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Telangana Opens New Applications for Rythu Bharosa Scheme: Documents and Process Explained

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In a significant move aimed at supporting farmers, the Telangana government has announced the reopening of applications for the Rythu Bharosa scheme.

According to official sources, the state government is set to release Rythu Bharosa funds into farmers' bank accounts starting from March 22, 2026.

The announcement has brought hope to many farmers across the state. In particular, those who have newly acquired land ownership are now eligible to apply.



To ensure a smooth and accessible application process, the government has directed farmers to approach nearby Rythu Vedikas or contact agricultural extension officers.

Applicants are required to submit a set of essential documents along with their application forms. These include a copy of their Aadhaar card for identity verification.

The government's decision to reopen applications reflects its commitment to ensuring that no eligible farmer is left out of the welfare scheme.

Rythu Bharosa has been one of the key welfare initiatives designed to provide financial stability to farmers, helping them manage input costs and sustain agricultural activities.

Officials have urged farmers to make use of this opportunity and submit their applications at the earliest. They have also emphasized the importance of providing accurate documents to avoid delays in approval.

Overall, the reopening of Rythu Bharosa applications marks a positive step toward inclusive welfare. By ensuring timely financial assistance and simplifying the application process, the Telangana government aims to empower farmers and contribute to the growth and sustainability of agriculture in the state.

PreUgadi Celebrations at Lok Bhavan Reflect Cultural Grandeur and Unity



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Hyderabad witnessed a vibrant and culturally rich celebration as the Hon'ble Governor of Telangana, Shiv Pratap Shukla, along with the First Lady of the State, Smt. Janaki Shukla, participated in the Pre-Ugadi 'Sri Parabhava Nama Samvatsara' celebrations.

On the occasion, Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla extended his warm greetings to Telugu people across the world. He wished everyone happiness, prosperity, and good health in the coming year.

In his address, the Governor urged citizens to welcome the new year with renewed energy and determination. He encouraged individuals to focus on dedication, commitment, and hard work to achieve personal and societal progress.

A major highlight of the event was the Panchanga Pathanam performed by renowned scholar Sankaramanchi Shiva Shayi Srinivas. The traditional recitation, which provides astrological in-

sights and forecasts for the upcoming year, added a spiritual dimension to the celebrations.

The celebrations also featured vibrant cultural performances organized by National Council of Rural Training (NCRT), Bengaluru. These performances, showcasing a blend of classical and folk art forms, captivated the audience.

Several distinguished personalities graced the occasion, underscoring its importance. Among them were the Hon'ble Chief Justice of the High Court for the State of Telangana, Justice Apresh Kumar Singh; Chairman of the Telangana Legislative Council, Gutha Sukender Reddy; Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu; Minister for IT, Industries and Legislative Affairs Duddilla Sridhar Babu; Minister for Transport and BC Welfare Ponnampati Prabhakar; and Minister for Minorities Mohammed Azharuddin.

The event was also attended by BJP Telangana State President N. Ramachandrarao, Chief Secretary K. Ramakrishna Rao, Director General of Police B. Shivadhar Reddy, and Special Chief Secretary to the Governor M. Dana Kishore, along with several MLAs, High Court judges, senior army officials, and other dignitaries.

Overall, the Pre-Ugadi celebrations at Lok Bhavan stood as a symbol of cultural pride, unity, and optimism. The event not only honored age-old traditions but also inspired people to step into the new year with hope, positivity, and a commitment to collective progress.

IIIT Basara Student Dies at Gandhi Hospital; Students Allege Delay in Diagnosis

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A tragic incident has come to light from Telangana, where a second-year PUC student of Rajiv Gandhi University of Knowledge Technologies (RGUKT) Basara, identified as Mallipudi Tejaswini, passed away while undergoing treatment at Gandhi Hospital.



According to reports, the student developed a fever on March 13 and initially received treatment at the campus hospital. As her condition worsened, she was shifted to Gandhi Hospital in Hyderabad for advanced treatment.

The incident has triggered strong reactions from student organizations, particularly the Telangana Students Action Committee (TSAS). Students have alleged that the campus lacks adequate diagnostic facilities and advanced healthcare

services, which led to a delay in identifying the severity of her condition. They claim that timely diagnosis and proper medical intervention could have potentially saved her life.

Student leaders have strongly criticized the administration, stating that such negligence should not be repeated. They emphasized that institutions like IIIT Basara, which house a large number of students, must have well-equipped healthcare infrastructure to handle emergencies effectively.

In response to the incident, TSAS student leaders have put forward several demands. They have called on the government to provide an ex-gratia compensation of ₹50 lakh to Tejaswini's family. Additionally, they have demanded immediate upgrades to the medical facilities within the campus, including the installation of advanced diagnostic equipment and availability of qualified medical staff round

the clock.

The tragic death has once again highlighted the importance of robust healthcare systems in residential educational institutions. Students and activists argue that access to timely and quality medical care is a fundamental necessity, especially in campuses located away from major urban centers.

Authorities are yet to issue a detailed statement on the incident. Meanwhile, students continue to express their grief and anger, urging the government and university administration to take swift action to prevent such incidents in the future.

The loss of a young student under such circumstances has raised serious questions about campus healthcare preparedness. As demands for accountability grow louder, all eyes are now on the authorities to address the concerns and ensure better medical support for students in the future.

Heated Exchange Between KTR and Sridhar Babu Sparks Debate in Telangana Assembly

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A tense and heated exchange between K. T. Rama Rao and Telangana Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu during the Assembly session has drawn significant attention, reflecting the intensifying political atmosphere in the state.



Responding firmly, Minister Sridhar Babu defended the government's policies and achievements. He countered KTR's allegations by stating that the present administration is focused on transparent governance and inclusive development. He accused the opposition of making selective arguments and attempting to mislead the public for political gains.

As the debate intensified, both leaders engaged in a direct war of words, raising their voices and exchanging sharp remarks. The situation created a charged atmosphere in the Assembly, with other members closely observing the proceedings. The Speaker had to inter-

vene at times to maintain order and ensure that the discussion remained within the decorum of the House.

The clash highlights the broader political dynamics in Telangana, where the ruling party and the opposition continue to engage in strong confrontations over policy matters and governance narratives. Issues such as development achievements, economic management, and public welfare have become central points of contention, with both sides striving to assert their credibility.

Political analysts believe that such exchanges are indicative of the heightened political activity in the state, especially as parties prepare to strengthen their positions among the public. The Assembly, being a key platform for debate, often be-

comes the stage where these rivalries are openly displayed. While such discussions are a vital part of democratic functioning, the intensity of the arguments also reflects the competitive nature of contemporary politics.

The incident has also sparked discussions among the public and political observers, with many viewing it as a sign of active democratic engagement, while others have raised concerns over the tone of the debate. Nevertheless, it has succeeded in bringing important governance issues into the spotlight, encouraging further discourse on the state's progress and future direction.

In conclusion, the exchange between KTR and Sridhar Babu was more than just a routine political argument. It served as a reflection of the evolving political landscape in Telangana, where debates are becoming increasingly assertive and focused on accountability. As the state moves forward, such discussions are likely to continue shaping public opinion and influencing the direction of governance.

Jeevan Reddy Blames MLA Sanjay for Considering Party Switch, Reaffirms Loyalty to Congress

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Senior Congress leader Jeevan Reddy has stirred political discussion in Telangana after stating that MLA Sanjay is the primary reason behind his contemplation of switching parties. Despite his strong remarks, Jeevan Reddy clarified that he continues to remain a part of the Congress party and has not taken any final decision regarding a political shift.

Speaking to the media, Jeevan Reddy expressed his dissatisfaction and concerns over the current political situation, pointing towards internal issues as a major factor influencing his thoughts. He emphasized that his statement should not be misinterpreted as a confirmation of leaving the party, but rather as an indication of the challenges he is facing.

Reflecting on his long-standing association with the Congress party, Jeevan Reddy highlighted that he has been with the party for over four decades. He described this relationship as deep-rooted and significant, stating that such a long journey cannot be easily set aside. However, he also noted that the fact he is even considering a change should indicate the seriousness of the issues troubling him.

The senior leader did not hold back in criticizing MLA Sanjay, accusing him of failing to fulfill the developmental needs and rights of the people. He alleged that Sanjay has not lived up to the expectations of the public and has fallen short in addressing key concerns related to local development. According to Jeevan Reddy, this lack of effective leadership has contributed to dissatisfaction not only among leaders but also among the general public.

In a pointed remark, Jeevan Reddy stated that if he were to leave the Congress party, it would not just be a simple change of affiliation but would lead to a complete transformation, including visible



aspects like flex boards and political identity. This statement was seen as a symbolic way of expressing how deeply political affiliations are tied to personal and public identity in Indian politics.

Political observers view these comments as reflective of underlying tensions within party structures, especially at the regional level. Internal disagreements, leadership conflicts, and differing approaches to governance often play a significant role in shaping such developments. Jeevan Reddy's remarks have added fuel to ongoing discussions about party dynamics and the challenges faced by senior leaders in maintaining unity.

At the same time, his reaffirmation of loyalty to Congress suggests that he is still weighing his options and hopes for resolution within the party. His comments may also serve as a message to the party leadership to address his concerns and improve coordination among leaders.

The development has attracted attention across political circles in Telangana, with many awaiting further clarity on Jeevan Reddy's stance. Whether this situation will lead to any major political shift or be resolved internally remains to be seen.

For now, Jeevan Reddy's statements underline the complexities of political relationships and the impact of internal conflicts on decision-making, while also highlighting the emotional and historical ties that leaders often share with their parties.

Rythu Mahotsavam to Empower Farmers in Narmetta

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Farmers across the region are set to benefit from a grand agricultural event as the Rythu Mahotsavam is scheduled to be held from March 20 to March 22 in Narmetta. Organized under the guidance of various agriculture and allied departments, the three-day festival aims to bring together farmers, experts, policymakers, and industry stakeholders on a single platform to promote innovation and sustainable agricultural practices.

The event promises to be a comprehensive showcase of advancements in agriculture, horticulture, and animal husbandry. A wide range of special stalls will be set up, featuring participation from banks, Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), startups, and private companies. These stalls will offer insights into modern farming techniques, financial assistance schemes, and emerging agribusiness opportunities. Farmers will have the opportunity to directly interact with officials and agricultural scientists, enabling them to gain practical knowledge and clarify their queries through dedicated face-to-face sessions.

One of the key highlights of the festival will be the presence of experts who will guide farmers on improving productivity, adopting new technologies, and managing resources efficiently. Such interactions are expected to bridge the gap between research and field-level implementation, empowering farmers with actionable knowledge.

The concluding day of the festival, March 22, will mark a significant milestone with the inauguration of the Narmetta Oil Palm



Factory. The ceremony will be conducted by the Honorable Chief Minister, Revanth Reddy, at 4:00 PM. Alongside the inauguration, the Chief Minister will also release funds under the Rythu Bharosa scheme, providing much-needed financial support to farmers. The event is being led by Agri-

culture Minister Tummala Nagewara Rao, who has extended a heartfelt invitation to public representatives, model farmers, and farming communities to participate in large numbers. His vision for the event emphasizes inclusivity and collaboration, ensuring that farmers from diverse backgrounds can benefit equally.

The Rythu Mahotsavam is not just a celebration but a step toward strengthening the agricultural ecosystem. By fostering knowledge exchange, encouraging innovation, and facilitating direct engagement with stakeholders, the event aims to uplift farmers and contribute to the overall growth of the agricultural sector.

Sridhar Babu Launches Drug-Resistant TB Diagnostic Kits



Hyderabad, March 17 TPN Bureau:

Telangana has marked a significant milestone in the global healthcare sector with the launch of advanced diagnostic kits for drug-resistant tuberculosis (TB). Hon'ble Minister for IT, Electronics & Industries, D. Sridhar Babu, stated that the state is rapidly emerging as a global hub for the manufacturing of high-end diagnostic solutions.

Addressing the gathering, the Minister emphasized that drug-resistant TB has become a serious public health concern, as it does not respond to conventional treatment methods. He highlighted that early diagnosis and timely medical intervention are crucial to saving lives and preventing the spread of this dangerous disease. The newly launched kits are expected to play a vital role in strengthening India's TB detection and control mechanisms.

The diagnostic kits were officially launched on Tuesday at the Assembly Committee Hall. These kits are being manufactured in Genome Valley, Hyderabad, by bioMérieux, a globally recognized leader in in-vitro diagnostics. The initiative marks a key step forward in India's fight against tuberculosis, particularly in tackling drug-resistant strains.

The event witnessed the presence of several prominent digni-

taries, including Marc Lamy, Charles Mahy, and Alexandre Mériex. Telangana Lifesciences Director Sarvesh Singh also attended the program.

Minister Sridhar Babu appreciated bioMérieux for its continued contribution to India's healthcare sector, particularly its efforts toward eliminating TB. Established in 1963, bioMérieux operates in over 160 countries and generates annual revenues of approximately USD 4 billion (around ₹36,000 crore). The company is known for providing innovative diagnostic solutions across infectious diseases, cancer, and industrial microbiology.

As part of its expansion in Telangana, bioMérieux has invested nearly ₹50 crore in the first phase of its Genome Valley facility, generating employment opportunities for around 100 individuals. The company has also announced plans to establish a state-of-the-art research and development laboratory at the site in the near future.

On this occasion, the Indo-French Chamber of Commerce and Industry submitted a report on India-France bilateral trade relations to the Minister. The report highlighted the increasing contribution of French companies to Telangana's economic growth and industrial development, further strengthening international partnerships.

Make Jaggareddy PCC President: Komatireddy Venkat Reddy

Hyderabad, March 17 TPN Bureau:

Telangana Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy made noteworthy political remarks in the Assembly lobby, advocating that senior Congress leader T. Jayaprakash Reddy, popularly known as Jaggareddy, should be appointed as the President of the Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC).

Addressing the media, Komatireddy strongly backed Jaggareddy's candidature, describing him as a true "mass leader" with a strong grassroots connect. He emphasized that Jaggareddy has consistently stayed among the people, understanding their issues and standing by them during difficult times. According to the Minister, such leaders are essential for strengthening the party's base and rebuilding public trust.

Drawing a comparison, Komatireddy likened Jaggareddy to the late Congress stalwart P. Janardhan Reddy, popularly known as PJR, who was widely respected for his accessibility and commitment to public service. He noted that just like PJR, Jaggareddy has earned a reputation for being approachable and responsive to people's needs, making him a natural choice for a leadership role within the party.

The Minister further stated that appointing Jaggareddy as PCC President could significantly boost the morale of party workers across Telangana. He pointed out that strong leadership at the state level is crucial for energizing cadres, improving coordination, and effective-



ly taking the party's message to the masses. He expressed confidence that Jaggareddy's leadership style would bring renewed enthusiasm among Congress supporters.

Komatireddy also made a bold prediction regarding the party's electoral prospects. He asserted that if Jaggareddy is made the PCC Chief, the Congress party could secure as many as 100 seats in the upcoming Assembly elections. This, he said, would be possible due to Jaggareddy's popularity among the masses and his ability to mobilize grassroots support.

The remarks come at a time when discussions around leadership and organizational restructuring within the Telangana Congress are gaining momentum. Political observers believe that such statements from senior leaders indicate an ongoing internal dialogue about strengthening the party ahead of future electoral challenges.

Komatireddy's comments have sparked fresh debate within political circles, with party leaders and workers weighing in on the potential impact of a leadership change. While the final decision rests with

the party high command, the Minister's endorsement of Jaggareddy has added a new dimension to the ongoing discussions.

As the Congress party looks to consolidate its position in Telangana, leadership choices are expected to play a crucial role in shaping its future. Whether Jaggareddy will be given the responsibility remains to be seen, but the support expressed by Komatireddy highlights the growing demand for a leader with strong grassroots appeal and proven commitment to public service.

KTR's Allegations Far from Truth: Seethakka

Hyderabad, March 17 TPN Bureau:

Telangana Women and Child Welfare Minister Seethakka strongly criticized opposition leader K. T. Rama Rao, stating that his allegations against the government on women's welfare are "far from the truth."

Speaking in the Assembly on Tuesday, the Minister expressed displeasure over what she termed as baseless criticism by the opposition. She asserted that the state government is firmly committed to the empowerment of women and is working with a clear vision to transform one crore women into millionaires. According to her, this ambitious goal reflects the government's dedication to improving the economic and social status of women across Telangana.

