure of international relations. For Beijing, the crisis tests its economic strategy, diplomatic agility, and existing partnerships. Whether China emerges from this war with a more independent global role, or more tightly bound to Moscow's geopolitical trajectory, remains to be seen. But one thing is certain: the war's shockwaves will shape strategic choices far beyond the battlefield for years to come.

Heated Parliament Debate on No Confidence Motion Against Speaker Om Birla

A tense political confrontation unfolded in the Lok Sabha as members began debating a no confidence motion against Speaker Om Birla, with outspoken exchanges between the opposition and government ministers.

The motion was moved by several members of the opposition, who accused Speaker Birla of failing to conduct proceedings impartially and of undermining the dignity of the House. Opposition lawmakers argued that the Speaker's actions had repeatedly silenced dissenting voices and limited their opportunities to speak during discussions on key issues. In support of this claim, the debate was allocated several hours for detailed discussion.

Gaurav Gogoi's Barbs at Kiren Rijiju

Congress MP Gaurav Gogoi opened the debate by criticising the conduct of the session and targeting Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju. Gogoi accused him of being excessively disruptive during Lok Sabha proceedings, saying that future records would show Rijiju as the minister who "interrupted the Opposition the most." He framed the



motion not as a personal attack on Om Birla but as an effort to uphold the dignity and decorum of the Parliament.

Gogoi also raised procedural concerns about how the debate was being conducted, including questions around who should preside over the House during the motion since Birla was not chairing the session. He argued that despite having many opposition MPs, the position of Deputy Speaker remains vacant, affecting fair debate.

Amit Shah's Response

Union Home Minister Amit Shah responded sharply to Gogoi's remarks. Shah agreed

with the observation that Rijiju had interrupted frequently, but he turned the critique back on the opposition by branding their conduct "irresponsible." He suggested such interruptions were necessary when members did not adhere to parliamentary rules, implying that repeated breaches by the opposition warranted intervention.

Shah defended the Speaker's position and stressed that parliamentary norms were being followed, dismissing accusations of bias and affirming that the motion would be dealt with thoroughly during the ongoing debate.

Political Context

The no confidence motion against the Speaker represents a rare and significant parliamentary challenge, reflecting deep political tensions between the ruling alliance and the opposition. Lawmakers from both sides have strongly worded views, with the opposition accusing the Speaker and ruling party members of bias and the government insisting it is upholding democratic norms.

As the debate continues, the clash over procedural fairness and parliamentary conduct is expected to remain central to discussions in the House.

CBI Summons TVK Chief Vijay Again in Karur Stampede Case



The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has once again summoned actor turned politician Vijay, head of the Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK), in connection with the Karur stampede case — a tragic crowd crush that occurred on September 27, 2025, during one of his political rallies in Karur district, Tamil Nadu.

The latest notice directs Vijay to appear before the CBI in New Delhi on March 15, 2026, for further questioning as part of the ongoing investigation. This will be his third round of questioning by the central probe agency, which has been examining various aspects of the stampede and related organisational responsibilities.

Earlier, Vijay had been called in January for two separate sessions with CBI investigators, where he provided statements and answered questions related to the incident. His team had

sought a 15 day extension and requested that any future questioning be held in Chennai or elsewhere in Tamil Nadu due to his political engagements and election work ahead of the state assembly polls. However, the CBI has scheduled the latest appearance at its Delhi headquarters following the deferral request.

The Karur stampede was one of the deadliest crowd disasters linked to a political event in recent years, leaving many people dead and injuring dozens more. The case was transferred from a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to the CBI by order of the Supreme Court of India, which also appointed a supervisory committee to oversee the probe and stressed the need for an impartial and unbiased investigation.

In addition to Vijay's summons, the CBI has also asked DMK legislator Senthil Balaji to appear before investigators. Balaji has in-

dicted publicly that he intends to comply and provide clarifications to the agency regarding the tragedy.

The renewed summons comes amid heightened political sensitivity as the Tamil Nadu assembly elections approach, with speculation around political alliances and strategies involving Vijay's party. While the investigation continues, the CBI is gathering evidence related to crowd management practices, event organisation, and responsibilities of organisers and authorities present during the Karur rally.

Vijay has previously expressed sorrow over the loss of lives and announced financial assistance for the victims' families. The outcome of the CBI inquiry will be closely watched, both for legal accountability in the tragedy and its potential implications in the state's political landscape.

Supreme Court Rebukes Bengal Government and Poll Body in Voter List Row

The Supreme Court of India sharply criticised the West Bengal government and the Election Commission of India (ECI) in a heated exchange over disputes surrounding the voter list revision process ahead of the state's upcoming assembly elections. The confrontation came during a case concerning the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Bengal — a nationwide exercise to update voter lists that has become deeply contentious.

Court's Strong Message

A bench led by the Chief Justice of India issued a stern warning to the Bengal government, the poll panel, and individual petitioners, telling them not to "doubt" the integrity and work of judicial officers appointed by the court to review voter appeals. These officers are tasked with examining cases of persons whose names were deleted from electoral rolls during the SIR update. The court emphasised that judicial officers were working overtime and must not be undermined.

At the same time, the Supreme Court also pushed back on repeated pleas from the state alleging flaws in the revision process. The bench remarked that both the state government and the ECI must work together to ensure that the revision concludes fairly and transparently,



rather than filing vague or repetitive petitions seeking delays. This exchange reflected the judiciary's insistence on balancing protection of voters' rights with procedural integrity in the revision.

Political Tensions Behind the Legal Fight

The voter list dispute has become deeply political in West Bengal. The Chief Minister has led public protests and legal challenges, arguing that tens of lakhs of genuine voters have been wrongly removed or placed under legal scrutiny through the SIR exercise. She has claimed that this amounts to a threat to

democratic rights and could disenfranchise large numbers of eligible citizens just before elections. The protest shifted from courtrooms to sit ins in streets, highlighting the high emotions surrounding the issue.

Meanwhile, other political voices have highlighted alleged irregularities and administrative concerns in voter roll updates, adding to the charged atmosphere ahead of polls. Both sides have accused rivals of manipulating the process for electoral advantage, ensuring the voter list row is not just a legal dispute but a major political flashpoint in Bengal.

What Happens Next?

The Supreme Court has allowed the revision process to proceed under judicial supervision, including directing display of discrepancy lists and appointing additional officers to expedite review. Yet its recent rebuke indicates frustration with repeated legal challenges that it sees as hindering procedural progress.

As West Bengal's assembly elections approach, the voter list controversy remains unresolved, with political, legal and democratic stakes all intertwined and closely watched nationwide.

