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Azharuddin Invites Revanth Reddy to Iftar Dinner

Hyderabad:

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has been invited to attend a special Iftar dinner during the holy month of Ramzan by State Minister Mohammed Azharuddin. The invitation was extended as part of preparations for the traditional Dawat-e-Iftar gathering scheduled to be held in Hyderabad.

Minister Mohammed Azharuddin personally invited the Chief Minister to participate in the event, which is expected to be attended by political leaders, religious scholars, community representatives, and members of the Muslim community. The Iftar gathering is being organized to mark the holy month of Ramzan and to promote communal harmony and unity among people from different sections of society.

Sources said that the Iftar dinner will be held in Hyderabad with elaborate arrangements being made for the event. Officials and organizers have begun reviewing preparations to ensure smooth conduct of the programme, as it is expected to draw a large number of participants including ministers, legislators, public representatives, and prominent personalities.

The Dawat-e-Iftar events traditionally organized in Telan-



gana during Ramzan serve as a platform for social interaction and cultural harmony. Government leaders and public representatives often host such gatherings as a gesture of goodwill and to strengthen ties with the minority community.

Ramzan is considered one of the most sacred months in Islam, during which Muslims observe fasting from dawn to dusk as an act of spiritual discipline and devotion. The fast is broken in the evening with the Iftar meal, which is often shared with family, friends, and com-

munity members.

The upcoming Iftar gathering is expected to reflect the spirit of unity and brotherhood associated with the holy month. Participation of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and other leaders is likely to add significance to the event, highlighting the importance of cultural inclusiveness and communal harmony in the state.

The event is expected to witness the presence of several dignitaries who will join the gathering and extend Ramzan greetings to the people.

Harish Rao Calls Revanth Reddy 'Chota Yogi', Alleges Bulldozer Rule in Telangana



Hyderabad:

BRS Deputy Floor Leader and former minister T. Harish Rao on Saturday launched a sharp attack on the Congress government in Telangana, describing Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy as "Telangana's Chota Yogi" and accusing the state government of running a "bulldozer administration."

Harish Rao made these remarks while participating as the chief guest at an Iftar gathering held at Martanda Nagar Bada Gundu in Kondapur, under the Serilingampally constituency. The event was attended by Kukatpally MLA Madhavaram Krishna Rao, local BRS leaders, party workers, and members of the Muslim community.

Speaking on the occasion, Harish Rao said the holy month of Ramzan symbolizes compassion, charity, and spiritual discipline. Observing fasting from dawn to dusk, he said, helps people understand the hardships faced by the poor and encourages acts of charity.

He claimed that during the tenure of former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR), the welfare of minorities was given high priority. Harish Rao stated that KCR was the only Chief Minister in the country who introduced honorariums for imams and muezzins, emphasizing that the BRS has always maintained a strong commitment to secular values.

According to him, the previous BRS government regularly organized official Iftar gatherings across the state, with participation from collectors, police officials, MLAs, and ministers. He alleged that the Congress government had discontinued several welfare initiatives aimed at minorities.

Harish Rao specifically referred to the Ramzan Tohfa scheme, claim-

ing that it was implemented widely during the BRS government but has now been reduced to a symbolic distribution in Hyderabad due to political considerations ahead of the GHMC elections.

He further accused the Congress government of failing to fulfill its promises to minorities, stating that while it had announced a ₹4,000 crore allocation for minority welfare, less than ₹1,000 crore had reportedly been spent so far.

Highlighting initiatives undertaken during the BRS regime, Harish Rao said the government had established 204 minority residential schools to help students pursue professional careers such as medicine and engineering, offering education in both Urdu and English mediums.

He also mentioned welfare schemes such as Shaadi Mubarak and Kalyana Lakshmi, which provided financial assistance for marriages of economically weaker families, regardless of religion.

Criticizing the present administration, Harish Rao alleged that the Congress government had failed to maintain basic facilities in basti hospitals, claiming that even essential medicines were unavailable in some centres.

Referring to demolition drives in Hyderabad, he accused the government of following a "bulldozer model" similar to the one seen in Uttar Pradesh. "Like the bulldozer rule in Uttar Pradesh under Yogi Adityanath, Telangana is now witnessing similar governance under Revanth Reddy. That is why I call him Telangana's 'Chota Yogi,'" Harish Rao said.

He concluded by praying for global peace during the holy month of Ramzan and appealed for continued support to KCR for the development and welfare of the state.

Bhatti Vikramarka Hails Record Power Supply in Telangana

Hyderabad, March 14, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka on Saturday congratulated the employees of the state's power utilities after Telangana achieved an all-time record in electricity supply, delivering 341.08 Million Units (MU) of power in a single day. The milestone was recorded on March 13, 2026, marking the highest power consumption in the state's history.

According to officials from the power department, the state also successfully met a peak electricity demand of 18,228 MW at 11:17 AM on the same day. The figures surpassed the previous records set in 2025, when Telangana supplied 335.19 Million Units on March 18, 2025, and met a peak demand of 17,162 MW on March 20, 2025.

Officials attributed the sharp



rise in electricity consumption to increasing temperatures and higher agricultural power usage across the state. As summer conditions intensify, demand for electricity typically rises due to irrigation needs, cooling systems, and other domestic and industrial requirements.

Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka praised the dedication and hard work of engineers, technical staff, and field employees of all power utilities who ensured uninterrupted electricity supply despite the

surge in demand. He said their coordinated efforts and efficient management of the power system enabled the state to achieve this record without disruptions.

"The achievement reflects the strength and preparedness of Telangana's power infrastructure. Our power utilities have demonstrated their capability to meet the growing needs of agriculture, industry, and households across the state," Bhatti Vikramarka said.

Power department officials stated that Telangana has developed a robust power grid supported by strong transmission networks and efficient operational planning. Continuous monitoring of power generation, distribution systems, and grid stability helped the utilities manage the increased load effectively.

The state government has also been focusing on strengthening the power sector to meet

future energy requirements. Authorities said Telangana is well prepared to handle daily electricity demand exceeding 350 Million Units and peak loads of around 19,000 MW in the coming months.

Officials added that ongoing improvements in infrastructure, generation capacity, and grid management will further enhance the state's ability to manage rising power consumption during the peak summer season. Adequate planning and coordination among power utilities will ensure uninterrupted supply even during periods of high demand.

Bhatti Vikramarka reiterated that the government remains committed to maintaining reliable and quality power supply to all sectors. He said the state will continue investing in the power sector to support economic growth, agricultural development, and the welfare of citizens.

Sridhar Babu Offers Tech Partnership to Support Tanzania's Digital Economy

Hyderabad, March 14, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Telangana IT and Industries Minister D. Sridhar Babu on Saturday said the State has offered technological cooperation and institutional support to assist Tanzania in its transition towards a digital economy.

The proposal was discussed during a meeting with a high-level delegation led by Tanzania's Minister for Communication, ICT and Innovation, Mudrick Ramadhani Soraga, at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat in Hyderabad. During the interaction, both sides explored opportunities to strengthen cooperation between Telangana and Tanzania in multiple sectors. Minister Sridhar Babu said the State government would prepare a roadmap for strategic collaboration in areas such as information technology, tourism, healthcare, life sciences, emerging technologies, digital governance, digital public infrastructure, startups, innovation ecosystems, and



skill development.

Highlighting Telangana's achievements in digital transformation, the minister noted that the State has built a strong reputation for technology-driven governance and innovation. He said digital transformation has become a major driver of inclusive economic and social growth.

Sridhar Babu said Telangana is willing to share its experience, technical expertise, and institutional knowledge to help Tanzania build a robust digital economy. He added that the State government would also examine the possibility of establishing a pharmaceutical distri-

bution hub in Tanzania to support the supply of medicines and healthcare products.

The minister further stated that Telangana could act as a knowledge partner in several areas, including citizen service delivery through MeeSeva, promotion of women entrepreneurship through WE Hub, and strengthening startup and innovation ecosystems. He also said the State could extend support in skilling, reskilling, and upskilling initiatives through Young India Skills University.

At the same time, Sridhar Babu said Telangana would study Tanzania's best practices in sectors such as the blue econ-

omy and tourism and explore their relevance for the State.

Speaking during the meeting, Tanzania's ICT Minister Mudrick Ramadhani Soraga expressed interest in working closely with progressive regions like Telangana to advance Tanzania's digital economy goals. He said Telangana's achievements in IT, healthcare, medical tourism, digital governance, startups, and life sciences were impressive and could serve as a model for collaboration.

Soraga also indicated that Tanzania is keen to formalize cooperation and that a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Tanzania and Telangana is expected to be signed soon.

The meeting was attended by several senior officials, including Fatma Mabrouk Khamis, Principal Secretary in Tanzania's Ministry of Communication, ICT and Innovation; Shukuru Awadh Suleiman, CEO of the Zanibar ICT Authority; John Mahundi, Head of Technology and Investments at the President's Delivery Bureau; and other officials from both sides.

KTR Alleges 'Land Grab' Behind Musi Project, Calls Revanth Reddy 'Real Estate CM'

Hyderabad:

Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) Working President K. T. Rama Rao (KTR) on Saturday strongly criticized the Congress government over its proposed Musi River development project, alleging that the initiative was not about beautification but about grabbing valuable land along the river.

Speaking at a programme titled "Musi Rejuvenation - PowerPoint Presentation vs Public Point" held near Himayat Sagar, KTR accused the state government of planning large-scale demolitions of houses in the name of development and called the project a massive corruption scheme.

KTR said the BRS government had earlier prepared a comprehensive Musi development plan with an estimated cost of ₹16,000 crore, which included building an expressway along the river, constructing sewage treatment plants (STPs), and creating public infrastructure such as walkways, cycling tracks, and parks. He claimed the project was designed in such a way that no houses would be demolished, and about six kilometres of the Musi riverfront had already been successfully developed in Uppal and Nagole areas during the previous BRS regime.

However, he alleged that the current Congress government has proposed a new plan with an estimated cost of ₹1.5 lakh crore, which he said would lead to the demolition of thousands of homes and displacement of residents living along the riverbanks.

"We are not against the development or rejuvenation of the Musi River. But we will strongly oppose corruption and the demolition of people's homes in the name of development," KTR said.

He further alleged that the government was planning to acquire around 3,300 acres of land along the Musi river corridor, claiming the total value of these lands could



reach ₹1.5 lakh crore. According to him, the project was being pushed forward without detailed planning reports, social impact studies, environmental impact assessments, or proper consultations with the affected communities.

KTR also questioned the high estimated cost of the proposed project. Referring to the Namami Ganga programme, he said that the central government had spent about ₹42,000 crore to clean and develop the Ganga across hundreds of kilometres, while the Telangana government was proposing to spend ₹1.5 lakh crore for just 55 kilometres of the Musi river.

He alleged that the Congress government was threatening residents by declaring buffer zones and initiating demolition drives, while ignoring similar violations by influential individuals. KTR demanded that the government apply the same rules uniformly if it was serious about enforcing regulations.

The BRS leader assured residents living along the Musi that his party would stand by them and oppose any attempts to demolish houses unjustly. He said the party would fight to protect the rights of citizens and prevent what he described as an attempt to turn the Musi project into a real estate venture.

Several BRS leaders, including Sabitha Indra Reddy, Vivekananda Goud, Laxma Reddy, Shambhipur Raju, Swamy Goud, and R. S. Praveen Kumar, also attended the programme and expressed support for residents affected by the proposed project.

Mulugu Selected Under Nirbhaya Fund; Seethakka Seeks Higher Wages for Creche Staff

New Delhi, March 14, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Panchayat Raj, Rural Development, and Women & Child Welfare Minister Seethakka met Union Minister for Women and Child Development Annapurna Devi in New Delhi on Saturday and expressed gratitude for selecting Mulugu district under the Nirbhaya Fund initiative. The Centre has included Mulugu under the programme titled "Inclusive Cities for Women and Girls," aimed at strengthening women's safety and mobility in urban and semi-urban areas.

Seethakka welcomed the decision and thanked the Union Minister for extending support to Telangana. She stated that the selection of Mulugu would significantly enhance safety infrastructure and improve facilities for women and girls in the district. The project is expected to focus on gender-responsive infrastructure, improved surveillance systems, and stronger emergency response mechanisms to ensure safety, dignity, and better access to public spaces.

The Minister informed the Union Government that the Telangana Women and Child Welfare Department would extend full cooperation in preparing the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for effective implementation of the initiative. She said the state administration would coordinate closely with district officials to ensure timely planning and execution so that the project delivers tangible results on the ground.

Seethakka also appreciated the Central Government's efforts toward women's empowerment and safety, describing the initiative as a significant step forward for Telan-



gana. She reaffirmed that the state government remains committed to strengthening protection mechanisms for women in both rural and urban areas.

In addition to discussing the Nirbhaya Fund project, Seethakka raised concerns regarding the remuneration of creche workers and helpers under the Palna Scheme (Mission Shakti). She urged the Union Government to revise and increase their honorarium, stating that the current wages are inadequate considering the responsibilities involved.

According to existing guidelines, creche workers receive ₹5,500 per month and helpers receive ₹3,000. Seethakka noted that managing approximately 25 children in a single creche requires significant dedication and responsibility. She emphasized that the present compensation does not match the workload or rising living costs. Low wages, she said, make it difficult to retain trained and experienced staff,

which could indirectly affect the quality of child care services.

The Minister appealed for a revision of salaries in line with current standards to ensure the success of the scheme, which supports working mothers by providing safe and reliable child care facilities. She stated that protecting the dignity and welfare of staff working for women's empowerment and child development is a shared responsibility, and expressed hope for a positive response from the Centre.

BJP Launches 15-Day Protest Campaign Against Congress Govt: Ramchander Rao

Hyderabad, March 14, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Telangana State President N. Ramchander Rao on Saturday announced that the party would launch a 15-day statewide protest campaign against the Congress government in Telangana, alleging failures in governance and neglect of public issues.

Speaking to the media after releasing a poster highlighting what he described as the "failures of the Congress government," Ramchander Rao said the agitation would begin immediately and continue for the next fifteen days across the state.

He said that as part of the first phase of the agitation, BJP workers will stage protests at mandal offices across Telangana on the 16th. During these demonstrations, party leaders and workers will submit memorandums to mandal authorities highlighting the problems faced by people in various regions.

Ramchander Rao further announced that on the 20th, the BJP will organize protest programs in front of District Collector offices in all district headquarters. Party leaders and activists will partici-



pate in these demonstrations to draw attention to issues affecting citizens and demand action from the state government.

He stated that the agitation aims to strongly convey the concerns and difficulties faced by the people of Telangana to the Congress government. According to him, the BJP believes it is necessary to

fight against what the party terms as anti-people policies and governance.

Ramchander Rao appealed to the people of Telangana to support the BJP in this movement and extend their encouragement to the party's efforts. He said the BJP would continue to stand with the public and raise their issues until appropriate

solutions are provided.

"The Bharatiya Janata Party is committed to fighting for the rights of the people. We believe it is our responsibility to ensure that citizens receive the rights and benefits they deserve," he said.

The BJP leader added that the protest campaign will also include outreach initiatives aimed at taking the message of the movement to households across Telangana.

He also announced that two important programs will be held on the 19th and the 20th as part of the agitation, with detailed information to be released shortly. Ramchander Rao said the remaining schedule of activities would be finalized after consultations with party leaders.

He expressed confidence that the planned programs would compel the state government to respond to public grievances while also gaining the support of the people across Telangana.