Seethakka emphasized that women's empowerment is not just a policy priority but a mission for the current administration. She highlighted several initiatives undertaken by the government to strengthen women's self-help groups (SHGs) and enhance their financial independence. Backing her claims with data, she revealed that loans worth over 57,000 crore have been sanctioned to women's groups across the state so far. This



financial support, she said, has played a crucial role in enabling women to start businesses, expand their livelihoods, and achieve economic stability.

Responding directly to KTR's criticism, the Minister stated that making unfounded allegations without understanding the ground reality does not serve the interests of the people. She urged the opposition to act responsibly and contribute constructively rather than resorting to political criticism. "As

a responsible opposition, they should support initiatives that benefit women instead of misleading the public," she remarked.

The Minister further pointed out that every welfare scheme introduced by the government is aimed at inclusive development, particularly focusing on marginalized and economically weaker sections. She expressed concern that opposition parties have been ridiculing these schemes instead of acknowledging their impact. Such

an approach, she said, undermines the efforts being made to bring positive change in society.

Seethakka also highlighted the transformative impact of government policies at the grassroots level. She noted that many women who were once financially dependent are now emerging as entrepreneurs and contributors to the local economy, thanks to sustained support from the government. These success stories, she added, are a testament to the effectiveness of the state's welfare initiatives.

The exchange of sharp remarks between the ruling party and the opposition in the Assembly reflects the ongoing political tensions in Telangana. However, the Minister reiterated that the government remains focused on its developmental agenda, particularly in empowering women and ensuring their active participation in the state's progress.

In conclusion, Seethakka called for a more constructive political environment where all parties work together for the welfare of the people. She stressed that women's empowerment should rise above political differences and be treated as a shared responsibility.

Government Committed to Journalists' Welfare: Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy



Hyderabad, March 17 TPN Bureau:

Telangana Revenue, Housing, and Information & Public Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy reaffirmed that the state government is fully committed to the welfare of journalists and will take positive decisions to address their concerns.

He was speaking at the Dawat-e-Iftar program organized jointly by the Telangana Union of Working Journalists and the Telangana Urdu Working Journalists Federation at the Suravaram Pratap Reddy Auditorium in Basheerbagh, Hyderabad, where he attended as the chief guest.

On the occasion, the Minister highlighted the significance of the holy month of Ramadan, describing it as a symbol of discipline, patience, service, and humanity. He noted that Iftar gatherings such as these stand as a testament to communal harmony, especially when organized beyond the boundaries of caste and religion.

Praising the role of journalists in society, Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy said that they serve as the voice of the voiceless, particularly representing marginalized sections. He emphasized that in a democratic system, journalists play a crucial role in bridging the gap between the government and the people by effectively communicating welfare schemes and public policies.

The Minister further stated that the government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, places high priority on journalists' welfare. He assured that the government is committed to resolving issues faced by journalists and will work towards en-

sureing their well-being.

Addressing specific concerns, he said that steps would be taken to ensure fairness and transparency in the accreditation process. He assured that the suggestions and inputs of journalists would be taken into consideration while forming accreditation committees. This, he said, would ensure that justice is done to all eligible journalists.

In addition, the Minister announced that the government is considering positive decisions regarding the allocation of house sites and the issuance of health cards for journalists. These measures are aimed at providing social security and improving the quality of life for media professionals across the state.

He reiterated that in matters such as the issuance of accreditation cards and the constitution of accreditation committees, the government would consult all stakeholders and ensure that every journalist is treated fairly. His remarks were seen as a reassurance to the journalist community, many of whom have been seeking long-pending welfare measures.

The event was attended by several prominent personalities, including K. Srinivas Reddy, Devulapalli Amar, Zafar Javed, M. A. Majeed, K. Virahat Ali, K. Ramanaarayanan, Syed Ghouse Mohiuddin, and others.

Overall, the Dawat-e-Iftar program not only celebrated the spirit of Ramadan but also served as a platform to address important issues concerning journalists, reinforcing the government's commitment to their welfare and professional support.

Ugadi Celebrations at Lok Bhavan Mark Cultural Unity and New Beginnings



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Hyderabad witnessed a vibrant and culturally rich celebration as the Hon'ble Governor of Telangana, Shiv Pratap Shukla, along with the First Lady Smt. Janaki Shukla, participated in the Pre-Ugadi 'Sri Parabhava Nama Samvatsara' celebrations at Lok Bhavan. The event brought together dignitaries, cultural enthusiasts, and members of the Telugu community to mark the advent of the Telugu New Year with enthusiasm and traditional fervor.

Extending his warm greetings on the auspicious occasion of Ugadi, Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla conveyed his best wishes for happiness, prosperity, and well-being to Telugu people across the globe. He described Ugadi as more than just a festival, emphasizing that it is a reflection of the rich cultural heritage, values, and traditions of the Telugu-speaking community. He highlighted how the festival fosters unity and strengthens bonds among people, irrespective of geographical boundaries.

In his address, the Governor urged citizens to welcome the new year with renewed dedication, commitment, and a strong sense of responsibility. He stressed that consistent hard work, coupled with selfless service and noble deeds, plays a crucial role in building a progressive and harmonious society. His message resonated with the spirit of Ugadi, which symbolizes new beginnings, hope, and positivity.

A key highlight of the celebrations was the Panchanga Pathanam performed by renowned scholar Sankaramanchi Shiva Shayi Srinivas. The traditional recitation, which outlines astrological predictions and guidance for the coming year, captivated the audience and added a spiritual dimension to the event. The cultural segment was equally enthralling, featuring vibrant performances organized by NCERT, Bengaluru, showcasing the richness and diversity of Indian art forms.

The event was graced by several prominent dignitaries, including the Hon'ble Chief Justice of the High Court for the State of Telangana, Aparesh Kumar Singh; Chairman of the Telangana Legislative Council, Gutha Sukender Reddy; Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu; and Minister for IT, Industries and Legislative Affairs Duddilla Sridhar Babu. Also present were Transport Minister Ponnambhakar and Minister for Minorities Mohammed Azharuddin, along with several MLAs, High Court judges, senior Army officials, and top administrative officers.

The presence of such eminent personalities underscored the significance of the occasion. The celebrations concluded on a note of cultural pride and optimism, reinforcing the Hyderabad witnessed a vibrant celebration of tradition and unity as the Hon'ble Governor of Telangana, Shiv Pratap Shukla, along with the First Lady of the State, Smt. Janaki Shukla, participated in the Pre-Ugadi 'Sri Parabhava Nama Samvatsara' celebrations held at Lok Bhavan. The event reflected the rich cultural heritage of Telugu people and set the tone for the upcoming Ugadi festival with grandeur and enthusiasm.

Extending his heartfelt greetings on the auspicious occasion

of Sri Parabhava Nama Samvatsara Ugadi, Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla conveyed his wishes for happiness, prosperity, and good health to Telugu people across the globe. He described Ugadi as not merely a festival but a symbol of cultural identity that binds Telugu-speaking communities worldwide. Highlighting its significance, he noted that Ugadi represents new beginnings, hope, and the spirit of togetherness.

In his address, the Governor encouraged citizens to welcome the New Year with renewed determination, dedication, and commitment toward their goals. He stressed the importance of hard work and perseverance in achieving success and building a progressive society. Emphasizing moral values, he urged people to engage in selfless service and noble deeds, stating that collective efforts rooted in compassion and responsibility can lead to a brighter and more inclusive future.

A key highlight of the celebrations was the Panchanga Pathanam performed by renowned scholar Sankaramanchi Shiva Shayi Srinivas. The traditional recitation, which outlines astrological predictions and guidance for the coming year, captivated the audience and added spiritual depth to the occasion. It offered insights into the year ahead while reinforcing the cultural essence of Ugadi traditions.

The event also featured a series of colorful cultural performances organized by National Council of Rural Training (NCRT), Bengaluru. These performances showcased the diversity and vibrancy of Indian art forms, leaving the audience enthralled. The blend of classical and folk presentations reflected the richness of cultural expressions and highlighted the importance of preserving artistic traditions.

Several prominent dignitaries graced the occasion, adding to its significance. Among them were the Hon'ble Chief Justice of the High Court for the State of Telangana, Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh; Chairman of the Telangana Legislative Council, Gutha Sukender Reddy; Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu; Minister for IT, Industries and Legislative Affairs Duddilla Sridhar Babu; Minister for Transport and BC Welfare Ponnambhakar; and Minister for Minorities Mohammed Azharuddin. The presence of these leaders underscored the importance of the celebration as a unifying platform for cultural and administrative leadership.

Senior officials, including Chief Secretary K. Ramakrishna Rao, Director General of Police B. Shivadhar Reddy, and Special Chief Secretary to the Governor M. Dana Kishore, along with High Court judges, army officials, MLAs, and other dignitaries, were also in attendance.

The Pre-Ugadi celebrations at Lok Bhavan not only honored tradition but also reinforced the spirit of unity, optimism, and cultural pride among the people. As the Telugu New Year approaches, the event served as a reminder of the values and aspirations that Ugadi represents—renewal, harmony, and hope for a prosperous future. Of unity, tradition, and collective progress as the state steps into the new Telugu year.

Harish Rao Alleges ₹18,000 Crore Scam in HAM Road Projects in Telangana

Hyderabad march 17 TPN Bureau:

Senior BRS leader T. Harish Rao has alleged a massive scam of ₹18,000 crore in the construction of roads under the Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM) in Telangana, triggering a fresh political controversy in the state. He accused the Congress-led government of large-scale financial irregularities and lack of transparency in executing key infrastructure projects.

Speaking to the media, Harish Rao claimed that the HAM road projects, which are intended to improve connectivity across the state, have instead become a source of corruption. He alleged that project costs were deliberately inflated and contracts were awarded in a manner that benefited select private firms. According to him, these actions have resulted in a significant financial burden on the state treasury.

The former minister questioned the government's decision-making process and demanded clarity on how such huge amounts were sanctioned. He emphasized that the public has the right to know how taxpayer money is being spent. Harish Rao also called for the im-



mediate release of all relevant documents, including tender details, cost breakdowns, and agreements with contractors, to ensure transparency.

Highlighting the seriousness of the issue, he demanded a comprehensive and impartial investigation into the alleged scam. He suggested that an independent agency should probe the matter to uncover the truth

and hold those responsible accountable. He further stated that if the allegations are proven, strict action must be taken against officials and others involved.

Harish Rao also raised concerns about the long-term financial implications of such projects. He warned that misuse of funds on this scale could push the state into economic distress. He stressed that while infra-

structure development is essential, it must be carried out with proper planning, accountability, and adherence to financial discipline.

The Hybrid Annuity Model, widely used in road construction, involves a partnership between the government and private contractors, where the financial risk is shared. While the model is designed to ensure quality infrastructure and reduce

upfront costs for the government, Harish Rao argued that without strict oversight, it can be misused.

The allegations have intensified the political battle between the opposition BRS and the ruling Congress government in Telangana. While the Congress has been promoting HAM projects as a step toward modernizing the state's road network, the opposition has consistently questioned the transparency and financial management of these initiatives.

So far, the state government has maintained that HAM road projects are being implemented with the aim of improving connectivity and boosting economic growth. However, Harish Rao's claims have added pressure on the administration to respond with detailed explanations.

As the controversy unfolds, it is expected to remain a major political issue in Telangana. The demand for a probe and greater transparency is likely to gain momentum, with both the ruling party and the opposition engaging in a heated debate over governance, accountability, and public interest.

Congress Leaders Ready for Drug Tests, Says TPCC Chief Mahesh Kumar Goud

Hyderabad march 17 TPN Bureau:

Amid the growing political controversy over alleged drug use involving public representatives, Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) chief Mahesh Kumar Goud has made a strong statement asserting that Congress leaders are ready to undergo drug tests to prove their integrity. His remarks have intensified the ongoing political debate in the state, particularly in the wake of recent developments linked to a high-profile farmhouse incident.

According to reports, Mahesh Kumar Goud stated that the Congress party has nothing to hide and is fully committed to transparency. He emphasized that if necessary, all elected representatives, including Congress leaders, are willing to undergo drug tests. This, he said, would help clear doubts among the public and ensure accountability in public life.

The TPCC chief's statement comes against the backdrop of a major political row triggered by a drug bust at a farmhouse in Moynabad near Hyderabad. The inci-



dent reportedly involved several prominent individuals, including political leaders, and has sparked widespread concern across Telangana.

Mahesh Kumar Goud made it clear that the Congress government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, is determined to make Telangana a drug-free state. He defended the actions of law enforce-

ment agencies, stating that there was no political motive behind the raids and that the authorities were simply carrying out their duty.

At the same time, he targeted opposition leaders, particularly from the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS), questioning their stance on the issue. He reportedly demanded that leaders facing allegations should come for-

ward and undergo drug tests to prove their innocence. This challenge has further escalated tensions between the ruling Congress and the opposition parties.

The issue has also led to reactions from opposition leaders. BRS working president K. T. Rama Rao responded by stating that he is ready to undergo a drug test at any time, asserting that he has

nothing to fear. He accused political rivals of attempting to malign his image without evidence and warned against making baseless allegations.

The controversy has not only sparked political exchanges but also raised broader concerns about drug use and its impact on society. Several leaders across parties have called for strict action against those involved and emphasized the need to protect youth from the dangers of drug abuse.

Mahesh Kumar Goud reiterated that the Congress party stands for clean politics and accountability. He said that public representatives must set an example and maintain high ethical standards. By expressing readiness for drug tests, he aimed to send a strong message that the party is committed to transparency and public trust.

As the issue continues to unfold, it is expected to remain a key political talking point in Telangana, with both the ruling party and the opposition trying to assert their positions on the sensitive matter.

Etela Rajender Raises Key Railway Development Demands for Telangana in Parliament

Hyderabad march 17 TPN Bureau:

Member of Parliament from Malkajgiri, Etela Rajender, spoke in the Parliament on the Railway Budget, highlighting several crucial demands and development priorities for Telangana. He began by expressing his gratitude to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla for providing an opportunity to all Members of Parliament to voice their concerns and suggestions.

Rajender stated that over the past 20 months, he had met the Union Railway Minister multiple times to discuss issues related to railway infrastructure in Telangana. He appreciated the minister for being receptive and supportive, noting that none of his requests had been declined so far. He also commended the efforts of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, stating that under his leadership, India is progressing steadily towards becoming one of the leading nations in the world. He added that appreciation from MPs across party lines reflects the government's commitment to development.



Emphasizing the importance of connectivity in coal mining regions, he proposed a new railway line from Ramagundam to Manuguru via Bhupalpally, which would also benefit the large number of devotees visiting the Sammakka Saralamma Jatara. He also called for the preparation of a DPR for a new railway line between Kazipet and Karimnagar, and sought financial allocation for the already approved Mahabubnagar-Nalgonda project.

Addressing safety concerns, Rajender pointed out the increasing number of accidents at railway crossings in major cities due to rising train speeds. He urged the government to construct adequate crossings and safety infrastructure for pedestrians and vehicles, and also recommended protective measures in wildlife areas to prevent animal fatalities.

Additionally, he appealed for the inclusion of Bollaram Railway Station under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, aiming to further strengthen railway infrastructure in the region.

Pen Meets Power: Quthbullapur Press Club Storms into Final with Dominant Victory



Hyderabad, March 17 2026 TPN Bureau:

In a remarkable display of talent beyond the newsroom, the Quthbullapur Press Club cricket team proved that their skills are not limited to reporting stories, but extend confidently onto the cricket field as well. Delivering an all-round performance, the team stormed into the finals of the Malla Reddy Cricket Trophy with a commanding victory at the Malla Reddy Medical College Ground.

Facing the Malkajgiri Press Club in a high-stakes semi-final, Quthbullapur showcased dominance in every department of the game. After winning the toss and opting to bat, the team managed to post a total of 128 runs for the loss of eight wickets in their allotted overs. While the innings did not feature a single standout high scorer, it was the collective contribution of the batting unit that made the difference. Players chipped in with crucial runs at key intervals, ensuring that the scoreboard kept moving despite regular wickets.

The real highlight of the match, however, came during the second innings. Defending a moderate target, Quthbullapur's bowlers delivered a clinical and disciplined performance. Right from the start, they maintained tight

lines and lengths, making it difficult for the Malkajgiri batsmen to settle. The pressure built steadily, resulting in frequent breakthroughs that dismantled the opposition's batting order.