Centre Regulates Natural Gas Supply After Middle East Disruption; Priority for Homes, CNG and Fertiliser

The Central Government has moved to regulate natural gas supplies across India following disruptions to global gas flows caused by ongoing geopolitical tensions in the Middle East. The disruption has strained supply chains and raised concerns about meeting domestic energy and industrial demand. In response, authorities have issued new guidelines to prioritise where available natural gas should be supplied first.

Under the revised allocation plan, household consumers, transport fuel providers, and agricultural inputs will receive their required shares of natural gas even as supplies remain constrained. The decision aims to protect families, ensure fuel availability for vehicles that use compressed natural gas, and support farmers who depend on fertilisers in the run up to the planting season.

The move comes after several global producers signalled possible shortfalls in exports due to instability in the Middle



East, which disrupted both crude oil and associated gas production. India, which imports liquefied natural gas (LNG) and also relies on domestic gas fields, has been monitoring the situation closely. Officials said that the prioritisation plan is a temporary but necessary measure to ensure essential sectors are safeguarded during uncertain supply conditions.

In practice, the new regime will mean that industrial units which consume large quanti-

ties of natural gas for manufacturing will see some reduction in allocations. Sectors such as petrochemicals, refineries, and power plants — all of which use gas as a feedstock or fuel — may face stepped down supply volumes depending on overall availability. Authorities have made clear that this is a proportional and dynamic allocation, subject to change as global and domestic supply conditions evolve.

Government officials emphasised that residential users

will continue to have uninterrupted access to piped natural gas and that CNG availability at public stations will be maintained to avoid disruptions in urban transport networks. Fertiliser plants, especially those producing urea and other nitrogen based products, have also been assured priority supplies so that agricultural productivity is not affected.

Analysts say this step reflects broader concerns about energy security and the need for contingency planning when international supply chains face shocks. While India has diversified its import sources and ramped up long term contracts for LNG, short term disruptions still have ripple effects on domestic markets.

The government's regulated allocation framework is being closely watched by industry and consumer groups. Many see it as a balanced approach that protects households and key sectors without resorting to drastic rationing. As the global situation stabilises, the priority allocations are expected to be reviewed and adjusted.

Centre Explores Ways to Fast Track Women's Reservation in Parliament Before 2029 Elections



The Central Government is looking at ways to speed up the implementation of 33 % reservation for women in the Lok Sabha and state legislative assemblies, with the aim of making it effective by the 2029 general elections rather than years later when current procedures would allow it.

Under the Nari Shakti Vandan Act, passed in 2023, women are to be allotted one third of all seats in Parliament and state assemblies. But the law was originally linked to the completion of the census and a subsequent delimitation exercise for constituency boundaries — steps that have not yet been completed and could take several more years.

Why the Government Wants to Act Now

The government is concerned that waiting for the census and delimitation would delay women's reservation well beyond 2029. To

avoid this, it is exploring constitutional and legislative options that would allow the quota to be implemented independently of the current census and delimitation timeline. One idea being considered is to bring an amendment bill in the ongoing Parliament session that could let the reservation come into force before the next Lok Sabha polls.

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju has indicated that the government may introduce a significant bill during this session, although specific details have not been confirmed publicly. The aim behind this effort is to ensure that women's reservation — long promised but repeatedly delayed — becomes a reality for the 2029 elections rather than being pushed back due to administrative delays.

Political Dialogue and Support

To ensure broad political

support, the government has already initiated consultations with various parties and stakeholders, including opposition leaders. Expedited reservation for women has been a long standing demand from many political groups and civil society organisations aimed at boosting women's representation in legislative bodies.

If the Centre successfully brings a constitutional amendment or a revised legislative plan before Parliament and secures enough support, the 33 % quota for women could become a landmark feature of Indian electoral politics starting with the 2029 general elections.

This shift reflects growing recognition that improved political representation for women is not just a policy goal but a political priority that India is now trying to achieve in a more immediate timeframe.

US' WISA Proposal Could Ease H 1B Visa Process for Indian Professionals

The United States Congress is considering a new legislative proposal called the Welcoming International Success Act (WISA), aimed at reversing recent restrictions on the H 1B work visa system and making it easier for American employers to hire skilled foreign professionals, including many from India.

Why WISA Has Been Proposed

The WISA proposal seeks to roll back changes introduced in 2025 that tightened the H 1B visa programme. These earlier rules made the process more expensive and complex for employers, with higher fees and stricter wage requirements that companies argued made it harder to bring in global talent. The WISA would restore more employer friendly conditions, making it simpler to hire highly skilled foreign workers.

Supporters of WISA argue that the earlier changes created significant barriers for businesses, universities, hospitals, and research institutions that rely on international talent — particularly in fields such as technology, engineering, healthcare, and education, where there are ongoing skill shortages.

Key Provisions of the WISA Proposal

- Cancel the 2025 proclamation that imposed tougher requirements on the H 1B programme.
- Remove or reduce the large fee that employers must pay to sponsor new H 1B workers.
- Ease stricter wage and hiring rules that made it harder to recruit global talent.
- Make it simpler and more affordable for companies and institutions to hire skilled foreign professionals.



Backers of the bill argue that these changes would help the United States maintain its economic competitiveness by attracting and retaining global talent in key sectors rather than discouraging it.

Significance for Indian Professionals

The proposed legislation is particularly important for Indian tech workers and specialists, because Indian nationals make up a large majority of H 1B visa holders in the United States. Estimates indicate that over 70% of current H 1B visa holders are Indian, with hundreds of thousands working in American companies or studying and working in specialised fields.

By easing restrictions and lowering costs, the WISA could directly benefit these professionals and their families, reducing bureaucratic barriers and potentially encouraging

more skilled talent to enter the US workforce.

Next Steps

For the WISA to become law, it must first be approved by the US House of Representatives and then the Senate. If both chambers pass the bill, it will require the President's signature to take effect. Until then, the current H 1B rules remain in place.

Overall, the Welcoming International Success Act reflects an ongoing debate in US immigration policy between tightening visa rules and preserving a pathway for highly skilled foreign workers that many American businesses and institutions rely upon.

How Russia Is Emerging as the Biggest Beneficiary of the Iran-Israel War



As the war between the United States Israel alliance and Iran intensifies, global attention is focused on the immediate military and humanitarian impacts. But beyond the battlefield, one major geopolitical shift is unfolding: Russia appears to be a significant beneficiary of the conflict — economically and strategically — even without direct involvement in the fighting.

Energy Markets Give Moscow a Boost

The most immediate winner from the outbreak of war has been global energy markets. The conflict has disrupted oil and gas supplies, especially through the Strait of Hormuz, a key chokepoint that handles a significant share of world energy exports. This disruption has driven crude prices above \$100 per barrel, sending oil revenues soaring — exactly when Russia's economy needs it most. Higher energy revenues help offset budget shortfalls caused by sanctions and ongoing military expenditures.

