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Tensions in the Middle East escalated dramatically after Israel launched a major military strike against Iran, triggering swift retaliation and sending shockwaves across the Gulf region. The rapidly unfolding crisis has raised global alarm, with fears mounting of a broader regional conflict involving multiple states.

According to official statements, the Israeli operation targeted Iranian military and nuclear-linked facilities. U.S. President Donald Trump publicly stated that the strikes were aimed at preventing Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons, describing Tehran's capabilities as an "imminent threat" to regional and global security. Washington expressed political support for Israel's actions, framing the strike as a defensive necessity amid growing intelligence concerns.

Iran strongly condemned the attack, calling it an act of aggression and vowing immediate retaliation. Within hours, Iranian forces launched waves of ballistic missiles toward key locations across the Gulf. Air defense systems were activated in several countries as projectiles crossed regional airspace, prompting emergency alerts and civilian shelter advisories.

Explosions were reported near major cities including Abu Dhabi, Doha, and Riyadh. While many incoming missiles were reportedly intercepted, falling debris and shockwaves caused damage in urban areas. Officials confirmed casualties in some locations, though full figures remain under assessment as emergency crews continue response operations.

One of the most devastating developments emerged from Iran, where local au-

thorities reported that a strike hit a girls' school during the Israeli operation. Iranian officials stated that 85 people were killed in the incident, most of them students. However, casualty numbers have yet to be independently verified by international observers. Images circulating on regional media showed damaged buildings and emergency responders pulling victims from rubble, intensifying global concern over civilian harm.

The crisis rapidly disrupted aviation and commercial activity throughout the Gulf. Airspace across several countries was temporarily closed amid fears of additional missile launches. In the United Arab Emirates, authorities evacuated prominent landmarks including the Burj Khalifa as a precautionary measure following air raid alerts. Panic buying and traffic congestion were

reported in parts of Dubai as residents sought safety indoors.

Operations at Dubai International Airport were suspended, stranding thousands of passengers and forcing airlines to reroute international flights. Similar disruptions affected airports across the region as carriers scrambled to adjust flight paths away from conflict zones. Financial markets reacted sharply, with oil prices surging amid fears of prolonged instability in one of the world's most critical energy corridors.

Regional governments, including United Arab Emirates, Qatar, and Saudi Arabia, condemned attacks on their territories while urging restraint from all sides. Leaders emphasized the need for de-escalation and warned that further strikes could drag the wider Middle East into open warfare.

Inside Iran, Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei was reportedly moved to a secure location as a precaution amid concerns of additional Israeli operations targeting senior leadership or strategic command centers. Iranian state media broadcast messages of defiance, promising that retaliation would continue if attacks persisted.

International reaction has been swift. The United Nations called for an emergency Security Council meeting, while European and Asian governments urged immediate diplomatic engagement to prevent further bloodshed. Analysts warn that direct confrontation between Israel and Iran carries unpredictable consequences, particularly given the involvement of regional allies and the strategic importance of Gulf shipping lanes.

Military experts note that

both nations possess advanced missile capabilities, raising fears that continued exchanges could overwhelm defense systems and increase civilian casualties. The potential for cyberattacks, proxy engagements, and disruptions to oil infrastructure adds additional layers of risk.

As the situation evolves hour by hour, uncertainty dominates the region. Civilians across multiple countries remain on high alert, while diplomatic channels work urgently behind the scenes to contain the crisis. Whether this confrontation remains limited or expands into a broader regional war may depend on the next decisions taken in Jerusalem, Tehran, and Washington.

For now, the Middle East stands at one of its most volatile moments in recent years, with the world watching closely as events unfold.

Land Remains With Sharada Peetham: CM Decided



The land issue concerning the Kokapet Sharada Peetham has gained fresh attention in Telangana after Chief Minister Revanth Reddy took a significant decision regarding its allocation. The Chief Minister has cancelled the land allotment that was previously made to the Water Board and ordered that the land

should continue to remain with Sharada Peetham. The decision came after the state government conducted a review of the land matter. Reports suggest that the Chief Minister expressed dissatisfaction over the lack of clarity provided by officials regarding the current status of constructions and land usage. He reportedly questioned why complete and updated de-

tails were not furnished to the government despite the sensitivity of the issue. According to sources, Revanth Reddy made it clear that transparency and proper documentation are essential in matters involving land allocations, especially when they concern religious institutions. The government has taken the Kokapet land issue seriously and is closely examining

the history of the allotment, its intended purpose, and whether it has been used accordingly. The Chief Minister also directed representatives of Sharada Peetham to meet Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu and provide comprehensive details regarding the land. These details are expected to include ownership records, previous government orders, the purpose

of allocation, and the present status of development or construction on the site. Officials who failed to provide up-to-date information reportedly faced the Chief Minister's displeasure. He emphasized that the government must be fully informed before making any decisions related to public or institutional land. The administration is now expected to prepare a detailed report

clarifying all aspects of the Kokapet land matter. The cancellation of the Water Board's land allotment has sparked political discussion in the state. Supporters of Sharada Peetham have welcomed the decision, stating that the land rightfully belongs to the institution. Meanwhile, others are calling for greater clarity from the government regarding future use and regu-

lation of the property. Overall, the move signals the Telangana government's firm stance on maintaining transparency and accountability in land-related decisions. The coming days are likely to bring further developments as the government reviews documentation and engages with concerned stakeholders to ensure a lawful and fair resolution to the issue.



Telangana Government to Replace GHMC Act with New Core Urban Act



Hyderabad: The Telangana government has announced a major revamp of urban governance by replacing the existing Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) Act with a new Core Urban Act, aimed at streamlining administration and civic services across the rapidly expanding Hyderabad metropolitan region. The move comes after the state government reorganised the GHMC into three separate municipal corporations — Greater Hyderabad, Cyberabad, and Malkajgiri — to improve decentralised governance and administrative efficiency.

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy instructed senior officials to draft the Core Urban Act, which will provide a unified legal framework covering civic administration, permissions, approvals, fee structures, and development works across the core urban region. The Act is expected to govern sanitation, urban planning, road maintenance, water management, and other municipal functions in a coordinated manner, addressing gaps that existed under the older GHMC framework.

During a recent review meeting with officials from the Municipal Administration and Urban Development (MAUD) department, Revanth Reddy emphasised that the new law should ensure clear accountability and coordination among various municipal agencies. He directed that all city roads within the Core Urban Region be brought under the MAUD department to avoid confusion over maintenance responsibilities and ensure timely upkeep.

The Chief Minister also high-

lighted the importance of public health and safety, instructing authorities to install CCTV cameras in hotel kitchens connected to government control centres, monitor food hygiene, and strengthen fire safety measures in high-rise buildings. Additionally, he urged officials to designate proper sanitation dumping sites, address illegal waste disposal, and establish community water harvesting wells to promote sustainable water conservation practices.

According to government sources, the Core Urban Act will cover areas within and around Hyderabad's Outer Ring Road, encompassing over 10,000 square kilometres of the urban periphery. It aims to bring modernisation and efficiency to civic governance, enhance service delivery and support long-term urban planning as Hyderabad continues to grow rapidly in population and economic importance.

Officials have been instructed to prepare the draft legislation with public welfare as a priority and ensure that it addresses both infrastructural needs and quality of life concerns for citizens. The Telangana government expects the Core Urban Act to be implemented in the near future, replacing the decades-old GHMC Act and creating a framework that is more responsive to the challenges of a modern, fast-growing urban metropolis.

The government's initiative reflects its broader vision to modernise urban governance and make Hyderabad a well-planned, clean, and efficiently managed city, capable of sustaining future economic and population growth.

Work Resumes on SLBC Tunnel in Telangana; 20 Metres Excavated, Says Minister

Hyderabad: After years of delay and being stalled following a collapse in 2025, work on the long pending Srisailem Left Bank Canal Tunnel (SLBC) tunnel project has finally restarted, Telangana Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy announced on Saturday. The minister said that preliminary excavation of around 20 metres has already been completed from the Devarkonda (outlet) side, marking a fresh beginning of tunnelling activities that had remained dormant for years.

The SLBC tunnel — part of the Alimineti Madhava Reddy Project aimed at carrying water by gravity to irrigate drought prone regions and supply drinking water to fluoride affected villages — had been halted after a roof collapse in February 2025 that trapped and killed workers, stalling progress. The tunnel is a critical piece of irrigation infrastructure intended to bring water from the Srisailem reservoir through nearly 44 km of underground passage.

In a review meeting at the State Secretariat, the minister outlined plans for mobilising manpower and specialised equipment to overcome technical and safety challenges deep within the tunnel. Officials have begun using advanced tunnelling methods and observational drilling protocols to ensure safer progress and address historical issues of ventilation and geological difficulties.

Uttam Kumar Reddy noted that works from the inlet side (towards Srisailem) will also begin soon, with preparatory efforts already underway, including additional safety installations and machinery deployment. He said specialised ventilation systems and other enhanced equipment are being brought in to speed up excavation and ensure worker safety.

The minister added that the government targets a break-



through in the tunnel by mid 2027, with full project completion and commissioning expected by June 2028. These timelines reflect renewed commitment after the authorities shifted away from conventional tunnel boring machines, which had been problematic due to complex geological conditions, to more adaptable and safety oriented excavation approaches.