Malkajgiri Press Club struggled throughout their chase and failed to build any meaningful partnerships. The relentless bowling attack, combined with sharp fielding efforts, saw them bowled out for just 64 runs. The 64-run victory not only underlined Quthbullapur's bowling strength but also highlighted their excellent teamwork and match awareness.

This victory marks a proud moment for the Quthbullapur Press Club, as they continue to impress both on and off the field. Their journey from covering news stories to creating sporting headlines has captured the attention of fans and local cricket enthusiasts alike.

With a place secured in the final, the team now looks ahead with confidence and determination. Riding high on momentum, Quthbullapur will aim to carry forward this winning form and lift the trophy. Their performance so far stands as a testament to their dedication, proving that when passion meets teamwork, success naturally follows.

Pagidi Sai Krishna Appointed as South India Joint Secretary of Head World Human Rights Council



Hyderabad, March 17 2026 TPN Bureau:

In a significant development in the field of human rights advocacy, Pagidi Sai Krishna has been appointed as the South India Joint Secretary of the Head World Human Rights Council. The appointment was officially announced by the organization's Chairman, Madhav, who issued formal orders recognizing Sai Krishna's commitment and potential to serve in the role.

The appointment ceremony took place on Tuesday at the organization's office in Habsiguda. National General Secretary Satish Devarakonda presented the official appointment letter to Pagidi Sai Krishna in the presence of members of the organization and other dignitaries.

The Head World Human Rights Council has been actively working across Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, focusing on protecting human rights and addressing issues faced by vulnerable communities. With this appointment, the organization aims to further strengthen its presence and operations across South India.

Speaking on the occasion, Pagidi Sai Krishna expressed his gratitude to Chairman Madhav for placing trust in him and entrusting him with such a responsible position. He also thanked National General Secretary Satish Devarakonda for his support and efforts in facilitating the appointment.

"I sincerely thank the leader-

ship for believing in me and giving me this opportunity. I will strive to work to the best of my abilities to protect human rights and stand by those who are facing injustice," Sai Krishna said. He emphasized his commitment to supporting victims and ensuring that justice is delivered in cases of human rights violations.

He further stated that his new role comes with greater responsibility and accountability. "This position increases my responsibility, and I will work dedicatedly for the development of the organization. Whenever human rights are violated, I will ensure that the council responds strongly and stands firmly with the victims," he added.

Sai Krishna also highlighted the importance of collective effort in addressing human rights concerns and assured that he would work closely with team members and stakeholders to bring meaningful change.

On the occasion, trust members, local leaders, and social activists congratulated Pagidi Sai Krishna on his appointment. They felicitated him and expressed confidence that he would contribute significantly to the organization's mission of safeguarding human rights and promoting justice across the region.

The appointment is seen as a step forward in strengthening the council's outreach and impact, particularly in addressing grassroots-level issues in South India.

CBIT Hosts Insightful Guest Lecture on Global Finance and Business Management

Hyderabad, March 17 TPN Bureau:

A highly informative guest lecture on "Global Finance, Money, Business Management, Entrepreneurship & MBA" was successfully conducted at Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT), Hyderabad, on March 17, 2026. The session aimed to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of global financial systems and emerging opportunities in business and higher education.

The program was organized by Global Vision Consultancy, Hyderabad, in collaboration with the CBIT Career Development Cell. It witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, faculty members, and aspiring entrepreneurs, reflecting a growing interest in global career prospects and advanced education.

The keynote speaker for the session was Ms. Magdalena Partac, Deputy Head of the School of Economics & International Business and Senior Lecturer in Accounting & Finance at Anglia Ruskin University, United Kingdom. With her extensive academic and professional experience, she delivered an engaging and insightful lecture that captured the attention of the audience throughout.

During her address, Ms. Partac highlighted key aspects of global finance, including the structure of international financial systems and the evolving dynamics of global markets. She also shed light on current trends in business management, emphasizing the need for adaptability, innovation, and strategic thinking in today's competitive environment.



A significant part of the session focused on entrepreneurship and the growing opportunities for young professionals to build their own ventures. She encouraged students to develop an entrepreneurial mindset and explore global platforms to expand their ideas and businesses. Additionally, she provided valuable guidance on pursuing higher education abroad, particularly in finance and international business domains.

Ms. Partac stressed the importance of acquiring global exposure,

enhancing skill sets, and staying updated with international standards to succeed in today's interconnected world. She also discussed various career pathways available in finance and business management, offering practical advice on how students can prepare themselves for global careers.

The session turned interactive as students actively participated in discussions and raised questions regarding international education, career opportunities, and industry

expectations. The speaker addressed their queries in detail, making the session both engaging and enlightening.

Overall, the guest lecture proved to be a valuable learning experience, equipping students with insights into global academic and professional landscapes. The program concluded on a positive note, leaving participants motivated to explore broader opportunities and build successful careers in the global arena.

HYDRA Reclaims Encroached Land in Pragathi Nagar, Cemetery Land Freed After Long Struggle

Hyderabad, March 17 2026 TPN Bureau:

In a major relief to residents of Pragathi Nagar, authorities successfully reclaimed nearly 9 acres of government land that had been under encroachment for years. The land, located in Survey No. 103 within the buffer zone of Ambir Cheruvu, has now been secured and restored for its original use as a cremation ground.

The action was carried out under the supervision of HYDRA Commissioner A.V. Ranganath, IPS, whose timely intervention led to swift measures on Tuesday. Officials installed strong fencing around the land and placed warning boards to prevent further encroachments, clearly stating that the property belongs to GHMC and that strict action will be taken against violators.

For years, the absence of a proper cremation ground had been a serious concern for the nearly 1.5 lakh population of Pragathi Nagar. Residents faced significant difficulties in performing last rites due to the lack of designated space. Despite repeated complaints, the issue remained unresolved for a long time.

The breakthrough came after continuous efforts by Uppu Jaswanth, founder of the social initia-



tive "For A Better Society." For nearly a year, starting from February 2025, he persistently followed up with authorities through public grievance platforms, collectorate visits, and multiple representations to municipal and revenue departments. Although several inspections and surveys were

conducted during this period, no concrete action was taken initially.

The turning point occurred on March 2, 2026, when a detailed complaint was submitted to the HYDRA Commissioner. Following this, the irrigation department conducted a survey confirming that the land

falls under the buffer zone of Ambir Cheruvu and has been used as a cremation ground for over three decades.

Tensions escalated recently when encroachers reportedly broke open gates of the cremation ground and attempted to set up a meat market on the site, triggering outrage among local residents. With complaints pouring in, authorities were compelled to act decisively.

Acting as per GO MS No. 99, HYDRA officials not only fenced the land but also installed caution boards warning against illegal occupation. The move is being seen as a strong step towards protecting government land and public interests.

Reacting to the development, Uppu Jaswanth expressed happiness and called it a "people's victory." He stated that despite many challenges, he remained committed to the cause and thanked the authorities for their prompt response.

Local residents have welcomed the move and praised the efforts taken to safeguard land worth crores. They expressed relief that a long-pending issue has finally been resolved, ensuring a permanent solution for the community's needs.

Commissioner in Action Mode: Strict Inspection at Bandham Cheruvu in Gajularamaram Circle

Hyderabad, March 17 2026 TPN Bureau:

In a proactive move to ensure compliance with environmental and urban planning regulations, Cyberabad Municipal Corporation Commissioner Dr. G. Srijana, IAS, conducted an on-ground inspection in the Gajularamaram Circle on Tuesday. The visit focused primarily on ongoing construction activities near Bandham Cheruvu, raising concerns over possible violations within restricted zones.

During the inspection, the Commissioner personally reviewed a construction site located near Lalsabguda Main Road. The key objective was to verify whether the structure falls within the Full Tank Level (FTL) or the designated buffer zone of the water body. Given the increasing instances of encroachments near lakes, the inspection was aimed at ensuring strict adherence to environmental norms and protecting water resources.

Dr. Srijana directed officials from the Irrigation, Town Planning, and Revenue departments to accurately demarcate the FTL boundaries of Bandham Cheruvu. She emphasized the importance of clearly identifying whether the construction site lies within the FTL or buffer zone limits. Officials were in-



structed to carry out a detailed verification process, including a thorough examination of all relevant records and documents, before initiating any further action.

The Commissioner made it clear that no violations would be tolerated and that any construction found within restricted zones would face strict action as per regulations. Her visit reflects the administration's

firm stance on safeguarding water bodies and preventing illegal encroachments.

Following the inspection of the construction site, the Commissioner also toured the surrounding areas of Bandham Cheruvu to assess sanitation conditions. She expressed concern over waste management practices and stressed the need for improved cleanliness in

the locality.

Officials were instructed to install green mats at garbage collection points to ensure better waste handling and prevent littering. Additionally, the Commissioner called for strict monitoring to stop indiscriminate dumping of waste. As part of strengthening surveillance, she suggested the installation of CCTV cameras in key locations and directed authorities to maintain continuous monitoring.

The inspection highlights the administration's dual focus on environmental protection and urban cleanliness. By addressing both construction-related concerns and sanitation issues, the Commissioner reinforced the importance of sustainable urban development.

Several officials accompanied her during the visit, including Gajularamaram Circle Deputy Commissioner Sripada Rameshwar, CCP Venkanna, Additional CCP Shaailaja, ACP Sumitra, Deputy Executive Engineer (SWM) Nikhil Reddy, Deputy Executive Engineer Anurag, and other staff members.

The initiative has been welcomed as a timely step towards ensuring transparency, accountability, and the protection of vital natural resources in the region.

BJP Leaders Submit Memorandum to Garidepalli MRO, Demand Immediate Action on Public Issues

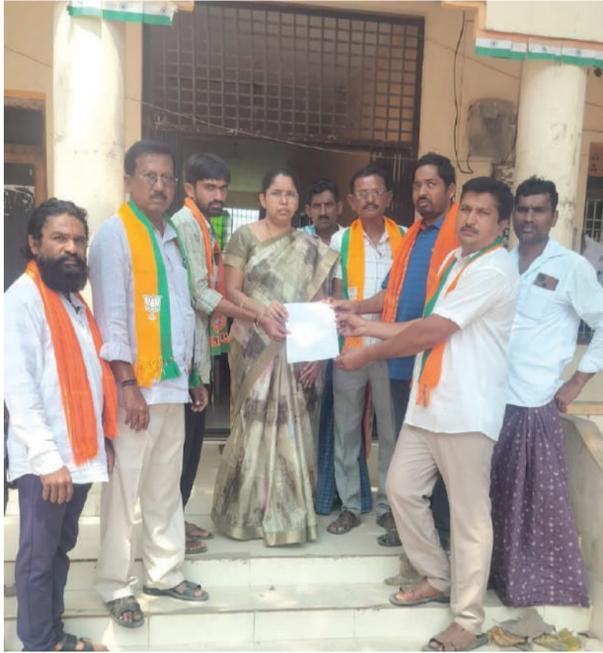
Hyderabad, March 17 2026 TPN Bureau:

Leaders of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) from Garidepalli mandal met the Mandal Revenue Officer (MRO) on Tuesday and submitted a memorandum highlighting several pressing public issues. The delegation urged the authorities to take immediate steps to resolve long-pending problems affecting the people of the mandal.

The initiative was taken as per the directions of the state BJP leadership and under the guidance of district party president Challa Srilatha Reddy. The memorandum was formally handed over under the leadership of Garidepalli Mandal BJP President Kukkadapu Venkateshwarlu, who emphasized the need for swift administrative action on unresolved matters.

In the memorandum, BJP leaders expressed concern over the delay in implementing several government assurances. They called upon the MRO to ensure that all pending promises are fulfilled without further delay. They also stressed that the revenue department must take proactive measures to address public grievances within its jurisdiction in a timely and efficient manner.

One of the key issues raised was the delay in the disbursement of Aasara pensions meant for elderly individuals, widows, and persons



with disabilities. According to the leaders, many eligible beneficiaries in the mandal have applied for pensions but are yet to receive any

assistance. They pointed out that several elderly citizens, differently-abled individuals, and single women continue to face hardships

due to the non-sanction of their pension applications.

The BJP leaders demanded that all pending applications be reviewed and approved immediately so that eligible beneficiaries can receive the financial support they are entitled to. They stressed that such welfare schemes are crucial for the survival and dignity of vulnerable sections of society.

Another major concern highlighted was the delay in the implementation of the government's housing scheme for the poor. The leaders urged officials to expedite the process of sanctioning houses to eligible beneficiaries under the scheme. They stated that many poor families are still waiting for housing support despite meeting eligibility criteria.

The delegation concluded by urging the government to respond promptly to these issues and ensure that the problems faced by people in the mandal are resolved at the earliest. They reiterated that effective governance lies in addressing grassroots concerns without delay.

Several party leaders and members participated in the program, including district leader Chittalur Somayya Goud, mandal vice president Kukkadapu Laxmaiah Goud, Narsing, Naga Saidulu Goud, Pagidi Radhakrishna, Gugulothu Raju Naik, Yamagani Sai, and others.

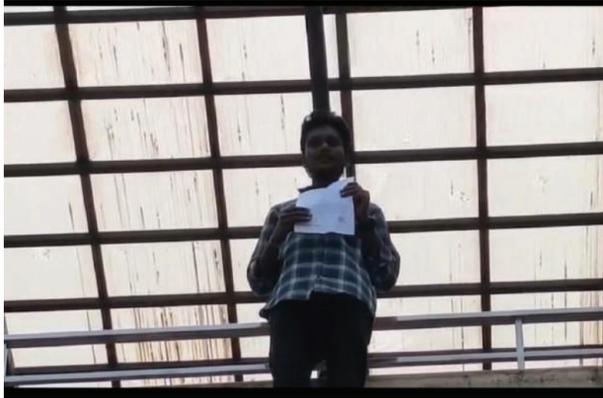
Tension at Hanumakonda Collectorate as Youth Attempts Suicide Over Land Dispute

Hanumakonda, March 17, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Tension prevailed at the Collectorate office in Hanumakonda on Tuesday after a young man attempted suicide by climbing onto the building, alleging injustice in a land dispute. The dramatic incident created panic among officials, staff, and visitors, drawing the attention of a large crowd.

The individual was identified as Payyavula Sambaraju, a resident of Dharmasagar mandal. According to preliminary information, he resorted to the extreme step after claiming that authorities had illegally issued a land ownership document related to his property. Frustrated over the lack of response despite repeated representations, he attempted to highlight his grievance through this act.

Eyewitnesses said Sambaraju climbed onto the Collectorate building and threatened to end his life, stating that he had visited the office multiple times and submitted several complaints, but no con-



crete action had been taken. His protest quickly attracted a large gathering, raising concerns about his safety.

Police were immediately alerted and rushed to the spot. A team of officials, along with police person-

nel, initiated rescue efforts and began counseling him to calm down. After prolonged persuasion, authorities successfully convinced him to come down safely, preventing a potential tragedy.

Sambaraju was later taken into

protective custody, while officials assured him that his complaint would be thoroughly examined. Authorities stated that all relevant documents and records would be verified before taking necessary action, emphasizing that due process would be followed to ensure a fair resolution.

The incident has once again highlighted the growing frustration among citizens over unresolved land disputes and delays in administrative processes. Local residents expressed concern, stating that such incidents reflect the urgent need for an efficient grievance redressal system and timely intervention by authorities.

Normalcy was restored at the Collectorate premises soon after the situation was brought under control. However, the episode has raised serious questions about how public grievances are handled and the emotional distress faced by individuals when their issues remain unresolved for long periods.

Saraswathi Shishu Mandir Celebrates 45th Annual Day with Grandeur in Ichoda



Adilabad, March 17 TPN Bureau:

The 45th Annual Day celebrations of Sri Saraswathi Shishu Mandir School were held with great enthusiasm and cultural vibrancy at Ichoda mandal headquarters in Adilabad district. The event brought together students, teachers, parents, and distinguished guests, creating a festive atmosphere filled with learning and celebration.

State Teachers' Association President Balaram Jadhav attended the programme as the chief guest and addressed the gathering. In his speech, he emphasized the importance of value-based education imparted in Saraswathi Shishu Mandir schools. He stated that students studying in such institutions are nurtured with strong moral values, discipline, patriotism, and courage from a young age.