In some cases, nations that previously shunned Russian crude under Western pressure are now buying it again,

helped by temporary waivers. This shift means Russian oil is not just selling; in many cases, it is fetching higher prices than it did before the conflict.

Strategic Advantage and Global Influence

The windfall from higher energy prices has broader geopolitical implications. Russia relies heavily on oil and gas revenues to fund its domestic budget and military operations, including its war in Ukraine. With energy income rising, Moscow is under less economic strain and better positioned to sustain its military efforts. Analysts argue that the timing of this conflict diverts Western diplomatic attention and military resources away from other regions, indirectly benefitting Russia.

Moreover, Russia's longstanding relationship with Iran, formalised through strategic agreements, gives it diplomatic leverage. Moscow has publicly condemned American actions in the war and reaffirmed ties with Tehran, positioning itself as a key interlocutor in the region while gaining influence at the

expense of Western dominance.

Military and Diplomatic Ripple Effects

Another dimension of Russia's strategic gain comes from military resource allocation. As the U.S. redirects some air defence assets and intelligence focus toward the Middle East, it leaves less capacity for other global hotspots. For countries like Ukraine — dependent on Western security support — this redistribution could weaken deterrence against Russian military pressure.

What This Means Going Forward

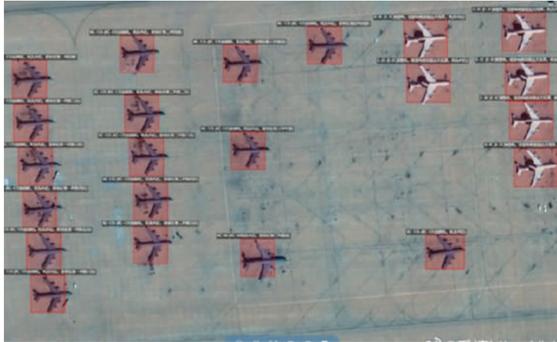
In sum, Russia appears to be one of the biggest geopolitical winners from the Iran-Israel conflict, even without firing a shot in this theatre. Surging energy revenues strengthen its economy, diplomatic positioning gains ground, and global strategic attention is divided. How long this advantage lasts will depend on the duration of the war, energy price trends, and broader geopolitical shifts — but for now, the unfolding crisis has inadvertently handed Moscow a powerful set of strategic benefits.

China's Space View of the Iran Israel War: Tracking US Military Movements

As the Iran Israel conflict escalated, the war is being observed from space in near real-time. A Chinese artificial intelligence-based geospatial intelligence company has been publishing detailed satellite imagery tracking the movements and deployments of United States military aircraft, ships, and bases across the Middle East, offering an unusually clear view of foreign forces during the conflict.

In the final week of February, before the first joint military operation began, a stream of high-resolution satellite images started circulating online with Mandarin annotations. These images showed aircraft parked on runways, cargo planes landing at airfields, naval vessels at sea, and other indicators of major military activity. Aircraft types were identified, missile defense systems were marked, and troop concentrations were precisely geolocated.

Early images included American assets such as stealth fighters at Israel's Ovdla Air Base and aircraft and control planes at Saudi Arabia's Prince Sultan Air Base. Within days, the US and Israel launched their offensive



against Iran, and satellite imagery continued documenting deployments and movements across Qatar, Jordan, Kuwait, Bahrain, and the United Arab Emirates.

Not only aircraft were featured. The imagery tracked major naval assets, including aircraft carriers operating in the Arabian Sea and Mediterranean, and surveillance aircraft supporting these carrier groups. Analysts were able to map these movements, providing a detailed operational picture.

The technology behind this in-

telligence does not involve China's own spy satellites. The company aggregates commercially available satellite images and applies advanced AI tools to automatically detect and label military equipment. This transforms raw images into searchable, detailed intelligence products similar to traditional military reconnaissance outputs.

This development reflects a broader shift in conflict monitoring. In earlier eras, only national intelligence agencies could capture such imagery, often with significant delays. Today, com-

mercial satellite constellations and AI analysis have democratized access to space-based observation, allowing detailed views of troop deployments to be shared publicly within hours.

The implications of publicly available intelligence are complex. While there is no confirmation that Iran used these satellite feeds to plan its own attacks, the overlap between some highlighted locations and subsequent strikes has raised questions about the potential influence of open-source intelligence on war-time decision-making.

At the same time, the widespread circulation of real-time satellite data underscores the challenge modern militaries face in maintaining operational security. What was once hidden from view is now observable by anyone with access to commercial images and analytical tools. As the Iran Israel war continues, satellite imagery — both commercial and AI-enhanced — has become an integral part of how the world sees and understands the conflict, reshaping media reporting and potentially influencing strategic calculations.

Iran Says It Will Decide When the War Ends After Trump Signals a Quick Close

Leaders in Tehran have sharply rejected recent remarks by US President Donald Trump suggesting that the war involving the United States, Israel, and Iran could be ending soon. Iran's top military officials made it clear that it is Tehran — not Washington — that will determine when hostilities stop, setting up a major clash of narratives amid the ongoing conflict.

Trump Signals an Early End

In public comments, Trump sought to frame the conflict as nearing completion, telling allies and reporters that the military campaign was ahead of schedule and may be "very short lived." He described the US operations as largely successful against Iranian capabilities and spoke optimistically about a swift conclusion. Trump also indicated that the US had inflicted significant damage on Iran's defence infrastructure, reinforcing his belief that the conflict could wind down quickly.

The president's upbeat rhetoric briefly eased global market jitters linked to rising tensions, with oil prices retreating from recent highs following his statements about a potential near term end to the conflict. However, Trump's messaging was inconsistent — even as he talked about a short conflict, he also warned Iran sharply against disrupting oil flows through the



Straits of Hormuz, threatening intensified retaliation if Tehran took such action.

Iran Pushes Back Strongly

Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) dismissed Trump's timeline, stating unequivocally that Iran itself will decide when the war ends, not the United States. Iranian leaders have cast Trump's remarks as political posturing and insisted that Tehran will continue its military actions in defending its territory and regional interests. The IRGC accused Washington of trying to manipulate perceptions and asserted that Iran will set its own course.

Senior Iranian officials also reiterated that they are prepared for a protracted conflict. They have warned that even if the United States and Israel believe they have weakened Tehran's capabilities, Iran's military remains resilient and willing to sustain its operations for as long as necessary.

Contradictory Signals and Uncertain Prospects

The exchange highlights a bitter clash of narratives: Trump's suggestion of a quick resolution is meant to reassure domestic and global audiences, while Iran's stance signals a refusal to accept external

timelines or ultimatums. This rhetoric comes amid continued missile and drone strikes across the region, with Iran targeting military and strategic sites in neighbouring countries and promising sustained resistance.