Ramchander Rao reiterated that the BJP is determined to continue the agitation with greater strength until the concerns of the public are addressed.

Uttam Kumar Reddy Seeks Additional Commercial LPG Cylinders from Centre

Hyderabad, March 14:

Telangana Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Saturday said the state government is making all-out efforts to ensure stable LPG supplies, while highlighting a severe shortage of commercial LPG cylinders across the state. He has written to the Central government requesting additional commercial LPG allocations to address the crisis.

The Minister held a detailed review meeting on the LPG supply situation with representatives of the Telangana LPG Distributors Association at the Secretariat. Speaking to the media later, Uttam Kumar Reddy said the current supply of commercial LPG cylinders is meeting only about 20 percent of the actual demand, creating serious concerns among commercial users.

He explained that while the state government is working aggressively to maintain uninterrupted LPG supply for domestic households, the shortage in the commercial segment remains a major challenge. The state has formally escalated the issue to the Centre, citing supply pressures linked to geopolitical tensions in West Asia and reports of panic bookings.

According to the Minister, domestic LPG supplies in Telangana are



currently close to normal levels, with about 2.15 lakh cylinders being delivered daily through 8,010 distributors. However, the situation in the commercial segment is significantly strained.

At present, only about 6,200 commercial LPG cylinders are being delivered daily, compared to the normal requirement of nearly 23,000 cylinders. Telangana has around 1.3 crore active domestic LPG consumers and an estimated 1.5 lakh to 7.5 lakh commercial users,

including hotels, restaurants, and other businesses.

The shortage is largely attributed to global supply disruptions, particularly geopolitical tensions affecting supply routes in West Asia. Due to these challenges, oil marketing companies are prioritizing domestic consumption and essential sectors such as hospitals, schools, colleges, welfare institutions, and government establishments.

Hotels and restaurants across Hyderabad and other parts of the state

are reportedly facing severe difficulties due to the shortage. Some establishments have begun trimming menus, while others are considering temporary closures as stocks run low. The Hotels and Restaurants Association of Telangana has also raised concerns regarding the non-availability of commercial cylinders, especially for smaller businesses.

To monitor the situation closely, the state government has set up a Command and Control Centre at Civil Supplies Bhavan, which is now operating round the clock. A dedicated helpline has also been launched to assist consumers.

Uttam Kumar Reddy warned that strict action would be taken against black marketing of LPG cylinders and the misuse of domestic cylinders for commercial purposes. He also appealed to the public not to panic-buy or overbook domestic LPG refills and to follow the prescribed waiting period guidelines.

As a contingency measure, the government has arranged for 1,740 kilolitres of kerosene as backup. A state-level committee led by the Chief Secretary and district-level committees headed by Collectors have been formed to monitor the LPG supply situation on a daily basis.

Para Athletes Who Won 6 Bronze Medals Meet Minister Vakiti Srihari



Hyderabad, March 14, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Para athletes from the Dronacharya Para Sports Academy, Saroor Nagar, Rangareddy district, who won six bronze medals at the World Para Athletics Grand Prix-2026 in New Delhi, met Telangana Minister for Youth Services and Sports Vakiti Srihari at the Minister Quarters in Hyderabad on March 14.

The athletes—Mamatha, Kudumula Lokeshwari, Ravi Kiran, and Lokesh—represented the academy in the international competition held in New Delhi from March 8 to 13. Competing at the global level, they delivered an impressive performance and secured a total of six bronze medals, bringing pride to the state.

The team, accompanied by coach Venu Vinukoti, expressed gratitude to the Minister for extending financial assistance toward the entry fees required for participation in the event. During the courtesy meeting, the athletes thanked the government for its support, which enabled them to compete on the international stage.

Minister Vakiti Srihari congratulated the athletes for their outstanding achievement and appreciated their dedication and hard work. He assured them that the state government would continue to extend necessary support to para athletes to help them achieve greater success at international platforms. The Minister stated that the government is committed to strengthening para sports infrastructure and encouraging talented athletes across the state.

He also mentioned that efforts are underway to support the welfare of para athletes who have

achieved excellence at various levels, including considerations related to housing facilities and financial assistance in the upcoming budget discussions. The Minister emphasized that inclusive development in sports remains a priority for the government.

On the occasion, international para athlete Kudumula Lokeshwari shared her inspiring journey. She revealed that despite undergoing treatment for a brain tumor at a young age, which led to partial paralysis on the right side of her body, she courageously pursued sports and has won 12 medals at national and international levels since 2020. She added that after securing a bronze medal at the Women's Athletics Grand Prix held in the Czech Republic in July 2025, the Telangana government recognized her achievement and provided financial assistance, which further motivated her.

Lokeshwari also stated that she currently lives in a rented house in Saroor Nagar with her mother, who works as a hospital attendant to support the family. Although she secured a teacher's job through the 2024 DSC recruitment, she chose to dedicate herself fully to training for international competitions, resigning from her position three months ago to focus on her sporting goals.

She expressed the need for financial assistance for training, nutrition, and sports equipment in preparation for the 2026 Para Asian Games. Minister Srihari reiterated that the government will take appropriate steps to ensure continued support for talented para athletes and promote the development of para sports in Telangana.

Ponnam Prabhakar Urges Farmers to Focus on Oil Palm Cultivation



Hyderabad, March 14, 2026 | TPN Bureau

State Minister Ponnam Prabhakar on Saturday said the oil palm factory at Narmeta would significantly benefit farmers in the region and encouraged them to focus on oil palm cultivation as a sustainable agricultural option.

Addressing the media after inspecting the Narmeta Oil Palm Factory, the minister said the initiative would strengthen the local agricultural economy and provide better opportunities for farmers. He noted that the factory would help ensure proper procurement and processing of oil palm produce from farmers in the surrounding areas.

Referring to his recent visit to Gujarat, Ponnam Prabhakar highlighted how milk procurement there is organized at the village level and how the cooperative brand Amul has expanded across the country. He said similar models could inspire agricultural development in Telangana as well.

The minister stated that the oil palm initiative was taken forward under the leadership of Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao, who played a key role in establishing the facility. He said that although the project had been proposed earlier, the current government ensured that the works were completed by allocating nearly ₹300 crore for the project.

According to Ponnam Prabhakar, the factory would serve as an

important support system for farmers in the region by providing a reliable market and strengthening the value chain for oil palm cultivation. He said the government is planning to establish oil palm factories in several districts to promote the crop and expand processing infrastructure.

The minister noted that there had been a misconception among farmers that oil palm cultivation was not suitable for the region. However, he credited Tummala Nageswara Rao with helping to change that perception and encouraging farmers to explore the crop as a viable alternative.

He said farmers in the area are now showing increasing interest in oil palm cultivation and that the government will continue to provide support through infrastructure, awareness programs, and procurement facilities.

Ponnam Prabhakar also urged farmers to consider oil palm cultivation in view of changing climatic conditions and natural uncertainties affecting traditional crops. He said the crop has the potential to provide stable income and long-term benefits to farmers.

The minister expressed gratitude to Tummala Nageswara Rao for taking the initiative to bring the oil palm factory project to fruition and for supporting the farming community through such development-oriented measures.

Komatireddy Venkat Reddy Lays Foundation for ₹10 Crore Road Project in Hayathnagar



Hyderabad, March 14, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Roads and Buildings Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy on Saturday laid the foundation stone for the development of the road from Sai Baba Temple (Torrur X Road) to ZEE School in Hayathnagar. The project, estimated at ₹10 crore, will upgrade the existing two-lane road into a four-lane stretch to improve traffic flow and connectivity in the rapidly developing area.

Speaking on the occasion, the minister said the project has been taken up in view of increasing traffic and public requirements. He stated that the work will commence from Monday and will help ease congestion while supporting the region's growing residential and commercial expansion. He noted that many families from rural areas have settled in the locality for education, employment, and livelihood opportunities, making infrastructure development essential.

The event was attended by State Road Development Corporation Chairman Mall Reddy Ram Reddy, TPCC Campaign Committee Chairman and former MP Madhu Yashki Goud, R&B ENC Mohan Naik, senior Congress leaders, former corporators, market committee directors, division presidents, and R&B officials.

Komatireddy also highlighted sev-

eral major infrastructure initiatives planned for the region. He mentioned the proposed double-decker corridor from LB Nagar to Hayathnagar Radio Station, designed to streamline traffic movement. According to him, the project, estimated at around ₹940 crore, will feature metro rail on the upper level, a national highway, and vehicle underpasses below to ensure safe and uninterrupted traffic flow. He added that the state government has already been directed to contribute ₹200 crore toward the project, and further review meetings will be held soon.

The minister further stated that plans are underway to improve connectivity between Hyderabad and Vijayawada through road expansion projects. He said tenders are expected to be finalized soon and that efforts will continue to secure necessary approvals from the Centre. He also mentioned that discussions will be held with Union Minister Nitin Gadkari to expedite road expansion works.

Komatireddy reiterated that development and public welfare remain the government's primary agenda. He emphasized that infrastructure growth in Hayathnagar, LB Nagar, and surrounding areas would transform the region into a major development hub in the coming years.

BJP Burns Rahul Gandhi Effigy; Ramchander Rao Slams Congress



Hyderabad, March 14, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Leaders of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Telangana unit on Saturday staged a protest outside the party's state office in Hyderabad condemning the conduct of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and several Congress MPs in the Parliament premises. The protest was led by BJP Telangana State President N. Ramchander Rao, during which party leaders burned an effigy of Rahul Gandhi.

Speaking to the media on the occasion, Ramchander Rao criticized what he described as the "disrespectful behavior" of Congress MPs in the Parliament complex. He alleged that despite clear rules prohibiting gatherings at the entrance of the Parliament building, Congress leaders ignored the norms and sat on the Parliament steps drinking tea and behaving as if it were a picnic spot.

Ramchander Rao said Parliament is a sacred institution in a democracy and should be treated with the highest level of respect. According to him, it is a platform where public issues must be debated and where representatives should raise concerns affecting citizens across the country. Turning such a place into what he called a casual gathering spot was an insult to democratic traditions, he added.

He further alleged that Congress leaders lacked the courage to debate issues inside the House and instead chose to stage demonstrations outside while disregarding established parliamentary protocols. Referring specifically to Rahul Gandhi, Ram-

chander Rao remarked that treating the Parliament premises casually undermines the dignity of democratic institutions.

The BJP leader also accused the Congress party of spreading misinformation regarding an alleged shortage of LPG in the country. He said that even after the Union government clarified with data that petrol, diesel, and LPG stocks were adequate, Congress MPs walked out of the House and continued their protest activities in the Parliament complex along with suspended members.

Ramchander Rao said such actions amounted to disrespecting constitutional institutions and parliamentary conventions. He stated that both ruling and opposition parties share equal responsibility in upholding democratic values, but alleged that Congress was failing to fulfill that responsibility.

Recalling a past instance, he referred to former Prime Minister P. V. Narasimha Rao sending then Opposition leader Atal Bihari Vajpayee to represent India at the United Nations, saying that leaders in the past placed national interests above politics.

Ramchander Rao said that by ignoring the rules laid down by the Speaker and engaging in protests on the Parliament steps, Congress leaders had disrespected democratic norms. As a mark of protest against what he termed an insult to the nation and its institutions, BJP leaders burned the effigy of Rahul Gandhi outside the party's Telangana state office.

BJP State President Welcomes New Members; Ramchander Rao Addresses Media

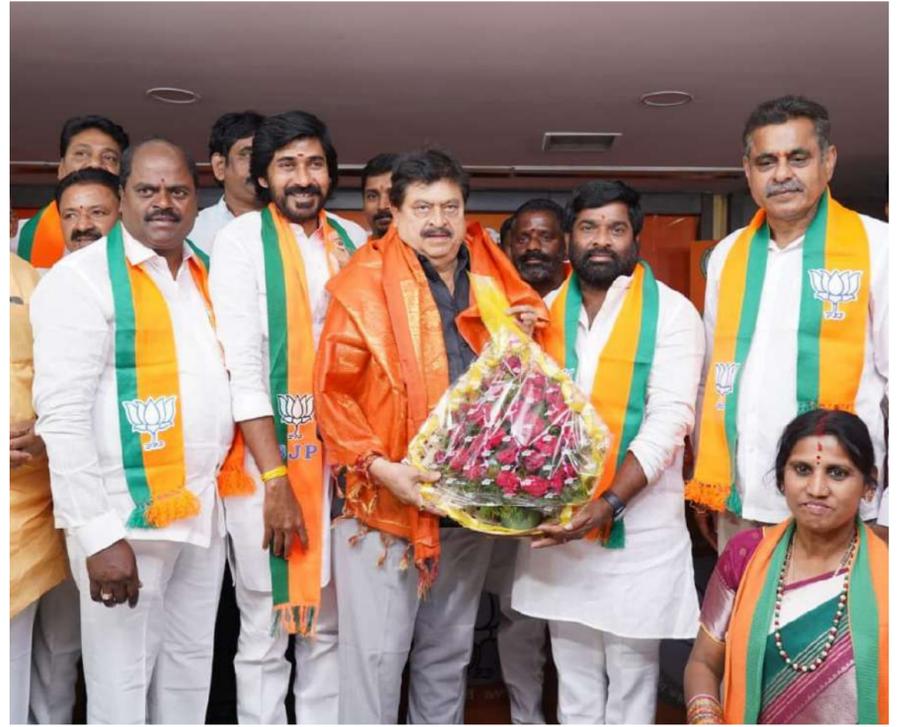
Hyderabad, March 14, 2026 | TPN Bureau

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Telangana State unit organized a joining program at the party's state office in Hyderabad on Friday. In the presence of State President N. Ramchander Rao, hundreds of activists from various federation colonies of Maheshwaram Assembly Constituency joined the party under the leadership of O. Narsimha Reddy.

Ramchander Rao welcomed the new members by offering them party scarves and extended a warm invitation to join the BJP family. The event witnessed the participation of MP Konda Visheshwar Reddy, MLC Anji Reddy, BJP District President Raj Bhupath Goud, Maheshwaram constituency BJP candidate (Contested MLA) Andela Sriramulu, BJP State Chief Spokesperson and Media In-charge N. V. Subhash, along with constituency leaders, workers, and representatives from several colonies.

Speaking on the occasion, party leaders stated that the growing trust in the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the BJP's continuous fight against what they described as anti-people policies of the Congress government in Telangana were attracting citizens from various sections. They expressed confidence that the large-scale joining from Maheshwaram would strengthen the party's presence in the constituency in the coming days.

Later, addressing a press conference, BJP State President N. Ramchander Rao made several remarks on national and state issues. He stated that there is no gas shortage in the country, despite what he termed as misleading propaganda by the Congress party. He alleged that attempts were being made to create arti-



cial scarcity and confusion among the public.

Ramchander Rao claimed that while the daily gas demand in the country is around 55 lakh cylinders, panic created by Congress had increased demand figures. He questioned the situation in Congress-ruled states and referred to incidents of alleged illegal storage of gas cylinders, stating that law enforcement agencies had taken action.

He also highlighted India's preparedness amid global geopolitical tensions, stating that the Cen-

tral Government has taken steps to ensure uninterrupted supply of gas and oil despite international conflicts. According to him, global fuel prices have risen sharply, but India has managed to protect common citizens from price hikes due to the policies of the Modi government.

Comparing past and present administrations, he said that India today has stronger economic and energy security measures. He added that while many countries are facing steep fuel price increases, India has maintained stability

in supply and pricing.