Highlighting the uniqueness of the institution, he noted that along with academic excellence, the school focuses on instilling respect for Indian culture, traditions, and elders. "Such values shape responsible citizens and strong individuals who contribute positively to society," he added.

The highlight of the event was the wide range of cultural performances presented by the students. The young

participants captivated the audience with their talent and confidence through various programs including yoga displays, Yog Chap, Chekka Bhajana, Kolatam, human pyramids, classical and folk dances, mono acts, and short skits. Each performance reflected creativity, discipline, and teamwork, earning applause from the audience.

Prominent dignitaries who attended the event included Vibhag President Bajrang Lal Agarwal, Vibhag Secretary Sarukonda Damodar, and Shaikshanic Pramukh Venumadhav. School committee members Devarla Santosh, Samanpelli Sudarshan, Rajender, V. Santosh, Nimmala Santosh Reddy, and Anga Rajeshwar were also present.

Former headmasters Oraganti Istari and K. Narayana Reddy, along with patrons, teaching staff, and parents, participated actively in the celebrations, encouraging the students and appreciating their performances.

The annual day concluded on a joyous note, celebrating not just the achievements of the institution over the past 45 years, but also reaffirming its commitment to holistic education that blends academics with values and culture.

Husband Kills Pregnant Wife in Korutla: Shocking Incident in Jagtial District



Korutla, March 17 TPN Bureau:

In a tragic and shocking incident, a four-month pregnant woman was brutally murdered by her husband in Madapur village of Korutla mandal in Jagtial district on Tuesday. The incident has created panic and grief among locals, raising serious concerns over rising domestic violence cases.

According to preliminary information provided by the police, the deceased, Vaishnavi (19), a native of Madapur, had married Chittari Haribabu, a resident of Korutla, in a love marriage about eight months ago. Following their marriage, the couple had been residing in Madapur village.

Haribabu was working as a contract employee at a government hospital, while Vaishnavi was reportedly active on social media, creating reels and managing a YouTube channel. Police sources revealed that the couple had been experiencing frequent disputes over the past few days, which eventually escalated into a violent confrontation.

On Tuesday around 4 a.m., during the early hours, Haribabu allegedly attacked his wife

with a knife while she was at home. The assault proved fatal, and Vaishnavi died on the spot. After committing the crime, the accused fled from the scene, leaving behind a horrifying situation.

Family members discovered Vaishnavi lying in a pool of blood later in the morning and immediately alerted the police. Upon receiving the information, police officials rushed to the spot, conducted a preliminary investigation, and collected evidence.

A case has been registered, and a manhunt has been launched to trace and apprehend the accused. The body of the deceased has been sent for post-mortem examination.

The brutal killing of a young pregnant woman has shocked the local community. Residents have expressed anger and sorrow over the incident, demanding strict action against the accused. The case highlights the urgent need to address domestic conflicts and ensure better protection for women facing violence within their homes.

Further investigation is underway.

Police Conduct Surprise Inspections on Hotels in Asifabad,



Asifabad, March 17, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Police conducted surprise inspections at hotels and restaurants across the Asifabad division, registering cases against establishments found violating safety norms. The inspections were carried out on Monday under the directions of District Superintendent of Police Nitika Panth and Additional SP Chittaranjan.

According to Circle Inspector Balaji Varaprasad, several hotels and tiffin centers were inspected as part of routine enforcement aimed at ensuring compliance with safety regulations. During the checks, officials found that some establishments were using domestic LPG cylinders for commercial purposes, which is a clear violation of safety guidelines.

At New Sri Krishna Hotel, two domestic gas cylinders were found in use, while one domestic cylinder was detected at Ranka Hotel. Police immediately registered cases against the respective owners for failing to adhere to prescribed norms.

Officials stressed that hotels, restaurants, and other food outlets must strictly use commercial LPG cylinders for their op-

erations. The use of domestic cylinders in business establishments is prohibited due to safety and regulatory concerns. Authorities warned that such misuse could lead to serious hazards, including fire accidents and threats to public safety.

The police issued a strong warning to all hotel owners and food business operators in the division, stating that strict action will be taken against violators. They also advised proprietors to comply with all safety standards, obtain necessary licenses, and ensure proper handling of gas cylinders to avoid legal consequences.

The department reiterated that these surprise inspections are part of ongoing efforts to enforce rules, prevent misuse of essential resources, and safeguard public safety. Officials indicated that similar drives will continue across the district in the coming days to curb violations and ensure strict compliance.

The action has been widely seen as a necessary step to maintain safety standards in public food establishments and to promote accountability among business operators.

Prateek Jain Assumes Charge as Narayanpet District Collector



Narayanpet, March 17, 2026 TPN Bureau:

Prateek Jain officially assumed charge as the new District Collector of Narayanpet on Monday at the Collectorate office. The formal takeover took place in his chamber, marking the beginning of his tenure as the chief administrative officer of the district.

Soon after assuming office, Collector Prateek Jain expressed his commitment to the overall development of Narayanpet district. He stated that he would focus on strengthening governance, ensuring effective implementation of government schemes, and addressing public grievances in a timely manner. He emphasized that coordinated efforts among officials and departments would be key to achieving sustainable development in the district.

Prior to the assumption of charge, the new Collector was warmly welcomed by senior officials and staff at the Collectorate. Additional Collector Phaninder Reddy, Trainee Collector Pranay Kumar, and Administrative Officer Sridhar greeted him with bouquets and extended their best wishes for his new role.

Collectorate staff members also joined in welcoming Prateek Jain and expressed hope for progressive administration under his leadership. Officials highlighted that his experience and administrative approach would contribute positively to the district's growth and governance.

The atmosphere at the Collectorate was cordial and optimistic, with officials and employees looking forward to working under the guidance of the new Collector. Sources said that Prateek Jain is expected to soon review key developmental activities and ongoing projects in the district to understand ground-level challenges and priorities.

With his appointment, expectations are high that the district administration will continue to function efficiently while taking new initiatives aimed at improving public service delivery and infrastructure development.

The assumption of charge by Prateek Jain marks an important administrative transition for Narayanpet, with a renewed focus on development, transparency, and responsive governance.

Kerala Congress' Silent Power Struggle: Tharoor, Chennithala And Others Eye The Top Job



As Kerala moves closer to the 2026 Assembly elections, the Congress party in the state is witnessing a quiet but intense internal contest. The battle is not against political opponents but within the party itself, as several senior leaders position themselves as potential chief ministerial candidates if the United Democratic Front (UDF) returns to power.

At the centre of this silent struggle are four prominent figures: V. D. Satheesan, Ramesh Chennithala, K. C. Venugopal, and Shashi Tharoor. While they publicly present a united front, each leader is carefully building influence, strengthening support networks, and expanding public appeal ahead of the crucial election.

V. D. Satheesan, the current Leader of the Opposition, holds a natural advantage due to his position. He has emerged as a strong voice against the ruling Left government and has actively taken up issues ranging from governance failures to corruption allegations. His elevation to the top opposition role signaled a shift toward younger leadership in the state unit. However, Satheesan faces challenges as he does not command a strong factional base within the party. His relations with some influential community organizations have also been strained, limiting his broader political reach. To counter this, he has focused on outreach to minority groups, civil society,

and coalition partners, projecting himself as a consensus builder.

Ramesh Chennithala represents experience and organizational depth. A veteran leader with decades of service, he has held key positions both in government and within the party structure. His supporters argue that his earlier tenure as Opposition Leader was constrained by internal dynamics that prevented him from fully capitalizing on public dissatisfaction with the ruling government. Despite past setbacks, he maintains strong connections with party workers and senior leaders across districts. This organizational strength could play a decisive role in any internal leadership contest.

K. C. Venugopal occupies a different space altogether. As a senior national leader closely associated with the party's central leadership, he enjoys significant influence beyond Kerala. His proximity to the high command could become an advantage if the leadership question is decided at the national level, as is often the case in Congress. However, his challenge lies in translating this central influence into grassroots support within the state. While respected within party circles, he lacks the broad mass appeal of some of his rivals.

Shashi Tharoor stands out as the most publicly recognizable face among the contenders. A four-time Member of Parliament from Thiruvanan-

thapuram, he enjoys popularity among urban voters, young professionals, and sections of the middle class. His articulate communication style and international profile have made him one of the party's most visible leaders. However, his independent views and occasional divergence from official party positions have sometimes caused discomfort within the organization. This has led to a complex relationship with the state leadership, even as his popularity among voters remains strong.

The Congress in Kerala has traditionally followed a model of collective leadership, avoiding the projection of a single chief ministerial candidate before elections. Instead, the leadership decision is typically made after the results, based on legislative strength, factional balance, and coalition considerations. While this approach helps maintain unity during campaigns, it also encourages behind-the-scenes maneuvering as leaders attempt to strengthen their claims in advance.

The stakes in the upcoming election are particularly high. Kerala politics has historically seen power alternate between the Left Democratic Front and the United Democratic Front every five years. This pattern was broken when the Left retained power for a second consecutive term in 2021, making the next election a critical opportunity for Congress to stage a comeback.

Publicly, party leaders continue to

emphasize unity and teamwork. Yet their individual outreach programs, distinct political strategies, and factional loyalties suggest an undercurrent of competition. Satheesan is consolidating minority support and coalition leadership. Chennithala is strengthening organizational networks. Venugopal is leveraging national influence. Tharoor is expanding his appeal beyond traditional party structures.

None of the leaders appears willing to step aside, but none can decisively dominate the field either. This delicate balance has created a situation where competition remains intense but largely unspoken.

If the UDF succeeds in winning the election, the real battle may unfold afterward. The choice of chief minister will depend on multiple factors, including the number of legislators backing each leader, the preferences of coalition partners, and the decision of the central leadership.

In essence, the Congress in Kerala is navigating a complex phase marked by both opportunity and uncertainty. The presence of several capable leaders reflects the party's depth, but the absence of a clear frontrunner also highlights internal divisions. Whether this diversity becomes a strength or a weakness will play a crucial role in shaping the party's future in one of India's most politically aware states.

India-Japan Ties At A Turning Point: How A Takaichi Mandate Could Redefine The Partnership



Japan's political transition under the leadership of Sanae Takaichi comes at a moment of profound global uncertainty — and it could significantly reshape relations with India. With a strong mandate in Tokyo, the two countries have an opportunity not merely to continue their partnership but to transform it into a more strategic, future-oriented alliance suited to an increasingly volatile world.

India and Japan have long shared a special strategic relationship, strengthened during the tenure of former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Their personal rapport helped promote the vision of a "free and open Indo-Pacific," emphasizing democratic values, open trade routes, and regional stability. Abe's assassination slowed that momentum, but continuity in Japanese leadership aligned with his worldview could revive and modernize the partnership.

Today's geopolitical environment makes such cooperation more urgent than ever. Conflicts in the Middle East, tensions in key maritime chokepoints, and disruptions to global trade have exposed the fragility of energy supplies and supply chains. Both India and Japan depend heavily on imported energy, making them vulnerable to shocks in oil markets and shipping routes. Coordinated policies — such as diversifying energy sources, building strategic reserves, and strengthening maritime security — could protect both economies while enhancing their global influence.

The partnership also benefits from deep historical and cultural connections. Civilizational links, particularly the spread of Buddhism from India to Japan, have created a reservoir of goodwill that few bilateral relationships possess. In an era when international relations are often transactional, this foundation of trust offers a significant strategic advantage.

Economically, the two countries are highly complementary. Japan brings advanced technology, capital, and expertise in manufacturing, while India offers a vast market, a growing innovation ecosystem, and a youthful workforce. Past collaborations demonstrate the power of this synergy — from automotive partnerships to major infrastructure projects such as metro rail systems and industrial corridors.

Looking ahead, cooperation in critical technologies will be central. Sectors such as semiconductors, batteries, clean energy, and critical minerals are now essential not only for economic growth but also for national security. By coordinating research, investment, and production, India and Japan could reduce dependence on unstable supply chains and position themselves as key players in future industries.

Defence and security cooperation is another area ripe for expansion. Rather than large, politically sensitive arms deals, both sides could focus on joint development, modular projects, and co-production. Such practical collaboration would build operational familiarity between the two militaries while strengthening deterrence capabilities in the Indo-Pacific region.

Demographics offer a powerful opportunity for mutual benefit. Japan faces a rapidly ageing population and shrinking workforce, while India has one of the world's youngest populations. Structured labour mobility programs, skills partnerships, and technology transfer could address Japan's labour shortages while providing employment opportunities for Indian professionals.

Beyond bilateral gains, the partnership could extend into third regions such as Africa and Southeast Asia. Combining Japanese financing and technological strength with India's entrepreneurial capacity and regional knowledge could create sustainable development models that differ from purely extractive approaches often associated with great-power competition.

Both countries also maintain close ties with the United States, making trilateral or multilateral cooperation feasible. Coordinated strategies among like-minded democracies could help preserve a rules-based international order at a time when global institutions face mounting pressure. Acting together in forums such as the Quad enhances their collective leverage while allowing each nation to maintain strategic autonomy.

However, challenges remain. Bureaucratic hurdles, differences in regulatory systems, and slow project implementation have historically limited the full potential of India-Japan cooperation. Turning ambitious plans into concrete outcomes will require sustained institutional engagement, political will, and clear accountability mechanisms.

A strong Japanese leadership mandate could help overcome these obstacles by enabling decisive policy action. It would also signal continuity to investors, allies, and regional partners, encouraging long-term commitments rather than cautious short-term engagement.

Ultimately, the evolving global landscape — marked by geopolitical conflict, technological rivalry, and economic uncertainty — is pushing India and Japan closer together. Their shared democratic values, complementary strengths, and converging strategic interests position them to play a stabilizing role in Asia and beyond.

If both nations seize this moment, the relationship could move beyond goodwill and symbolic cooperation toward a genuinely transformative partnership. With strong leadership in Tokyo and a willingness in New Delhi to match ambition with execution, India-Japan collaboration may indeed be poised to enter a new and consequential era — one defined not only by shared interests but by coordinated action in shaping the future of the Indo-Pacific and the global order.

When Crisis Struck, India Stood By The UAE — A Partnership Forged In Trust

During a period of heightened instability in the Middle East, India's swift and firm support for the United Arab Emirates highlighted the depth of a relationship that extends far beyond routine diplomacy. As attacks threatened civilian lives and critical infrastructure, New Delhi's response demonstrated solidarity, reassurance, and strategic confidence in one of its closest partners in the Gulf.

The crisis involved missile and drone strikes targeting civilian areas and key facilities in the UAE, resulting in casualties that included foreign nationals. Among those affected was an Indian citizen, underscoring how closely the safety of the two countries' populations is intertwined. The incident served as a stark reminder that regional instability can directly impact millions of expatriates living far from home.

At the core of India-UAE relations is the vast Indian diaspora in the Emirates. Numbering in the millions, Indians form one of the largest expatriate communities there. They contribute across all sectors of the economy, from construction and services to healthcare, education, technology, and business leadership. Their presence has helped shape the UAE's growth story, while remittances sent home support countless families across India.

Economic ties between the two nations are equally strong. The UAE ranks among India's most important trading partners and serves as a major gateway for Indian exports to the wider Middle East and Africa. Cooperation spans energy, infrastructure, finance, technology, logistics, and investment. This dense web of economic interdependence means that stability in the UAE is vital not only for its own citizens but also for India's economic interests.

When the crisis unfolded, India responded quickly at the highest level. Strong condemnation of the attacks and expressions of solidarity were conveyed directly between the leadership of the two countries. This prompt engagement



reflected a relationship built on trust and frequent communication rather than formal protocol alone. India's diplomatic stance signaled that it viewed the security of the UAE as closely linked to its own regional interests.

Beyond bilateral exchanges, India also supported broader international efforts aimed at addressing the situation and restoring stability. Such actions reinforced the perception that the partnership is both strategic and principled, grounded in a shared desire for peace, economic continuity, and regional security.

Despite fears that the conflict might weaken the UAE's economy or trigger instability, the country's underlying

strengths remain significant. Over the years, it has diversified its economy beyond oil, developed world-class infrastructure, and built substantial financial reserves. These factors provide resilience against external shocks and reassure investors, residents, and partners alike.

The episode also demonstrated how people-to-people ties can strengthen diplomatic relations. Cultural exchanges, tourism, business links, and long-standing personal connections between families across the two countries have created a bond that transcends formal agreements.