The conflicting messages have left markets and governments around the world uncertain about how long the conflict might last. Signs of possible de escalation in one breath are countered by threats of further retaliation in the next, underscoring the unpredictability of a war that continues to ripple far beyond the battlefield.

Iran Escalates Missile Campaign with Heavier Warheads in Iran Israel War



Iran has signalled a significant escalation in its ongoing conflict with Israel and Western forces by announcing that future missile strikes will involve warheads weighing at least one tonne (1,000 kg) or more. This marks a dramatic shift in Tehran's military approach and raises concerns about increased destructive potential in the region.

According to statements from a senior commander of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Aerospace Force, missiles launched from now on will carry heavy payloads of 1,000 kg and above, reflecting Tehran's intent to intensify its offensive capability. The commander also indicated that both the force and frequency of missile attacks would increase, and that their range and impact could expand as the conflict continues.

This development comes amid ongoing missile and drone campaigns targeting Israel and US military positions across the Middle East. In recent waves of strikes, Iran has employed a range of ballistic missiles, including solid fuel systems like Kheibar Shekan — known for extended

range and improved agility — and missiles such as Emad and Ghadr capable of striking deep into the region.

The shift toward heavier warheads can be seen as a tactical evolution. Larger warheads increase blast radius and destructive capability, while also complicating interception by enemy air defence systems. Heavy payloads can more effectively penetrate hardened structures like military bunkers and underground facilities, which have been key targets in recent weeks. Iranian officials have described this as part of a broader operational strategy aimed at delivering greater impact with each launch.

Iran's ballistic missile arsenal is diverse, ranging from short and medium range systems to longer reach weapons capable of striking Israel and beyond. Missiles such as the Khorramshahr 4 (also called Kheibar) are believed to carry warheads of more than a tonne and have an estimated range of around 2,000 km, putting strategic targets across the Middle East within reach.

This move toward heavier warheads also

carries geopolitical implications. It heightens the stakes for Israel and its allies, potentially prompting adjustments to defensive postures and broader military planning. Larger warheads increase the risk of civilian and infrastructure damage in urban centres and raise fears of wider escalation beyond immediate military targets.

At the same time, Iran's announcement underscores how the war is evolving — not just in terms of tactics but also in psychological signalling to adversaries. By committing to heavier, more powerful strikes, Tehran may be seeking to demonstrate resolve, deter further action against its territory, or compel international actors to reconsider their responses.

As the situation develops, analysts will be watching how this shift affects the dynamics of the conflict and whether regional and global powers respond with changes in strategy, diplomacy, or defence support. The emphasis on heavier warheads reflects a new phase of intensity in a conflict that has already reshaped security calculations across the Middle East.

Markets Bounce Back: Sensex Surges and Nifty Crosses 24,250 on Hopes of Easing 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.

SEBI's IPO Review: Around 100 Comments per DRHP, Nearly Half on Risk Factors



A recent study of how the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) reviews draft offer documents (DRHPs) submitted by companies planning to list via initial public offerings (IPOs) shows that the market regulator issues a large number of comments during the review process. On average, SEBI raises about 100 observations for each DRHP it examines — a level that reflects rigorous scrutiny by the capital markets regulator.

Focus on Risk Factors

and industry specific dangers. The regulator emphasises that risk factors should be presented clearly by importance and materiality, so that prospective investors can easily assess the most critical threats to the company's future performance.

Why SEBI's Review Matters

Companies preparing for IPOs are expected to provide investors with transparent and accurate information. SEBI's detailed review and its high number of comments underscore its objective to ensure that DRHPs don't gloss over important disclosures. The regulator's emphasis on the Risk Factors section reflects its broader goal: investors must be fully informed of uncertainties that may influence the value or viability of a potential investment.

Other Areas of Regulatory Focus

compliance and regulatory concerns, including governance disclosures, legal compliance statements, and clarity around related party transactions. Addressing these regulatory points ensures that companies meet India's stringent disclosure norms before going public.

The extensive review process is part of SEBI's wider supervisory role over capital markets. Its detailed queries and feedback are intended to improve transparency, reduce information gaps, and protect investor interests — especially as more Indian companies consider public listings and retail participation in IPOs increases.

In summary, the study highlights that SEBI's IPO review process is thorough and risk oriented, with nearly half of its comments focused on ensuring that companies clearly disclose the challenges and uncertainties they face before raising capital from public investors.

The most significant share of these comments — nearly half — is directed at the Risk Factors section of the draft documents. SEBI insists that companies clearly and comprehensively disclose all potential risks that could materially affect investor interests. This includes not only general business risks but also specific issues such as financial uncertainties, regulatory challenges, supplier or customer concentration, tariff impacts,

Beyond risk disclosures, SEBI's comments also frequently touch on

LPG Supply Worries Lift Appliance Stocks as Consumers Rush to Induction Cookers

Shares of kitchen appliance makers rallied sharply on March 10 as investors bet that uncertainty over liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) availability would drive strong demand for electric cooking solutions like induction cookers. This market reaction came amid broader concerns about cooking gas supplies and rising prices, which have affected households and businesses alike.

On the stock market, Borosil saw its share price surge by around 13%, reflecting heightened optimism among traders. Other appliance makers such as Bajaj Electricals gained about 7%, while TTK Prestige and Hawkins Cookers also climbed, supported by expectations of increased sales of electric kitchen appliances. Smaller players like Butterfly Gandhimathi Appliances also posted gains on the day.

Why the Rush to Induction Cookers?

The surge in kitchen appliance stocks reflects a shift in consumer behaviour driven by rising LPG prices and fears of supply disruptions. Domestic cooking gas prices have been hiked recently, partly due to global energy



market volatility. Many Indian households are now looking for alternatives to LPG cylinders, leading to a noticeable uptick in induction cooker sales in cities like Kolkata. Retailers report daily sales of induction cookers climbing significantly, roughly tripling compared with usual levels as people seek electric options in the face of fuel cost concerns.

Induction cooktops are seen as efficient and increasingly affordable alternatives. Unlike traditional gas stoves, these electric appliances use electromagnetic fields to heat cookware directly, making them attractive for house-

holds worried about persistent LPG price inflation or possible shortages. With induction cooking already gaining popularity due to broader trends like urbanisation and rising kitchen modernisation, the current gas situation may accelerate this shift.

Broader LPG Supply Challenges

The LPG market in India is under pressure from global supply chain disruptions linked to ongoing geopolitical tensions in the Middle East. This has contributed to higher LPG prices and raised concerns about stable

availability, particularly for commercial use in restaurants and hotels. Some establishments have reported commercial LPG supply constraints, prompting them to explore alternative fuel sources and heightening consumer anxiety about domestic fuel supplies.