The resumption of work represents a significant boost to one of Telangana's most ambitious irrigation projects, which has faced delays for decades due to technical, geological, and safety setbacks. Once completed, the SLBC tunnel is expected to irrigate over three lakh acres of agricultural land and enhance drinking water supply systems across several districts, strengthening the state's water security and agricultural productivity.

Authorities emphasised that close monitoring and strict safety protocols will govern ongoing tunnelling work to avoid past mishaps and ensure the project fulfils its long term developmental goals.

CM Distributes Compensation to Families of Madina Bus Accident Victims

Hyderabad: Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy on Saturday personally handed over ex gratia compensation to the families of victims who lost their lives in the tragic Madina bus accident in Saudi Arabia. The ceremony was held at the State Secretariat in Hyderabad, providing relief and support to the bereaved families of the 44 residents who died during the pilgrimage in November 2025.

The Madina bus accident, which occurred on November 17, 2025, involved a bus carrying Telangana citizens on religious pilgrimage. The mishap claimed 44 lives and left many families in deep distress, prompting immediate coordination between the Telangana government and authorities in Saudi Arabia. Many of the deceased were residents of Hyderabad and neighbouring districts.

During the event, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy handed over ₹5 lakh ex gratia cheques to each of the 44 families of the deceased and ₹3 lakh to the family of



the one survivor who was injured. While accidents occurring outside India do not usually qualify for government compensation, the Telangana Cabinet approved this special humanitarian measure to ease the suffering of affected families.

Addressing the families, Revanth Reddy expressed solidarity and reassured

them of the government's support during times of grief. He recalled that immediately after the accident, he coordinated with the Central Government and sent officials, including the Minority Welfare Minister, to Madina to oversee relief arrangements and assist families on the ground. He emphasised that the government

is committed to supporting citizens not only in emergencies but also in day-to-day welfare measures.

The Chief Minister cited past interventions, including relief provided to victims of the Nampally fire accident, highlighting the administration's consistent efforts to assist citizens in times of crisis. He urged families to remain

strong and assured them that the government would continue to take steps to ensure their welfare and dignity.

Senior officials and dignitaries were present at the event, including Minority Welfare Minister Mohammad Azharuddin, Government Advisor Shabbir Ali, CM Advisor Vem Narender Reddy, Nampally MLA Mohammed Majid Hussain, and Haj Committee Chairman Khushro Pasha, along with representatives from minority welfare organizations.

With this initiative, the Telangana government has demonstrated a proactive approach toward citizen welfare, particularly in tragic circumstances involving loss of life abroad. The ex gratia payments are expected to provide financial relief and comfort to families coping with the aftermath of the accident. The government reiterated its commitment to citizens' safety, welfare, and support during emergencies, reinforcing public trust and confidence in its responsiveness.

CM Revanth Reddy Launches 99-Day Action Plan to Boost Welfare and Development

Hyderabad: Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy on Saturday directed government officials to fast-track welfare schemes and development activities across the state, unveiling a comprehensive 99-day action plan aimed at administrative efficiency and timely implementation of key initiatives. The directives were issued during a high-level meeting with secretaries and senior bureaucrats at the State Secretariat.

The initiative, titled "Praja Palana - Pragati", will run from March 6 to June 12, 2026, with interim targets set for all departments. Officials have been asked to actively participate, adhere to timelines, and ensure coordination to achieve the programme's objectives. The Chief Minister highlighted urban development, particularly in the Core Urban Region, spanning 10,000 sq km around Hyderabad. Structural reforms, includ-



ing the potential replacement of the existing GHMC Act with a new Core Urban Act, are being considered to improve governance. He also stressed industrial growth, urging officials to focus on the manufacturing sector in the urban periphery to position Telangana as

an industrial hub and a model for economic development.

CM Revanth Reddy instructed departments to maintain comprehensive staff lists, including outsourced personnel, and move toward complete online processing systems to

reduce paperwork and improve transparency. He reiterated the importance of leveraging technology to deliver welfare schemes efficiently, ensuring that genuine beneficiaries receive timely support without any leakages. Education and healthcare were also flagged

as priorities, with plans underway to launch Telangana Public Schools in 100 Assembly constituencies to improve government education standards. Enhancements in hospital services and regional medical data management have been emphasized to strengthen healthcare delivery.

The Chief Minister also stressed digital governance, encouraging the adoption of technology to make public services more accessible and citizen-friendly. He set a target for all government offices to be orderly and clean by June 2, ahead of the state's festival celebrations, urging officials to utilize every opportunity to benefit citizens and fulfill government mandates. Progress on the 99-day action plan will be reviewed in upcoming meetings, including a session with all district collectors scheduled for March 4, ensuring accountability and monitoring of departmental performance.

Telangana Government Launches Statewide Free HPV Vaccination Drive to Prevent Cervical Cancer



Hyderabad: In a major public health initiative, the Telangana government on Saturday launched a statewide Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination drive aimed at preventing cervical cancer among adolescent girls. The campaign, launched in Hyderabad, marks a significant step toward reducing the burden of cervical cancer in the state.

The HPV vaccination drive was formally inaugurated at King Koti Hospital by the state's Health Minister C. Damodar Rajanarasimha in the presence of senior officials. Cervical cancer, one of the leading causes of cancer related deaths among women, accounts for thousands of cases in Telangana every year, health experts noted.

Under the programme, the government will administer free HPV vac-

cine doses to girls aged 14 and below 15 years across the state over the next three months. The initiative is designed to cover approximately 3.5 to 4 lakh girls in the eligible age group, with vaccinations provided at government facilities including general hospitals, area hospitals, community health centres and, later, primary health centres (PHCs).

The Gardasil vaccine — which in private hospitals can cost between ₹3,000 and ₹4,000 per dose — will be given free of cost under this government drive. Medical authorities emphasised that early vaccination significantly reduces the risk of HPV infection, which causes nearly 99.7% of cervical cancer cases.

Speaking at the launch event, Health Minister Rajanarasimha urged parents to ensure that eli-

gible girls receive the vaccine. He highlighted that the programme's primary aim is to safeguard the future health of young girls and significantly cut down the incidence of cervical cancer in the state. Officials said the rollout will continue across public health facilities over the next three months.

Public health experts have welcomed the initiative, noting that vaccinating girls before exposure to HPV is key to effective prevention. The campaign also aligns with a nationwide push to increase HPV immunisation coverage, following the national programme launched by the Government of India to vaccinate millions of girls against human papillomavirus.

The Telangana government's drive represents a proactive effort to combat a preventable but often fatal disease. By making the HPV vaccine widely accessible and free of charge, authorities hope to improve women's health outcomes and reduce future cancer deaths across the state.

ED Attaches Rs 14.63 Crore Assets of Sai Surya Developers in Real Estate Fraud Case

Hyderabad: In a significant crackdown on alleged real estate fraud, the Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has attached immovable properties worth ₹14.63 crore belonging to M/s Sai Surya Developers under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002. The action follows a detailed investigation into large scale cheating in the name of land and plot sales in the city.

The ED's move comes after multiple FIRs were registered by the Telangana Police against Sathish Chandra Gupta, proprietor of Sai Surya Developers, and others for allegedly duping buyers. According to the police chargesheets, Gupta and his associates collected significant sums from investors under the pretext of selling plots in real estate projects but failed to register the land in the buyers' names, causing substantial financial losses.

Investigations revealed that the accused orchestrated a complex fraudulent scheme involving unauthorised land layouts, selling the same plots to multiple buyers and collecting money without valid agreements. They also reportedly issued false assurances of land registration, leading to wrongful gains for themselves while investors were left cheated.

Further scrutiny showed that Gupta and his associates operated numerous bank accounts in their own names, as well as in the names of family members and related entities. The proceeds of crime totaling ₹14.63 crore were collected through cheques, bank transfers, and cash payments, and were allegedly layered via a network of inter account transfers to conceal their origin and nature.

The attached assets include land parcels registered in the name of Sai Surya Developers, marking a decisive step by the Enforcement Directorate to curb fraudulent real estate practices and protect the interests of investors. Enforcement officials have stated that the investigation is ongoing, with efforts continuing to trace additional assets and further unravel the full extent of the alleged money laundering network connected with the case.

The action highlights growing vigilance by law enforcement agencies against real estate scams — incidents that have left many homebuyers and investors vulnerable to exploitation in the booming property market. Authorities have reiterated that stringent measures will be taken to ensure accountability and prevent similar frauds in the future.

CM PLAYING IN THE DIRECTION OF OWAISI BROTHERS: BJP



In a sharp attack on the Telangana government, BJP Legislature Party leader Eleti Maheshwar Reddy alleged that law and order in the state has completely deteriorated. He expressed strong anger over what he described as the failure of the administration to provide adequate security to MLA Katiappally Venkata Ramana Reddy. Speaking at a BJP Legislature Party (BJLP) meeting held at the MLA camp office in Kamareddy district headquarters, Maheshwar Reddy claimed that the Congress cadre has been unable to accept Ramana Reddy's electoral victory over Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. He alleged that political frustration was leading to targeted attacks and harassment of BJP leaders in the state.

Questioning the government's handling of recent incidents, Maheshwar Reddy accused the Congress of political vendetta. He asked whether it was not an act of revenge to arrest BJP leaders while failing to take action against Congress leaders allegedly involved in an attack on the MLA's residence. He further demanded that the Chief Minister take responsibility for violent incidents reported in Kamareddy, Banswada, and Nagarkurnool.