Ultimately, India's support during the crisis illustrated a partnership defined

ability. For India, the safety of its citizens abroad, uninterrupted trade flows, and regional stability are crucial concerns. For the UAE, India's backing reinforced confidence that a trusted partner would stand by it during difficult moments.

In international relations, true alliances are tested in times of uncertainty. This episode showed that India and the UAE share not just economic interests but a durable connection rooted in mutual respect, trust, and long-term cooperation. As the geopolitical landscape continues to evolve, this relationship is likely to remain a cornerstone of engagement between South Asia and the Gulf region.

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Over 200 Ex-Officials Question Rahul Gandhi's Conduct In Parliament

More than 200 retired bureaucrats, former military officers, diplomats, and senior professionals have expressed concern over the conduct of Congress leader and Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi inside Parliament, calling his actions inappropriate and harmful to institutional dignity.

In a joint letter, the signatories criticised an incident on March 12 when opposition MPs staged a protest within the Parliament complex over rising LPG prices. The demonstration reportedly took place near one of the main entrances, where lawmakers used symbolic cooking stoves and raised slogans to highlight the issue.

The group argued that ignoring the directions of the Lok Sabha Speaker undermines parliamentary decorum, especially when done by senior leaders. They stressed that Parliament is the nation's highest democratic forum and must be treated with respect at all times.

According to the letter, some MPs were also seen sitting on the steps of Parliament and sharing tea and snacks during the protest. The signatories described this behaviour as unbecoming of elected representatives and inconsistent with the dignity ex-



pected of lawmakers.

The statement was endorsed by a wide range of prominent individuals, including retired army officers, former civil servants, ambassadors, and legal experts. They warned that such actions could erode public trust in democratic institutions and lower the standard of political discourse.

The group also cautioned that theatrical demonstrations within the Parliament premises risk turning serious national forums into venues for political spectacle. They emphasised that disa-

greements should be addressed through debate, discussion, and constitutional processes rather than protests that disrupt normal functioning.

The letter urged Rahul Gandhi, as Leader of Opposition, to uphold the responsibilities of his position and set a positive example for other legislators. It also called on leaders across party lines to maintain civility and respect parliamentary norms even during intense political disagreements.

The controversy comes amid

ongoing tensions between the government and opposition over economic issues such as fuel and cooking gas prices. While protest is a legitimate democratic tool, the debate in this case centers on whether such demonstrations are appropriate within the Parliament complex itself.

Overall, the episode has sparked a broader discussion about the balance between dissent and decorum in India's parliamentary system, and the responsibilities of public representatives in maintaining institutional respect.

Siddaramaiah Pulls Up Ministers After Speaker Walks Out Over Delayed Replies

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah reprimanded his cabinet colleagues after Assembly Speaker U. T. Khader adjourned proceedings and walked out of the House over delays in providing answers to legislators' questions.

The incident occurred during a session of the Karnataka Legislative Assembly when the Speaker expressed strong dissatisfaction with the low number of written replies submitted by government departments. He noted that repeated reminders had failed to produce results and questioned how the House could function effectively without timely responses from ministers and officials.

Before leaving, the Speaker stated that he would not continue proceedings until proper explanations were provided by the concerned ministers and departmental secretaries. His walkout brought the Assembly's work to a halt and highlighted serious concerns about administrative



accountability.

Following the episode, the Chief Minister issued a stern communication to all ministers, warning that delays in responding to questions had embarrassed the government and undermined the dignity of the legislature. He pointed out that a significant number of questions raised by MLAs across multiple sessions remained unanswered.

According to official data cited during the discussion, only a fraction of the questions submitted had received replies, leaving a large backlog. This situation has made it difficult for legislators to hold the government accountable and discuss issues affecting their constituencies.

Siddaramaiah directed departmental secretaries to immediately explain the reasons for the

delays and ensure that all pending responses are provided without further lapse. He also instructed departments to inform the concerned MLAs directly about outstanding replies and specify clear timelines for furnishing the required information.

The episode drew criticism from opposition leaders, who described the situation as a sign of poor governance and lack of coordination within the administration. They argued that failing to answer Assembly questions reflects disregard for democratic procedures and the responsibilities of elected representatives.

Overall, the Speaker's rare walkout underscored the seriousness of the issue, while the Chief Minister's intervention signaled an effort to restore normal functioning. The incident has sparked broader debate on administrative efficiency, transparency, and the importance of accountability in legislative processes.

Centre Assures Action On LPG Crisis Amid Iran-Israel War; Court Closes Distributors' Plea



The central government has assured that it is taking all necessary steps to address the cooking gas shortage triggered by the Iran-Israel conflict, after a court closed a petition filed by LPG distributors over supply concerns.

The crisis arose as tensions in West Asia disrupted shipping through the Strait of Hormuz, a crucial route for India's energy imports. A significant portion of the country's liquefied petroleum gas comes from the Gulf region, making supplies vulnerable to any blockade or escalation in hostilities.

Responding to fears of shortages, the government said domestic LPG supplies for households are being prioritised and that there is no need for panic. Authorities have increased local production, explored alternative import sources, and taken measures to ensure essential sectors continue receiving fuel.

Officials also urged consumers to avoid hoarding or panic booking, warning that such actions could worsen temporary disruptions. People with access to piped natural gas have been encouraged to use it where possible to reduce pressure on cylinder supplies.

Commercial users, including hotels and small businesses, have been affected more severely because domestic consumers are being given priority. In several

areas, deliveries of commercial cylinders are being rationed while authorities monitor distribution to prevent black marketing and misuse.

The legal case that led to the court proceedings had been filed by distributors seeking directions to ensure adequate supply and clarity on allocation during the crisis. However, after the Centre informed the court that the situation was under control and mitigation measures were underway, the petition was closed.

Meanwhile, both central and state governments continue to closely monitor the evolving situation. Steps include boosting refinery output, securing supplies from non-Gulf countries, and improving logistics to prevent disruptions to essential services.

Despite the challenges, officials insist that the country is not facing a complete shortage. They say existing stocks are being managed carefully to maintain uninterrupted supply of cooking gas, particularly for households and vulnerable communities.

Overall, the government maintains that contingency plans are in place to stabilise availability. The court's decision to close the plea reflects confidence that administrative measures will be sufficient to manage the situation for now.

Rajinikanth Responds To TVK Remarks: "Time Doesn't Speak, It Waits"



Tamil superstar Rajinikanth has reacted calmly to controversial remarks made by leaders of Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam, saying, "Time doesn't speak, but it waits," in a philosophical response that has sparked widespread discussion.

The controversy began after a TVK leader claimed that Rajinikanth's entry into politics years ago was allegedly halted due to pressure or threats from the ruling political establishment. The statement triggered strong reactions from political circles, film personalities, and fans, many of whom defended the actor.

Without directly engaging in a heated rebuttal, Rajinikanth dismissed the claims as untrue and expressed gratitude to those who condemned the remarks. His brief but pointed response suggested a composed approach, avoiding confrontation while firmly rejecting the allegations.

Observers interpreted his "time will wait" remark as a subtle message that truth will emerge eventually, rather than needing immediate argument. The statement quickly went viral on social media, with supporters praising his restraint

and dignity.

The TVK leader's comments had also included suggestions that Rajinikanth's political influence had declined or that he had withdrawn from politics under pressure. The actor's response neither confirmed nor elaborated on his past political decisions but reaffirmed that the specific claims were incorrect.

Rajinikanth had previously announced plans to enter politics but later stepped back, citing personal and health reasons. Since then, speculation about his political role has continued to surface during election cycles in Tamil Nadu.

The episode has intensified the already charged political atmosphere ahead of upcoming state elections, where film personalities and their political affiliations often play a significant role.

Overall, Rajinikanth's reaction stood out for its calm tone rather than aggressive rhetoric. By choosing a reflective statement over direct confrontation, he signaled that he does not wish to escalate the controversy, leaving the matter to public judgment and the passage of time.

Rising Dissent In CPI(M) May Challenge Pinarayi Vijayan Ahead Of Kerala Polls



Growing internal dissent within the Communist Party of India (Marxist) is emerging as a potential challenge for Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan as Kerala moves toward Assembly elections.

The ruling party is facing an unusual wave of discontent from within its own ranks, including senior leaders, former legislators, and grassroots workers. Concerns have surfaced over candidate selection, leadership style, and the concentration of decision-making power within a small group at the top.

One major trigger has been the early announcement of candidates, which reportedly sidelined several experienced leaders. In some constituencies, disgruntled members are considering contesting as independent candidates against the official nominees. Such a move could divide the party's vote base and weaken its chances in closely contested seats.

There have also been reports of resignations and defections by leaders who feel overlooked or marginalised. Some have openly criticised the party's direction, suggesting that the dissatisfaction runs deeper than routine political disagreements.

Critics within the party argue that leadership has become highly centralised, leaving limited space for internal debate or dissent. Allegations of favouritism and the sidelining of influential figures have further fueled tensions. Several leaders who once held

significant positions are said to have been denied tickets or excluded from key roles.

The absence of strong internal checks has contributed to the situation. Earlier, senior leaders capable of openly challenging decisions acted as a balancing force, but such voices are now largely absent, allowing grievances to accumulate.

Unrest is not confined to the top leadership. Reports indicate dissatisfaction among local cadres and district-level workers, particularly in traditional strongholds. Some longtime members believe grassroots concerns are being ignored and that the party's ideological focus has weakened.

Political observers warn that internal divisions could hurt the party even in areas where it traditionally performs well. If rebel candidates enter the fray or supporters become disillusioned, opposition parties could gain an advantage.

Despite these challenges, the ruling alliance remains a major political force in the state after two consecutive terms in power. However, unity has historically been key to its electoral success.

Overall, the rising tide of dissent poses a significant test for Vijayan's leadership. How effectively the party manages internal conflicts and presents a united front may play a decisive role in the outcome of the upcoming Kerala Assembly elections.

AIADMK MP's "I Want Nayanthara" Remark Triggers Political Storm In Tamil Nadu



A controversial comment by an AIADMK leader has sparked a major political row in Tamil Nadu ahead of the upcoming Assembly elections. C. Ve. Shanmugam, a Rajya Sabha MP from the party, faced sharp criticism after invoking actress Nayanthara while attacking Chief Minister M. K. Stalin's public outreach campaign.

Speaking at a protest rally, Shanmugam mocked the government's "Tell Us Your Dream" initiative, under which volunteers collect citizens' aspirations and feedback. He questioned whether the Chief Minister could fulfil any demand made by the public, suggesting that if someone claimed they wanted to marry Nayanthara, the government would not be able to make that happen.

The remark triggered immediate backlash, with critics calling it inappropriate, sexist, and disrespectful toward women. Many argued that invoking a woman's name in such a manner trivialised both the issue under discussion and the campaign itself.

The controversy intensified because the comment was reportedly made during an event focused on women's issues,

leading to accusations of insensitivity. Political opponents condemned the statement as unbecoming of a public representative and demanded an apology.

Shanmugam's criticism was aimed at discrediting the ruling party's initiative, which encourages people to share their hopes and expectations from the government. Supporters say the programme is designed to strengthen citizen engagement and gather public input, while opposition parties have dismissed it as a publicity exercise ahead of elections.

The incident has added to the already heated political climate in Tamil Nadu, where parties are ramping up campaigns before the polls. Analysts note that such controversies can divert attention from policy debates and shift focus toward personal remarks and rhetoric.

Overall, the episode highlights how political statements can quickly escalate into major public disputes, especially when they involve gender sensitivities. The row continues to dominate political discussions in the state as parties position themselves for the upcoming elections.

Iran Rejects Ceasefire Calls; Leadership Vows Revenge Against US and Israel

Iran's leadership has rejected proposals for a ceasefire with the United States and Israel, signaling a hardline stance as the conflict continues to intensify. Reports indicate that peace proposals were conveyed to Tehran through intermediary countries, but they were dismissed as unacceptable under current circumstances.

In a strong message, Iran's leadership stated that this is not the right time for peace and that the country will continue its resistance. Officials emphasized that Iran will not back down and will respond forcefully until it achieves its objectives and secures compensation for the losses suffered during the conflict.

Sources describe the leadership's approach as extremely tough, driven by a desire for retaliation for casualties and damage caused during the war. Tehran has reportedly indicated that any discussion of de-



escalation would only be possible after its adversaries accept responsibility and agree to terms favorable to Iran.

The rejection of ceasefire efforts comes amid one of the most serious regional confrontations in recent years. The conflict escalated after major

military strikes targeted Iranian assets, prompting retaliatory attacks across multiple areas in the Middle East. Missile launches, drone strikes, and air raids have been reported, raising fears that the crisis could expand into a broader regional war.

Despite diplomatic efforts by

several countries to ease tensions, prospects for an immediate resolution remain uncertain. Iran's firm position suggests that hostilities may continue, while military operations on both sides persist.

The ongoing conflict has heightened humanitarian concerns as civilians face casualties, displacement, and disruptions to daily life. Key economic sectors and infrastructure have also been affected, worsening conditions within the region.

In addition to human costs, the crisis has triggered global anxiety over energy supplies and trade routes, as instability in the Middle East often impacts oil markets and international commerce.

Overall, Iran's refusal to accept a ceasefire and its vow to pursue retaliation mark a significant escalation, indicating that the conflict may persist unless major diplomatic breakthroughs are achieved.

Iran's New Leader Escaped Death by Seconds in US Strike

Iran's newly appointed Supreme Leader, Mojtaba Khamenei, narrowly survived a powerful US-Israeli airstrike that killed his father, Ali Khamenei, along with several family members and senior officials. The attack targeted the leadership compound in Tehran on February 28 as part of a coordinated operation aimed at eliminating Iran's top command.

Reports suggest that Mojtaba Khamenei avoided death purely by chance. He had stepped out of the main building for routine work just minutes before the missiles struck. When the explosions occurred, he was reportedly returning to the building and sustained only a minor leg injury.

The strike caused massive destruction, flattening sections of the compound and killing multiple high-ranking figures. Several members of the Khamenei family and senior military officials were among those reported dead. The blast was described as ex-



tremely powerful, leaving parts of the site devastated.

Sources indicate that Mojtaba's wife and son were killed in the explosion, while another son who was nearby escaped unharmed. His survival under such circumstances has been described as remarkable.

Details of the incident reportedly emerged from leaked audio attributed to officials within the former leader's office, though the authenticity of the recording has not been independently confirmed. The strike itself is widely seen as an attempt to decapitate Iran's

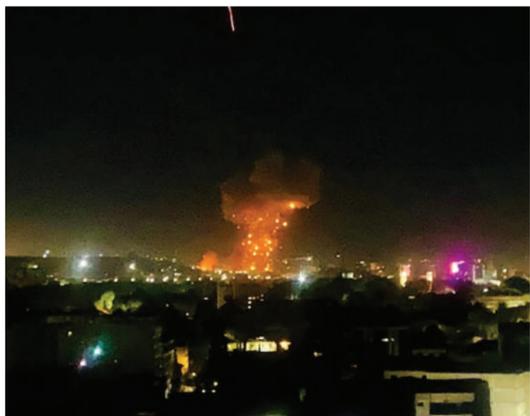
political and military leadership in a single blow.

Following his father's death, Mojtaba Khamenei was elevated to the position of Supreme Leader. However, his limited public appearances since the attack have sparked speculation about his health and security. While some accounts suggest he suffered only minor injuries, others believe he may still be recovering.

The incident highlights the growing intensity of the conflict involving Iran, the United States, and Israel. Had he been inside the building at the time, the attack might have eliminated Iran's entire top leadership, potentially creating a major power vacuum.

Overall, Mojtaba Khamenei's survival appears to have depended on a matter of seconds and a brief decision to step outside, turning what could have been a complete leadership wipeout into a defining moment in the ongoing conflict.

India Condemns Pakistan's Airstrike On Kabul Hospital As "Barbaric" And "Cowardly"



India has strongly denounced Pakistan's reported airstrike on a hospital in Kabul, Afghanistan, describing the attack as "barbaric" and "cowardly." The strike targeted the Omid Addiction Treatment Hospital, a major drug rehabilitation facility, and reportedly caused heavy civilian casualties, drawing widespread concern.

According to Afghan authorities, hundreds of people were killed and many others injured, including patients receiving treatment at the facility. The hospital was housing a large number of individuals at the time, making the incident one of the deadliest in the recent tensions between Afghanistan and Pakistan.