On state issues, Ramchander Rao criticized the Congress government's approach to urban projects, alleging displacement of the poor without adequate rehabilitation. He asserted that the BJP would oppose any action affecting legally constructed homes without proper resettlement.

The leaders reiterated that the BJP remains committed to public welfare, development, and what they described as protecting citizens from misleading narratives and ineffective governance.

Motha Rohith Mudiraj Leads Congress Protest Against PM Narendra Modi in Hyderabad

Hyderabad:

A large protest was organized by the Congress party in Hyderabad under the leadership of Khairatabad District Congress Committee President Motha Rohith Mudiraj, targeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi over alleged compromises in India's national interests.

The protest rally was held from the Babujagjivan Ram statue at Basheerbagh to the Jawaharlal Nehru statue at Abids, where Congress leaders and party workers staged a demonstration raising slogans against the Prime Minister. As part of the protest, party leaders displayed a 100-foot banner with the slogan "PM is Compromised."

According to the Congress leaders, the protest was organized to question the Centre over what they described as compromises made by the Prime Minister in matters concerning India's sovereignty and national interests. They alleged that India's position in the India-United States trade agreement negotiations had been weakened due to external pressure.

Addressing the gathering, Motha Rohith Mudiraj accused the Prime Minister of yielding to



pressure linked to controversies surrounding businessman Gautam Adani and the so-called Epstein files. Congress leaders claimed that despite legal cases filed in the United States against Adani under allegations related to bribery and fraud, the Prime Minister had continued to extend support to the industrialist.

Mudiraj further alleged that India's sovereignty and strategic in-

terests were being compromised due to the influence of corporate and international pressures. He said the Congress party would continue to question the Union government until clarity is provided on these issues.

"India's interests must come first. The Prime Minister should respond to the allegations being raised. If the government cannot provide clear answers, it should

reconsider the trade agreement and address the concerns of the people," Mudiraj said while speaking to the media during the protest.

The rally drew participation from more than 1,000 Congress workers and supporters, who marched along the route carrying placards and raising slogans. Several senior Congress leaders also attended the protest.

Among those present were AICC Secretary and Telangana in-charge Sachin Sawant, former Member of Parliament V. Hanumantha Rao, Congress leader Feroz Khan from Nampally, and Vijaya Reddy, along with other party leaders and activists.

During the demonstration, Congress leaders demanded that the Central government withdraw the proposed trade agreement and provide a clear explanation regarding the allegations being raised by the party.

They also warned that if the Union government failed to respond, the Congress party would intensify its protests in the coming days.

The protest concluded peacefully after party leaders submitted their demands and addressed supporters at the venue.

Chandrababu Naidu Blesses Bhatti Vikramarka's Son at Praja Bhavan

Hyderabad:

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu visited Praja Bhavan in Hyderabad on Saturday and blessed the newly married couple Surya Vikramaditya and Sakshi, the son and daughter-in-law of Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu.

Chandrababu Naidu was warmly received at Praja Bhavan by Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka and his wife Nandini, who welcomed him with a bouquet. During the visit, the Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister conveyed his heartfelt wishes to the newlyweds and wished them a happy and prosperous married life.

The marriage of Surya Vikramaditya was held on March 5, and Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka had personally visited Andhra Pradesh to invite Chandrababu Naidu to the wedding ceremony. However, due to



pressing official commitments and a busy schedule at that time, the Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister was unable to attend the

event. In a gesture of goodwill, Chandrababu Naidu made a special visit to Praja Bhavan to person-

ally bless the couple and extend his congratulations to the family. His visit was seen as a cordial interaction reflecting the personal rapport between leaders of the two Telugu states.

Speaking on the occasion, Chandrababu conveyed his best wishes to the newly married couple and expressed hope that their future would be filled with happiness, success, and prosperity.

The event also saw the presence of several leaders and dignitaries who attended to greet the couple and extend their blessings. Telangana Ministers Duddilla Sridhar Babu and Vakati Srihari were among those present during the occasion.

The gathering at Praja Bhavan was marked by a warm and celebratory atmosphere as family members, political leaders, and well-wishers joined together to congratulate the couple and share in the joyous moment.

Suraram Police Conduct Anti-Drug Awareness Programme for Students



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As part of the Telangana government's "Praja Palana - Pragati Pranalika" initiative, the Suraram Police organized an awareness programme on drug abuse prevention for students at Malla Reddy Medical College in Suraram. The programme aimed to educate young people about the harmful effects of drug consumption and encourage them to stay away from substance abuse.

The awareness session was conducted under the guidance of the Cyberabad Police Commissioner and Quthbullapur Deputy Commissioner of Police. Nearly 200 students participated in the programme, where police officials explained the serious health risks associated with drug use and the negative impact it can have on individuals, families, and society.

During the session, officers highlighted how drug addiction can destroy careers and relationships, while also leading to severe physical and mental health issues. They stressed the importance of making responsible life choices and remaining vigilant against peer pressure and other influences that may lead to drug use.

Police officials also explained the legal consequences of drug-related offences and warned students about the strict action taken under the law against those involved in the possession, consumption, or distribution of narcotics. The session emphasized

the importance of awareness and early prevention to protect youth from falling into the trap of substance abuse.

In addition to drug prevention, the programme included a discussion on women's safety and measures students should take to ensure personal security in daily life. Officers also educated participants about road safety as part of the "Arrive Alive" initiative, urging them to follow traffic rules, wear helmets, avoid rash driving, and ensure responsible behavior on the roads.

Officials noted that youth play a crucial role in shaping the future of society and must stay focused on their education and career goals. They encouraged students to spread awareness among their peers and support efforts aimed at building a drug-free and safe community.

The programme received a positive response from students, who appreciated the initiative taken by the police to guide them on important social and safety issues. Faculty members also welcomed the awareness drive and emphasized the need for continued engagement between educational institutions and law enforcement agencies.

The event was attended by Suraram Circle Inspector Sudheer Krishna, Malla Reddy Medical College Dean Dr. Suman Chandra, Suraram Sub-Inspector Murali Goud, along with other police personnel and college representatives.

Arya Vaishya Association Launched in Kompally



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A new platform aimed at strengthening unity among the Arya Vaishya community was launched with the formation of the Sri Vasavi Arya Vaishya Association in Kompally. The inauguration ceremony and oath-taking of the newly elected executive committee were held grandly at Hamston Convention Hall.

The oath of office for the new committee members was administered by Nizamabad Urban MLA Dhanpal Suryanarayana Gupta. During the ceremony, Chittimala Srinivas assumed charge as the President of the association, while Thota Bikshapathi took over as the General Secretary and Venkatesham as the Treasurer. Cheela Ramu was sworn in as the Executive Vice President along with other members of the executive committee.

Several prominent leaders and dignitaries attended the event as chief guests, including Quthbullapur MLA KP Vivekananda, MLC Boggarapu Dayanand, Vaishya Corporation Chairperson Kalva Sujatha, Uppala Srinivas Gupta, and Chikoti Praveen Gupta.

Addressing the gathering, MLA KP Vivekananda stated that he would always remain accessible to members of the Arya Vaishya community and assured them of his full support for the development and progress of the

association. He encouraged members of the community to actively participate in public life and politics and work collectively for social and economic advancement.

The speakers emphasized the importance of unity within the community and expressed confidence that the newly formed association would play a vital role in addressing community issues and promoting social service initiatives.

As part of the programme, the guests also jointly unveiled the Telugu New Year Panchangam, marking the upcoming Ugadi celebrations. The release of the Panchangam added a cultural significance to the event and was welcomed by the attendees.

The event witnessed the participation of several community leaders, social activists, and local representatives. Among those present were Chief Minister's OSD Vemula Srinivas, Aitha Ramulu, Media Cell Convener Sudheer Mankala, Linga Krishnamurthy, Eswar, Nagaraju, Santosh, Vamsi, and several other members of the Arya Vaishya community.

The organizers stated that the association aims to bring together Arya Vaishya families, promote unity, and undertake welfare activities for the benefit of the community while encouraging youth participation in social and developmental initiatives.

SSC Exams Begin in Quthbullapur Amid Tight Arrangements

Quthbullapur, March 14 | TPN Bureau

The Secondary School Certificate (SSC) annual examinations commenced across Telangana on Saturday, with students in Quthbullapur mandal appearing for the crucial board exams amid elaborate arrangements by the authorities. Both government and private school students reported to their respective examination centres to begin the first phase of the examinations.

According to officials, Quthbullapur mandal has a total of 11 government schools and 166 private schools. This year, a total of 8,655 students are appearing for the SSC examinations in the mandal. Among them, 4,313 are boys and 4,342 are girls.

The examinations will be conducted from March 14 to April 16. Every day, the exams are scheduled to begin at 9:30 AM and conclude at 12:30 PM. On the first day, students reached their examination centres well in advance, with many arriving nearly an hour earlier to avoid last-minute stress.

Authorities ensured that all necessary arrangements were in place at the examination centres to facilitate the smooth conduct of the exams. Adequate seating, security, and monitoring arrangements were made to ensure that the examination process runs without any disturbances.

Special instructions were issued to students regarding items that are not permitted inside the examination halls. Officials clearly informed students that wristwatches



and water bottles are strictly prohibited inside the exam centres. These measures are part of the guidelines aimed at preventing malpractice and ensuring transparency during the examination process.

Meanwhile, Quthbullapur Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) Bala Gangireddy visited several examination centres in the mandal to review the arrangements and security measures. During his inspection, he interacted with officials and ensured that the exams were

being conducted in a peaceful and disciplined environment.

The ACP also spoke to parents who had gathered near the examination centres. He advised them not to create unnecessary pressure or tension for their children and instead encourage them to stay calm and confident while writing the exams.

Police personnel were deployed around the examination centres to maintain order and ensure that students could attend the exams with-

out any disruptions. Traffic management and crowd control measures were also implemented to provide a hassle-free atmosphere for students.

Officials stated that the examinations on the first day proceeded smoothly and peacefully across the mandal, with students focusing on their tests in a calm and supportive environment. Authorities expressed confidence that the examinations will continue to be conducted successfully in the coming days.

Grand Iftar Dinner Held Under Leadership of Congress Leader Mamidala Santosh Reddy

Nacharam, March 14 | TPN Bureau

A grand Iftar dinner was organized at the Hazrat Bilal Mosque in Nacharam under the leadership of former serviceman and Congress State leader Mamidala Santosh Reddy. The event was held on the occasion of the birth anniversary celebrations of Dudilla Sripada Rao and during the holy month of Ramzan.

Uppal Assembly constituency Congress in-charge Mandumula Parameshwar Reddy attended the event as the chief guest and participated in the Iftar gathering along with local community members. During the programme, special "Tofa" gift packages were distributed to poor Muslim families as a gesture of goodwill and support during the sacred fasting month.

Speaking on the occasion, Mandumula Parameshwar Reddy said that the state government under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy is implementing several initiatives aimed at the welfare and development of minority communities. He noted that the Congress party has always stood com-



mitted to protecting the interests and rights of minorities and has consistently worked towards their social and economic upliftment.

He also highlighted that the spirit of Ramzan promotes peace, unity, charity, and compassion among people. Programmes like Iftar gatherings help strengthen communal harmony and bring people from dif-

ferent backgrounds together in a spirit of brotherhood.

Addressing the gathering, Mamidala Santosh Reddy said the Iftar dinner was organized as part of the birth anniversary celebrations of Dudilla Sripada Rao. He explained that several social service activities were conducted to mark the occasion.

According to him, the celebrations included tree plantation drives, blood donation camps, distribution of examination pads for students, and community food service programmes. These activities were carried out with the aim of promoting social responsibility and helping those in need.

Santosh Reddy emphasized the importance of community service and said such initiatives reflect the values of compassion and public welfare. He added that efforts will continue to organize similar programmes in the future to support different sections of society.

Local residents and members of the Muslim community appreciated the initiative and participated in the Iftar gathering with enthusiasm. The event provided an opportunity for people from different communities to come together and share the spirit of Ramzan.

Several Congress party leaders, local representatives, community members, and volunteers attended the programme and contributed to the successful organization of the event.

Three Buildings Seized Over Property Tax Dues in Gajularamaram



Quthbullapur, March 14 | TPN Bureau

Municipal authorities intensified their drive against property tax defaulters in the Gajularamaram Circle under Quthbullapur, taking strict action against buildings with pending tax dues. As part of the enforcement drive, officials seized three buildings in the Rajiv Gandhi Nagar area for failing to clear property tax arrears.

The action was carried out by municipal officials as part of a special campaign aimed at recovering pending property taxes within the circle. Tax inspectors and bill collectors participated in the operation and identified properties with long-standing dues before initiating enforcement measures.

Officials stated that the buildings

were sealed after repeated notices were issued to the owners asking them to clear the pending tax payments. Despite several reminders, the property owners reportedly failed to respond or settle the dues, prompting the authorities to proceed with the seizure of the buildings.

The enforcement drive is part of the municipal administration's broader effort to ensure timely payment of property taxes and improve revenue collection. Officials noted that property tax is a key source of income for local bodies and plays a crucial role in funding civic services such as sanitation, road maintenance, street lighting, and infrastructure development.

Speaking on the occasion, the



Deputy Commissioner of the Gajularamaram Circle urged all property owners with pending dues to immediately clear their property tax payments. He warned that strict action would continue against defaulters who ignore repeated notices from the municipal authorities.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasized that the municipal administration is committed to ensuring transparency and fairness in the tax collection process. However, owners who deliberately delay payments will face legal action, including the seizure of their properties.

Officials also clarified that the ongoing drive is intended not only to recover pending taxes but also to encourage voluntary compliance among property owners. By pay-

ing taxes on time, citizens can contribute to the development and maintenance of essential public infrastructure in their areas.

Municipal authorities have been conducting similar enforcement drives in various parts of the Quthbullapur zone to recover outstanding property taxes. The administration has appealed to residents and building owners to cooperate with officials and clear their dues at the earliest to avoid penalties or legal action.

The officials reiterated that such enforcement activities will continue in the coming days, and more properties may be sealed if owners fail to respond to notices or settle their tax arrears promptly.

CBIT Hosts Expert Talk on Research Design Aligned with SDGs



Hyderabad, March 14, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT), Hyderabad, organized an expert talk on "Research Problem Design and Methodologies in the Context of SDGs" on 14 March 2026 at the N-Block Seminar Hall. The program was conducted as part of the institution's ongoing R&D Expert Talk Series, aimed at strengthening research culture and promoting socially relevant academic work.

The session was delivered by Dr. Shankar Chatterjee, Former Director, National Institute of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj (NIRD&PR), Government of India. In his address, Dr. Chatterjee emphasized the importance of identifying meaningful research problems aligned with the Sustainable

Development Goals (SDGs). He highlighted that research should address real-world societal challenges and contribute to sustainable development outcomes. He also underlined the need for interdisciplinary research approaches to effectively tackle complex issues across sectors.

Dr. Chatterjee discussed key elements of research design, including formulation of research questions, selection of appropriate methodologies, and development of structured frameworks for impactful studies. He explained how systematic planning and clear methodological alignment can enhance the quality, relevance, and applicability of academic research. The expert also shared practical insights on transforming research ideas into measurable and

outcome-oriented projects.

CBIT Principal Prof. C. V. Narasimhulu stated that organizing such expert lectures significantly strengthens the institution's research ecosystem. He noted that exposure to distinguished professionals helps faculty members and research scholars develop innovative perspectives and pursue research that is both academically rigorous and socially beneficial.