He stated that the BJP had secured a majority of seats in the recent municipal elections in several areas, which, according to him, has unsettled the ruling party. Maheshwar Reddy criticized the reported house arrest

of BJP leaders who were attempting to visit and express solidarity with Ramana Reddy, calling it undemocratic and excessive.

The BJP leader also questioned why the Congress government has not provided legal backing to its much-publicized "six guarantees." He argued that a government that fails to implement its promises does not deserve to remain in power.

In another serious allegation, Maheshwar Reddy claimed that the Home Department was effectively being influenced by the "Owaisi brothers," a reference to Asaduddin Owaisi and Akbaruddin Owaisi. He alleged that the state government acted according to their directions in Banswada and accused it of staging political "dramas."

Raising further concerns, he questioned why a person accused of misbehaving with a Hindu woman was not remanded, while 13 RSS workers were arrested and sent to remand. Calling this discriminatory, he demanded fair and impartial law enforcement.

Maheshwar Reddy also urged the government to implement farmer insurance schemes effectively to support the agricultural community. He asserted that the BJP would continue to fight for farmers' rights inside the Assembly and hold the government accountable on issues affecting public safety and governance.

Former MP V. Hanumantha Rao Meets Congress Leaders, Seeks Rajya Sabha Seat



Hyderabad:

Veteran Congress leader and former MP V. Hanumantha Rao on Saturday met with senior leaders of the Indian National Congress in New Delhi to press his claim for a Rajya Sabha seat from Telangana. His move comes amid ongoing preparations and intense lobbying within the party ahead of the upcoming Rajya Sabha elections.

Speaking to reporters after the meeting, Hanumantha Rao said he had approached the party high command to request nomination for one of the vacant Rajya Sabha seats. He recalled that he has not held any official post in the past decade and emphasized his long years of service to the party and to the people. Hanumantha Rao highlighted that he has worked tirelessly for the Congress and believes he deserves another opportunity to serve at the national level.

According to sources, Hanumantha Rao also met with Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy recently and discussed the possibility of the Rajya Sabha nomination. He expressed confidence in the leadership of CM Revanth Reddy and TPCC president Mahesh Kumar Goud, saying he believes the party high command will do justice to his request.

Hanumantha Rao, who has served multiple terms as a Ra-

ja Sabha MP in the past and has a long political career in the Congress, insisted that age should not be a barrier in politics, noting that many senior leaders continue to hold positions of responsibility across parties. He reiterated his commitment to the Congress party and said he would remain loyal "till his last breath."

He also referenced his past contributions, including his role in organisational decisions during unified Andhra Pradesh, and stated that he has consistently fought against injustice throughout his political journey. Hanumantha Rao said there are supporters for him even in Andhra Pradesh and asserted that he has always worked for justice rather than political gain.

The Rajya Sabha nomination process in Telangana has triggered significant internal discussions within the Congress. While some leaders have backed Hanumantha Rao's claim, others are also being considered by the party high command. Party insiders say the final decision will likely reflect a balance of seniority, regional representation, and political strategy as the nominations move forward.

The Rajya Sabha elections are expected soon, with several aspirants in the fray and intensive lobbying underway within party ranks.

Harish Rao Alleges 'Bhu Bharati' Land Scam

Former Telangana Minister T. Harish Rao on Saturday leveled serious allegations against the Congress government, accusing it of orchestrating a large-scale land scam under the "Bhu Bharati" initiative. Addressing the media, he claimed that the state government is misusing the prohibited lands list to carry out disgusting collections and manipulate land records.

Harish Rao alleged that the government has been expanding the list of prohibited lands and later removing certain properties after alleged "settlements." According to him, valuable lands are deliberately being added to the restricted category to pressure landowners, only to be cleared after illegal payments are made. He stated that the truth behind the so-called "Bhu Bharati scam" is being deliberately suppressed and not allowed to surface.

The former minister claimed that the alleged scam has occurred in at least 35 mandals across the state. He questioned how portal operators were given access to the edit option in the Bhu Bharati online system, raising concerns about possible tampering of digital land records. Harish Rao further accused the government of issuing notices to innocent farmers, creating fear and uncertainty among them.

In a significant allegation, he said that nearly one lakh acres of land belonging to Scheduled Castes (SC) and



Scheduled Tribes (ST) have been taken over by the government. He criticized the Congress for promising land titles to the poor before elections but allegedly seizing lands after assuming power. Instead of targeting opposition leaders with Special Investigation Teams (SITs), he demanded that the government order an SIT or CID inquiry into the alleged Bhu Bharati scam to uncover the truth.

Harish Rao also raised

concerns regarding the railway project under construction at Kazipet. He sought clarity on whether the facility is a full-fledged railway coach factory or merely a wagon factory. If it is indeed a railway coach factory, he demanded that the Central government immediately issue a formal gazette notification confirming its status.

He questioned whether there is one standard of justice for Latur in Maharashtra and another for Kazipet

in Telangana. Stressing the importance of employment opportunities for local youth, he warned that if adequate jobs are not provided to locals, protests would be organized against BJP ministers attending the project's inauguration.

The BRS leader urged Union Ministers G. Kishan Reddy and Bandi Sanjay Kumar to take initiative and ensure that Kazipet receives the same benefits and reservations as provided to Latur.

He also demanded that Kazipet be upgraded into a separate railway zone.

Additionally, Harish Rao called on the state government to provide support to struggling auto drivers. He asserted that the BRS party would strongly raise these issues in the Rajya Sabha during the upcoming Parliament sessions and continue its fight for farmers, workers, and unemployed youth in Telangana.

KTR Accuses CM Revanth Reddy of Ruining Hyderabad, Prioritising Personal Real Estate Interests



Hyderabad:

In a strongly worded political attack, Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) working president K. T. Rama Rao on Saturday accused Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy of neglecting Hyderabad's development and focusing instead on personal real estate gains, claiming the city has suffered over the past two years under Congress rule.

Addressing a meeting of BRS legislators and senior party leaders from the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) limits, Rama Rao alleged that Revanth Reddy had "ruined" the city by prioritising land interests that benefit his family and close associates, rather than addressing basic civic issues. He said the Congress government was indifferent to the hardships faced

by residents and had damaged Hyderabad's image and growth trajectory.

"Just because Greater Hyderabad did not vote in favour of the Congress party, Revanth Reddy has ruined the city," Rama Rao said, asserting that the Chief Minister's attention has been diverted from governance to real estate activities that he claimed would boost the value of land owned by himself

and others close to him.

Rama Rao pointed to several controversial land and urban development issues, including land being allegedly targeted for speculative gains, violations related to TDR (transfer of development rights), and the Fourth City land problem, as examples of what he described as a "real estate agenda" by the current administration.

The BRS leader also criti-

cised the state of basic civic services in Hyderabad, claiming problems such as a mosquito menace, frequent power supply issues, and sanitation failures have resurfaced after being effectively managed over the previous decade. "Infrastructure development has been delayed, and basic amenities neglected," he said.

Rama Rao contrasted the current situation with the development achieved under the previous BRS government led by former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao, arguing that the city had made substantial gains in drinking water supply, sanitation, public transport, and uninterrupted power during that period.

During the meeting, the BRS also discussed preparations for the upcoming GHMC elections. Party leaders Dasoju Sravan and Karne Prabhakar were appointed responsibilities within the GHMC region, while Shambipur Raju and Pochampally Srinivas Reddy were given charges for the proposed Malkajgiri and Cyberabad municipal corporations respectively.

The sharp criticism from KTR reflects growing political tensions in Telangana as various parties prepare for local elections and position themselves on issues of urban governance, development, and public welfare.

WHAT'S WRONG IN ASKING SEAT: JAGGA REDDY

Hyderabad:

Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) Working President Jagga Reddy on Friday stated that there is nothing wrong in requesting party leadership to consider deserving leaders for positions, highlighting ongoing discussions ahead of the Rajya Sabha elections. Speaking to journalists at Telangana Bhavan in Delhi, he emphasized that former MP V. Hanumantha Rao and former Working President Jetty Kusuma Kumar deserve opportunities in the upcoming Rajya Sabha polls.

Jagga Reddy noted that several Congress leaders are actively vying for nominations, including Vem



Narendra Reddy, minority leader Azmatullah Khan, Dalit leader Dammati Sambayya, and ST leader Bellayya Nayak. He clarified that in Congress, every member has the freedom to approach the party high command to request a nomination, but legislative rights are not automatically granted to anyone.

He stressed that the party encourages members who have worked hard for its growth to seek positions, while the final decision rests with the central leadership. Jagga Reddy's comments reflect the internal discussions within the Congress as it prepares to nominate candidates for the Rajya Sabha from Telangana.

KLH University, Bachupally Campus Hosts National AI Student Summit 2026

Hyderabad:

The KLH University Bachupally campus became a national stage for artificial intelligence innovation as it hosted the AI Student Summit 2026 from February 27 to 28. The two-day event showcased cutting-edge AI talent from across India and culminated in the highlight of the summit — a 24-hour “Hack with AI” hackathon. Over 750 teams and approximately 3,500 students from multiple states participated, demonstrating the university’s growing reputation as a hub for technology and innovation.

The summit was inaugurated by Professor V. Balakrishna Reddy, Chairman of the Telangana Council of Higher Education, who called upon students to develop their skills in artificial intelligence and create solutions that can have a meaningful impact on society. He emphasised the role of young innovators in shaping the future of AI applications in India.