India's Ministry of External Affairs issued a sharp statement condemning the attack as an unacceptable act of violence against civilians. Officials stressed that a medical facility cannot be considered a legitimate military target and called the strike a grave violation of humanitarian norms.

The Indian government also stated that the attack undermines Afghanistan's sovereignty and poses a serious threat to regional peace and stability. New Delhi emphasized that targeting civilian infrastructure, especially health-

care institutions, is unacceptable under international law.

Pakistan has denied intentionally striking the hospital. Authorities in Islamabad claim that the military operation was aimed at terrorist hideouts and an alleged arms depot in the vicinity, asserting that precautions were taken to minimize civilian harm.

The incident has significantly escalated tensions between the neighboring countries, which have already been involved in cross-border hostilities. Several international voices have urged restraint and called for the protection of civilians to prevent further deterioration of the situation.

The humanitarian impact of the strike has been severe. Rescue operations continue amid widespread destruction, with many families searching for missing relatives. Concerns have also been raised about displacement, shortages of medical care, and long-term instability in the region.

Overall, India's strong condemnation reflects growing alarm over the rising civilian toll and the risk of further escalation. The attack on the Kabul hospital has intensified calls for accountability and renewed diplomatic efforts to restore stability.

Is Iran's Leader Mojtaba Khamenei Recovering In Moscow? What Russia Said



Iran's new Supreme Leader, Mojtaba Khamenei, is reportedly undergoing medical treatment after being injured in a powerful airstrike that killed his father. Speculation has emerged that he may have been moved to Moscow for treatment, but the situation remains unclear and surrounded by conflicting claims.

According to reports, Khamenei sustained serious injuries to his leg, arm, and hand during the strike. Some sources suggest he was transferred to Russia after President Vladimir Putin personally offered medical assistance during a conversation with Iran's president. This fueled rumours that he could be recovering at a hospital in Moscow.

However, there has been no official confirmation from Russian authorities that Khamenei is being treated in Moscow. Iran's foreign ministry has acknowledged that he is "feeling well," without confirming any transfer abroad. This has left uncertainty about his actual location and condition.

Reports of his evacuation to Russia largely originate from foreign media and unofficial sources, making them

difficult to verify. Some claims suggest the move was necessary due to the severity of his injuries and security concerns, while others believe he may still be receiving treatment inside Iran.

Khamenei has not appeared publicly since assuming leadership, which has intensified speculation about his health. The lack of visual proof or official updates has led to widespread rumours ranging from steady recovery to severe incapacitation.

The airstrike that injured him also caused extensive damage and killed several members of his family, making it one of the most significant attacks on Iran's leadership in recent years. His survival ensured continuity of leadership, but his absence from public view has raised questions about who is effectively running the country during his recovery.

Overall, while reports suggest Mojtaba Khamenei may be recovering in Moscow, neither Russia nor Iran has officially confirmed this. The available information indicates that he was injured but is reportedly stable, and his exact location remains undisclosed for medical and security reasons.

Sri Lanka Announces Four-Day Work Week, Wednesdays Declared Holiday To Save Fuel



Sri Lanka has introduced a four-day work week and declared Wednesdays as a weekly public holiday in an effort to conserve fuel amid a worsening energy crisis linked to tensions around the Strait of Hormuz.

The government said the measure is intended to reduce daily commuting and overall fuel consumption as the country braces for potential shortages. Beginning March 18, most state institutions will operate only four days a week, effectively shutting down public offices every Wednesday. Schools and universities will also follow the reduced schedule.

Essential services such as hospitals, ports, emergency operations, and other critical sectors will continue to function normally despite the shortened work week. Authorities have also encouraged remote work wherever possible to further cut fuel use and reduce pressure on transportation systems.

Officials chose Wednesday as the additional day off so that government offices

would not remain closed for three consecutive days. The administration has urged private companies to adopt similar arrangements voluntarily to maximise fuel savings nationwide.

The move comes as global energy supplies face disruption due to conflict in the Middle East. The Strait of Hormuz, a key maritime route through which a significant share of the world's oil passes, has been severely affected, creating uncertainty for fuel-importing nations like Sri Lanka. The island country relies heavily on imported petroleum products, making it particularly vulnerable to supply shocks.

Alongside the four-day work week, the government has introduced fuel-rationing measures. Motorists are limited to a fixed quantity of petrol or diesel each week, while public transport services receive allocated quotas to maintain operations. Authorities say current reserves could last only a limited period if fresh supplies are delayed.

Civil servants have also been instructed to work from home when possible, and non-essential public events have been suspended to reduce energy consumption. Officials stressed that the measures are preventive, aimed at avoiding a repeat of the severe shortages experienced during the country's economic crisis in 2022.

Leaders warned that a prolonged disruption in oil supplies could threaten Sri Lanka's ongoing economic recovery and strain public services. By cutting workdays and restricting fuel use, the government hopes to stretch existing reserves while seeking stable supply arrangements.

Overall, the decision reflects the far-reaching global impact of geopolitical tensions on energy-dependent economies. Sri Lanka's emergency steps are intended to maintain essential services, prevent panic shortages, and safeguard economic stability until fuel supplies normalize.

How Indian Navy Is Escorting Ships Amid Strait of Hormuz Crisis



Amid escalating conflict in West Asia and disruptions in the Strait of Hormuz, the Indian Navy has deployed warships to protect commercial vessels carrying essential supplies to India. The operation aims to safeguard energy imports and ensure the safety of Indian crew members as the vital sea route faces security threats.

Under Operation Sankalp, naval ships are maintaining continuous surveillance over merchant vessels bound for India as they pass through sensitive waters such as the Gulf of Oman, Arabian Sea, and nearby shipping lanes. Their presence serves both as a deterrent against attacks and as a rapid-response force in case of emergencies.

Warships Monitoring And Escorting Vessels

Officials report that numerous India-bound ships with hundreds of crew members were stranded near the Strait when tensions escalated. Indian naval forces are tracking these vessels closely and coordinating their safe passage whenever conditions

permit.

Advanced warships equipped with modern missile systems, radar, surveillance tools, and anti-submarine capabilities have been deployed in the region. These vessels are positioned to respond to threats from air, surface, or underwater sources, ensuring comprehensive protection.

Escorts For Fuel Carriers

India relies heavily on oil and gas imports from the Gulf, making tanker safety crucial. Several India-flagged fuel carriers transporting large quantities of cooking gas and crude oil have been assisted. Naval ships either escorted these tankers directly through high-risk areas or monitored their movement to ensure safe transit toward Indian ports.

Wider Security Deployment

In addition to the Strait of Hormuz, the Navy has intensified patrols in the Gulf of Aden, a key shipping corridor connecting the Red Sea and the Suez Canal to the Indian Ocean. Anti-piracy operations continue in

this region, protecting ships not only from conflict-related dangers but also from maritime crime.

Why This Route Matters

The Strait of Hormuz is one of the world's most important energy chokepoints, through which a large portion of global oil and gas supplies passes. Any disruption to this route can affect fuel availability, shipping costs, and economic stability for countries dependent on imports, including India.

Overall Situation

The Indian Navy's mission is defensive in nature, focused on protection rather than confrontation. Continuous patrols, surveillance, and escort operations are helping maintain the steady flow of essential goods while reassuring shipping companies and crews during a period of heightened risk.

Overall, the deployment highlights India's efforts to secure its maritime interests and prevent supply disruptions during one of the most sensitive geopolitical crises in recent years.

Markets Extend Gains for Second Day; Nifty Reclaims 23,550, Sensex Jumps 568 Points

Indian stock markets continued their upward momentum for the second straight session, supported by strong buying across key sectors and improving investor sentiment. The BSE Sensex rose by 568 points to close near 76,071, while the NSE Nifty 50 gained 172 points to settle above the important 23,550 level. This recovery indicates renewed strength after recent market fluctuations.

The rally was broad-based, with several heavyweight stocks driving the gains. Banking, financial, information technology, and automobile stocks witnessed strong buying interest, helping both benchmark indices maintain a steady upward trend throughout the trading session. Analysts attributed the rise to bargain hunting following earlier declines and easing concerns over global uncertainties.

Market breadth remained positive as the number of advancing stocks exceeded those declining on the major exchanges. Mid-cap and small-cap shares also moved higher, reflecting wider participation from investors beyond large-cap companies. Traders observed that the Nifty's ability to regain the 23,500 zone is technically significant and could support further upside if the level holds in the coming sessions.

Global cues remained mixed, but Indian markets displayed resilience. Despite geopolitical tensions and uncertainty in some international markets, domestic equities held firm. Investors



focused more on India's economic fundamentals, corporate earnings outlook, and liquidity conditions, which continue to support long-term growth prospects.

Sector-wise, financial stocks were among the biggest contributors to the rally, aided by expectations of steady credit growth and a stable interest rate environment. Technology shares advanced on improved sentiment toward export-oriented companies, while auto-

mobile stocks gained on hopes of sustained demand and easing supply constraints.

Experts cautioned that although the short-term trend appears positive, volatility could persist due to global developments and upcoming economic data. They advised investors to remain selective and prioritize fundamentally strong companies rather than chasing short-term momentum.

Looking ahead, market participants will closely watch

global trends, crude oil prices, foreign investor activity, and domestic economic indicators for direction. If the Nifty sustains above 23,550, it may open the door for further gains, but failure to hold this level could lead to profit-booking.

Overall, the second consecutive day of gains signals that bullish sentiment is gradually returning to the Indian stock market, though caution remains necessary in an uncertain global environment.

GSP Crop Science IPO Sees Strong Demand; Subscribed 65 Percent on Day Two



The initial public offering of GSP Crop Science has received a solid response from investors, with the issue subscribed about 65 percent by the end of the second day of bidding. Strong demand from institutional and high-net-worth investors has driven the subscription, while retail participation has been relatively slower so far.

The portion reserved for Qualified Institutional Buyers has been fully subscribed, reflecting strong confidence from large financial institutions. The category for non-institutional investors, which includes high-net-worth individuals, has also seen full subscription. However, the retail investor segment has lagged behind, with only a part of its quota filled by the second day.

In total, the company has received bids for a significant number of shares compared with the shares

available, indicating steady but selective interest across investor groups. The IPO opened on March 16 and will close on March 18. The share allotment is expected to be finalized around March 20, with the stock likely to be listed on the exchanges on March 24.

GSP Crop Science aims to raise about 400 crore rupees through this public issue. The price band has been fixed between 304 rupees and 320 rupees per share, placing the company's valuation at roughly 1,500 crore rupees at the upper end. The IPO consists of a mix of fresh equity shares and an offer for sale by existing shareholders.

In the unofficial grey market, the premium for the IPO has remained mostly flat, suggesting limited expectations of strong listing gains at present. However, grey market trends can change quickly and may not accu-

rately predict actual performance once the shares begin trading.

Established in 1985, GSP Crop Science operates in the agrochemical industry and produces crop protection products such as insecticides, herbicides, fungicides, and plant growth regulators. The company has built a long track record in the sector and focuses on research, development, and product innovation.

A portion of the funds raised from the IPO will be used to repay existing borrowings, which could improve the company's financial health. The remaining funds are intended for general corporate purposes and future business expansion.

Overall, the IPO has attracted strong interest from large investors, but the final outcome will depend significantly on retail participation in the remaining days of the issue.

Eased IPO Float Rules May Lead to Fair Pricing and Stronger Mega Listings

Recent changes to India's IPO regulations could significantly reshape the way large companies go public. Experts believe that relaxing public float requirements may result in fairer pricing of shares and help prevent underwhelming debuts by mega listings.

Under the revised norms announced on March 13, companies are no longer required to dilute 25 percent of their ownership at the time of listing. Instead, they can follow a phased approach, gradually increasing public shareholding over a defined period. This change is particularly important for very large companies, which previously struggled to sell a large chunk of equity at once without depressing prices.

Market specialists say that forcing companies to offload a large stake during the IPO often created an oversupply of shares, which could weaken demand and lead to subdued listing performance. By allowing smaller initial offerings, the new rules aim to balance supply with investor appetite, potentially leading to more stable pricing and stronger market debut gains.



The revised framework is expected to encourage major corporations to pursue listings in India rather than overseas. Large firms with massive valuations often found the earlier requirement impractical because the market might not absorb such a huge volume of shares immediately. A phased dilution model gives pro-

motors more flexibility while still ensuring that public participation increases over time.

Another key advantage is improved price discovery. When fewer shares are offered initially, companies can better gauge investor demand and market conditions. If the business performs well after listing, promot-

ers can dilute further at potentially higher valuations, benefiting both the company and existing shareholders.

However, some experts caution that a very low public float could also reduce liquidity in the early trading period. With fewer shares available for trading, stock prices may become more volatile and susceptible to sharp movements. Therefore, regulators have ensured that companies must gradually raise their public shareholding to prescribed levels over the years.

The move is also seen as a way to revive investor enthusiasm for large IPOs, many of which have delivered muted listing gains in recent times. By aligning supply with demand and allowing flexibility, the new norms could help future mega issues perform better on debut.

Overall, the eased float requirements represent a strategic shift aimed at making India's capital markets more attractive for large companies while safeguarding investor interests through a structured increase in public ownership over time.

Midcap and Smallcap Indices Rebound After Four-Day Fall; Metals Lead Gains

India's broader stock market showed signs of recovery as midcap and smallcap indices rose after four consecutive sessions of decline. The rebound was driven mainly by strong buying in metal and capital goods stocks, which lifted overall market sentiment.

The Nifty Midcap 100 index climbed about 0.68 percent, while the Nifty Smallcap 100 index gained around 0.58 percent. This recovery comes after a sharp correction in the previous four sessions, during which the midcap index had fallen roughly 4.5 percent and the smallcap index nearly 4 percent.

Market participants observed steady, broad-based buying rather than a sudden surge, suggesting cautious optimism among investors. The comeback indicates that traders are selectively accumulating stocks after recent declines, especially in sectors seen as fundamentally strong.

Metal stocks emerged as the clear leaders of the rally. Companies linked to steel and industrial metals attracted strong demand, supported by improving price



outlooks and expectations of higher infrastructure activity. Capital goods companies also contributed to the upward movement, reflecting optimism about industrial growth and government spending.

Other sectors such as automobiles, infrastructure, and private banking provided additional sup-

port to the broader market. However, the gains were not uniform across all segments. Information technology and fast-moving consumer goods stocks remained under pressure, which limited the overall upside.

Individual stocks in the midcap and smallcap space witnessed sharp moves on both sides. Sev-

eral companies posted strong gains due to sector-specific triggers, while some stocks continued to face selling pressure. This pattern suggests that the recovery is selective rather than a full-scale market rally.

Volatility also eased during the session, providing stability to trading conditions. Lower market volatility typically encourages investors to re-enter equities, which helped sustain the rebound in broader indices.

Despite the positive move, analysts caution that the recovery should be viewed as a bounce after a correction rather than a complete trend reversal. Sustained buying over the coming sessions will be necessary to confirm a stronger uptrend.

Overall, the rise in midcap and smallcap indices signals that investor confidence is gradually returning after recent weakness. Strong performance by metal stocks and industrial companies has been crucial in driving this turnaround, while continued sector rotation is likely to shape market direction in the near term.

Fractal Analytics Shares Rise 5 Percent After Launch of GenAI Platform



Shares of Fractal Analytics climbed about 5 percent after the company announced the launch of its new enterprise platform, LLM Studio, designed to help businesses customise generative artificial intelligence solutions. The stock rose to around 800 rupees on the National Stock Exchange, recovering after two consecutive sessions of decline.

LLM Studio is aimed at organisations that want to build and operate language models tailored to their specific business needs. The platform allows companies to design, train, evaluate, and deploy domain-specific AI models using open-source technologies combined with advanced computing infrastructure. It is built to give enterprises greater control over how AI systems are governed, managed, and used in real-world production environments.

According to the com-

pany, the platform integrates key modules that simplify the development and operation of large language models. It enables teams to customise AI systems using their own data, train models to follow specialised instructions, and create solutions suited for tasks requiring strong reasoning or industry knowledge. The system also supports users with limited coding experience, making advanced AI tools more accessible to a wider range of business teams.

The launch reflects a broader shift in the corporate world, where companies are moving beyond experimentation with generative AI and seeking reliable, cost-predictable solutions for everyday operations. By offering tools to build secure and customised models, Fractal Analytics aims to position itself as a provider of enterprise-grade AI infrastructure rather than just analytics services.