Prof. D. Krishna Reddy, Director of R&D, introduced the speaker to the audience and highlighted his distinguished contributions to research, policy formulation, and rural development initiatives at the national level. He appreciated Dr. Chatterjee's extensive experience and his role in promoting development-oriented research frameworks.

Dr. Y. Solmon Raju, Convenor of the program, emphasized the importance of conducting regular expert talks to enhance research awareness among faculty members and scholars. He stated that such initiatives help build collaborative academic engagement and encourage the adoption of advanced research methodologies.

Dr. G. N. R. Prasad, Session Convenor, proposed the vote of thanks and expressed gratitude to the speaker, institute management, faculty members, and participants for their support in making the event successful.

Faculty members, research scholars, and students actively participated in the session and interacted with the expert during the discussion, making the program informative and productive.

Thummala Nageswara Rao Encourages Oil Palm Cultivation

Hyderabad:

Telangana Agriculture Minister Thummala Nageswara Rao has urged farmers across the state to take up oil palm cultivation, assuring them of a guaranteed market and stable income for the crop. He said the state government is actively promoting oil palm farming as part of its strategy to strengthen the agricultural sector and enhance farmers' earnings.

Speaking during his visit to various agricultural areas, the minister interacted with farmers and reviewed ongoing oil palm cultivation activities. He also inspected an oil palm processing unit along with minister Ponnamb Prabhakar. During the visit, the ministers assessed the functioning of the facility and discussed measures to further expand oil palm farming in the region.

Thummala Nageswara Rao said oil palm cultivation is emerging as a profitable and sustainable crop option for farmers. He explained that the state government is taking several initiatives to support farmers who are willing to cultivate oil palm. According to him, farmers will not face difficulties in selling their produce as processing compa-



nies and government-backed systems will ensure procurement.

The minister noted that farmers often struggle with price fluctuations and uncertain markets when growing traditional crops. In contrast, oil palm offers better price stability and long-term returns. He said the crop has the potential to provide consistent income for

farmers while also reducing dependence on imported edible oils.

The government is encouraging farmers to diversify their crops and adopt commercial agriculture that can yield higher profits. Thummala said farmers who shift to oil palm cultivation will receive technical guidance, subsidies, and support from the agriculture de-

partment. Officials are also working closely with farmers to provide training on modern cultivation practices, irrigation methods, and crop management techniques.

He further explained that the state government is strengthening infrastructure related to oil palm cultivation, including processing units and supply chains. These facilities will ensure that farmers have access to nearby processing plants where their produce can be purchased without delays.

Thummala Nageswara Rao emphasized that increasing oil palm cultivation will benefit both farmers and the state's economy. By expanding production, Telangana can reduce its dependence on edible oil imports and create a stronger agricultural base.

The minister called upon farmers to take advantage of the opportunities provided by the government and adopt oil palm cultivation with confidence. He assured that the government remains committed to supporting farmers through policies and programmes aimed at improving agricultural productivity and ensuring long-term financial security for farming communities.

Bandi Sanjay Launches Anjanna Ashirvada Yatra

Karimnagar:

Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar on Saturday launched the "Anjanna Ashirvada Yatra," a spiritual foot march from Karimnagar to the renowned Kondagattu Anjaneya Swamy Temple. The padayatra, covering nearly 40 kilometres, was undertaken as part of a vow and witnessed participation from a large number of BJP leaders, party workers, and devotees.

The yatra began early in the morning after special prayers at a temple in Karimnagar. Following the rituals, Bandi Sanjay started the march along with newly elected public representatives and BJP supporters from across the Karimnagar region. The event attracted thousands of participants who joined the procession chanting devotional slogans and offering prayers during the journey.

Party leaders stated that the yatra was organised to offer prayers to Lord Hanuman and to seek blessings for the welfare of the people. According to BJP leaders, Bandi Sanjay had earlier promised to undertake a padayatra to Kondagattu temple if the party achieved success in the local civic elections in the region. After the party secured significant victories, including the



mayoral post in Karimnagar, he decided to fulfil that promise through this yatra.

The padayatra created a devotional atmosphere along the route as supporters, devotees, and local residents gathered to greet the Union Minister. Several newly elected public representatives includ-

ing corporators, ward members, and local leaders participated in the march. The yatra also witnessed participation from party cadres who walked alongside Bandi Sanjay for several kilometres.

Organisers made elaborate arrangements to support participants throughout the journey. Vol-

unteers set up refreshment stalls along the route to provide drinking water, buttermilk, and food to the devotees and party workers taking part in the march. Local BJP leaders coordinated logistics and ensured that the large gathering proceeded smoothly.

During the yatra, a minor disruption occurred when a drone being used to capture aerial visuals reportedly disturbed a nearby beehive. This led to a brief bee attack, leaving a few participants with minor injuries. Those affected received immediate medical attention, and the march resumed soon afterward without further interruption.

The Kondagattu Anjaneya Swamy Temple, located in Telangana's Jagtial district, is one of the most prominent temples dedicated to Lord Hanuman and attracts thousands of devotees every year. The temple holds significant religious importance in the region.

The "Anjanna Ashirvada Yatra" is expected to conclude with special prayers at the temple once the padayatra reaches Kondagattu. BJP leaders said the event reflects devotion as well as the party's connection with the people of the region.

CPI Demands Action Over Alleged Abuse of Activist Jaswanth



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CPI district secretary Uma Mahesh has demanded strict action against those who allegedly made derogatory remarks against former student leader Uppu Jaswanth. He submitted a representation to the Bachupally Circle Inspector seeking immediate action and the arrest of the individuals responsible.

According to Uma Mahesh, Jaswanth, who is the founder of the "For a Better Society" organization, has been actively raising issues concerning public welfare in the Nizampet Municipality limits. He has been fighting for the protection of Ambir Cheruvu, safeguarding burial grounds, and addressing various land-related issues affecting local residents.

Uma Mahesh alleged that Congress leader Ramulu Naik used abusive language against Jaswanth and also insulted his mother in an unacceptable manner. He stated that the incident has deeply hurt public sentiments and is inappropriate in a civilized society.

He further said that although a complaint was lodged with the local police regarding the incident, no action had been taken so far. This delay, he warned, could create a situation that may encourage physical attacks against Jaswanth.

Uma Mahesh cautioned that if any harm were to come to Jas-

wanth, it would be due to police negligence. He urged the authorities to act immediately against the individuals involved to prevent such incidents from recurring in the future.

Highlighting Jaswanth's background, Uma Mahesh said he had earlier served as the Hyderabad Vice President of the All India Students Federation and played an active role during the Telangana statehood movement. During that period, he faced several challenges and hardships while participating in the agitation.

He said Jaswanth continues to work selflessly for public causes with the spirit of student activism and social responsibility. Targeting such individuals with abusive language is unacceptable, he added.

Uma Mahesh also stated that former leaders of the All India Students Federation and members of the Telangana movement activists' Joint Action Committee are standing in support of Jaswanth. He warned that any attempt to harm the activist would not be tolerated.

Several leaders and activists were present during the submission of the memorandum. Among those who attended were CPI Mandal Secretary P. Srinivas, Dalit Rights Struggle Committee leader Karthik, AITUC leader Dastagiri, activist Uppu Jaswanth, Shilpa, and others.

Foundation Steps In to Support Student Facing Financial Hardship



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In a compassionate gesture aimed at ensuring that poverty does not become a barrier to education, the "Memu Saitham Meekosam Foundation" came forward to support a student who was struggling to pay her college and examination fees due to financial difficulties.

The incident came to light in Suraram, where Sai Keerthana, a final-year degree student at Capital Degree College, was reportedly distressed as she could not afford to pay her college and examination fees. Facing severe financial constraints, the student feared that her education might come to a halt.

After learning about the situation through social media, members of the "Memu Saitham Meekosam Foundation" responded immediately. They contacted the foundation's founder and chairman, Kattaboyina Shivakumar Yadav, and informed him about the student's predicament.

Upon hearing about the issue, Shivakumar Yadav promptly stepped in and arranged for the payment of Sai Keerthana's pending college and examination fees. The quick intervention ensured that the student could continue her studies without interruption.

Speaking on the occasion, Shivakumar Yadav emphasized that no student should be forced to discontinue education because of poverty. He assured that the foundation would stand by Sai

Keerthana and bear the necessary educational expenses until she completes her studies.

He also encouraged the student to focus on her education and strive for a bright future. The foundation's initiative reflects its commitment to supporting underprivileged students and promoting access to education.

Sai Keerthana expressed her heartfelt gratitude to the foundation members and thanked them for their timely support. She said the assistance had given her renewed hope and confidence to continue her education and achieve her goals.

Members of the foundation stated that helping students from economically weaker backgrounds is one of their key objectives. They added that the organization would continue to extend support to deserving students and individuals in need.

The programme was attended by several members of the "Memu Saitham Meekosam Foundation" team, including Nursing, Ippalappalli Srinivas, Raju, Sravanti, and Nagamani, owner of Amrutha Bakery, along with other supporters who contributed to the initiative.

The foundation's intervention has been widely appreciated by local residents, who noted that such acts of generosity play a vital role in ensuring that talented students are not deprived of educational opportunities due to financial hardship.

Trump, Netanyahu and the Iran War: A Strategic Gamble Turning Risky

The ongoing confrontation involving Iran, Israel, and the United States has sparked a crucial debate in global politics: is former U.S. President Donald Trump beginning to question the wisdom of supporting Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's aggressive strategy against Iran? What initially appeared to be a swift and decisive military campaign is increasingly turning into a complicated and potentially costly conflict with uncertain consequences.

A War Born from Strategic Calculations

The roots of the conflict lie in a series of political and strategic calculations made by leaders in Washington and Tel Aviv. In recent months, internal protests and political unrest within Iran created an impression among some international observers that the Iranian government was vulnerable. Israeli leadership believed that this moment provided a rare opportunity to significantly weaken Iran's political and military establishment.

Prime Minister Netanyahu has long regarded Iran as Israel's most serious security threat. Concerns over Iran's nuclear ambitions, missile capabilities, and its support for militant groups across the Middle East have shaped Israel's security doctrine for decades. From Israel's perspective, confronting Iran directly could potentially eliminate or significantly weaken this long-standing threat.

Donald Trump, who has often favored bold and direct approaches in foreign policy, appeared willing to support Israel's position. The belief among supporters of the strategy was that strong military pressure could weaken Iran's leadership, encourage internal unrest, and possibly trigger political change within the country.

With these assumptions in mind, the United States and Israel launched a series of coordinated military strikes targeting Iran's military installations, missile systems,

and strategic infrastructure. The campaign was presented as a limited but powerful operation intended to dismantle Iran's military capabilities and force its leadership into submission.

Iran's Unexpected Resilience

However, the conflict did not unfold exactly as expected. Instead of collapsing under the pressure of military strikes, Iran responded with force. Iranian missile and drone attacks targeted various strategic locations in the region, including military installations and shipping routes. These retaliatory strikes demonstrated that Iran still possessed significant military capabilities despite the initial attacks.

More importantly, the expectation that Iranian society would quickly turn against its leadership has not materialized in the way some strategists predicted. While many Iranians have expressed dissatisfaction with their government over economic and political issues, foreign military attacks often produce a different reaction. External threats can create a sense of national unity, strengthening support for the country's leadership rather than weakening it.

As a result, the Iranian government has managed to maintain its authority and project defiance in the face of military pressure. Instead of showing signs of immediate collapse, the leadership has vowed to continue resisting external intervention and defend the country's sovereignty.

Different Political Incentives

The war also reflects different political calculations in Israel and the United States. For Netanyahu, confrontation with Iran aligns with long-standing national security priorities. Israeli leaders have consistently warned about Iran's growing regional influence and potential nuclear capabilities. A conflict with Iran reinforces Israel's

argument that it faces a major existential threat that requires decisive action.

Domestic politics may also play a role in shaping Israel's approach. During times of war or national security crises, political leaders often gain greater public support as the country rallies behind its government. In such circumstances, internal political disputes can temporarily fade into the background.

The situation is somewhat different for the United States. While Washington initially presented the operation as swift and decisive, the financial and strategic costs of the conflict are becoming increasingly evident. Military campaigns involving advanced weapons systems, logistics, and regional deployments are extremely expensive. If the conflict continues for an extended period, the financial burden on the United States could grow significantly.

The Problem of an Unclear Endgame

One of the most significant challenges facing the U.S.-Israel strategy is the lack of a clearly defined long-term objective. Military strikes can damage infrastructure and weaken an opponent's capabilities, but they do not automatically produce political change.

If the ultimate goal of the campaign is to force regime change in Iran, that objective raises difficult questions. Removing or weakening a government is only the first step in a much larger and more complicated process. Without a detailed plan for what comes afterward, such strategies can create instability rather than lasting solutions.

History has shown that military victories do not always translate into political success. Even if Iran's military infrastructure suffers heavy damage, the country's leadership could survive and eventually rebuild its capabilities. In that case, the conflict might achieve only temporary gains while creating



long-term tensions.

Economic and Global Consequences

The conflict also has broader implications for the global economy. The Middle East remains one of the world's most important energy-producing regions, and any large-scale military confrontation there can disrupt global oil markets. Even the possibility of escalation can cause sharp fluctuations in energy prices.

Higher oil prices affect economies across the world, increasing transportation costs, raising inflation, and slowing economic growth. For the United States and its allies, these economic consequences could become a major concern if the conflict drags on.

Additionally, prolonged instability in the region can affect international trade routes and create uncertainty in global financial markets.

Trump's Public Confidence

Despite these growing complications, Donald Trump has publicly maintained a tone of confidence regarding the military cam-

paign. He has suggested that the operation has significantly weakened Iran's strategic capabilities and that the conflict may not last long.

Trump has also emphasized the close coordination between the United States and Israel, highlighting the strong relationship between his administration and Netanyahu's government. Public statements from both sides stress unity and determination to achieve their objectives.

However, political observers note that leaders often express confidence during military conflicts even when uncertainties remain behind the scenes. Governments typically seek to project strength and stability in order to maintain domestic and international support.

The Risk of Regional Escalation

Another major concern is the possibility that the conflict could expand beyond the immediate confrontation between Iran and Israel. Iran maintains relationships with various political groups and militias across the Middle East. These net-

works could potentially become involved in the conflict, widening the scope of the war.

If additional actors enter the conflict, the situation could become far more complex and difficult to control. Regional escalation might draw in other countries, disrupt shipping lanes, and create long-term instability throughout the Middle East.

Such a scenario would significantly increase the strategic and economic costs of the war for all parties involved.

A Strategic Gamble

Ultimately, the confrontation between Iran, Israel, and the United States represents a high-stakes strategic gamble. Supporters of the military campaign argue that decisive action is necessary to prevent Iran from expanding its influence and developing stronger military capabilities.

Critics, however, warn that military solutions alone rarely resolve deep political conflicts. Without a clear diplomatic pathway or long-term strategy, the war could evolve into a prolonged struggle with unpredictable

consequences.

For Netanyahu, maintaining pressure on Iran may reinforce Israel's security priorities and political narrative. For Trump, however, the calculation may be more complicated. American leaders must consider not only military outcomes but also economic costs, public opinion, and global stability.

Conclusion

The unfolding conflict demonstrates how quickly strategic assumptions can be tested in real-world situations. What began as a military campaign intended to weaken Iran rapidly has instead developed into a complex geopolitical struggle with uncertain outcomes.