Organised under the auspices of the KLH ACM Student Chapter, the summit offered a collaborative platform integrating academic and industry perspectives. The program included expert keynote sessions, AI innovation showcases, and the intensive 24-hour hack-



athon, designed to push students to deliver functional prototypes within tight timelines. Participants worked in teams to identify contemporary social and industrial challenges and design AI-based solutions addressing those issues.

During the hackathon, students demonstrated strong problem-solving abilities, rapid solution design, and teamwork, producing prototypes with real-world applicability. The event allowed students to experience industry-like

project pressures, enhancing their practical knowledge and readiness for professional challenges.

The summit was supported by prominent industry partners, including Hirelaxa, DEET, Saro Labs, Rejen, Quadric IT, and Global Degree. Senior representatives from these organisations provided mentorship, technical guidance, and strategic insights, encouraging students to refine their solutions and align them with industry expectations.

Among the dignitaries and organisers present were Dr. Koteswara Rao, Principal of KLH Bachupally Campus, Dr. Muniraju Naidu, Summit Coordinator, and several senior industry mentors, including Vamsi, Founder of Hirelaxa, Prashanthi, Chief Technology Officer, and Priyatam, Digital Innovation Director. Faculty members and students from KLH University actively participated, ensuring a vibrant exchange of knowledge and ideas.

The summit marked an important step in positioning KLH University Bachupally as a national-level hub for AI innovation, bridging the gap between academic research and practical industry applications. With the successful execution of this event, the campus has strengthened its reputation for fostering technological creativity, collaborative problem-solving, and preparing the next generation of AI professionals for India’s fast-growing technology sector.

Severe Drainage Crisis in M.N. Reddy Colony Phase-1; Residents Allege Official Negligence



Hyderabad, February 28:

Residents of M.N. Reddy Colony Phase-1 in the Gajularamam Division of Qutbullapur are facing a serious drainage crisis that has remained unresolved for nearly three months. Overflowing sewage and stagnant wastewater on internal roads have turned daily life into a nightmare for families living in the

locality.

According to members of the M.N. Reddy Colony Phase-1 Welfare Association, drainage lines in several stretches of the colony have become clogged, causing sewage to spill onto the streets. The stagnant water has been emitting a foul odor, making it difficult for residents to step outside their homes. The situation

has also led to a sharp increase in mosquito breeding, raising fears of diseases such as dengue, malaria, and other seasonal infections.

Colony president Sampath Goud stated that the issue has been repeatedly brought to the attention of officials of the Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HM-

WSSB). Despite lodging several complaints, both offline and through the official online grievance system, no permanent solution has been provided so far. He alleged that even after personally informing the concerned manager, Siva Prasad, there has been little to no response from the authorities.

Residents expressed an-

ger over the alleged practice of marking complaints as “closed” on the online portal without resolving the issue on the ground. “The problem remains the same, yet the complaints are shown as resolved. How can this be justified?” questioned a resident. They claim that officials have cited a heavy backlog of complaints as the reason for closing cases, a response locals describe as irresponsible and insensitive to public health concerns.

Many residents pointed out that despite paying regular taxes and service charges, they are not receiving basic civic amenities. Parents are particularly worried about children and elderly people, who are more vulnerable to infections caused by unhygienic conditions.

With frustration mounting, colony members have warned that they will stage protests if immediate steps are not taken to clear the drainage lines and restore sanitation. They have urged authorities to treat the issue as urgent and take swift corrective action before the crisis escalates further.

Bank Manager Dies by Suicide Amid Mounting Debt Pressure in Hyderabad

Hyderabad, February 28:

In a tragic incident highlighting the growing burden of financial stress, a 38-year-old bank manager allegedly died by suicide at his residence in Pet Basheerabad police station limits of Qutbullapur on Friday.

The deceased has been identified as Muppala Revanth Kumar, who was working as a manager at a private bank in the city. Originally from Tirupati, Revanth Kumar had moved to Hyderabad four years ago along with his wife and children. The family was residing in Padmanagar Phase-2, where the incident occurred.

According to police sources, Revanth Kumar had reportedly borrowed money from various individuals to meet family and personal expenses. Over time, the debts are believed to have



mounted, leading to severe financial strain. Unable to cope with the increasing

pressure to repay the loans, he is suspected to have taken the extreme step.

Police said the incident took place on February 27, 2026, when no one else was

present at home. He was found hanging from a ceiling fan. Family members who returned home later discovered the incident and alerted the authorities.

Upon receiving information, Pet Basheerabad police rushed to the spot and shifted the body to a hospital for post-mortem examination. A case has been registered, and an investigation is underway to ascertain the exact circumstances that led to the death, including details of the financial transactions and debts.

The incident has left the family devastated and has once again drawn attention to the increasing mental stress caused by financial difficulties. Authorities and mental health experts urge individuals facing emotional or financial distress to seek timely support and professional help.

Residents Request 20 Acres in Gazul Ramaram for Sports Complex



Qutbullapur, Hyderabad:

Local residents of Gazul Ramaram have urged authorities to allocate 20 acres of government land in Survey No. 307 for the development of a comprehensive sports complex to benefit youth, children, and women. The petition was submitted to the MRO office on February 28 by community representatives Akula Satish and Nalla Jayashankar Goud.

The appeal cites the rapidly growing population in the Nizampet and Qutbullapur areas and the lack of adequate sports facilities. Residents expressed concern that the absence of proper recreational spaces is contributing to unhealthy lifestyles and health issues among local youth.

The proposed sports complex would include facilities for cricket, football, and volleyball, along with walking tracks, open gyms, children’s play areas, and exercise zones for women. Residents emphasised that such a facility would not only promote public health but also enhance social cohesion and provide opportunities for developing

young talent.

Community members urged the government to take immediate action to reserve the 20-acre site for this multi-purpose complex. They highlighted that organized recreational spaces could also host local and school-level tournaments, encouraging sports participation and nurturing talent.

Officials were requested to prioritise this initiative, noting that proper sports infrastructure is essential to support the physical and mental well-being of residents, particularly youth and children, in rapidly urbanising areas.

The petition was supported by other community leaders, including Arun, Eshwar Reddy, and Pandu, who joined the submission process.

If approved, the sports complex in Gazul Ramaram is expected to become a landmark facility for the region, fostering healthy lifestyles, social engagement, and opportunities for young athletes, while addressing the growing need for quality recreational spaces in Nizampet and Qutbullapur.

Medchal Police Bust Fake Vehicle Insurance Gang in Gudemetla



Qutbullapur, Hyderabad:

The Medchal Special Operations Team (SOT) police have successfully busted a gang involved in issuing fake vehicle insurance policies in the Gudemetla area, exposing a major insurance scam. Acting on reliable intelligence, the SOT conducted a raid in NLB Nagar on February 27 and apprehended nine suspects engaged in producing and selling counterfeit insurance documents under the names of reputed insurance companies.

The case came to light after Mrunal Kumar, an authorised representative of Reliance General Insurance, lodged a complaint with local authorities regarding the fraudulent activities. Following the complaint, police registered an FIR and launched an investigation into the illegal racket, which had reportedly been targeting vehicle owners across the region.

The arrested individuals have been identified as Ragula Nivaran, Tadakala Giridhar Goud, Shiva Kumar, Mora Narasimha, S. Kurthi Manikya Rao, Kundungari Nagaraju, Babu Rao Kot, Jerpula Kishan, and Ragula Mahesh. Preliminary investigation revealed that the gang specifically targeted vehicle owners whose insurance policies had expired, offering them “cheap” fake coverage. Victims were misled into believing the policies were genuine, paying cash to the gang in exchange.

During the raid, police seized a variety of materials used to create counterfeit policies, including fake vehicle insurance documents, stamps, computers, printers, and other equipment. Officials noted that these fake policies put vehicle owners at severe legal and financial risk, especially in the event of accidents or insurance claims, as claims under such forged documents would not be honoured by legitimate insurance companies.

The arrested suspects have been sent to remand, and authorities are expanding their investigation to determine whether additional individuals were involved in the racket. Police are also working to identify victims who may have purchased the fraudulent policies and provide guidance on remedial action.

Medchal SOT officials have urged the public to verify all insurance documents directly with authorised insurers and to avoid purchasing policies from unauthorised sources. They emphasised that fraudulent insurance schemes not only cheat individuals but also undermine public confidence in the insurance sector and create potential safety hazards.

This operation is being hailed as a significant success in curbing organised financial fraud in the area, highlighting the role of proactive policing and community cooperation in protecting citizens from illegal activities.

Gucci Sparks Glamour Debate at Milan Fashion Week

The latest showcase by Italian luxury fashion house Gucci at Milan Fashion Week has ignited widespread discussion across the global fashion community, blending high glamour with moments that divided opinion. The much-anticipated runway presentation not only highlighted bold designs and dramatic silhouettes but also became a talking point for celebrity appearances and daring style statements.

One of the most talked-about moments of the evening was the appearance of supermodel Emily Ratajkowski, who stunned the audience in a striking metallic ensemble that accentuated Gucci's edgy aesthetic. Her confident runway walk and bold styling quickly went viral on social media platforms, drawing mixed reactions. While many fashion enthusiasts praised her fearless look and applauded Gucci for celebrating sensuality and individuality, others debated whether the styling leaned more towards shock value than sophistication. The online conversation further amplified the show's impact beyond the runway.

Adding timeless elegance to the event was British fashion icon Kate Moss. With decades of influence in the fashion



world, Moss brought a sense of classic glamour to the contemporary collection. Her poised presence and effortless style were widely appreciated, reinforcing her status as one of the most enduring figures in international fashion.