The company plans to showcase LLM Studio at the annual AI conference hosted by NVIDIA, where global technology firms present new innovations in artificial intelligence and accelerated computing.

Market participants responded positively to the announcement, viewing it as a strategic move that could strengthen the company's growth prospects in the rapidly expanding AI sector. The rebound in the share price also comes shortly after the stock's weaker performance following its market debut earlier this year.

Overall, the introduction of LLM Studio signals Fractal Analytics' push to capitalise on rising enterprise demand for customised generative AI solutions. If widely adopted, the platform could help the company expand its presence in the competitive global AI market while supporting long-term revenue growth.

Man Confronts Students Throwing Paper From School Bus, Viral Video Sparks Debate



A viral video showing a man confronting school students for littering has ignited widespread discussion on social media about civic responsibility and appropriate ways to correct public behaviour. The incident, captured on camera and widely shared online, shows pieces of paper scattered across a road after being allegedly thrown from a passing school bus.

According to reports, a motorcyclist noticed the litter on the street and believed it had come from the bus. He then chased the vehicle, pulled alongside it, and eventually boarded it while recording the entire episode. Once inside, he questioned the students about their actions and asked why they had thrown trash onto a public road, challenging them to consider whether they thought it was acceptable behaviour.

The video, posted on social media on March 14, quickly gained traction, drawing tens of thousands of views and reactions. Faces of the students and staff were blurred, and the exact time and location of the incident have not been officially verified.

Online reactions have been sharply divided. Many viewers praised the man for taking a stand and teaching the students a lesson about cleanliness and public responsibility. Supporters argued that such direct action is neces-

sary in a country struggling with littering issues, especially when young people fail to understand the impact of their behaviour on shared spaces.

Others, however, criticized the confrontation. They felt the biker's approach may have been excessive and potentially unsafe, suggesting he should have reported the matter to school authorities instead of confronting minors directly. Some commenters also emphasized that children make mistakes and should be guided rather than publicly reprimanded.

The incident has therefore sparked a broader conversation about how society should address civic misconduct, particularly when it involves young people. While most agree that maintaining cleanliness in public spaces is essential, opinions differ on whether public shaming, direct confrontation, or institutional action is the best solution.

Ultimately, the viral clip highlights a persistent issue — everyday littering — while also revealing deeper concerns about accountability, education, and the role of ordinary citizens in enforcing social norms. It serves as a reminder that building civic sense requires both awareness and constructive guidance, especially among the younger generation.

Folk Musicians Turn Airport Security Check Into A Magical Musical Moment



Passengers at Jodhpur Airport recently witnessed an unexpected cultural treat when a group of Rajasthani folk artists transformed a routine security check into a lively musical performance. What is usually a quiet, procedural moment suddenly became memorable as traditional melodies filled the terminal.

The artists, led by renowned folk performer Ismail Langa, began singing while passing through the screening area, surprising both travellers and airport staff. Their spontaneous performance featured soulful Rajasthani folk music, instantly creating a warm and festive atmosphere inside the otherwise formal security zone.

The performance was later shared online by the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), which manages airport security across India. Posting the video on its official social-media account, the force described the episode as a "musical moment at the airport," noting how the artist's heartfelt rendition added a touch of sweetness to the travel experience.

According to reports, the group was travelling together when the impromptu performance occurred. Rather than a staged event, the song emerged naturally during the security process, blending traditional culture with a modern travel setting. Passengers nearby paused to watch, many appear-

ing delighted by the unexpected show.

The video captures the troupe's distinctive musical style — rich vocals accompanied by traditional expression — delivered with ease despite the unusual environment. The fusion of heritage art with a contemporary public space created a unique scene rarely witnessed in airports, where strict procedures typically leave little room for spontaneity.

Rajasthani folk music is known for its deep emotional quality, storytelling tradition, and vibrant cultural roots. Performances like this highlight how such art forms continue to thrive beyond formal stages, reaching audiences in everyday spaces.

Online reactions to the clip have been overwhelmingly positive. Many viewers praised the artists for spreading joy and showcasing India's cultural richness in an unexpected setting. Others noted how the moment humanized airport security, turning a routine checkpoint into a shared experience of music and connection.

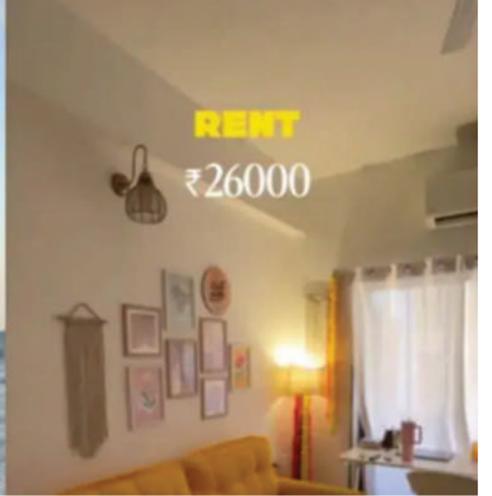
Ultimately, the viral video serves as a reminder that art can emerge anywhere — even in the most ordinary situations. For a brief moment at Jodhpur Airport, travellers were not just passengers rushing to catch flights but an audience brought together by the timeless power of folk music.

Living Solo In Goa: Techie Reveals ₹82,000 Monthly Expense Breakdown

A software professional has sparked online discussion after sharing how much it costs to live alone in Goa. In a detailed social-media post, the techie revealed that maintaining a comfortable single lifestyle in the popular coastal state costs about ₹82,000 per month — a figure that surprised many who consider Goa a budget-friendly destination.

According to the breakdown, accommodation formed the largest portion of expenses. The techie reportedly lives in a rented apartment, paying a substantial amount for housing due to the demand for well-located homes near workspaces and urban conveniences. Rent alone consumed a major chunk of the monthly budget, reflecting how property prices in Goa have risen with the influx of remote workers and digital nomads.

Food and groceries accounted for another significant share. The individual balanced home-cooked meals with occasional dining out, which pushed monthly food expenses upward. Transportation costs were also notable, as public transport options in



Goa are limited compared to major metros. Many residents rely on private vehicles or rentals, adding to recurring expenses.

Utility bills — including electricity, internet, water, and mobile services — further increased the total. Reliable high-speed internet, essential for tech professionals working remotely, can be a particularly important expense. In addition, routine household costs such

as maintenance, cleaning supplies, and personal care items contributed steadily to the monthly outflow.

Lifestyle spending played a key role as well. The techie allocated money for entertainment, shopping, subscriptions, and leisure activities, reflecting a comfortable but not extravagant way of living. Health-related expenses, insurance, and emergency provisions were also

part of the budget, underscoring the need for financial planning when living independently.

The post triggered mixed reactions online. Some users felt the amount was high for a single person in Goa, arguing that a simpler lifestyle could cost far less. Others noted that the figure seemed reasonable for someone seeking privacy, modern amenities, and a balanced quality of life.

Cost-of-living studies support this wide variation. Monthly expenses for a single person in Goa can range roughly from ₹35,000 to ₹90,000 depending on housing choice and lifestyle preferences.

Overall, the techie's detailed account highlights an important reality: while Goa is often seen as a relaxed, affordable paradise, living there full-time — especially alone and comfortably — can be significantly more expensive than many people expect.

₹1.5 Lakh Salary, Only ₹20,000 Saved: Viral Post Reveals Bengaluru's Costly Reality

A viral social-media post has ignited debate about the true cost of living in Bengaluru after revealing that a professional earning ₹1.5 lakh per month manages to save barely ₹20,000. The story, shared online by a user about his cousin, highlights how even high salaries in India's tech capital can be quickly consumed by everyday expenses.

According to the post, the young software professional moved to Bengaluru for his first job, believing he had achieved financial success. However, within six months, he realised that the city's high living costs significantly reduced his disposable income. Family and friends initially assumed he was doing extremely well, but the reality turned out to be far more complicated.

Rent emerged as the biggest expense. The man reportedly pays around ₹36,000 per month for a small apartment located close to his workplace — a



common choice among professionals trying to avoid long commutes in the city's heavy traffic. Groceries form another major component, costing roughly ₹13,000 to ₹15,000 monthly, reflecting the rising cost of food and daily necessities in urban areas.

Transportation also takes a substantial share of income. Due to congestion and limited public transport convenience,

the professional spends between ₹6,000 and ₹8,000 per month on cabs and auto-rickshaws. Lifestyle expenses add further pressure, with about ₹10,000 to ₹12,000 going toward online food orders, coffee, and weekend outings — costs that many young professionals consider part of maintaining a balanced social life.

After accounting for these recurring expenses and other routine bills,

only a small amount remains for savings at the end of the month. The post resonated widely online, as many users shared similar experiences of struggling to save despite earning what would be considered a high income in most parts of India.

Reactions, however, were mixed. Some commenters argued that careful budgeting and lifestyle adjustments could signifi-

cantly increase savings. Others maintained that Bengaluru's housing prices, traffic-related costs, and urban lifestyle make high expenses unavoidable, especially for newcomers seeking convenience and comfort.

The discussion reflects a broader reality: in major metropolitan hubs, salary figures alone do not determine financial security. High rents, transportation challenges, and lifestyle expectations can quickly erode income, leaving even well-paid professionals feeling financially stretched.

Ultimately, the viral post serves as a reminder that while Bengaluru offers lucrative career opportunities, achieving meaningful savings often requires disciplined spending, strategic housing choices, and long-term financial planning — especially for those living independently in one of India's most expensive cities.

"Too Comfortable In Germany": Indian-German Couple Moves To India For A New Life

An Indian-German couple has gone viral online after revealing why they chose to leave their stable life in Germany and relocate to India — not because of problems abroad, but because life had become "too comfortable." Their story, shared on social media, has sparked widespread discussion about what truly defines a fulfilling life.

According to the couple, Germany offered everything most people aspire to: financial security, social stability, efficient systems, and a high quality of life. However, over time, that very stability began to feel limiting. They said their daily routine had become repetitive, predictable, and emotionally unchallenging, making it seem as though life was running on autopilot.

In their post, the man, Deepesh Patel, explained that they were not leaving due to common complaints such as cold weather or bureaucracy. Instead, they wanted something entirely differ-



ent — uncertainty, excitement, and personal growth. Despite enjoying comfort and security, they began craving new experiences and a sense of transformation.

The couple also emphasized that they did not want to live with future regrets. They feared look-

ing back and wondering "what if" they had never taken a bold step outside their comfort zone. Ultimately, the desire for challenge outweighed the fear of failure, motivating them to make the move.

India, they said, felt like the perfect destina-

tion for reinvention. They were drawn to the country's vibrant culture, deep traditions, diversity, and dynamic energy. Unlike the predictability they experienced in Germany, India offered what they described as chaos mixed with creativity — an environment where

new perspectives and personal growth are constantly possible.

Their decision quickly attracted attention online. Many social media users praised the couple's courage, calling the move inspiring and refreshing. Some people who had returned to India after living abroad shared similar sentiments, saying they appreciated the country's liveliness, colours, festivals, and sense of community.

Others, however, expressed surprise at leaving a developed country for a more unpredictable environment, highlighting how differently people define happiness and success.

Overall, the viral story highlights a powerful idea: material comfort does not always guarantee fulfillment. For this couple, true satisfaction lay in embracing uncertainty, cultural richness, and the possibility of growth — even if it meant leaving behind a secure life in one of Europe's most stable nations.

Suryakumar Yadav Apologised To Daryl Mitchell After T20 World Cup Final Clash

India's T20 captain Suryakumar Yadav personally apologised to New Zealand batter Daryl Mitchell after a heated on-field incident during the T20 World Cup 2026 final.

The controversy began when Indian pacer Arshdeep Singh threw the ball back in frustration after a play, and it struck Mitchell on the pads. The action angered the New Zealand batter, leading to a tense exchange between the two players. Umpires and teammates stepped in to prevent the situation from escalating further.

After the match, Suryakumar said he apologised to Mitchell personally because he wanted to demonstrate responsible leadership and uphold the spirit of the game. He felt it was important for the captain to take initiative and ensure that tensions did not carry beyond the field.

Arshdeep had not immediately apologised during the incident, which contributed to Mitchell's reaction. The confronta-



tation occurred at a high-pressure stage of the match, where emotions were running high on both sides. Later, Arshdeep also expressed regret over the incident.

The International Cricket

Council penalised Arshdeep for breaching the code of conduct, imposing a fine and a demerit point for throwing the ball in a manner considered inappropriate. Despite the controversy, the issue was eventually re-

solved amicably between the players.

Suryakumar reportedly advised Arshdeep not to dwell on the episode and to move forward, emphasising that such moments can happen in intense matches. His approach focused on learning from the situation rather than allowing it to affect the team's morale.

The final itself ended in a dominant victory for India, who defeated New Zealand convincingly to win the tournament. The team's success marked a historic achievement, as India retained the title and became the first side to win the T20 World Cup three times.

Overall, Suryakumar's gesture was widely seen as an example of sportsmanship and calm leadership under pressure. By apologising personally and guiding his teammate, he helped defuse a potentially ugly situation and ensured that the focus remained on the game rather than the controversy.

Australian Players Warned Against Travelling To Rawalpindi For PSL After Airstrike

Australian cricketers participating in the Pakistan Super League have reportedly been advised not to travel to Rawalpindi following military tensions and an airstrike in neighboring Afghanistan. The warning came amid growing security concerns in the region, prompting authorities and team management to take precautionary measures.

Rawalpindi, one of the key host cities for the league, lies close to sensitive military installations and strategic locations. Following reports of aerial activity and strikes near the Pakistan-Afghanistan border, security agencies assessed the situation as potentially risky for foreign players.

As a result, Australian players were told to avoid travel to the city until conditions stabilize. Teams and tournament officials began reviewing logistics, including possible changes to match venues, travel plans, and accommodation arrange-



ments to ensure player safety.

Foreign players, especially those from Australia, are considered high-value targets in volatile situations, which is why additional caution was exercised. Some reports indicate that families of overseas players also expressed concern,

adding pressure on cricket authorities to prioritize safety over scheduling.

The Pakistan Cricket Board has maintained that extensive security arrangements are in place for all participants. However, developments in the region have created uncertainty, forc-

ing contingency planning, including the possibility of relocating matches or adjusting the tournament schedule.

Security fears are not new for international cricket in Pakistan. In the past, geopolitical tensions and isolated incidents have led to tournaments being moved to neutral venues or played under heavy protection. Authorities aim to avoid any situation that could endanger players or disrupt the competition.

Despite the warnings, officials remain hopeful that the league can continue smoothly if conditions improve. The situation is being monitored closely, with decisions likely to depend on real-time security assessments.

Overall, the advisory reflects the seriousness of the regional security environment. Protecting players and staff remains the top priority, even if it requires significant changes to travel plans or match arrangements during the tournament.

Ricky Ponting's "Brutal" Prank On Hardik Pandya In Debut IPL Season



India all-rounder Hardik Pandya revealed a hilarious story about a prank played on him by former Australia captain Ricky Ponting during his first Indian Premier League season with Mumbai Indians in 2015.

At the time, Pandya was just 21 years old and new to the team, while Ponting was serving as the franchise's head coach. The young all-rounder impressed with his explosive performances and won several individual awards in post-match presentations during the tournament.

However, Pandya did not know how the prize money system worked. Ponting jokingly told him that whenever he won an award — such as Player of the Match — he would receive the entire cash prize personally.

Believing this, Pandya began mentally planning how he would spend the money, assuming he would receive the full amount each time he collected an award on stage.

Only later did he discover the truth: in the IPL, such prize money is typically shared among all members of the team rather than given to a single player. Realizing he had been tricked, Pan-

dy understood that Ponting had played a light-hearted prank on him as a newcomer.

Despite the embarrassment, the story has since become a fond memory for the Indian star. It also reflects the dressing-room culture in franchise cricket, where senior players and coaches often tease younger teammates to help them settle in.

Pandya's debut season itself was highly successful. He scored quick runs at an impressive strike rate, contributed with the ball, and helped Mumbai Indians clinch the IPL title that year. The experience marked the beginning of his rise as one of India's most dynamic all-rounders.

The anecdote surfaced during a cricket awards ceremony, where Pandya shared it with laughter, showing there were no hard feelings. Instead, he looked back on the episode as a humorous initiation into top-level professional cricket.