While both Trump and Netanyahu continue to project confidence in their strategy, the long-term consequences of the conflict remain unclear. If the war continues or expands, the initial decision to pursue aggressive military action could ultimately be judged either as a bold strategic move—or as a risky miscalculation with far-reaching consequences.

LPG Crisis Amid the Iran War: Will Your Piped Gas Supply Be Affected?

The ongoing conflict involving the United States, Israel, and Iran has triggered a global energy shock that is being felt far beyond the battlefield. One of the most immediate consequences has been disruptions in the supply of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), a fuel used by millions of households and businesses for cooking and heating. In India, the emerging LPG shortage has raised an important question for consumers: will the crisis also affect piped natural gas (PNG) supplies used in many urban homes?

How the War Disrupted Energy Supplies

The root of the current LPG crisis lies in disruptions to global energy trade routes in the Middle East. One of the most critical routes is the Strait of Hormuz, a narrow waterway through which a large share of the world's oil and gas shipments pass. When tensions rise in this region, shipping becomes risky and energy supplies can slow down.

The conflict has created uncertainty for shipping companies transporting fuel across the Gulf. Some vessels have avoided the area due to security risks, while others have faced delays. This disruption has reduced the flow of LPG shipments and pushed global energy prices higher.

Countries that depend heavily on imported fuel, including India, are particularly sensitive to such changes. When global shipments slow down, the effects quickly spread through domestic markets, leading to shortages and higher prices.

The Growing LPG Shortage India relies heavily on LPG

cylinders for household cooking. Hundreds of millions of homes use LPG as their primary cooking fuel, making it one of the most important energy sources for daily life.

As global supplies tighten due to the conflict, the availability of LPG cylinders has started to decline in several regions. Commercial users such as restaurants, hotels, and catering services have reported difficulty obtaining enough cylinders to run their operations.

In some cities, eateries have even been forced to return temporarily to traditional cooking fuels like firewood or coal in order to keep their kitchens running. Such developments highlight how quickly international geopolitical tensions can affect everyday life in distant countries.

To manage the situation, authorities have begun prioritizing household LPG consumption over commercial demand. The aim is to ensure that families continue to have access to cooking fuel even if supplies remain limited.

Why Piped Gas Is Less Vulnerable

Despite the pressure on LPG supplies, piped natural gas (PNG) networks in many Indian cities have remained relatively stable so far. The reason lies in the fundamental differences between how LPG and PNG are delivered to consumers.

LPG is typically supplied through cylinders that must be transported through a long distribution chain involving international imports, shipping routes, storage facilities, and road transport. If any part of this chain is disrupted, deliveries can be delayed or reduced.



PNG works differently. It is delivered directly to homes through underground pipeline networks that distribute gas continuously from supply points to households. Once the pipeline infrastructure is established, gas flows steadily without the need for cylinder deliveries.

This makes piped gas systems less vulnerable to short-term disruptions in international shipping or transportation.

India's Natural Gas Supply System

India meets its natural gas demand through a combination of domestic production and imports. A portion of the gas used in the country is produced within India, while the rest is imported from international suppliers.

The imported gas typically

arrives as liquefied natural gas (LNG) at specialized terminals, where it is converted back into gas and distributed through pipelines. These pipelines connect to city gas networks that supply homes, industries, and businesses.

Because the gas already flows through established infrastructure within the country, consumers using PNG may not immediately feel the effects of international shipping disruptions.

Potential Risks to Piped Gas

Although piped gas supplies are currently more stable than LPG cylinders, they are not completely immune to global events. If the conflict continues for a long time or escalates further, broader disruptions in the natural gas market could eventually occur.

One possible risk is damage

or disruption to energy infrastructure in the Middle East. If gas production facilities or export terminals are affected by the conflict, global supply could decline.

Another concern involves shipping routes used to transport liquefied natural gas to importing countries. If tanker movement becomes unsafe or heavily restricted, imports could be delayed.

Finally, even if supplies remain stable, global price increases may eventually raise the cost of natural gas for consumers.

A Possible Shift Toward Piped Gas

Ironically, the current LPG shortage could encourage more households to shift toward piped natural gas where it is available. Many energy experts have long argued that

PNG is a cleaner, safer, and more reliable alternative to cylinder-based cooking fuel.

One major advantage is convenience. With piped gas, households no longer need to wait for cylinder deliveries or worry about running out of fuel unexpectedly. The gas flows continuously through pipelines, ensuring a steady supply.

PNG is also considered environmentally friendlier compared to traditional fuels. It produces fewer emissions and burns more efficiently, making it an attractive option in cities trying to reduce pollution.

As the LPG crisis highlights the vulnerability of cylinder-based supply chains, urban households may increasingly consider switching to piped gas connections.

Government Response and Long-Term Planning

The Indian government has been taking steps to manage the current situation and reduce future risks. Authorities are encouraging energy companies to increase domestic production and ensure that household LPG demand is met.

At the same time, long-term plans are focusing on expanding the city gas distribution network to more cities and towns across the country. By increasing the reach of pipeline infrastructure, policymakers aim to create a more reliable and resilient energy system.

Expanding PNG networks can also reduce dependence on imported LPG, which is more vulnerable to geopolitical tensions and global market disruptions.

Lessons From the Crisis

The current LPG shortage

demonstrates how closely connected global energy systems have become. A conflict taking place thousands of kilometers away can quickly influence fuel supplies and prices in countries across the world.

It also shows the importance of energy diversification. Countries that rely on a single type of fuel or a limited number of supply routes are more exposed to international crises.

By investing in multiple energy sources and expanding domestic infrastructure, governments can reduce the risk of similar disruptions in the future.

Conclusion

The ongoing conflict in the Middle East has created a ripple effect across global energy markets, leading to disruptions in LPG supplies in several countries, including India. While the availability of LPG cylinders has tightened due to shipping disruptions and rising prices, piped natural gas systems have remained relatively stable for now.

However, the situation is still evolving. If the conflict continues or expands, even natural gas markets could eventually feel the impact. For the moment, households connected to piped gas networks appear better protected from the immediate effects of the LPG shortage.

In the long run, the crisis may strengthen the case for expanding piped gas infrastructure and reducing dependence on cylinder-based fuel systems. Such changes could make India's energy supply more secure and resilient in an increasingly uncertain global environment.

Modi Hands Over Land Rights to 28,000 Tea Workers in Historic Assam Move



Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched a major initiative granting land ownership rights to thousands of tea garden workers in Assam, describing the move as a way of “repaying a debt” to a community that has supported the country’s tea industry for generations.

In the first phase of the programme, land titles were issued to more than 28,000 families living in labour lines within tea estates. For decades, these workers had lived on plantation land without legal ownership, leaving them vulnerable and excluded from many government welfare benefits.

Speaking at the event, Modi

said the initiative aims to correct a historic injustice faced by tea garden communities. He also highlighted his personal connection to the workers, recalling how Assam’s tea has reached distant parts of India and supported livelihoods across the country.

The land ownership documents are expected to provide long-term security and dignity to the recipients. Officials say legal ownership will allow families to build permanent homes, access institutional loans, and benefit more easily from housing, sanitation, and social welfare schemes.

The programme is being implemented across multiple

tea estates and districts, with thousands more workers expected to benefit in future phases. The tea garden community in Assam has historically been among the most marginalized groups, many of whose ancestors were brought to the region during the colonial era to work on plantations and remained landless for generations.

During the same visit, the Prime Minister also launched and inaugurated several major development projects in the state, including initiatives in infrastructure, energy, and connectivity aimed at boosting economic growth in the Northeast and improving living standards.

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma described the land distribution as the fulfillment of a long-standing demand and a recognition of tea workers’ contribution to the state’s economy. He emphasized that the tea industry, central to Assam’s identity, was built on the labour of these communities.

Overall, the move marks a significant social reform in the region. By converting long-term occupants into legal landowners, the government aims to provide stability, economic opportunity, and a stronger sense of belonging to families who have lived on plantation land for generations.

Amit Shah’s Poll Pitch in Punjab Focuses on Drugs, Conversions, Governance

Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched a sharp political campaign in Punjab ahead of the 2027 Assembly elections, promising a drug-free state and a law against religious conversions if the Bharatiya Janata Party comes to power.

Addressing a large rally in Moga, Shah declared that the party would contest the next elections on its own with the goal of forming the government, marking a shift from its earlier role as a junior alliance partner in the state. He described the event as the beginning of the BJP’s preparations for the upcoming polls.

A central theme of his speech was the fight against drug abuse, which he said has severely damaged Punjab’s youth and social fabric. Shah promised that a “double-engine” government led by the BJP at both the Centre and the state would eliminate the drug trade within two years of taking office. He urged voters to give the party a chance, arguing that previous govern-



ments had failed to solve the problem.

The Union minister also announced that the first legislation introduced by a BJP government in Punjab would be an anti-conversion law aimed at preventing forced religious conversions. He claimed that such conversions had been encouraged in the past for political reasons and framed the

proposed law as a measure to protect social harmony.

Shah launched strong attacks on the ruling Aam Aadmi Party government led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann. He accused the administration of failing on law and order, allowing gangster activity to rise, and mismanaging the state’s finances. He also alleged that the Punjab govern-

ment was being controlled from New Delhi by AAP’s national leadership.

Highlighting broader concerns, Shah said farmers were struggling, industries were moving out, and unemployment remained high. He argued that Punjab had already given opportunities to major parties such as the Congress, Shiromani Akali Dal, and AAP, and should now consider the BJP as an alternative.

The rally took place in the politically crucial Malwa region, which holds a large share of the state’s Assembly seats and often plays a decisive role in election outcomes.

Overall, Shah’s address signaled the BJP’s intent to make law and order, drug abuse, religious issues, and governance failures central themes of its campaign. By promising strong action and legislative changes, the party aims to position itself as a force for “change” in a state where it has historically had limited electoral success.

Supreme Court Stays Defamation Case Against Lawyer Over Posts on Mamata Banerjee

The Supreme Court of India has temporarily halted criminal defamation proceedings against lawyer and political figure Koustav Bagchi over social media posts that shared excerpts from a book about Mamata Banerjee’s personal life.

A bench of the top court issued a notice to the West Bengal government and ordered that the status quo be maintained, effectively pausing further action in the case while the matter is examined. The decision came after Bagchi challenged earlier court orders that allowed the defamation proceedings to continue.

What Triggered the Case

The controversy dates back to May 2025, when Bagchi posted extracts from a book written by former bureaucrat Dipak Kumar Ghosh on social media. The book reportedly contained claims about Banerjee’s private life prior to her becoming chief minister. Bagchi also discussed the material publicly, including in television appearances.



A complaint was subsequently filed alleging that the posts amounted to criminal defamation. A trial court took cognisance of the case and issued a summons to Bagchi, which he later challenged in higher courts.

Legal Journey So Far

Bagchi first approached the Calcutta High Court seeking to quash the proceedings, but the

court declined to intervene. Following this setback, he moved the Supreme Court, arguing that the case should be dismissed.

During the hearing, his counsel maintained that the social media posts merely reproduced content from a book already in the public domain. The defence also argued that defamation charges involving statements about public fig-

ures must meet specific legal standards.

Undertaking Before the Court

To reduce the controversy, Bagchi agreed to remove the disputed material from his social media accounts and filed an undertaking to that effect. The court took note of this assurance while granting interim protection from further proceedings.

What Happens Next

By ordering status quo, the Supreme Court has not ruled on the merits of the case but has paused the trial until it hears detailed arguments from all parties. The outcome could have wider implications for how courts handle defamation complaints related to social media posts that reference published material about public figures.

The case continues to attract attention due to its political sensitivity and its potential impact on free speech, privacy, and the limits of criticism involving elected leaders.

LPG Crisis Sparks Uproar in Lok Sabha, House Adjourned Twice



Proceedings in the Lok Sabha were disrupted amid intense protests by Opposition members over a reported shortage of cooking gas and rising prices, forcing the House to be adjourned twice during the day.

As soon as the session began, Opposition MPs raised slogans and demanded an immediate discussion on the LPG situation, arguing that households across the country were facing severe difficulties in obtaining cylinders. The protests prevented normal functioning, including Question Hour, prompting the Speaker to first suspend proceedings until noon.

When the House reconvened, the disruptions continued. Members again entered the well of the House and persisted with demonstrations, compelling the Chair to adjourn the session a second time until the afternoon. The repeated interruptions underscored the intensity of the political confrontation over the

issue.

Opposition leaders blamed the crisis on global supply disruptions and escalating energy costs linked to tensions in West Asia, saying the situation had directly affected ordinary citizens. They urged the government to acknowledge the problem and hold a structured debate in Parliament to address shortages and price pressures.

The government, however, accused the Opposition of deliberately obstructing parliamentary business. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju criticized the protests as indiscipline and political theatrics, insisting that procedures should be followed to raise issues rather than disrupting proceedings.

Meanwhile, Speaker Om Birla repeatedly appealed to members to maintain decorum and allow scheduled business to continue. He warned that persistent disorder undermines parliamentary functioning and deprives lawmakers of the

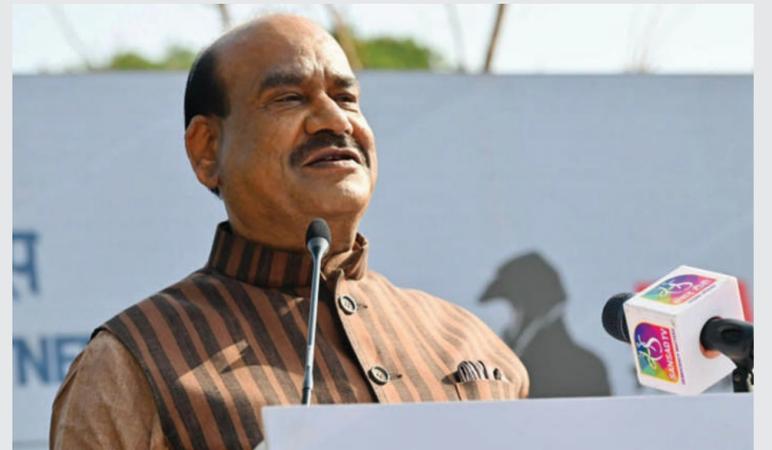
opportunity to raise other important public matters.

The disruptions also overshadowed legislative work planned for the day, including discussions related to government spending proposals. Despite attempts to resume normal proceedings later, protests continued to dominate the session.

Outside Parliament, Opposition parties also staged demonstrations to highlight what they described as the hardship faced by common people due to the alleged shortage of LPG cylinders. They claimed the government’s assurances about adequate supply did not reflect ground realities in many regions.

Overall, the episode reflects how rising fuel costs and supply concerns have become a major political flashpoint. With both sides unwilling to back down, the LPG issue has emerged as a contentious national debate, affecting parliamentary functioning as well as public discourse.

Opposition Pushes for Debate on West Asia Crisis, Government Says It May Consider



The Opposition has intensified its demand for a detailed parliamentary discussion on the escalating crisis in West Asia, arguing that the conflict has significant implications for India’s economy, energy security, and citizens living abroad. The issue was raised during a meeting of the Business Advisory Committee (BAC), which decides the legislative agenda of Parliament.

During the meeting, Opposition leaders urged the government to allow a full debate in both Houses, particularly focusing on the functioning of the Ministry of External Affairs in light of the ongoing conflict. They stressed that developments in the region could directly affect fuel prices, trade, and the safety of millions of Indians working in Gulf countries.

The government did not immediately commit to a debate but indicated that it could consider the request. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju said he

would consult senior leadership before taking a final decision. Meanwhile, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla suggested that the matter could potentially be discussed under Rule 193, which allows short-duration debates on urgent public issues without a formal vote.