Hollywood actress Demi Moore also grabbed headlines with a dramatic new

look. Stepping out in a sleek leather outfit, Moore debuted a shorter, wet-look bob hairstyle, a significant departure from her signature long hair. The transformation drew admiration from fans and fashion critics alike, becoming another highlight of the evening.

The collection itself re-

flected Gucci's continued exploration of bold textures, structured tailoring, and statement accessories. From metallic fabrics to dramatic cuts and experimental beauty trends, the show emphasized individuality and self-expression.

As debates continue online, one thing remains certain: Gucci has once

again succeeded in capturing attention. By blending celebrity power, daring fashion choices, and theatrical presentation, the brand ensured that its Milan showcase would be remembered not just for its designs, but for the conversation it sparked across the global fashion landscape.

Ujjaini Mahankali Tailors Association Celebrates Tailors' Day

Secunderabad, February 28: The Ujjaini Mahankali Tailors Association celebrated Tailors' Day with great enthusiasm at Silver Drop Function Hall in Ramgopalpet Division. Former minister and Sanathnagar MLA Talasaani Srinivas Yadav attended the event as the chief guest and extended his support to the tailoring community.

Speaking on the occasion, Talasaani Srinivas Yadav assured tailors that he would stand by them in their hardships and support their welfare initiatives. He said that for generations, many families have depended on tailoring as their primary occupation and have sustained their livelihoods through dedication and skill. He recalled that there was a time when tailors enjoyed steady work and financial stability, but the arrival



of ready-made garments significantly affected the traditional tailoring

profession. He emphasized the need to protect and promote

caste-based traditional occupations and stated that the government led by K.

Chandrashekar Rao had introduced several welfare schemes to support such communities. He urged tailors to remain united and work collectively to safeguard their interests in the changing market environment.

Describing Tailors' Day as a festival for those who rely on the profession, the MLA suggested that from next year onward, the celebration should be organized on a larger scale, including family members, to strengthen community bonds.

The program was attended by former corporator Attili Aruna Goud, association president Rajayya, Ravinder, vice-president Shyam, and several members and local leaders. The event concluded with a call for unity and collective progress within the tailoring community.

GHMC Conducts Surprise Inspection at Amantran Hotel in Kavadi Guda

Secunderabad, February 28: Officials of the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) carried out a surprise inspection at Amantran Hotel in Kavadi Guda on Saturday to assess hygiene and food safety standards. The inspection was led by Secunderabad Zonal Commissioner K. Alivelu Mangatayaru, along with Deputy Commissioner Deshavam, the Assistant Medical Officer (AMC), and Food Safety officials.

During the inspection, the team thoroughly examined the hotel premises, focusing on cleanliness, quality of food items, storage practices, and overall kitchen conditions. Officials reviewed whether the establishment was adhering to prescribed food safety regulations and municipal guidelines.

Particular attention was paid to kitchen hygiene, proper storage of raw materials, and the use of ingredients within their expiry dates. The health certificates of staff members working in the kitchen were also checked to ensure compliance with public health norms. Authorities assessed whether proper sanitation practices were being



followed to prevent contamination and safeguard consumer health.

Officials warned that strict action would be taken in case of any violations of food safety standards or mu-

nicipal regulations. They emphasized that such surprise inspections are part of ongoing efforts to ensure that food establishments maintain hygiene and comply with safety norms.

The Zonal Commissioner stated that public health remains a top priority and that similar inspections will continue across hotels and restaurants in the Secunderabad zone. The

drive aims to promote accountability among food business operators and reassure citizens about the safety and quality of food served in commercial establishments.

"Science in Action" Exhibition Inaugurated at St. Pius X Degree & PG College for Women



Nacharam, February 28:

On the occasion of National Science Day, St. Pius X Degree & PG College for Women (Autonomous) organized a special program under the theme "Women in Science as an Inspiration for Viksit Bharat." The event was conducted under the guidance of the IQAC and the Science Departments of the college, aiming to inspire high school students towards science and promote experiential learning.

As part of the celebrations, the "Science in Action" exhibition was formally inaugurated by College Principal Sister Dr. B. Velangi Kumari. The exhibition showcased a variety of fundamental science experiments, live demonstrations, and laboratory exploration activities presented jointly by faculty members and students of the science departments.

Addressing the gathering, the Principal emphasized the importance of scientific thinking and encouraged young learners, es-

pecially girls, to pursue careers in science and research. She highlighted the vital role women play in shaping scientific innovation and national development.

The exhibition was carefully designed to spark curiosity and nurture a scientific temperament among visiting students. Through interactive models and hands-on demonstrations, participants gained a better understanding of scientific principles and their real-world applications.

A total of 134 students from 11 different schools actively participated in the event. The students enthusiastically engaged in the demonstrations and interactive sessions, making the program both educational and inspiring.

The initiative was widely appreciated for creating a platform that bridges classroom learning with practical exposure, reinforcing the significance of science education in building a progressive and developed nation.

Accounting Awareness Week Held at St. Pius X Degree & PG College for Women



Habsiguda, February 28:

The Department of Commerce at St. Pius X Degree and PG College for Women successfully organized Accounting Awareness Week from February 23 to February 27, 2026. The week-long seminar and activity series aimed to enhance students' knowledge, skills, and practical understanding of accounting concepts.

As part of the celebrations, students actively participated in a variety of engaging competitions and events designed to make learning interactive and enjoyable. Programs such as Accounting Relay, Accounting Tambola, Online Accounting Quiz, and Guess the Word witnessed enthusiastic participation from B.Com students across all three years. The activities were structured to strengthen subject knowledge while encouraging teamwork, analytical thinking, and quick problem-solving skills.

The primary objective of the

week-long initiative was to promote awareness about accounting practices and provide students with a platform to demonstrate their academic abilities beyond the classroom environment. Faculty members guided students throughout the events, ensuring both academic rigor and active involvement.

On the occasion, the 7th edition of the department's annual e-magazine titled "Accounting Edge" was formally released by Principal Dr. Sr. B. Velangi Kumari. The magazine highlights academic articles, student achievements, and department activities over the past year.

As part of the annual Spoorthi Club celebrations, final-year students were also presented with special titles reflecting their unique qualities and strengths. The event concluded on a celebratory note, reinforcing the importance of practical exposure and academic excellence in commerce education.

Boong and the Memory of a Vanishing Town: How a Small Manipuri Film Reached the Global Stage

The global success of *Boong* is not just a cinematic achievement—it is a cultural moment that has brought long-overlooked stories from India's northeast into international focus. Its recognition at the BAFTA Awards marks a turning point, signaling that deeply local narratives can resonate across borders when told with sincerity and emotional depth.

At its heart, *Boong* is a coming-of-age story seen through the eyes of a young boy navigating a fragile world. His simple wish—to reunite his broken family—drives the narrative forward. Yet beneath this seemingly straightforward journey lies a complex exploration of identity, loss, and belonging. The child's innocence becomes a lens through which audiences witness the subtle yet profound impact of socio-political realities on everyday life.

The film is set in Manipur, a region rich in culture but often marginalized in mainstream discourse. By placing this setting at the center of its story, *Boong* challenges the invisibility that has long surrounded the northeast in Indian cinema. Instead of presenting the region through stereotypes or conflict-driven headlines, the film offers a nuanced portrayal of its people, traditions, and emotional landscapes.

What makes *Boong* particularly powerful is its restraint. It avoids dramatic exaggeration and instead embraces quiet storytelling. Moments of silence, everyday interactions, and small gestures carry significant emotional weight. This understated approach allows the audience to engage deeply with the characters and their world, making the narrative feel authentic and immersive.

The town depicted in the film is more than just a backdrop—it is almost a character in itself. It reflects a space caught between past and present, where memories linger even as change becomes inevitable. There is a sense of something slipping away—whether it is a way of life, a sense of community, or the innocence of childhood. This idea of a “vanishing town” becomes central to



the film's emotional core, symbolizing broader concerns about cultural erosion and displacement.

Through the boy's journey, the film also explores the theme of family—not just as a unit of relationships, but as a source of identity and emotional grounding. His longing for his father is not merely about reunion; it represents a deeper need for stability in a world that feels uncertain. This emotional thread connects audiences universally, transcending geographical and cultural boundaries.

The international recognition of *Boong* is significant for another reason: it highlights the evolving landscape of global cinema. Audiences today are increasingly drawn

to authentic stories that offer fresh perspectives. The success of a Manipuri-language film on such a prestigious platform proves that language and geography are no longer barriers when storytelling is genuine and compelling.

For Indian cinema, this moment represents a shift in narrative focus. For decades, mainstream industries dominated the global perception of Indian films. While these industries continue to thrive, *Boong* demonstrates that regional cinema has its own unique voice—one that deserves equal attention and appreciation. It opens the door for more filmmakers from underrepresented regions to tell their stories

without feeling the need to conform to conventional formats.

The film also raises important questions about representation. Whose stories are being told? And who gets to tell them? By centering its narrative in Manipur and using local voices, *Boong* ensures authenticity while also giving agency to a community that is often spoken about rather than heard.

Another striking aspect of the film is its ability to balance heaviness with hope. While it does not shy away from difficult realities, it also captures moments of warmth, humor, and resilience. These moments remind viewers that even in challenging circumstances,

life continues with dignity and quiet strength. The child's perspective plays a crucial role here, offering glimpses of optimism even when the world around him feels uncertain.