While authorities have assured that production has been scaled up to prevent shortages, the combination of price rises and supply worries has unsettled both investors and consumers. In the context of rising global energy prices and local market responses, many are treating induction cookers not just as a convenience, but as a pragmatic hedge against uncertainty in LPG supply.

Outlook

Analysts suggest that sustained concerns over LPG availability and pricing could continue to support demand for electric cooking appliances, potentially benefiting companies in this segment. However, the broader fuel supply situation remains sensitive to external geopolitical developments, and future stock performance may hinge on how these supply chains stabilise over coming weeks.

AMFI to Take Up Industry Concerns With SEBI Over Changes to Retirement and Children's Funds



The mutual fund industry in India is planning to formally raise concerns with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) over recent regulatory changes that would discontinue retirement and children's mutual fund categories. The industry body representing asset management companies, the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI), said it will make a representation to the regulator to highlight challenges arising from the new framework.

What's Driving the Industry Response

AMFI's leadership has already conveyed initial reservations to SEBI. The industry feels that the transition could pose challenges, especially for investors currently holding schemes in the retirement and children's fund categories. AMFI's chief executive noted that these concerns will be laid out more formally in the representation to the regulator.

Scale and Scope of Affected Investments

Industry data shows that there are roughly 62-63 lakh investor folios in retirement and children's funds, collectively holding assets of around ₹57,000 crore. This sizable investor base underscores why asset managers are keen to ensure that the transition to the new framework does not disrupt ongoing investment plans or disadvantage existing holders.

SEBI's position is that the new Life Cycle category is structured to cover the objectives of retirement and children's in-

vestment goals without needing separate classifications. However, AMFI believes there could be complexities, including operational, tax, and merger related issues, that need further discussion before the changes are fully implemented.

Next Steps in the Process

AMFI has set a timeline to file its detailed representation with SEBI and seeks clarity from the regulator before the March 31 deadline by which industry stakeholders can submit feedback on the mutual fund categorisation changes. The final decision will rest with SEBI, which has said it will consider industry concerns, including those related to tax implications and scheme merger costs.

The outcome of this process will be closely watched by investors and fund houses alike, as it could shape how goal oriented mutual fund products are structured and marketed in the future.

Mutual Funds Show Resilience in February as Equity Flows Stay Strong and Gold ETF Interest Moderates

Despite a volatile market in February, mutual fund investments remained resilient as investors continued to commit money across key categories. Data from the mutual fund industry showed that total net inflows stayed positive, driven mainly by steady participation in equity schemes and sustained contributions via systematic investment plans (SIPs).

One of the standout features in February was the continued strength of equity mutual funds. These schemes attracted robust net inflows, growing month on month and highlighting solid investor confidence in market linked investment products even as broader markets faced intermittent fluctuations. Investors showed particular interest in growth oriented segments such as mid cap and small cap funds, along with flexi cap categories that offer diversified exposure across companies of varying sizes.



SIP contributions, a key indicator of retail investor discipline, held up well despite a slight decline compared with January. Total SIP inflows remained close to ₹30,000 crore, underlining persistent retail interest in long term investing through mutual funds. While the dip was partly attributed to the shorter month of February, the numbers still signalled strong ongoing engagement from

individual investors committed to building wealth steadily over time.

In contrast to strong equity and SIP inflows, gold exchange traded funds (ETFs) experienced a marked moderation in February. After a record surge in January, inflows into gold ETFs dropped sharply, indicating a waning of the recent rush into safe haven assets. Even though gold ETFs con-

tinued to attract net investments, the pace was far slower than the previous month, suggesting that some investors may have rotated back toward risk assets like equities or were rebalancing portfolios after earlier heavy allocations to gold.

Overall net inflows into the mutual fund industry remained healthy, contributing to an increase in assets under management. The continued flow of fresh capital into funds, despite market volatility, points to growing investor trust in mutual funds as a preferred vehicle for long term financial goals and wealth creation.

Looking ahead, industry experts believe that mutual funds are likely to continue attracting investments as long as investor confidence stays intact and markets remain supportive. However, performance across categories may vary depending on market conditions, economic cues, and investor risk appetite in the coming months.

“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



A man in Manchester recently found himself in a bizarre and embarrassing situation after getting trapped inside a traditional red phone box while attempting to order a kebab. The unusual incident took place in the city's Deansgate area and eventually required firefighters to come to his rescue.

According to reports, the man stepped into the iconic British phone booth intending to use the telephone inside to place a food order. However, things quickly took an unexpected turn when the heavy door of the booth slammed shut behind him and locked automatically, leaving him stuck inside the small space.

The situation soon became frustrating when the man realized that the phone inside the booth was not working. What was supposed to be a quick stop to order a late-night meal suddenly turned into an awkward predicament, as he had no easy way to get out of the booth.

Friends who were with

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.

BCCI Announces ₹131 Crore Cash Reward for India's T20 World Cup Triumph

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has announced a massive cash reward of ₹131 crore for the Indian men's cricket team following their historic victory in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026. This decision comes after India dominated the tournament and lifted the trophy with a comprehensive win in the final.

India secured the prestigious title by defeating New Zealand by 96 runs in the final held at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad, marking the first time any team has successfully defended the T20 World Cup and become three-time champions. This achievement solidified India's position as one of the most successful sides in the history of the format.

The ₹131 crore reward will be shared among the 15 players, coaching staff, support personnel, and selectors who contributed to this memorable triumph. The majority of the amount is expected to go directly to the players, with the remainder distributed among the back end staff based on hierarchy and roles.

This reward represents a slight increase from the ₹125 crore bonus announced after India's previous T20 World Cup win in 2024, reflecting both the significance of this victory



and the BCCI's tradition of recognising major ICC tournament achievements with generous incentives.

In addition to the BCCI's bonus, the Indian team also earned prize money from the ICC's official tournament payout, which included substantial rewards for winning the championship and additional bonuses for victories in individual matches during the group and Super 8

stages.

The BCCI secretary applauded the team for their performance and congratulated everyone involved, expressing optimism for continued success. The substantial cash reward highlights the board's commitment to rewarding excellence and further cements the 2026 T20 World Cup win as a landmark moment in Indian cricket history.

India's T20 World Cup triumph has not only delighted fans across the country but also underscored the depth and dominance of Indian cricket in the shortest format of the game. The team's performance, coupled with the record-breaking cash reward, is likely to inspire the next generation of cricketers and maintain India's stronghold in global T20 cricket for years to come.

“Wish We Had 2 3 Like Him”: Ex Pakistan Star Hails India's Abhishek Sharma

Former Pakistan cricket player Basit Ali has heaped unexpected praise on Indian batter Abhishek Sharma following his crucial performance in the T20 World Cup 2026 final, highlighting the young left hander's class and potential at the highest level.