The government, however, offered to schedule discussions on the functioning of other ministries, including Railways, Agriculture, and Home Affairs. Opposition members maintained that the External Affairs portfolio was the most relevant given the geopolitical situation.

The crisis in West Asia has become a major political issue in India due to its potential economic fallout. Rising oil prices, supply disruptions, and instability in shipping routes could have direct consequences for inflation and growth. Additionally, the region hosts a large Indian diaspora, making safety concerns a priority.

The BAC meeting also addressed parliamentary scheduling. Both Houses are set to observe a brief recess for upcoming festivals, after which sessions will resume over a weekend to clear pending legislative business. Among the government’s priorities is the passage of key bills that have been awaiting debate.

Separately, Opposition parties reiterated their demand to revoke the suspension of several MPs who have been protesting outside Parliament for weeks. The Speaker indicated that this issue could be discussed with the government.

Overall, the push for a West Asia debate reflects broader anxieties about the global conflict’s impact on India. While the government has not ruled out a discussion, its cautious stance suggests that the timing and format of any debate will depend on political consensus and legislative priorities.

Why Kharg Island – Iran’s “Crown Jewel” – Is Central to the US-Israel Conflict



Kharg Island, a small but strategically critical landmass in the Persian Gulf, has become a focal point in the ongoing confrontation involving Iran, the United States, and Israel. Though only about 20 square kilometres in size, the island is the backbone of Iran’s oil export system and a crucial link in global energy supply chains.

Situated roughly 28 kilometres off Iran’s Bushehr coast, Kharg serves as the country’s primary oil export terminal. It handles the vast majority of Iran’s crude shipments, making it essential to the nation’s economy and government revenues. The island hosts extensive infrastructure, including massive storage tanks,

pipelines, loading facilities, and ports capable of servicing large oil tankers.

Crude oil from several major offshore and onshore fields is transported to Kharg through a complex pipeline network. Once stored and processed, it is loaded onto tankers bound for international markets. This steady flow of exports generates the financial resources that support Iran’s economy and state operations. Any disruption to this system would significantly weaken the country’s fiscal capacity.

Kharg’s geographical features further enhance its importance. The surrounding waters are deep enough to accommodate supertankers, allowing large

volumes of oil to be shipped efficiently. Much of Iran’s coastline lacks such depth, making alternative export routes less practical. The island’s facilities can handle multiple large vessels at once, reinforcing its role as the nation’s primary energy gateway.

Because of its economic and strategic value, Kharg Island is heavily defended. It has long been considered both Iran’s greatest asset and its most vulnerable target in times of conflict. Damage to the island’s infrastructure or a blockade of its shipping lanes could halt a substantial portion of Iran’s oil exports, with serious consequences for its economy.

The island’s importance extends far beyond Iran’s borders. Disruptions to oil flows from Kharg could tighten global supply, drive up energy prices, and intensify inflation worldwide. Such ripple effects make it a critical concern for international markets and geopolitical stability.

In essence, Kharg Island is far more than a remote outpost—it is the heart of Iran’s oil lifeline and a strategic prize in the broader conflict. Control over or damage to this single location could influence not only Iran’s economic survival but also global energy security, which is why it is often described as the country’s “crown jewel.”

Trump Says US Struck Iran’s Kharg Island in Major Escalation

U.S. President Donald Trump has announced that American forces carried out a significant strike on Iran’s strategically crucial Kharg Island, marking a sharp escalation in the ongoing confrontation involving Iran, the United States, and Israel. Located in the Persian Gulf, the island is widely considered the backbone of Iran’s oil export system and a pillar of its economy.

According to Trump, the operation targeted military installations on the island and was described as highly successful. He claimed that key defense assets were destroyed, weakening Iran’s military presence at one of its most sensitive locations. The strike signals a direct attempt to pressure Tehran while demonstrating U.S. operational reach in the region.

Reports indicate that the attack deliberately avoided oil infrastructure, which handles the majority of Iran’s crude exports. Trump suggested this restraint was intentional but warned that energy facilities could become targets if Iran disrupts shipping in the nearby



Strait of Hormuz — one of the world’s most critical routes for global oil transport.

Kharg Island is regarded as Iran’s economic lifeline, as most of the country’s oil shipments pass through its terminals. A prolonged disruption there could severely damage government revenues, strain the economy, and limit Tehran’s

ability to fund military and state activities.

Analysts view the strike as a calculated signal rather than an attempt to cripple Iran’s economy immediately. By hitting military assets while sparing export facilities, the United States appears to be warning Iran of its capability to escalate further without triggering an instant

shock to global energy markets.

The development has heightened fears of a broader regional conflict. Iran has warned of retaliation and signaled that attacks on its strategic assets could prompt counterstrikes against U.S. interests in the Gulf. Increased military activity in the region has further intensified concerns about a wider war.

Global markets are also watching closely. Any serious disruption to Kharg Island’s operations could reduce oil supply, push prices sharply higher, and fuel inflation worldwide. Given the island’s central role in energy flows, even limited damage has the potential to create ripple effects across economies.

In essence, the strike on Kharg Island represents one of the most consequential developments in the conflict so far. By targeting Iran’s key export hub—while holding back from destroying its oil facilities—the United States has applied significant pressure while leaving room for further escalation if tensions continue to rise.

Dubai Hit Again, US Embassy in Baghdad Targeted as Regional Attacks Escalate

Violence linked to the ongoing Iran-US-Israel conflict has spread across the Middle East, with fresh explosions reported in Dubai and a strike targeting the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad within hours. The incidents highlight the widening scope of the confrontation beyond traditional conflict zones and into major urban and diplomatic centers.

In Dubai, a building in the city’s financial district was damaged after debris from an intercepted aerial threat struck its exterior. Authorities said air defense systems successfully neutralized the incoming object, and the damage was caused by falling fragments rather than a direct impact. This marked the second such incident in less than 24 hours, unsettling residents and causing temporary panic, though no casualties were reported.

Witnesses described loud explosions and vibrations that shook nearby structures, underscoring how even limited physical damage can have a significant psychological effect in a densely populated global business hub. Officials stated that emergency services responded



quickly and the situation was contained.

At nearly the same time, the U.S. Embassy compound in Baghdad came under attack. Security sources indicated that a drone struck within the fortified Green Zone, sending plumes of smoke into the air. Some reports suggested the impact occurred near a helipad inside the complex. The embassy, long con-

sidered one of the most secure diplomatic facilities in the region, has frequently been a target during periods of heightened tension.

The attack is widely viewed as part of a retaliatory pattern against U.S. interests following recent military actions involving Iran and allied groups. Iraq remains a sensitive arena, where various armed factions

operate and where foreign diplomatic missions face persistent security risks.

These incidents come as hostilities intensify across the region, with missile launches, drone strikes, and interceptions reported in multiple countries. Governments have raised alert levels, while civilians face growing uncertainty as violence edges closer to commercial centers and residential areas.

Although the physical damage in both cases appears limited, the strategic implications are significant. Dubai is a major international financial hub, and any threat to its safety carries global economic concerns. Meanwhile, attacks on diplomatic missions represent a direct challenge to international relations and regional stability.

Overall, the near-simultaneous strikes signal a dangerous expansion of the conflict, increasingly affecting civilian infrastructure and foreign interests. Analysts warn that continued escalation could destabilize the broader region and heighten risks for global trade, energy supply, and security.

11 Indians Arrested in US for Staging Fake Robberies to Secure ‘U Visa’



Eleven Indian nationals have been arrested in the United States for allegedly staging fake armed robberies in an attempt to fraudulently obtain immigration benefits under the U-Visa programme. The individuals face federal charges related to conspiracy and visa fraud, which carry serious legal consequences.

Authorities say the group orchestrated a series of staged robberies at businesses such as convenience stores, liquor outlets, and fast-food restaurants. The goal was to allow employees present during the incidents to present themselves as victims of violent crime — a key requirement for eligibility under the U-Visa scheme, which is meant to protect genuine victims who assist law enforcement.

Investigators allege that the crimes were carefully planned to appear authentic. In several cases, a participant posed as an armed robber, entered the establishment with what appeared to be a firearm,

took money from the cash register, and fled. The incidents were deliberately captured on surveillance cameras to create convincing evidence of a violent crime.

To strengthen the illusion, those inside the businesses reportedly delayed calling the police, allowing the staged attacker to escape and reducing suspicion that the event had been prearranged. Officials believe this tactic helped maintain the appearance of a genuine robbery.

The investigation also revealed that some participants allegedly paid money to take part in the scheme so they could later claim victim status. Organizers are accused of distributing funds to business owners who permitted their premises to be used for the staged incidents.

The arrests occurred across multiple U.S. states, reflecting the coordinated nature of the operation. The accused have appeared before federal courts, and further legal proceedings are expected as the case

moves forward. If convicted, the suspects could face significant penalties, including prison terms, fines, and supervised release. Under U.S. law, conspiracy to commit visa fraud is treated as a serious offense, particularly when it involves fabricated crimes and misuse of programs intended to protect vulnerable individuals.

Officials stressed that the allegations highlight how immigration protections designed for genuine victims can be exploited through organized deception. Such schemes not only violate the law but also undermine trust in humanitarian visa programs and divert resources away from legitimate applicants.

Overall, the case underscores the severe consequences of attempting to manipulate immigration systems through fabricated incidents. It also serves as a warning that authorities are actively monitoring and prosecuting efforts to misuse legal protections for personal gain.

Trump’s “Watch What Happens” Warning to Iran After Kharg Island Strike



U.S. President Donald Trump issued a stark warning to Iran following American airstrikes on the country’s crucial oil hub, Kharg Island, signaling a sharp escalation in the ongoing conflict. In a strongly worded message, he told Iranian leaders to “watch what happens,” suggesting that further action could follow if hostilities continue.

Trump claimed that U.S. forces had inflicted severe damage on Iran’s military capabilities, including its navy, air defenses, missile systems, and drone infrastructure. He portrayed the operation as part of a broader campaign aimed at weakening Iran’s ability to sustain military operations and project power in the region.

The strikes reportedly focused on military targets on Kharg Island, which plays a central role in Iran’s oil exports and economic stability. Although the island hosts critical energy infrastructure, the attacks were said to have avoided major oil facilities.

Trump indicated that this restraint was deliberate but warned that such assets could be targeted in the future if Iran interferes with shipping in the nearby Strait of Hormuz — a vital route for global oil supplies.

Kharg Island is widely considered Iran’s economic lifeline, as most of the country’s crude exports pass through its terminals. Any significant disruption there could drastically reduce government revenues and strain the nation’s economy. Because of its strategic importance, the island has long been viewed as both a valuable asset and a potential vulnerability during conflict.

Trump’s remarks also underscored concerns about maritime security in the Persian Gulf. Iran has previously threatened to disrupt commercial traffic through the Strait of Hormuz, and the United States has signaled that any such move could trigger further military action. The warning suggests Washington is attempting to deter

Iran from escalating attacks on shipping or U.S. interests.

The tone of the message was notably aggressive, emphasizing U.S. military strength and readiness to escalate if necessary. Analysts see this as part of a pressure strategy designed to demonstrate dominance while leaving room for additional action depending on Iran’s response.

At the same time, such rhetoric has heightened fears of retaliation and a broader regional conflict. Increased military deployments and heightened alert levels across the Middle East reflect concerns that the confrontation could intensify further.

In essence, the “watch what happens” warning highlights the volatile state of the crisis. By combining direct military action with strong rhetoric, the United States has signaled both resolve and willingness to escalate, keeping the region on edge as tensions continue to rise.

Smallcap Index Defies Weakness in Individual Stocks

India's smallcap segment has shown notable resilience, outperforming key benchmark indices even as many individual stocks recorded sharp declines of 10-22 percent. This contrast highlights how an index can remain stable—or even advance—despite significant losses across a large portion of its constituents.

During the period, broader market sentiment remained uncertain, with large-cap benchmarks weighed down by global concerns, profit-taking, and sector-specific pressures. In comparison, the smallcap index held up relatively well. Strong gains in a limited number of stocks helped offset steep corrections in others, allowing the overall index to stay buoyant.

Market experts explain that this divergence is typical of the smallcap universe. Unlike large-cap indices, which are heavily influenced by a few dominant companies, smallcap indices consist of numerous smaller firms spread across diverse sectors. Because of this structure, strong rallies in select stocks can compensate for widespread declines, masking underlying weakness in market breadth.

Sectoral performance played a crucial role in shaping outcomes. Companies in industries with strong growth prospects or earnings visibility attracted investor interest, pushing some stocks sharply



higher. At the same time, firms facing operational challenges, valuation concerns, or cyclical headwinds experienced heavy selling. Profit-taking after earlier rallies also contributed to sudden corrections in several counters.

Domestic institutional participation provided additional support to the segment. Long-term investors often view smallcap companies as future growth leaders, maintaining exposure even during volatile phases. This sustained interest helped prevent a deeper fall in the index despite turbulence at

the stock level.

However, analysts warn that index resilience should not be mistaken for uniform strength across the sector. Performance dispersion within smallcaps remains extremely high, meaning investors may face significant gains or losses depending on stock selection. Factors such as limited liquidity, higher volatility, and sensitivity to economic cycles can amplify both upside and downside moves.

Valuation concerns also linger after the strong run-up seen in previous periods. When expectations are high, even minor

disappointments in earnings or guidance can trigger sharp sell-offs. As a result, corrections in individual stocks can be swift and severe.

In essence, the smallcap index's ability to outperform broader benchmarks despite steep declines in many stocks underscores the dual nature of this segment. While it offers substantial growth potential, it also carries elevated risk. Careful research, diversification, and a long-term perspective remain essential for investors navigating the unpredictable smallcap space.

SEBI Chief Warns of Growing Tension Between Market Speed and Stability

SEBI Chairman Tuhin Kanta Pandey has highlighted a key challenge facing regulators today: balancing the lightning-fast pace of modern financial markets with the need to maintain long-term stability. Speaking at a major financial summit, he noted that technological advances and the instant spread of information have dramatically transformed market behavior.

According to Pandey, news now travels within seconds, opinions circulate rapidly through digital platforms, and markets react almost immediately. This compressed reaction time can intensify volatility, making it harder for regulators to ensure orderly functioning while allowing markets to remain efficient and competitive.

He pointed out that India's capital markets have expanded significantly in size, depth, and participation over recent years. Greater retail involvement, stronger institutional presence, and broader sector representation have contributed to this growth. However, increased scale also means greater exposure to global developments. Economic shocks, geopolitical tensions, or policy changes in other countries



can quickly influence domestic markets due to growing financial interconnectedness.

Pandey also emphasized the impact of new technologies such as algorithmic trading, artificial intelligence, and advanced analytics. These tools enable high-frequency decision-making and large-volume transactions, accelerating market movements. While such innovations improve efficiency and liquidity, they can

also amplify sudden price swings, especially during uncertain periods.

Despite these risks, he expressed confidence in the resilience of India's financial system. Strong regulatory frameworks, improved market infrastructure, and diversified participation have helped markets withstand episodes of global volatility. Nonetheless, he stressed that maintaining investor confidence

requires continuous vigilance and adaptive policymaking.

The SEBI chief also cautioned investors against reacting impulsively to short-term market fluctuations. Volatility, he said, is an inherent feature of dynamic markets and often increases during periods of global uncertainty. History shows that markets typically stabilize over time, rewarding those who remain patient and focused on long-term fundamentals rather than short-term noise.