Cinematically, *Boong* relies on simplicity rather than spectacle. Its visual language is grounded, focusing on natural settings and realistic portrayals. This approach enhances the emotional authenticity of the story, allowing viewers to feel as though they are part of the world being depicted rather than mere observers.

The BAFTA recognition is not just an award—it is validation. It acknowledges that stories from India's margins are not niche or peripheral

but are integral to the broader narrative of human experience. It also challenges the industry to look beyond commercial formulas and invest in meaningful storytelling.

For audiences, *Boong* offers an opportunity to engage with a different side of India—one that is rarely seen on screen. It encourages viewers to move beyond familiar narratives and explore the country's diverse cultural and emotional landscapes. In doing so, it fosters empathy and understanding, bridging gaps between regions and communities.

Ultimately, *Boong* is more than a film about a boy or a town. It is about memory, identity, and the quiet resilience of people living on the

margins. It captures the delicate balance between holding on and letting go, between remembering and moving forward.

Its success serves as a reminder that cinema has the power to amplify voices, preserve stories, and create connections across the world. In bringing a small Manipuri town to the global stage, *Boong* has not only made history but has also redefined what Indian cinema can represent.

As the film continues to receive recognition and appreciation, it paves the way for a more inclusive and diverse cinematic future—one where every story, no matter how small or distant, has the chance to be seen and heard.

India's Enduring Embrace: A History of Warmth Toward the Jewish Community

India has long stood apart in the global narrative of Jewish history. Across centuries marked by exile, persecution, and displacement in many parts of the world, the Jewish community found in India not only refuge but also acceptance, dignity, and opportunity. The story of Jewish life in India is not one of survival under pressure, but of coexistence, cultural exchange, and mutual respect. It is a rare and remarkable chapter that reflects India's civilizational ethos of inclusivity.

The arrival of Jewish communities in India dates back thousands of years. Different groups came at different times, often fleeing hardship elsewhere. Among the earliest were the Cochin Jews, believed to have arrived on the Malabar Coast possibly during the time of ancient trade links. Later came the Bene Israel, who settled in western India, and the Baghdadi Jews, who arrived during the colonial era from parts of the Middle East. Each group brought its own traditions, languages, and customs, yet all found a way to integrate into Indian society without losing their identity.

What distinguishes India from many other regions is the absence of systemic antisemitism in its history. While Jewish communities in Europe and elsewhere faced discrimination, violence, and exclu-

sion, in India they were allowed to live freely, practice their religion openly, and participate in public life. This was not due to any formal policy but rather a reflection of the broader social fabric, which historically accommodated diverse beliefs and practices.

In Kerala, for example, Jewish settlers established thriving communities that contributed to trade and commerce. They built synagogues, engaged with local rulers, and became part of the region's multicultural landscape. The local population did not view them as outsiders but as fellow residents. This acceptance was not merely passive tolerance; it often involved active cooperation and mutual respect.

Similarly, the Bene Israel community in Maharashtra integrated deeply into local society while maintaining their distinct religious practices. They adopted local languages and customs in daily life but preserved their Jewish identity through rituals, dietary practices, and community structures. Over time, they became known for their contributions to various fields, including education, administration, and the arts.

The Baghdadi Jews, who arrived later, played a significant role in India's urban and commercial development. Settling primarily in cities like Mumbai and Kolkata, they became



prominent in trade, industry, and philanthropy. Their legacy includes educational institutions, charitable organizations, and architectural landmarks that continue to serve the public.

One of the most striking aspects of Jewish life in India is the absence of ghettos or enforced segregation. Jewish communities lived alongside people of other faiths, sharing neighborhoods, markets, and

public spaces. Interactions were marked by familiarity rather than suspicion. Festivals and cultural practices often became occasions for shared celebration, further strengthening social bonds.

India's pluralistic traditions played a crucial role in fostering this environment. The concept of accepting multiple paths to truth allowed different religious communities to coexist without feeling threat-

ened. This philosophical openness translated into everyday life, where diversity was seen as a strength rather than a challenge.

Education and professional advancement were also accessible to Jewish communities in India. They participated in public institutions, contributed to the freedom movement, and held positions of responsibility in various sectors. Their achievements were recognized

not as exceptions but as part of the broader national narrative.

Even after the establishment of Israel, when many Jews migrated from India, the connection between the community and the country remained strong. Those who left often carried with them memories of a homeland where they had lived without fear. Many maintained cultural ties, and some continued to visit or support institutions in India.

In recent years, there has been renewed interest in preserving and celebrating the heritage of Jewish communities in India. Synagogues are being restored, archives documented, and stories recorded for future generations. These efforts highlight the importance of remembering a past that offers valuable lessons for the present.

At a time when religious intolerance and cultural divisions are evident in many parts of the world, India's historical relationship with its Jewish population serves as a powerful example. It demonstrates that coexistence is not only possible but can be deeply enriching for all involved. The mutual respect between communities did not erase differences; rather, it allowed those differences to exist harmoniously.

The Indian experience also challenges the notion that di-

versity inevitably leads to conflict. Instead, it shows that when societies are built on principles of respect and openness, diversity can become a source of resilience and creativity. The Jewish community in India thrived not despite its distinct identity, but alongside it.

This legacy is particularly relevant today, as nations grapple with questions of identity, belonging, and inclusion. The Indian model offers a perspective rooted in lived experience rather than abstract ideals. It suggests that acceptance does not require uniformity, and that communities can retain their uniqueness while contributing to a shared society.

Ultimately, the story of Jews in India is not just about one community; it is about the values that define a civilization. It reflects a tradition of hospitality that extends beyond mere tolerance to genuine acceptance. It is a reminder that history need not always be marked by conflict and division.

As the world looks for examples of peaceful coexistence, this chapter of India's past stands out as both inspiring and instructive. It underscores the possibility of building societies where differences are not feared but embraced, and where every community can find a place to call home.

Supreme Court's Strong Response to NCERT Chapter Triggers Curriculum Debate

A recent development involving the Supreme Court of India and NCERT has sparked widespread discussion over how the judiciary is represented in school textbooks.

The controversy arose after a revised Class 8 social science chapter included references to "corruption in the judiciary" as one of the challenges within India's legal system. This marked a shift from earlier textbooks, which largely focused on explaining the structure and functioning of courts without delving into internal issues.

The matter drew sharp attention within the legal community and reached the Supreme Court, where strong concerns were expressed. Justice Surya Kant voiced displeasure over the portrayal, stressing that the judiciary's image must not be presented in a way that could undermine public trust. The court signaled that it would not tolerate any content perceived as defaming the institution.

The developments also unfolded beyond the courtroom, with reports suggesting that judges across various High Courts shared similar concerns. The issue quickly evolved into a broader institutional response, reflecting the sensitivity surrounding the judiciary's public perception.



tion and its role in maintaining confidence among citizens.

At the heart of the debate lies a key question about education: how should complex and sensitive issues be presented to young students? Critics argue that introducing topics like judicial corruption at an early stage could confuse learners or create mistrust toward institutions that are fundamental to democracy. They believe that school curricula should prioritize clarity and foundational understanding over controversial discussions.

On the other hand, some educators and observers see the inclusion as part of a more realistic approach to learning. They argue that acknowledging challenges within institutions can encourage critical thinking and awareness among students, helping them better understand how systems function in real life.

The chapter reportedly also touches upon broader issues such as case backlogs, shortage of judges, and systemic inefficiencies, placing the discussion within a wider context rather than focusing solely on corruption.

As the debate continues, the issue has expanded into a larger conversation about transparency, accountability, and the purpose of education in shaping informed citizens. The response from both the judiciary and educational authorities will play a crucial role in determining how such sensitive topics are handled in future textbooks.

The outcome could ultimately set an important precedent for balancing institutional respect with the need to present a comprehensive and honest view of governance in India's education system.

Fair Revenue for Content Creators Essential, Says Ashwini Vaishnaw



Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw has stressed the urgent need for a fair revenue-sharing system for content creators, calling it a key requirement in today's rapidly evolving digital ecosystem. Speaking at the Digital News Publishers Association (DNPA) Conclave, the minister highlighted the imbalance between digital platforms and those who generate original content.

Vaishnaw pointed out that content creators—including journalists, media organisations, and independent creators—play a crucial role in producing valuable information and engaging material. However, the financial rewards from this content are often disproportionately captured by large digital platforms. He emphasized that this imbalance must be addressed through policy measures and industry cooperation.

According to the minister, social media and digital platforms should ensure that creators receive a fair share of the revenue generated from their work. He under-

lined that content is not a free commodity and that those who invest time, effort, and expertise into creating it deserve appropriate compensation.

The issue becomes even more significant in the age of artificial intelligence and algorithm-driven platforms. Vaishnaw noted that emerging technologies are increasingly relying on vast amounts of content, often sourced from publishers and creators, to function effectively. In such a scenario, ensuring fair remuneration becomes not just an economic issue but also a matter of ethical responsibility.

The minister also touched upon the importance of safeguarding users in the digital space. He called for stronger measures to tackle cyber fraud and misuse of technology, urging platforms to take proactive responsibility. Additionally, he emphasized that user consent must be a priority, especially when dealing with synthetic or AI-generated content.

The remarks reflect the government's broader push

toward creating a more balanced and transparent digital economy. With the rapid growth of online platforms and content consumption, policymakers are increasingly focusing on ensuring that the benefits of this growth are shared equitably.