Ali's comments came after Abhishek played a match-winning innings in the final, where India faced New Zealand. Although the batter had a difficult start to the tournament with a string of low scores, he redeemed himself when it mattered most by delivering a spectacular half century in a high pressure game.

Speaking on television, Basit Ali struck a supportive tone, blasting critics who had raised doubts about Abhishek's ability earlier in the event. He stressed that form can be temporary but class is permanent, and said he wished his own national team had “two or three” players of



similar quality. This statement was widely seen as a rebuke to negative commentary and a sign of respect from a former rival, recognising Abhishek's ability to shine on cricket's biggest stage.

The praise carried even greater weight because it came in the

context of previous criticism from some quarters — including comments earlier in the tournament that labelled Abhishek a “slogger,” a term used to describe hitters who rely on brute force rather than technique. His strong performance in the final silenced many doubters, proving

that his aggressive style can succeed even under intense pressure.

After India's World Cup win, Abhishek himself talked about the support and faith shown by the team management and senior players, saying that backing from his captain and coach helped him stay confident through a difficult patch. He also spoke about the emotional satisfaction of performing when his team needed him most, describing the atmosphere in the squad as supportive and united.

Abhishek's journey through the World Cup — from early struggles to a defining innings in the final — reinforces his reputation as a young and exciting batting talent. The endorsement from an ex Pakistan player underscores how his performance has earned respect beyond India and highlights his growing stature in international T20 cricket.

Arshdeep Singh Fined for Code of Conduct Breach in T20 World Cup Final



Indian fast bowler Arshdeep Singh has been fined and officially reprimanded for breaching the International Cricket Council (ICC) Code of Conduct during the final of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026 against New Zealand in Ahmedabad.

The incident occurred during the 11th over of New Zealand's innings when Arshdeep fielded the ball and, in his follow through, threw it back aggressively. The throw struck New Zealand batter Daryl Mitchell on the pads, prompting a temporary flare up on the field. Umpires intervened, and both players eventually shook hands before continuing play.

Following the tournament's conclusion, the ICC imposed a Level 1 sanction on Arshdeep for violating Article 2.9 of the Code of Conduct, which covers “throwing a ball (or any other cricket equipment) at or near a player in an inappropriate and/or dangerous manner during an international match.” As a result, he was fined 15 per cent of his match fee and given one demerit point on his disciplinary record — his first offence within a 24 month period.

Level 1 breaches are considered the least severe category under the ICC's disciplinary framework and can result in penalties ranging from

a formal reprimand to a fine of up to 50 per cent of match fees, along with one or two demerit points. Because Arshdeep accepted the sanction proposed by the match referee, a formal hearing was not required.

Arshdeep later addressed the incident, saying he had apologised to Mitchell, explaining that the ball “reverse swung a bit too much” and struck the batter unintentionally. The two players were seen sharing pleasantries after the match, indicating no lingering ill will following the momentary on field tension.

Despite the disciplinary action, Arshdeep played a key role in India's bowling attack throughout the tournament and was part of the team that clinched the T20 World Cup title with a dominant 96 run victory over New Zealand — marking India's third men's T20 World Cup win.

The fine and demerit point serve as a reminder of the strict behavioural standards expected at the international level, even in high pressure matches like a World Cup final. Arshdeep's acceptance of the sanction and subsequent apology also underscore the importance of sportsmanship alongside competitive intensity.

Ishan Kishan Says His T20 World Cup Win Can Inspire Young Cricketers

After returning to his hometown following India's triumphant win in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026, Indian wicket keeper batter Ishan Kishan made a heartfelt statement about his role as an inspiration for aspiring athletes. Kishan was warmly welcomed by fans at Patna Airport, where supporters chanted his name and celebrated his achievements.

Kishan, who played a key role in India's success, said he hopes his performance in the tournament — and the way he overcame personal challenges — will motivate young cricketers across the country to pursue their dreams with dedication and passion. He expressed that seeing young kids excited by his success gives him additional motivation to perform even better in the future.

The batter's journey in the World Cup was notable not just for his contributions on the field but also for the emotional resilience he displayed. He played the final despite learning about a personal family tragedy just before the title match, and then dedicated his performance to his late cousin. That moment added a powerful emotional dimension to his achievements and made his success even more meaningful for many fans and young followers.

Kishan's message resonates with his broader ca-



reer comeback story. Having worked his way back into the Indian squad, he became one of the top contributors in the tournament, consistently delivering crucial runs in high pressure situations. His success showcases how persistence, hard work, and focus can lead to rewards on the biggest stages in sport.

By emphasising the importance of inspiring the next generation, Kishan reminded fans that role models in sport play a crucial role beyond just winning trophies — they help shape the aspirations of future players and reinforce the value of resilience and determination.

Overall, his remarks in Patna underline how personal achievements in cricket can translate into wider social encouragement for young athletes across India, boosting their belief that with effort and passion, anything is possible.

Why Virat Kohli Didn't Attend the T20 World Cup 2026 Final



The T20 World Cup 2026 final in Ahmedabad was a historic moment for Indian cricket, with the team retaining the title convincingly. Many fans were thrilled to see former captains like MS Dhoni and Rohit Sharma in the VIP stands during the match. However, one high profile absence caught attention — Virat Kohli was not present at the stadium to watch the final, despite still being an active player in India's ODI setup.

No Official Role for Kohli

A key reason behind Kohli's absence appears to be that he did not have an official role at the event. Both Dhoni and Rohit were there in capacities tied to their achievements: Dhoni as a legendary figure who won the inaugural T20 World Cup in 2007, and Rohit as a captain who led India to T20 World Cup victory in 2024. Since Kohli never captained India to a T20 World Cup title, he wasn't invited in a similar official capacity, and so there was no formal expectation for him to be present at the final.

Focus on Personal and Family Time

Another explanation relates to Kohli's personal priorities after stepping away from T20 Internationals. Having retired from the shortest format and shifted his focus to other formats and family life, Kohli may have chosen to

spend the day with close friends and relatives rather than attending the match in the stadium. In past interviews, he has spoken about the importance of family time and how he plans to enjoy life beyond playing certain formats of the game, which may have influenced his decision to stay away from the public event.

Fan Reactions and Social Media Buzz

Kohli's absence quickly became a talking point on social media, with supporters expressing surprise and others offering their own interpretations. Some fans felt his deep connection to cricket's biggest moments should have brought him to the final, while others echoed the sentiment that he deserves privacy and personal time after years at the top of the sport. Many noted that his past statements about stepping back from the limelight could help explain his choice.