Looking ahead, Pandey underscored the need for further strengthening of financial markets, including the development of deeper bond markets and expanded institutional participation. Sustainable growth, he suggested, will depend not only on speed and innovation but also on safeguards that protect stability and transparency.

In summary, his remarks reflect a central dilemma of modern finance: as markets become faster, more complex, and more interconnected, regulators must ensure that efficiency does not undermine stability. Achieving this balance will be crucial for preserving trust and supporting the continued evolution of India's capital markets.

Indian Markets Post Sharpest Weekly Drop in Nearly Four Years as Rupee Slides to Record Low

Indian equity markets recorded their steepest weekly decline in almost four years, shaken by intense global uncertainty, rising crude oil prices, and heavy selling pressure. Benchmark indices tumbled throughout the week, reflecting a sharp shift in investor sentiment toward caution and risk aversion.

The downturn was broad-based, with losses seen across most sectors. Investors reduced exposure amid concerns over inflation, slowing global growth, and persistent foreign fund outflows. The correction wiped out substantial market value, highlighting the scale of the sell-off and the fragile mood prevailing on Dalal Street.

A major trigger behind the decline was escalating geopolitical tensions in West Asia, which pushed crude oil prices sharply higher. For an oil-import-dependent economy like India, rising energy costs raise fears of higher inflation, increased fiscal strain, and pressure on corporate profitability. These concerns weighed heavily on equities and prompted sustained selling throughout the week.

At the same time, the Indian



rupee weakened dramatically, hitting a new all-time low against the US dollar. The currency's fall reflected strong demand for dollars, capital outflows, and worries about the country's external balance as import bills rise with costlier oil. The depreciation added another layer of stress to financial markets.

A weaker rupee can have wide-

ranging economic consequences. It increases the cost of imports, fuels inflation, and can squeeze corporate margins, particularly for companies dependent on foreign inputs. Currency weakness may also deter foreign investors, further amplifying market volatility and creating a negative cycle for equities.

Sector-wise, energy-sensitive industries, financial stocks, and

other cyclical sectors faced the brunt of selling pressure. Defensive segments offered limited support, but overall market breadth remained weak, indicating that declines were widespread rather than confined to a few large companies.

Market participants noted that such sharp corrections often occur during periods of global instability. Sudden movements in oil prices, exchange rates, and geopolitical developments can rapidly alter risk perceptions and trigger large capital shifts across markets.

Despite the severity of the fall, analysts believe volatility could persist in the near term as investors closely monitor global developments, commodity trends, and currency movements. Stability in these areas will be crucial for restoring confidence.

In essence, the week represented one of the toughest phases for Indian markets in recent years. A combination of geopolitical risks, soaring crude prices, foreign outflows, and a sharply depreciating rupee created a perfect storm that drove equities lower and heightened uncertainty about the near-term outlook.

Wall Street Falls, Records Weekly Loss as Iran Conflict Fuels Inflation Concerns



U.S. stock markets ended lower and posted a weekly decline as escalating fears of rising inflation and slower economic growth. Investors remained cautious throughout the week, closely monitoring developments that could disrupt global energy supplies and push oil prices higher.

All three major indices—the Dow Jones Industrial Average, S&P 500, and Nasdaq—finished in negative territory. The technology-heavy Nasdaq saw the steepest drop, dragged down by losses in major tech stocks, while overall market sentiment stayed fragile amid uncertainty about the conflict's potential economic impact.

Surging crude oil prices were a central driver of the sell-off. The conflict has raised concerns about disruptions to supply routes in the Middle East, particularly through key shipping channels vital to global oil distribution. As prices climbed sharply, investors worried that higher energy costs would feed

into broader inflation, squeezing consumers and businesses alike.

Rising inflation fears also complicated expectations around interest rates. If price pressures intensify, central banks may delay or scale back potential rate cuts, keeping borrowing costs elevated for longer. This prospect dampened risk appetite and prompted investors to shift toward safer assets, leading to widespread selling in equities.

Market movements were closely tied to fluctuations in oil prices, with stocks swinging as news about the conflict evolved. Analysts noted that uncertainty over the duration and outcome of the war has amplified volatility, making investors reluctant to take aggressive positions.

Sector-wise, losses were widespread across the market. Technology and financial stocks faced significant pressure, contributing heavily to the decline, while smaller companies also struggled amid risk-off sentiment. In contrast, energy stocks

showed relative resilience, benefiting from higher crude prices.

Beyond equities, the broader economic implications of the conflict added to market anxiety. Sustained increases in oil prices can raise transportation and production costs worldwide, potentially triggering a chain reaction of higher prices across goods and services. Such conditions could weaken consumer spending, compress corporate margins, and slow economic momentum.

Despite the downturn, some market participants believe conditions could stabilize if geopolitical tensions ease or energy prices retreat. However, until there is greater clarity, volatility is expected to remain elevated.

In essence, Wall Street's weekly loss underscores how geopolitical shocks—especially those affecting energy markets—can quickly unsettle global financial systems. With inflation risks rising and uncertainty surrounding the conflict, investors are likely to remain cautious in the near term.

Geopolitical Tensions Rise — But Why Gold Prices Aren't Soaring



Gold is widely regarded as the ultimate safe-haven asset, typically rising sharply during wars, crises, or periods of global uncertainty. Yet despite escalating geopolitical tensions in West Asia, gold prices have not surged as strongly as many investors anticipated. Instead, they have remained relatively range-bound, reflecting a complex mix of opposing forces in the global economy.

A key factor limiting gold's rise is the strength of the U.S. dollar. Because gold is priced globally in dollars, a stronger greenback makes the metal more expensive for buyers using other currencies, reducing international demand. In times of crisis, investors often rush into dollar-denominated assets such as U.S. government bonds, boosting the currency and dampening gold's appeal.

Rising crude oil prices have also influenced the outlook. Higher oil costs increase inflation risks worldwide, which would

normally support gold. However, they also raise expectations that central banks—especially in major economies—will keep interest rates elevated for longer to control inflation. Since gold does not generate interest or dividends, higher rates make yield-bearing investments more attractive, drawing funds away from bullion.

This inverse relationship between interest rates and gold prices has played a major role in keeping gains subdued. As borrowing costs remain high and returns on financial instruments improve, investors are less inclined to hold non-yielding assets, even during uncertain times.

Another reason for gold's muted performance is that it had already delivered a strong rally in the preceding period, touching record levels. After such gains, markets often enter a consolidation phase as traders lock in profits rather than initiate fresh positions. This profit-taking can offset safe-haven buying during

crises. Investor preference for liquidity has also shifted behavior. In highly uncertain environments, market participants may prioritize cash and easily tradable financial assets over commodities. This trend has recently favored the dollar and government securities rather than physical gold.

Looking ahead, gold's direction will depend on how competing factors evolve. A major escalation in conflict, a sharp economic slowdown, or weakening of the dollar could trigger a strong rally. Conversely, persistent inflation combined with high interest rates and a firm dollar may continue to cap gains.

In essence, gold is caught in a tug-of-war between geopolitical risk pushing prices upward and macroeconomic forces pulling them down. Until one side clearly dominates, the metal is likely to remain volatile but not dramatically higher, despite the uncertain global environment.

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Just when the situation seemed overwhelming,



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

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

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

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

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

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

Reflecting on the moment later, the rider said

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

However, she clarified that February was not a

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

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

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

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

spending for February reached approximately Rs 1.43 lakh.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BCCI to Honour Binny, Dravid, Mithali at Annual Gala; Gill, Mandhana Named Top Internationals

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) is set to celebrate the sport's biggest icons and current stars at its prestigious Naman Awards 2026, recognising excellence across Indian cricket. The ceremony will take place in New Delhi and will honour achievements spanning international, domestic, and age-group cricket.

Three legendary figures — Roger Binny, Rahul Dravid, and Mithali Raj — will receive Lifetime Achievement honours for their extraordinary contributions to the game. Binny and Dravid will be presented with the prestigious Col. C. K. Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award, the highest recognition given by the BCCI, while Mithali Raj will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award for Women.

Binny, a key member of India's 1983 World Cup-winning team, is being recognised not only for his playing career but also for his long service as a



coach, selector, and administrator. Dravid, widely regarded as one of India's greatest batsmen and mentors, has played a pivotal role in shaping modern Indian cricket both as a player and as a coach at various levels. Mithali Raj, meanwhile, is celebrated for transforming women's cricket in India and leading the national team to unprecedented

global prominence.

A major highlight of the event will be the recognition of all five Indian teams that have recently won ICC trophies, marking an extraordinary period of success for Indian cricket across formats and age groups. This includes triumphs by senior men's and women's teams as well as youth squads.

Current stars will also be honoured. Shubman Gill has been named Best Men's International Cricketer for the 2024-25 season, reflecting his outstanding performances across formats. Smriti Mandhana will receive the corresponding award in the women's category after another stellar year with the bat.

The annual Naman Awards serve as the BCCI's flagship celebration of cricketing excellence, recognising both past legends and present performers. By honouring icons alongside current stars, the ceremony highlights the continuity of India's cricketing legacy — from pioneers who built the foundation to players carrying the game forward today.

Overall, the event underscores the depth of talent and history within Indian cricket, celebrating achievements that have shaped the sport's growth and global stature while inspiring the next generation of players.

Saina Nehwal Warns BWF Over Proposed Scoring Change



Indian badminton legend Saina Nehwal has urged the Badminton World Federation (BWF) to proceed cautiously with its proposed overhaul of the sport's scoring system, warning that the move could alter badminton's core character.

The governing body is considering replacing the current best-of-three games to 21 points format with a shorter 3x15 system. A final decision is expected at an upcoming annual meeting. Nehwal cautioned that such a major shift should not be rushed, emphasizing that the existing system has stood the test of time and helped shape the modern game.

According to the Olympic medalist, the 21-point format preserves badminton's intensity, endurance, and competitive balance — qualities that define elite-level play. She noted that many iconic matches derive their drama from sustained physical and mental battles, which might be diminished if games become significantly shorter.

Nehwal stressed that any change must ensure rallies remain high in quality and that the overall standard of competition does not decline. Shorter games, she suggested, could reduce the physical grind that often separates top athletes from the rest, potentially making outcomes more unpredictable but less demanding.

Beyond the scoring debate, she also raised concerns about player welfare.

The international badminton calendar is already packed, with top players competing almost year-round. Limited recovery time, she said, increases the risk of injuries, fatigue, and burnout — issues that can shorten careers and affect performance.

The former world No. 1 called for better scheduling, more recovery windows between major tournaments, and stronger support in areas such as sports science and rehabilitation. In her view, protecting athletes' health should remain a priority alongside efforts to make the sport faster or more appealing to audiences.

Nehwal also praised the emerging generation of Indian shuttlers, noting that long-term success at the highest level depends on fitness, discipline, tactical awareness, and mental resilience over an extended season. While acknowledging that the sport must evolve, she maintained that changes should strengthen—not dilute—its competitive spirit.

Overall, her remarks reflect a broader debate within badminton: whether shorter formats can boost entertainment value without compromising the sport's physical demands and traditional identity. As the BWF considers its decision, Nehwal's warning underscores the need to balance innovation with the qualities that have made badminton one of the fastest and most demanding racquet sports in the world.

Sourav Ganguly Warns Gautam Gambhir — Says His “Real Test” Is Still Ahead

Former India captain Sourav Ganguly has issued a clear caution to India head coach Gautam Gambhir despite the team's recent success under his leadership. While acknowledging Gambhir's achievements, Ganguly stressed that the toughest challenge is yet to come.

Under Gambhir's coaching, India has enjoyed an impressive run in international cricket, securing major ICC titles and building strong momentum across formats. These accomplishments have drawn widespread praise and quickly established him as a successful coach. However, Ganguly believes that success in shorter tournaments alone does not fully define a coach's legacy.

According to Ganguly, Gambhir's “real test” will be the 50-over ICC Cricket World Cup in 2027, scheduled to be held in South Africa. He noted that conditions there—particularly pitches, bounce, pace, and weather—are vastly different from those in the subcontinent



and will present a serious challenge for the team.

The former skipper emphasized that sustained performance in major global tournaments, especially in demanding overseas conditions, is what ultimately determines greatness. India has come close to World Cup success in recent years but has fallen short at crucial stages,

making the upcoming edition especially significant.

Ganguly also suggested that the tournament could be a defining moment for several senior players, potentially representing one of their final opportunities to capture a 50-over World Cup title. This adds extra pressure on the coaching staff to assemble a balanced squad capable of

adapting to unfamiliar conditions while maintaining consistency.

At the same time, Ganguly expressed confidence in Gambhir's capabilities. He described him as a strong leader with a talented pool of players at his disposal, indicating that success is achievable if preparation and execution are handled effectively. His remarks were widely interpreted as constructive guidance rather than criticism.

In essence, Ganguly's message is that triumphs in other formats are important, but winning the ODI World Cup—particularly in challenging foreign conditions—remains the ultimate benchmark in international cricket. The 2027 tournament will test strategy, squad depth, adaptability, and mental resilience on the biggest stage.

For Gambhir, the warning serves as both pressure and motivation. The next World Cup cycle could determine whether his tenure is remembered as merely successful or truly historic.

“Wasn't Saying Nice Things”: Salman Agha Opens Up on Controversial Run-Out Row



Pakistan all-rounder Salman Ali Agha has spoken out after a heated on-field incident that sparked widespread debate about the “spirit of cricket” during an ODI against Bangladesh. The controversy centered on his unusual run-out by Bangladesh captain Mehdi Hasan Miraz, which divided opinions among players and fans alike.

The dismissal occurred when a defensive shot from Mohammad Rizwan trickled toward Agha at the non-striker's end. The ball struck Agha's pad and bat, and believing the play had effectively ended, he stepped out of his crease to pick it up and return it. At that moment, Miraz rushed in, grabbed the ball first, and threw it at the stumps while Agha was outside his ground. The appeal was upheld, and he was given out under the laws of the game.

Although technically legal, the incident triggered a fierce debate about sportsmanship. Agha later said he was caught off guard and did not expect a run-out attempt in that situation, as he assumed the ball was dead after making contact with him. He maintained that he had no intention of attempting a run.

The Pakistani player also revealed that tempers flared im-

mediately afterward. Reflecting on the confrontation, he admitted that harsh words were exchanged between players from both teams. He acknowledged that neither side was particularly polite, describing the exchange as something that happened in the heat of the moment.

Despite his frustration, Agha accepted that the dismissal was within the rules. However, he indicated that he personally might have handled the situation differently, emphasizing the importance many players still place on the traditional spirit of the game.

The incident quickly became one of the most talked-about moments of the match, overshadowing other on-field action. It also reignited long-running debates in cricket about the balance between strict adherence to the rules and the unwritten code of fair play.

In essence, Agha's remarks reflect both disappointment and acceptance — acknowledging the legality of the decision while questioning its sportsmanship. The episode highlights how split-second decisions in high-pressure international cricket can spark controversies that extend far beyond the boundary line.

Suresh Raina Urges CSK to Change Sanju Samson's Role Ahead of IPL 2026



Former India star Suresh Raina has advised Chennai Super Kings to alter Sanju Samson's batting role for the 2026 season of the Indian Premier League, suggesting the wicketkeeper-batter should bat at No. 3 rather than open the innings.

Samson joins CSK after a high-profile move and is coming off a strong run of form, including impressive performances in T20 cricket as an opener. However, Raina believes the team would benefit more if he anchors the innings at one-down, providing stability between the top order and middle order.