The discussion at the conclave aligns with global conversations around digital regulation, particularly regarding how tech giants compensate content providers. Many countries are exploring similar frameworks to ensure that publishers and creators are not sidelined in the digital value chain.

Vaishnaw's statement signals a clear intent to move toward policies that protect the interests of creators while fostering innovation in the digital space. As debates around content ownership, monetisation, and platform accountability continue to evolve, the call for fair revenue sharing is likely to remain a central issue in shaping the future of the digital economy.

BJP Alleges TMC Links to Accused in West Bengal Realtor Murder Case

A fresh political controversy has erupted in West Bengal after the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) alleged links between leaders of the ruling Trinamool Congress (TMC) and a suspect in the murder of a real estate businessman. The incident has intensified the already heated political climate in the state, with both parties trading sharp accusations.

The BJP claimed that the prime accused in the realtor's killing had close connections with certain TMC leaders. According to the party, these alleged links raise serious concerns about law and order and suggest possible political protection for criminal elements. BJP representatives argued that the case is not just a criminal matter but reflects a broader pattern of political patronage and violence in the state.

A BJP leader stated that the accused had been operating freely despite previous allegations, hinting that this may have been due to backing from



influential figures. The party has demanded a thorough and impartial investigation into the case, insisting that all political connections, if any, must be uncovered.

In response, the Trinamool Congress strongly denied the allegations, dismissing them as baseless and politically motivated. TMC leaders accused the BJP of attempting to malign the state government's image and divert attention from

other issues. They maintained that the law will take its course and that anyone found guilty will be punished, regardless of political affiliation.

The TMC also questioned the timing of the accusations, suggesting that the BJP was using the incident to gain political mileage. Party spokespersons emphasized that West Bengal's law enforcement agencies are capable of handling the case and ensuring

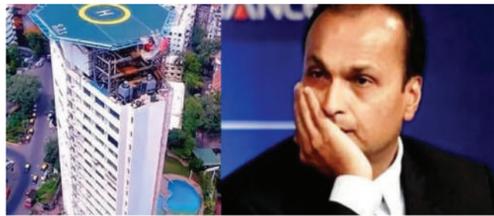
justice.

Meanwhile, the murder of the realtor has sparked concern among residents and the business community. Many have called for increased security and stricter measures to curb crime, especially in sectors like real estate where disputes can sometimes turn violent.

The case has also reignited the larger debate over political violence in West Bengal, an issue that has frequently been raised by opposition parties. The BJP has repeatedly accused the TMC of fostering an environment where such incidents can occur, while the ruling party has consistently rejected these claims.

As investigations continue, all eyes are on the authorities to determine the facts and bring those responsible to justice. The outcome of the probe could have significant political implications, particularly as tensions between the BJP and TMC show no signs of easing.

ED Attaches Anil Ambani's Mumbai Residence in ₹3,716 Crore Probe



Mumbai: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has attached a residential property linked to industrialist Anil Ambani in Mumbai as part of an ongoing investigation into an alleged ₹3,716 crore financial irregularity case.

The property, located in one of Mumbai's prime residential areas, has been provisionally attached under provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). Officials said the action is part of a broader probe into suspected diversion of funds and financial misconduct involving companies associated with the Reliance Group led by Ambani. According to agency sources, the investigation pertains to loans allegedly obtained from banks and financial institutions, which are under scrutiny for possible irregularities in usage and repayment. The ED claims that a portion of these funds may have been diverted, leading to significant losses.

The attachment of the

property means that it cannot be sold, transferred, or otherwise dealt with until further orders. Authorities indicated that additional assets may also be examined as the probe progresses.

There has been no immediate detailed response from Ambani or his representatives regarding the attachment. However, sources close to the business group have previously maintained that they are cooperating with investigating agencies and that all transactions were carried out in accordance with applicable laws.

The case marks another major development in the series of financial investigations involving high-profile corporate figures in India, as enforcement agencies continue to tighten scrutiny over large-scale loan defaults and alleged economic offences.

Further proceedings in the matter are expected in the coming weeks as investigators continue to examine financial records and related transactions.

Supreme Court Questions Fear Around "Gagging" in Fake Cases Debate

The Supreme Court of India made a strong observation while hearing matters related to alleged fake cases, questioning why there should be any fear of "gagging" if the intention is to prevent misuse of the legal system.

During the proceedings, the bench highlighted concerns over the growing trend of false or frivolous cases being filed, which not only burden courts but also cause harassment to individuals. The judges indicated that measures aimed at curbing such misuse should not be seen as an attempt to silence genuine voices.

The court remarked that the real issue lies in distinguishing between legitimate grievances and malicious litigation. It stressed that while access to justice must remain open and protected, safeguards are equally necessary to ensure that the system is not exploited for ulterior motives.

Addressing apprehensions raised during the hearing, the bench questioned why actions against fake cases are being perceived as restrictions on freedom. It noted that preventing abuse of the legal process is essential for maintaining the credibility and efficiency of the judiciary.

The judges further observed that unchecked filing of false cases leads to unnecessary de-



lays in delivering justice. This not only affects those directly involved but also impacts the broader judicial system by diverting time and resources away from genuine matters.

At the same time, the court acknowledged the importance of protecting individuals who approach the judiciary with legitimate concerns. It emphasized that any steps taken must strike a balance—detering misuse without discouraging rightful claims.

The discussion reflects the judiciary's ongoing effort to address systemic challenges, including case backlog and misuse of legal provisions. By raising these concerns, the Supreme Court signaled its intent to ensure that justice is both accessible and responsibly sought.

The matter remains under consideration, with the court expected to further examine how best to prevent abuse while upholding fundamental rights.

Actress Ranya Rao Named in ₹102 Crore Gold Smuggling Case, Chargesheet Filed



Kannada actress Ranya Rao has been named in a major gold smuggling case, with authorities filing a detailed chargesheet that outlines her alleged involvement in a high-value illegal network. The case, estimated to be worth around ₹102 crore, has drawn significant attention due to the scale of operations and the actress's connection to the alleged racket.

According to officials, the chargesheet has been filed after months of investigation into an organised syndicate accused of smuggling gold into India from abroad. The probe revealed that the network used various methods to evade customs duties and transport gold illegally across borders. Investigators believe the operation was well-coordinated and involved multiple individuals working in tandem.

Ranya Rao has been accused of playing a role in facilitating certain aspects

of the smuggling activities. While authorities have not disclosed every detail publicly, the chargesheet reportedly includes evidence gathered from financial transactions, communication records, and other material collected during the investigation. These findings are said to link her to the broader network.

The case first came to light earlier when enforcement agencies began tracking suspicious movements and transactions connected to gold imports. As the investigation progressed, it uncovered a larger conspiracy involving several people, including individuals with alleged international connections.

Officials have emphasized that the chargesheet marks a significant step forward in the case, as it formally lays out the allegations and evidence before the court. Legal proceedings are expected to continue, with the court set to examine the

charges and determine the next course of action.

The case has also generated public interest due to its high-profile nature and the involvement of a film personality. Authorities have reiterated their commitment to cracking down on smuggling networks, stating that such illegal activities not only violate the law but also impact the country's economy.

Meanwhile, the actress is likely to contest the allegations in court, as the legal process unfolds. The outcome of the case will depend on how the evidence presented in the chargesheet holds up during trial.

As investigations continue, officials are also working to identify other individuals who may be connected to the smuggling ring. The case underscores ongoing efforts by enforcement agencies to tackle organised economic crimes and strengthen border controls against illegal imports.

Modi's 'Carplomacy' Continues with Netanyahu Ride in Israel



Prime Minister Narendra Modi added another memorable moment to his signature style of diplomacy—often dubbed “carplomacy”—during his visit to Israel, as he shared a car ride with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

The moment followed Modi's address at the Knesset, where he outlined the growing partnership between India and Israel. After the speech, the two leaders travelled together in the same vehicle to attend a technology and innovation exhibition. The re-

laxed setting, captured in widely shared visuals, reflected a warm rapport between the leaders and highlighted a more personal side of diplomacy.

Modi described the ride as an extension of their ongoing discussions on innovation and future collaboration. The informal interaction quickly gained attention as yet another example of his distinctive diplomatic approach—building strong ties through personal gestures alongside formal meetings.

This concept of “carplomacy”

has become closely associated with Modi's global engagements. Over the years, he has shared similar rides with several world leaders, using these moments to foster a sense of trust and camaraderie. One of the earliest instances was during his meeting with former US President Barack Obama, where the two leaders were seen travelling together in the presidential limousine.

Since then, such interactions have continued with other prominent figures, including Russian

President Vladimir Putin, UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer, and French President Emmanuel Macron. These moments often step outside rigid diplomatic protocol, creating a more approachable and human connection between leaders.

The recent ride with Netanyahu underscores the strengthening relationship between India and Israel. Over the years, both nations have expanded cooperation across multiple sectors, including defence, agriculture, technology, and innovation. Modi's visit is seen as another step toward deepening these strategic ties.

Beyond formal agreements and policy discussions, such symbolic gestures play an important role in international relations. A simple act like sharing a car ride can convey mutual respect, comfort, and a willingness to engage on a personal level—factors that often contribute to stronger diplomatic partnerships.

In this case, the image of Modi and Netanyahu travelling together serves as a visual representation of the growing closeness between the two countries. It highlights not only official collaboration but also the personal chemistry between the leaders.