What This Means

In essence, Virat Kohli's non attendance at the T20 World Cup final was less about controversy and more about context and role. Unlike Dhoni and Rohit, he was not there in an official capacity tied to past World Cup leaderships, and his current life stage — balancing professional commitments with personal priorities — likely influenced his decision.

Kuldeep Yadav Set to Marry Childhood Friend Vanshika After T20 World Cup Triumph



India's star left arm wrist spinner Kuldeep Yadav is preparing for one of the biggest personal milestones of his life — his wedding — just days after helping India win the T20 World Cup 2026. The 31 year old bowler is scheduled to marry his childhood friend and longtime partner, Vanshika, on March 14, 2026 in a picturesque ceremony in Mussoorie, Uttarakhand.

A Long Standing Bond

Kuldeep and Vanshika share roots in Kanpur, where they grew up just a few kilometres apart. Their friendship over the years blossomed into a romantic relationship, and the couple got engaged on June 4, 2025, in Lucknow. Originally, they had planned to marry in November 2025, but Kuldeep postponed the wedding to focus on his cricketing commitments and help India clinch the World Cup title.

Wedding Festivities Begin

The celebrations begin with pre wedding rituals, including the haldi and mehendi ceremonies on March 13, bringing together close family members and friends. The main wedding event on March 14 will be held at a resort in Mussoorie, known for its scenic beauty and intimate setting.

Following the Mussoorie wedding, the couple will host a grand reception

on March 17 in Lucknow. This event is expected to see the presence of several personalities from the cricket world, including current and former Indian cricketers, officials from the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), and distinguished guests from various walks of life.

Balancing Cricket and Personal Life

Kuldeep's decision to delay the wedding highlights his commitment to the Indian cricket team. He featured in India's squad during the T20 World Cup and played an important part, including his economical bowling performance against Pakistan in the group stage. Soon after the World Cup triumph, he has shifted his focus to this joyous chapter of his personal life.

A Celebrated Union

Vanshika, who has largely kept a low profile, works professionally and has been a constant support for Kuldeep throughout his journey. Their wedding — blending cricketing success with personal happiness — promises to be a memorable event for fans and well wishers alike.

The marriage marks a new beginning for Kuldeep beyond the cricket field as he embarks on this next phase with his longtime partner, surrounded by family, friends, and the cricket fraternity.

Tollywood Actioner Suyodhana Set for Release on Sri Rama Navami



The Telugu film *Suyodhana*, starring Priyadarshi in a pivotal action role, has locked its worldwide release date for March 27, 2026, timed to coincide with the festive occasion of Sri Rama Navami, providing audiences a special entertainment treat during the celebrations.

Directed by YS Madhav Reddy and produced by Bosubabu Nidumolu under the Prajvala Line Creations banner, *Suyodhana* brings together an impressive ensemble cast alongside Priyadarshi. The cast features veteran actor Sai Kumar in a strong character role, senior actress Prema, and supporting actors including Vishnu (Laddu), Deviprasad, and Rajasri Nair, adding depth and experience to the project.

Festive Release Strategy

Choosing Sri Rama Navami — a widely celebrated festival across India — as the release occasion

is a strategic move by the makers to tap into holiday audiences and family viewers looking for entertainment during the festive period. The end of March timing also places *Suyodhana* among other films aiming for elevated viewership when theatres typically see a surge in footfall and celebratory movie going.

Music and Creative Team

The music for *Suyodhana* is composed by Jai Krish, whose score and songs are expected to complement the mass appeal of the film. The lyrics for its tracks have been penned by Ramajogayya Sastry, bringing seasoned songwriting to the project. As part of the promotional rollout, the production team has already released the first poster announcing the release date, with teasers, trailers, and songs slated to roll out soon as part of an extended promotional campaign leading up to the launch.

Audience Expectations

Though Priyadarshi is traditionally known for his comic timing and versatile performances, *Suyodhana* positions him in a more action-oriented avatar, promising a fresh and dynamic screen experience. With strong character actors like Sai Kumar and Prema adding to the mix, expectations are high for a compelling narrative that balances performance with commercial elements.

Looking Ahead

As promotional activities gear up, fans and industry watchers will be watching for the release of the teaser, trailer, and musical singles that will set the tone for the film's themes and scale. With its festive release plan and ensemble cast, *Suyodhana* aims to create a strong impact at the box office and offer a memorable cinematic experience during Sri Rama Navami.

South Star Samantha Reportedly in Talks for a Big Bollywood Film With Salman Khan and Shah Rukh Khan

Tollywood and Bollywood circles are buzzing with excitement as reports suggest that South Indian star actress Samantha Ruth Prabhu may be in advanced talks to appear in a high profile Bollywood project featuring two of the industry's biggest superstars, Salman Khan and Shah Rukh Khan. If confirmed, this would mark a major milestone in Samantha's pan Indian career and set up one of the most awaited multi star collaborations in recent times.

A Dream Line Up for Fans

The potential film has sparked intense buzz because it could see Samantha share screen space with both Salman and Shah Rukh — two actors with massive fan followings and decades long stints at the top of Hindi cinema. While exact plot details and casting confirmations are not yet public, insiders say discussions are underway between Samantha's team and the film's producers, with creative and scheduling aspects being worked out behind the scenes.

For Samantha, who already enjoys widespread fame in the South Indian film industry for her versatile roles and strong



box office presence, this move could further solidify her status as a truly pan Indian star. She has previously been part of films that have released in multiple languages, and a project alongside Salman and Shah Rukh would represent a significant leap into mainstream Bollywood stardom.

Industry Excitement and Speculation

Trade analysts and fans alike are already speculating about what such a combination might bring to the table. Samantha's

acting range — from intense dramatic performances to stylish commercial roles — could offer an interesting complement to Salman's mass entertainer persona and Shah Rukh's romantic and charismatic screen image. This mix of talent and star power has fuelled conversations on social media and entertainment forums, with supporters already imagining possible storylines and character dynamics.

Preliminary Talks, Not Finalised Yet

Despite the excitement, sour-

ces emphasize that nothing has been officially signed yet. Negotiations reportedly include discussions on remuneration, shooting schedules, and the overall vision of the film, with producers keen to ensure that the script justifies bringing together three major stars from different cinematic backgrounds.

If the project moves forward, it could become one of Bollywood's biggest ensemble films in recent years, drawing audiences from both North and South India. The potential pairing of Samantha with Salman and Shah Rukh is already contributing to strong pre release interest, and any imminent official announcement is likely to create a wave of excitement across the Indian film industry.

Looking Ahead

Fans of all three stars are eagerly awaiting confirmation, and many believe that such a collaboration would not just be a commercial blockbuster but also a cultural milestone that bridges regional cinema and mainstream Bollywood in a new way.