According to Raina, CSK should open with captain Ruturaj Gaikwad and young batter Ayush Mahre, allowing Samson to walk in at No. 3. This, he argues, would create a balanced batting structure and ensure an experienced presence at a crucial position.

He also outlined a potential lineup in which aggressive players such as Dewald Brevis and Shivam Dube could follow Samson, forming a powerful middle order capable of accelerating after a steady start.

Beyond batting, Raina suggested that Samson

should take over primary wicketkeeping duties for the franchise. This recommendation points toward a gradual transition from veteran keeper MS Dhoni, who remains an influential figure but is in the later stage of his playing career.

Samson's arrival represents a major step in CSK's squad evolution as the franchise looks to build a new core while maintaining its traditional balance of experience and youth.

Raina's advice reflects a tactical approach: using Samson's versatility not just for explosive starts but for controlling the tempo of the innings. Batting at No. 3 often requires adaptability — consolidating early if wickets fall or accelerating if the openers provide a strong platform.

Ultimately, the suggestion highlights CSK's strategic dilemma — whether to maximize Samson's attacking instincts at the top or deploy him as a stabilizing force in the middle. If implemented, the change could significantly shape the team's batting dynamics in IPL 2026 and influence their chances of mounting another title challenge.

14-Year-Old Vaibhav Sooryavanshi Gets Big Warning Ahead of IPL 2026



Teen prodigy Vaibhav Sooryavanshi has received a strong reality check ahead of the 2026 season of the Indian Premier League, with former India cricketer Robin Uthappa cautioning that the youngster may struggle to replicate his sensational debut campaign.

Sooryavanshi stunned the cricket world last season by becoming the youngest player in IPL history and delivering extraordinary performances for Rajasthan Royals. At just 14, he smashed records, including a blistering century in only 35 balls and an explosive strike rate across the tournament — feats that instantly made him one of the most talked-about young talents in the sport.

However, Uthappa believes the upcoming season will be far tougher. He noted that while the teenager is immensely gifted, he appeared to be “riding his luck” at times during his breakout run. With bowlers now having studied his technique and shot selection, opponents are expected to target his weaknesses more systematically.

The former international also pointed out that the element of surprise — which often benefits newcomers — has largely disappeared. According to him, teams now have data, video analysis, and tactical plans specifically designed to counter the young batter, making adaptation crucial for surviv-

ing at the elite level.

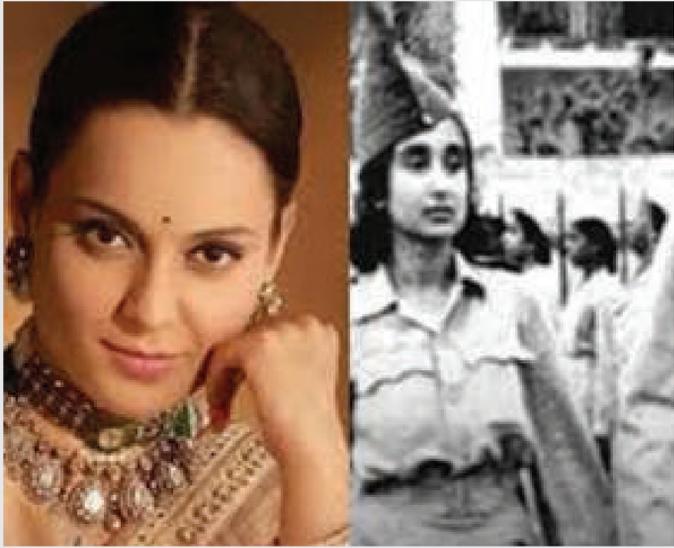
Despite the warning, Uthappa did not dismiss Sooryavanshi's potential. He predicted that the youngster will still score runs but suggested that the season will serve as a vital learning phase rather than another record-shattering campaign. Such early challenges, he said, are essential for long-term development.

Sooryavanshi's rise has been extraordinary. From becoming the youngest IPL signing to producing fearless batting displays against seasoned international bowlers, he has already achieved milestones that many players take years to reach. His debut season numbers confirmed him as a rare prodigy capable of dominating even the world's best attacks.

Experts widely agree that the biggest challenge now is consistency. Young players often experience fluctuations once opponents decode their game, making the second season a true test of skill, temperament, and adaptability under pressure.

Ultimately, the message is clear: raw talent brought Sooryavanshi instant fame, but sustained success will depend on how he evolves. IPL 2026 could prove a defining chapter — either cementing his status as a future superstar or exposing the inevitable growing pains of a teenager competing at the highest level.

Kangana Ranaut to Play Spy Neera Arya in Upcoming Biopic



Bollywood actor Kangana Ranaut is set to portray legendary freedom fighter and spy Neera Arya in a new biographical film, marking another major milestone in her career. The project aims to bring to life the extraordinary story of a woman who played a crucial role in India's struggle for independence.

Neera Arya, an enigmatic figure in India's freedom movement, was known for her courage, intelligence, and deep commitment to the cause. She operated as an undercover agent during the fight against British rule and is remembered for her daring missions and sacrifices. Despite her significant contributions, her story has largely remained untold on the big screen — a gap this biopic intends to fill.

Kangana's selection for the role has created a buzz in the film community, with many lauding her dramatic skills and her ability to embody complex, strong-willed characters. According to insiders, the actor has already begun preparing intensely for the part, studying Neera Arya's life, mannerisms, and historical context to deliver an authentic performance.

The film is expected to delve into Arya's early life, her recruitment into the freedom struggle, and her transformation into a key operative within the resistance. It will likely explore her undercover missions, the challenges she faced

in a male dominated movement, and her steadfast resolve in the face of adversity.

While production details, including the director and release date, have not yet been officially confirmed, sources indicate that the makers are aiming for a release that aligns with significant national anniversaries related to India's independence movement. The biopic is being positioned as both a tribute to Neera Arya and an inspiring tale of bravery and patriotism.

Kangana, known for her strong on screen presence and penchant for real life portrayals, has previously taken on roles that highlight powerful women. Her involvement in this project underscores her ongoing interest in stories with historical and cultural resonance.

The announcement has generated excitement among audiences eager to see a lesser known chapter of India's freedom history immortalised on film. If successful, the biopic could shed light on a remarkable figure whose contributions deserve wider recognition, while also reinforcing Kangana's reputation as an actor willing to tackle challenging and meaningful roles.

Overall, the project holds the promise of combining compelling storytelling with historical significance, offering both entertainment and education to viewers.

Raashii Khanna Fires Back at Criticism Over Dress Choice



Tollywood actress Raashii Khanna has responded firmly to online criticism about her outfit choice at a recent public event, making it clear that fashion preferences are personal and not open to unwelcome judgment.

The controversy began when photos of Raashii in a stylish dress went viral on social media. While many fans praised her look, some commentators questioned her fashion sense and offered unsolicited opinions about what she should or should not wear. The remarks sparked a wave of debate among netizens, with supporters quickly defending her right to choose her own style.

In response, Raashii addressed her critics with confidence, emphasising that personal fashion is a matter of individual expression. She highlighted that clothing choices reflect personal taste and comfort, and that no one should feel obligated to conform to narrow expectations or unwritten rules about how women — or public figures — should dress.

Her reply resonated with many followers, who applauded her stance on self-expression and body positivity. Several fans shared supportive comments

online, saying that actors and actresses should be free to wear what they like without fear of criticism or judgment.

Raashii's handling of the situation was widely described as graceful yet assertive, balancing respect for her audience with a clear message about self-confidence. It also reignited broader conversations about how celebrities are often subjected to intense scrutiny over appearance, far beyond what is expected of public figures in other professions.

The debate echoes a larger cultural shift, where society increasingly questions outdated norms around fashion, gender, and personal autonomy. Many see Raashii's reaction not just as a defence of her wardrobe choice, but as part of a larger movement encouraging individuals to embrace authenticity without shame.

Ultimately, the episode strengthened her connection with fans who admire both her on screen work and her outspoken approach to issues involving personal freedom and respect. It also served as a reminder that fashion, like art, is subjective — and that criticism should never overshadow creativity or self-expression.

Adah Sharma Turns Antihero in Super Velli

Actress Adah Sharma is set to appear in a bold new avatar in the upcoming Bollywood film Super Velli, where she will play an antihero — a departure from her earlier roles.

In the action drama, Adah's character is complex, layered, and morally ambiguous, marking a significant shift from conventional protagonists. The role is being touted as one of her most challenging yet, requiring intense preparation and a strong screen presence. Industry insiders say the character blends shades of grey, making it both unpredictable and intriguing for audiences.

According to the filmmakers, Super Velli will combine stylish action with gripping drama, and Adah's antihero turn is expected to be one of the film's highlights. Directors and writers worked closely with her to shape nuances in the character that go beyond typical "good vs bad" portrayals.



Fans and critics are already expressing buzz over promotional stills and glimpses released by the production team, which hint at a gritty and visually striking look for her role. Adah's transformation — from costume, makeup, and attitude to dialogue delivery — has been widely

praised on social media, increasing anticipation for the film.

Super Velli is reportedly still in its production stages, with shooting progressing in key locations. The makers are focusing on creating a distinct cinematic style, emphasizing strong performances and detailed world

building to support the narrative's darker tones.

Adah Sharma, who has previously been seen in a mix of genres including horror, thriller, and masala entertainers, says she was drawn to the project because it allowed her to explore uncharted emotional territory. In interviews, she has described the role as one that offered her a chance to break typecasting and showcase versatility.

While an official release date has not yet been announced, expectations are building as updates continue to flow from the set. If Super Velli delivers on its promise, Adah's performance could become a defining moment in her career and a standout role in contemporary Hindi cinema.

Overall, the film is shaping up to be one of the more intriguing Bollywood projects in the pipeline, especially for viewers eager to see established stars in unconventional roles.

Rashmika Mandanna's "Cocktail 2" Set for June 19 Release

The upcoming Bollywood film Rashmika Mandanna in a lead role, titled Cocktail 2, is scheduled to hit theatres worldwide on June 19, 2026. The announcement has generated strong excitement among fans, as the movie serves as a sequel to the popular 2012 romantic drama that was a major box-office success.

Directed by Homi Adajania, the film brings together a fresh star cast including Shahid Kapoor and Kriti Sanon alongside Rashmika. The trio's pairing has sparked curiosity, as the sequel aims to recreate the emotional drama and modern relationship themes that made the original film memorable.

The makers recently unveiled first-look posters showcasing the three lead actors, offering a glimpse of their stylish characters and the film's contemporary tone. These visuals suggest a story centered on romance, friendship, and complex relationships, staying true to the spirit of the earlier installment while introducing a new narrative.

To build anticipation, the film's first teaser is set to premiere in theatres ahead of another major release, giving audi-



ences an early preview of what to expect. This strategy is often used for big-ticket Bollywood projects to maximize reach and excitement before the main release.

Produced by Maddock Films, the project completed principal photography earlier this year. The team has since moved into post-production, focusing on ed-

iting, music, and other finishing touches to prepare the film for its summer release window.

"Cocktail 2" is widely seen as one of the most anticipated romantic entertainers of 2026. Industry observers expect the film to appeal particularly to younger audiences due to its urban setting, stylish presentation, and star power.

With a popular franchise name, a high-profile cast, and a prime release date, the movie is positioned as a major summer attraction. If audience response matches expectations, it could emerge as one of the season's biggest box-office performers and further strengthen Rashmika Mandanna's presence in Bollywood.

"Peddi" Post-Production Work in Full Swing



The upcoming Telugu film Peddi, starring Ram Charan, has entered an intensive post-production phase as the makers race to complete work ahead of its scheduled release.

Directed by Buchi Babu Sana, the film has already generated significant buzz due to its high-profile cast and large production scale. Following the completion of principal photography, technical teams are now focused on editing, visual effects, sound design, and background scoring to shape the final version of the movie.

Reports indicate that post-production activities are progressing rapidly across multiple departments simultaneously. The filmmakers are prioritizing visual quality and technical polish, suggesting that the project will feature grand visuals and a cinematic presentation suited for big-screen viewing.

Music for the film is being composed by Academy Award winner A. R. Rahman, which has further heightened expectations. His involvement signals a major emphasis on the film's soundtrack and background score, both considered crucial elements in large-scale commercial entertainers.

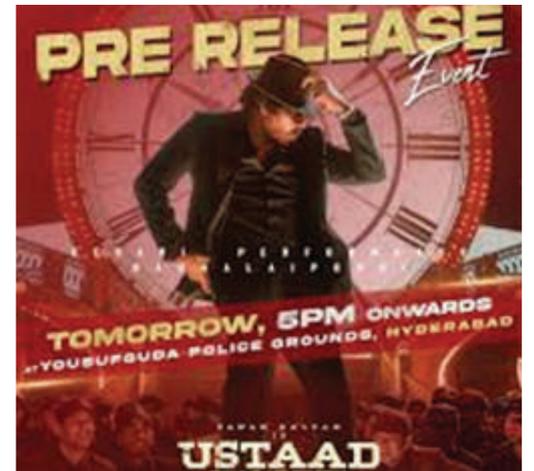
"Peddi" also stars Janhvi Kapoor and Kannada superstar Shiva Rajkumar in key roles, adding pan-Indian appeal to the project. The combination of stars from different industries is expected to widen the film's reach across multiple language markets.

Industry observers believe the film could be one of the biggest releases of the year for Telugu cinema. The production team is reportedly planning an extensive promotional campaign once post-production nears completion, including teaser launches, music releases, and large public events.

The movie is being mounted on a grand scale, with emphasis on action sequences, emotional storytelling, and strong character arcs. Given Ram Charan's popularity following recent blockbuster successes, expectations among fans are extremely high.

If the current pace continues, the film is expected to be ready well in time for its planned theatrical release. With its star power, technical backing, and large budget, "Peddi" is shaping up to be a major cinematic event and a significant milestone in Ram Charan's career.

"Ustaad Bhagat Singh" Pre-Release Event on March 15 in Hyderabad



The makers of the upcoming Telugu action film Ustaad Bhagat Singh have announced a grand pre-release event on March 15, 2026, as part of the final promotional push ahead of the movie's theatrical release.

The event will be held at the Police Grounds in Yousufguda, Hyderabad, and is expected to begin in the evening, drawing thousands of fans. Organizers are planning the function on a massive scale, anticipating a huge turnout given the popularity of the film's lead star Pawan Kalyan.

Pawan Kalyan, along with the film's cast and crew, will attend the event, with his speech likely to be the main attraction of the evening. Extensive security arrangements are expected due to the anticipated crowd, as fan enthusiasm around the project is exceptionally high.

Directed by Harish Shankar, the film has generated strong buzz through teasers, songs, and promotional content released in recent weeks. The

pre-release celebration is expected to further boost excitement before the movie hits theatres.

Large-scale pre-release events play a key role in Telugu film promotions, especially for star-driven projects. With Pawan Kalyan's massive fan base, the gathering is expected to resemble a festival atmosphere rather than a conventional film function.

The movie is scheduled for a worldwide theatrical release on March 19, 2026, coinciding with the Ugadi festival. It features Pawan Kalyan in a powerful police officer role and is produced on a high budget, with music composed by Devi Sri Prasad.

Overall, the pre-release event marks the final countdown for one of the most anticipated Telugu films of the year. If fan turnout matches expectations, the function could become one of the biggest promotional events in recent Tollywood history, setting the stage for a high-energy box-office opening.