Overall, the prank highlighted both Ponting's playful side and Pandya's innocence as a young player starting his IPL journey — a story that fans have found as entertaining as it is relatable.

New Zealand Thrash South Africa By 68 Runs To Level T20 Series



New Zealand produced a dominant all-round performance to defeat South Africa by 68 runs in the second T20 International, leveling the five-match series 1-1.

Playing at Hamilton, the hosts recovered strongly after their heavy loss in the opening match. Batting first, New Zealand posted a competitive total of 175 for 6 in 20 overs. The innings was anchored by Devon Conway, who delivered a composed half-century and held the batting together while others played supporting roles.

South Africa had earlier won the toss and chose to field, hoping to repeat their success from the first game. However, New Zealand's batters adapted well to the conditions, building partnerships and accelerating in the later overs to set a challenging target of 176.

In reply, South Africa's chase never gained momentum. The visitors struggled against disciplined bowling and lost wickets at regular intervals. New Zealand's bowlers maintained tight lines, applied constant pressure, and prevented any meaningful partnerships from developing.

South Africa were eventually bowled out for just 107 runs

in 15.3 overs, falling well short of the target. The comprehensive victory highlighted New Zealand's sharp improvement in both batting and bowling compared to the series opener.

Conway's performance earned him the Player of the Match award, as his steady knock proved crucial in setting up the win. The bowling unit then completed the job with an aggressive and controlled display.

The result marked a strong comeback for New Zealand after being routed in the first T20, where South Africa had chased down a modest total with ease. By leveling the series, the hosts have revived the contest and restored confidence within the squad.

With three matches still remaining, the series is now finely poised. Both teams will look to build momentum as they head into the next game, making the upcoming fixtures crucial in determining the outcome of the tour.

Overall, New Zealand's emphatic win demonstrated their resilience and ability to bounce back under pressure, setting up an exciting battle between the two sides for the remainder of the series.

Rohit Sharma's Hilarious Banter After Smashing MI Teammate For Six



Rohit Sharma was involved in a lighthearted on-field moment with a Mumbai Indians teammate during a practice session ahead of IPL 2026, leaving players and fans amused.

The fun incident occurred after Rohit launched a towering six off a teammate's bowling during nets. As the ball soared toward the boundary, he jokingly shouted "Catch it!" toward the fielder — fully aware that the shot was virtually impossible to stop.

When the fielder failed to take the catch, Rohit continued the banter with a playful comment, teasing his teammate in a friendly manner. The exchange drew laughter from players nearby and quickly went viral on social media, highlighting the relaxed atmosphere within the camp.

The teammate on the receiving end responded sportingly, smiling and engaging in the joke rather than taking it seriously. Such moments are common in training sessions, where players use humor to relieve pressure before the intense competition of the IPL season.

Rohit is well known for his witty personality and easygoing leadership style. Even in high-pressure environments, he often injects humor into interactions with teammates, helping maintain team morale and camaraderie.

The session itself showed Rohit in strong batting form as he prepared for the upcoming tournament. His clean hitting and timing suggested he is gearing up for a productive season after mixed performances in recent years.

Teammates and coaching staff appeared relaxed, with several players enjoying the playful exchange. The clip became popular among fans because it showcased a lighter side of professional cricket rarely seen during official matches.

Overall, the moment reflected the strong bonding within the Mumbai Indians squad. Rohit's humorous taunt after the six was not meant to embarrass but to entertain — a reminder that even elite athletes enjoy friendly teasing while preparing for the big stage.

Naveen-ul-Haq Slams Pakistan After Deadly Kabul Airstrike



Afghanistan pacer Naveen-ul-Haq strongly condemned Pakistan following a devastating airstrike in Kabul that reportedly killed around 400 people and injured hundreds more. His emotional reaction reflected the anger and grief felt across Afghanistan after one of the deadliest attacks in the country's recent history.

Taking to social media, Naveen made a controversial comparison, saying it was "hard to find any difference" between Pakistan's actions and those of Israel in conflict situations. The remark drew significant attention online, highlighting the intensity of public outrage over civilian casualties.

According to reports, the strike targeted areas in the Afghan capital and resulted in massive loss of life, including non-combatants. Afghan authorities described the incident as a major humanitarian tragedy, while several public figures and athletes expressed shock and condemnation.

Naveen was not alone in reacting strongly. Other Afghan cricketers also voiced their anger, calling the attack unacceptable and demanding accountability for the loss of innocent lives. Many emphasised that civilians should never be targets in military operations,

regardless of political or security disputes.

The airstrike has sharply escalated tensions between Pakistan and Afghanistan, which have long had strained relations along their shared border. Analysts warn that such incidents risk triggering further instability in the region.

Despite being an international sports figure, Naveen's comments reflected deep personal anguish as an Afghan citizen. His statement quickly spread across global media, sparking debate about the role of athletes in speaking out on political and humanitarian issues.

The tragedy also overshadowed sporting ties between the two nations, which have produced several memorable cricket encounters in recent years. Calls for peace and restraint have emerged from various quarters, urging both sides to avoid further escalation.

Overall, Naveen-ul-Haq's reaction underscores how events far beyond the cricket field can profoundly affect athletes and fans alike. His emotional response captured the pain felt by many Afghans mourning the victims of the strike and hoping for an end to the violence.

Kiran Abbavaram Turns Director With Ambitious New Project



Young Tollywood actor Kiran Abbavaram is currently enjoying a productive phase in his career, steadily building a distinct identity with back-to-back films. Now, the rising star is preparing to take a major step forward by expanding his role in cinema — not just as an actor, but also as a producer and director.

Kiran has already demonstrated his creative involvement in filmmaking through SR Kalyanamandapam, where he contributed to the story and direction. Encouraged by that experience, he is now set to make his full-fledged directorial debut with a film based on his own original script. Reports suggest that the screenplay work has been completed, and the team is planning to begin shooting in May.

What makes the project particularly exciting is the reported casting approach. The makers are said to be in talks with veteran South Indian star Arvind Swamy for a key role. Additionally, acclaimed Kannada actor-filmmaker Raj B. Shetty is also being considered for another pivotal character. If both actors come on board, the film's scale and appeal could increase significantly,

turning it into a high-profile debut for Kiran as a director.

Meanwhile, Kiran continues to stay busy as a lead actor. He is currently working on Chennai Love Story, with the story penned by Sai Rajesh. In addition to films, he is also starring in a web series for a major streaming platform, signaling his growing presence across different formats of entertainment.

On the production front, Kiran is backing the film Thimmarajupalli TV, which is scheduled for release on April 17. Directed by V. Muniraj, the project is a period village drama that introduces several newcomers to the industry. The film reflects Kiran's interest in supporting fresh talent and diverse storytelling.

Overall, Kiran Abbavaram is rapidly transforming into a multi-faceted filmmaker. By simultaneously handling responsibilities as an actor, producer, and soon a director, he is positioning himself among the busiest and most ambitious young talents in Tollywood. If his directorial venture succeeds, it could mark a turning point in his career and establish him as a creative force beyond acting.

'Dhurandhar: The Revenge' Advance Booking Storm Signals Record-Breaking Opening



Dhurandhar: The Revenge has quickly become one of the most anticipated releases of the year, and its advance booking performance is reflecting extraordinary audience excitement. Even before hitting theatres, the film has created a box-office frenzy, selling more than one million tickets for its opening day alone.

Reports indicate that advance bookings have already crossed ₹50 crore gross, combining revenue from paid preview screenings and the official opening day scheduled for March 19. Preview shows have played a particularly crucial role in this surge, contributing over ₹33 crore. Meanwhile, the first day's regular screenings have generated around ₹16 crore gross from roughly 3.6 lakh tickets sold.

A striking highlight is the overwhelming response to preview screenings. More than 7.1 lakh tickets were booked exclusively for these early shows, allowing the film to surpass the previous preview record held by OG starring Pawan Kalyan, which had earned about ₹25 crore from previews. This achievement underscores the intense anticipation surrounding the sequel.

Despite its unusually long runtime of nearly four hours — a factor that often limits daily show counts — the film is

still expected to open on a massive scale. Trade analysts believe the extended duration has not dampened audience enthusiasm, as fans appear willing to commit to the immersive cinematic experience.

The excitement extends well beyond India. International markets are also witnessing strong pre-sales, suggesting a powerful global opening. In North America alone, advance bookings for the opening weekend have reportedly crossed \$5 million, an impressive figure for an Indian release. Other key overseas territories, including the United Kingdom and Australia, are also showing robust ticket sales.

Such widespread demand indicates that Dhurandhar: The Revenge could emerge as one of the biggest worldwide openers in recent times. If positive word of mouth follows the release, the film may sustain its momentum well beyond the opening weekend.

Overall, the advance booking storm highlights the enormous fan base and expectations riding on the film. With record-breaking preview collections, strong domestic demand, and impressive international response, Dhurandhar: The Revenge appears poised for a historic box-office debut when it finally arrives in theatres.

"Time Will Answer" — Rajinikanth Reacts As Political Row Erupts In Tamil Nadu

Tamil Nadu politics has become a major topic of national discussion, largely due to the overwhelming public response to actor Vijay's newly launched party, Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam. With the party gaining rapid traction, speculation about possible alliances has intensified. Reports suggest that the Bharatiya Janata Party is keen to bring Vijay into the National Democratic Alliance, allegedly offering significant seat sharing and even a deputy chief minister post. Some unverified claims on social media also suggested that Vijay might be aiming for the chief minister's position.

Amid these developments, a controversial statement by TVK leader Aadhav Arjuna sparked a political storm. He alleged that superstar Rajinikanth had been prevented from entering politics in the past because he was intimidated by the ruling Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam. The remark triggered immediate backlash across the political spectrum and among Rajinikanth's massive fan base.

Leaders from multiple parties condemned the statement. Edappadi K. Palaniswami of the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam criticized the comments, saying Rajinikanth is a respected public figure admired across party lines and that dragging his reputation into political controversy was unacceptable. He also appeared to be appealing



to the superstar's enormous fan following ahead of elections.

Senior BJP leader K. Annamalai also condemned the remarks, stating that such statements were unnecessary and disrespectful. Political observers believe that the strong reactions from rival parties reflect Rajinikanth's enduring influence in Tamil Nadu, even though he ultimately chose not to launch a political party.

Breaking his silence, Rajinikanth responded in a calm and

philosophical manner rather than engaging in direct confrontation. He dismissed the allegations as untrue and thanked political leaders and fans who spoke in his support. His key remark — "Time does not speak, but it waits and answers" — quickly went viral, with many interpreting it as a dignified way of letting truth prevail without escalating tensions.

Rajinikanth had earlier announced plans to enter politics but later withdrew, citing

health concerns. Nevertheless, his name continues to surface during election seasons, underscoring his lasting political relevance.

Overall, the episode highlights the volatile political atmosphere in Tamil Nadu ahead of upcoming polls. It also demonstrates how influential film personalities remain in the state's political landscape — and how even indirect references to them can trigger widespread debate.

Suriya's 'Karuppu' OTT Deal Creates Buzz Ahead Of Release

South Indian superstar Suriya is currently busy with a slate of ambitious projects, and one of the most talked-about among them is his upcoming film Karuppu. Directed by R. J. Balaji, the movie has already generated significant hype on social media, with fans eagerly awaiting updates on its release plans and digital rights.

According to industry buzz, streaming giant Netflix has reportedly acquired the film's OTT rights for a hefty price. Expectations are particularly high because Suriya's earlier films such as Jai Bhim and Soorai Pottru received massive acclaim on digital platforms, expanding his global audience. Following a theatrical release, Karuppu is expected to premiere on OTT around June or July, although an official confirmation is still awaited.

The film is described as a divine fantasy action drama, adding another layer of intrigue to



the project. Reports suggest that Suriya will portray a powerful lawyer — a role that promises both intensity and emotional depth. This unique combination of mythology, action, and courtroom drama has heightened anticipation among fans and trade analysts alike.

Another major highlight is the casting of Trisha Krishnan as the female lead. The pairing marks a reunion after many years, which has further boosted excitement surrounding the film. Meanwhile, young music sensation Sai Abhyankar is composing the soundtrack. In-

dustry insiders claim that both the songs and background score have turned out exceptionally well, raising expectations for a memorable musical experience.

Adding to the excitement, March 23 has become a key date for fans. Speculation is rife that Suriya will unveil a "mega update" related to his career or the film on that day. Whether it will be a teaser, trailer, or official release announcement remains unclear, but anticipation is running high across South India.

Overall, Karuppu appears poised to deliver strong performances both in theatres and on streaming platforms. With a compelling storyline, star power, and top-tier production values, the film is shaping up to be one of Suriya's most significant releases in recent years. Fans across the country are eagerly counting down to the official announcement and the film's eventual arrival on the big screen and beyond.

Vicky Kaushal's Marriage Joke Sparks Online Debate

Bollywood actor Vicky Kaushal and his wife Katrina Kaif are widely regarded as one of the industry's most loved couples. However, Vicky recently landed in controversy after a light-hearted remark at a wedding event went viral on social media.

In the circulating video, Vicky is seen interacting warmly with the groom's family and recreating his iconic "How's the josh?" dialogue from the film Uri: The Surgical Strike. While energising the crowd, he joked that bachelors usually have high enthusiasm, but married men tend to lose some of that excitement over time. He added playfully that the drop doesn't happen immediately after marriage, attempting to keep the tone humorous.

The clip quickly spread across platforms, particularly Reddit, where it triggered mixed reactions. Many users criticised the comment as an example of outdated "wife jokes," arguing that such humor can indirectly portray marriage in a negative light or reinforce stereotypes about women. Some felt that joking publicly about married life could reflect poorly on one's partner and is not in line with modern sensibilities.

A few commenters also expressed surprise, noting that Vicky is generally perceived as respectful and grounded. They said they did not expect him to make remarks that could be interpreted as insensitive. Others went further, describing the joke as "cringe" and saying younger audiences are moving away from humor built on marital stereotypes.



At the same time, a significant number of people defended the actor. Supporters argued that the comment was harmless, context-specific, and typical of the playful banter often heard at weddings. They pointed out that such jokes are commonly used to entertain guests and should not be taken too seriously.

Ultimately, what began as a spontaneous attempt to amuse a live audience evolved into a broader online discussion about changing attitudes toward humor, relationships, and public figures. The incident highlights how even casual remarks by celebrities can spark intense debate in the age of social media, where context can quickly be lost and interpretations vary widely.

'Vrushakarma' — Naga Chaitanya's Mythological Dream Takes Shape

The first glimpse of Vrushakarma has generated significant excitement across social media, marking what could be a defining phase in the career of Naga Chaitanya. Directed by Karthik Dandu — who earned acclaim for Virupaksha — the film is being described as Chaitanya's most ambitious project to date.

Vrushakarma is reportedly a large-scale adventure action thriller deeply rooted in Indian mythology. The storyline is said to blend treasure-hunting elements with mythological themes, promising a cinematic experience that combines suspense, action, and cultural depth. This fusion of genres has already sparked curiosity among fans and film enthusiasts, who see it as a fresh direction for the actor.

Speaking about the project, Naga Chaitanya revealed that working on a grand, visually rich spectacle has been a long-cherished dream. He shared that he always wanted to be part of a film that not only entertains but also explores mythological dimensions on a massive scale. According to him, Vrushakarma finally offers that opportunity.

Chaitanya also noted a growing audience interest in stories inspired by Indian mythology. He believes such narratives resonate strongly because they are deeply connected to the country's cul-

tural heritage and historical imagination. These themes, he said, naturally create emotional engagement while offering scope for epic storytelling.

Another factor fueling excitement is the use of advanced visual effects and modern filmmaking technology. With today's VFX capabilities, directors can present mythological worlds in a far more immersive and visually stunning manner than ever before. This technological edge is expected to elevate Vrushakarma into a true big-screen spectacle.

The actor further pointed out that Indian cinema is increasingly gaining global attention due to its unique storytelling traditions. Mythology-based narratives, in particular, have the potential to cross cultural boundaries while retaining their authenticity. Being part of such a project, he said, feels both meaningful and professionally fulfilling.

Overall, Vrushakarma is shaping up to be a milestone film for Naga Chaitanya — not just in terms of scale, but also in creative ambition. With a compelling blend of mythology, adventure, and cutting-edge visuals, the movie promises to deliver a cinematic journey that could redefine his image as an actor and attract audiences far beyond regional boundaries.