Pawan Kalyan's Ustaad Bhagat Singh Clears Censor and Gets U/A Certificate Ahead of Release

The much anticipated Telugu film *Ustaad Bhagat Singh*, starring Pawan Kalyan, has successfully completed its censor process and received a U/A certificate, giving the makers and fans a major relief just days before its theatrical release. This approval means the film will be cleared for viewers of all ages with parental guidance for younger audiences, allowing broader audience reach when it hits screens during the festive Ugadi period.

Directed by Harish Shankar and produced by Mythri Movie Makers, *Ustaad Bhagat Singh* is billed as a high energy action drama that sees Pawan Kalyan in the role of a tough cop. The movie also stars Sreeleela and Raashii Khanna in key roles and has generated significant buzz with its promotional activities, including song releases and glimpses of the film during post production.

The censor board's decision



came after a formal screening for certification officials, and there were no objections to any sequences, which could have otherwise delayed the film's release. The U/A rating is seen as positive for the producers, as it allows the film to appeal to a wider demographic, including families and younger

viewers, while still retaining its edge as an exciting action entertainer.

Ustaad Bhagat Singh is scheduled for a worldwide release on March 19, 2026, a date carefully chosen to coincide with the festive season and boost box office prospects. The film's release date was moved

up from a later original slot to take advantage of the holiday timing and build momentum.

The production team has been actively engaging audiences with updates from the final stages of post production, including reports that lead actor Pawan Kalyan has begun dubbing his parts. Music for the film has seen contributions from two major composers — Devi Sri Prasad composing the songs and S Thaman handling the background score — underscoring the scale of the project.

With theatre premieres approaching and promotional efforts gaining pace, the censor clearance is being viewed as a key milestone that sets the stage for the film's launch. Fans of Pawan Kalyan and Tollywood alike are now looking ahead to the trailer drop and the full release, with expectations high for a mass appeal entertainer.

Ram Charan to Reunite With Sukumar for New Film After Peddi



Tollywood superstar Ram Charan is set to collaborate once again with acclaimed director Sukumar for a big budget pan India film, following the completion of his current project *Peddi*. This fresh partnership comes after much anticipation from fans of both the actor and the filmmaker, who previously worked together successfully on *Rangasthalam* and have generated strong buzz about their next team up.

What's Next After Peddi

Production on this new Ram Charan Sukumar film is expected to begin in mid 2026, once *Peddi* wraps up its shooting and promotional commitments. The project is currently in pre production, with scripts and creative discussions underway between Ram Charan and Sukumar's team. This marks another ma-

major collaboration between two of Telugu cinema's most successful talents.

Reunion of Two Talents

The pairing of Ram Charan and Sukumar has long excited fans, especially after their earlier successes. Ram Charan's intense screen presence combined with Sukumar's storytelling style has been widely appreciated, and audiences are eager to see what new creative direction the duo will adopt in their upcoming film. Insiders suggest the project will aim for a grand scale and pan India appeal, continuing the trend of South Indian movies making a significant impact across India.

Project Timing and Expectations

Details about the story, cast, and technical crew are still under wraps, but shooting is likely to be-

gin after Ram Charan completes his commitments for *Peddi*. Industry watchers expect the new film to follow a pan India release strategy, targeting audiences beyond the Telugu market. As preparation moves forward, fans have been actively discussing the potential of this highly anticipated collaboration online, reflecting the strong anticipation building around the project.

Looking Ahead

With both Charan and Sukumar eager to create a memorable cinematic experience, this reunion is shaping up to be one of Tollywood's major announcements of 2026. As more official details emerge — including casting choices, music composers, and release timelines — excitement among fans will likely grow even more.

"Collar Ey Etthara" Song Promo From Ustaad Bhagat Singh Out — Mass Beat Hype Ahead of Release



The makers of the much anticipated Telugu action entertainer *Ustaad Bhagat Singh* have unveiled the promo for the film's third song, titled "Collar Ey Etthara", giving fans another high energy glimpse of the star studied project just days before its release.

Featuring Pawan Kalyan in an electrifying avatar, the promo emphasises strong beats and rhythmic choreography that match the charismatic personality of his character in the film. Composed by Devi Sri Prasad and sung by Ram Miriyala, the track's energetic sound and bold lyrics highlight the mass appeal expected from the song. The visuals in the promo reinforce the larger than life screen persona that Pawan Kalyan brings to this role.

The full version of "Collar Ey Etthara" is scheduled for release on March 12, 2026, with fans already buzzing about its potential to become a dance anthem thanks

to its catchy hook and powerful music. Promotional activity for the film has been intense, with updates like this one keeping excitement high as the release date draws near.

Ustaad Bhagat Singh is directed by Harish Shankar and produced by Mythri Movie Makers. Alongside Pawan Kalyan, the film stars Sreeleela and Raashii Khanna in prominent roles, and is positioned as one of the biggest Telugu releases this year. The combination of a strong cast, mass oriented music, and high octane promotional tracks like "Collar Ey Etthara" has only fuelled anticipation among fans of Tollywood.

With its official worldwide theatrical release set for March 19, 2026, the film's music rollout — including this latest song promo — is playing a major part in building momentum and keeping audiences engaged ahead of the festival release.

Tamannaah in Talks to Join Ravi Teja's Irumudi in a Special Role



Tollywood buzz has grown louder with news that actress Tamannaah Bhatia is in negotiations to appear in Ravi Teja's upcoming film *Irumudi*. The makers are considering her for an important role in the project, and discussions about her involvement and remuneration are underway.

A Reunion Fans Have Been Waiting For

Fans are especially excited because this would mark a reunion between Tamannaah and Ravi Teja after many years. The pair last worked together in the Telugu hit *Bengal Tiger*, and their on screen chemistry was widely appreciated. Tamannaah has not appeared in many Telugu films recently, focusing more on work in other languages and special appearances, so her potential addition to *Irumudi* has sparked fresh interest in the project.

About Irumudi

Irumudi is the latest film featuring Ravi Teja in a mass entertainer role. The movie is directed by Shiva Nirvana and is being produced by Mythri

Movie Makers, a banner known for backing large scale Telugu films. Actress Priya Bhavani Shankar is already confirmed as the female lead, and shooting for the film is in progress.

If Tamannaah signs on, she is expected to play a significant supporting character or a second leading lady, adding more star value to the cast. Industry observers believe that her presence could boost the film's appeal, especially among audiences who enjoyed her earlier commercial roles.

What's Next

Insiders say that once remuneration talks are finalised and contracts are signed, the team will likely make an official announcement. For now, fans are eagerly awaiting confirmation, with social media already lighting up with reaction and speculation about this potential collaboration.

The inclusion of Tamannaah in *Irumudi* — alongside Ravi Teja and Priya Bhavani Shankar — could make this one of the most talked about Telugu releases once it is completed and ready for theatres.