As “carplomacy” continues to define Modi's diplomatic style, these moments illustrate how global relationships are shaped not just in meeting rooms, but also through informal, human interactions that leave a lasting impact.

India Rebukes Pakistan at UN, Highlights J&K's Development Progress

India delivered a strong response to Pakistan at the United Nations Human Rights Council, rejecting its claims about the situation in Jammu and Kashmir and emphasizing the region's rapid development.

Addressing the council, India's representative sharply criticised Pakistan for what it described as repeated attempts to spread misinformation on international platforms. In a pointed remark, she said Pakistan appeared to be living in a “La La Land” if it could not acknowledge the visible progress being made in Jammu and Kashmir.

A major highlight of India's statement was the comparison between Jammu and Kashmir's development budget and Pakistan's economic condition. India noted that the Union Territory's development allocation is significantly higher than the financial assistance Pakistan recently sought from the International Monetary Fund. The comparison was presented to underline the contrast between India's focus on growth and Pakistan's ongoing financial struggles.

India also rejected comments made by the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, accusing the



group of acting as an echo chamber for Pakistan's narrative. According to India, such statements lack credibility and are politically motivated rather than based on facts.

Highlighting tangible progress in the region, India pointed to major infrastructure developments, including the Chenab Rail Bridge. Described as one of the tallest railway bridges in the world, the project was cited as a symbol of the transformation taking place in Jammu and Kashmir.

Reaffirming its position, India

reiterated that Jammu and Kashmir “was, is, and will always remain” an integral part of the country. It stressed that the region's accession in 1947 was legal and final, aligning with established international principles.

On the democratic front, India highlighted strong voter turnout in recent elections in the region. It said this reflects people's growing participation in governance and their rejection of violence, choosing instead a path of stability and development.

India also accused Pakistan of continuing to support cross-border

terrorism, stating that such actions remain a major obstacle to peace in the region. It urged Pakistan to focus on addressing its internal challenges instead of making allegations against India on global platforms.

The exchange marks yet another instance of diplomatic tension between the two countries at international forums. It also underscores how Jammu and Kashmir continues to be a focal point in India-Pakistan relations, with both nations presenting sharply contrasting narratives to the global community.

JD Vance Warns Iran Ahead of Nuclear Talks, Signals Tough US Stance

U.S. Vice President JD Vance issued a strong warning to Iran ahead of crucial nuclear negotiations, making it clear that Washington will not allow Tehran to develop nuclear weapons under any circumstances.

Speaking just before a new round of talks in Geneva, Vance urged Iran to take American warnings seriously, emphasizing that the United States is prepared to act if diplomacy fails. He described Iran as one of the most dangerous regimes and stressed that allowing it to possess nuclear weapons would pose a major global threat.

The remarks come amid heightened tensions in the Middle East, with the U.S. increasing its military presence in the region. President Donald Trump has also sharpened his rhetoric, alleging that Iran is advancing missile capabilities and pursuing nuclear ambitions that could threaten global security.

Despite the strong language, Vance reiterated that diplomacy remains the preferred path. He



expressed hope that ongoing negotiations between U.S. and Iranian officials would lead to a peaceful resolution. However, he made it clear that military options remain on the table if Iran does not comply with international expectations.

The upcoming talks in Geneva are part of continued efforts to resolve long-standing disputes

over Iran's nuclear programme. U.S. officials believe Tehran may be attempting to rebuild its nuclear capabilities, especially after previous setbacks to its facilities. Iran, however, has consistently denied seeking nuclear weapons, maintaining that its nuclear activities are intended for peaceful purposes.

The situation reflects a deli-

cate balance between diplomacy and the risk of escalation. While the United States continues to push for strict limits on Iran's nuclear programme, Iran has pushed back against what it calls exaggerated accusations and political pressure.

Vance emphasized that the U.S. administration has multiple options to ensure Iran does not become a nuclear-armed state. He noted that while negotiations remain the priority, the leadership is prepared to take stronger action if required.

The renewed tensions and firm statements highlight the high stakes involved in the Geneva talks. With both sides holding strong and often opposing positions, the outcome of these discussions could significantly impact regional stability and global security.

As negotiations begin, global attention is focused on whether diplomacy will prevail or tensions will escalate further, shaping the future of U.S.-Iran relations and the broader geopolitical landscape.

Photo of Stephen Hawking in Epstein Files Sparks Debate Over Context



A recently surfaced photograph of Stephen Hawking from newly released documents linked to Jeffrey Epstein has triggered widespread discussion online, with many questioning the context behind the image.

The photograph, believed to have been taken in 2006, shows the renowned physicist seated on a sun lounge with a drink in hand, flanked by two women in bikinis. The image quickly went viral after appearing in the latest batch of documents related to investigations into Epstein's network and associations.

However, clarification from Hawking's representatives has pushed back against speculation. According to statements shared by those close to the late scientist, the two women seen in the picture were not partygoers or associates of Epstein, but his long-term professional caregivers. Due to Hawking's medical condition, he required continuous assistance, and the

women were part of the team responsible for his daily care.

The image was reportedly taken during a scientific conference held in the Caribbean, where Hawking had been invited to speak. The event brought together leading scientists to discuss advanced topics in physics, including cosmology and quantum theory. Epstein is known to have funded or supported such gatherings, which often attracted prominent academics and researchers.

Despite the renewed attention, there is no evidence suggesting any wrongdoing by Hawking. His name appears multiple times in the broader set of documents, but experts and reports emphasize that being mentioned in such files does not imply involvement in criminal activity. In fact, several claims circulating online have been described as unverified or misleading.

Hawking's family has strongly criticized attempts to link him to Epstein's crimes based solely

ly on the photograph. They have described such interpretations as inaccurate and unfair, stressing that the image has been taken out of context. The family also reiterated Epstein's legacy as one of the most influential scientists of modern times, known for his groundbreaking work in theoretical physics.

The release of these documents has once again highlighted the wide network of individuals who had, at various points, crossed paths with Epstein. However, experts caution against drawing conclusions without concrete evidence, noting that many individuals listed in the files were associated with legitimate events or professional engagements.

As public scrutiny continues, the episode underscores the importance of context when interpreting archival material. While the photograph may appear sensational at first glance, a closer look reveals a far more routine and benign explanation behind it.

China Steps In As US Charges Three Scientists Over Smuggling Case



A diplomatic intervention by China helped support three of its scientists who were charged in the United States over allegations of smuggling biological materials, highlighting growing tensions between the two nations in the field of scientific research.

The case involved three Chinese researchers accused by U.S. authorities of illegally transporting biological samples, including growing tissues linked to worms, into the country without proper declarations or permits. Officials raised concerns that such materials could pose risks to agriculture and biosecurity if not handled under strict regulatory frameworks.

According to reports, U.S. investigators treated the incident seriously, viewing it through the lens of national security and scientific compliance. The allegations focused on violations of import rules and failure to follow established procedures for transporting sensitive biological substances.

In response, the Chinese government moved

quickly to assist its nationals. Diplomatic channels were activated to ensure the scientists received consular access and legal support. Beijing also engaged with U.S. authorities to closely monitor the case and advocate for fair treatment.

China maintained that the matter should be handled appropriately and emphasized the importance of protecting the legitimate rights of its citizens abroad. The intervention reportedly helped shift the tone of the case, with the scientists being treated more as individuals who may have violated procedural rules rather than as intentional wrongdoers.

The developments come at a time when scientific exchanges between China and the United States are increasingly under scrutiny. Issues related to biosecurity, intellectual property, and cross-border research have become sensitive areas, often intersecting with broader geopolitical tensions.

Experts note that inci-

dents involving undeclared biological materials are not uncommon in global research collaborations. However, stricter enforcement and heightened suspicion have led to more serious consequences in recent years, especially in cases involving foreign researchers.

While the allegations initially raised concerns about potential risks, there has been no clear indication that the materials were intended for harmful use. Instead, the case appears to revolve around compliance failures and regulatory lapses.

The episode underscores the delicate balance between maintaining scientific collaboration and ensuring national security. It also highlights how quickly such cases can escalate into diplomatic matters when foreign nationals are involved.

As investigations continue, the case is likely to remain a point of discussion in the broader context of U.S.-China relations, particularly in areas where science, security, and international cooperation intersect.

Indian Markets Rally on February 26; Sensex, Nifty Hit Higher Levels Amid Broad Buying



Indian equity markets witnessed a positive trading session on February 26, with benchmark indices advancing as investors responded to upbeat cues. Both the BSE Sensex and the NSE Nifty 50 ended higher, supported by strong buying momentum across key sectors.

The Sensex climbed steadily during the session, while the Nifty maintained its position above the 22,000 level, reflecting broad confidence among market participants. Gains were seen in major heavy-weight stocks, which helped offset pressure in some laggard scrips.

Investor sentiment was also bolstered by positive developments in the debt markets, as government and state bond auctions saw good demand, easing concerns over heavy supply. This helped reduce volatility and provided comfort to equity traders.

Sector wise, financials, banking, and technology stocks led the rally, with select large cap names drawing fresh inflows. Banking stocks, in particular, attracted attention as traders remained optimistic about credit

growth and asset quality trends. Meanwhile, IT shares gained from global cues as tech stocks showed strength overseas.

The broader market also advanced, with indices representing mid and small caps participating in the upmove. Market breadth remained positive, indicating that more stocks advanced than declined on the exchanges.

Trading activity in the derivatives segment also showed high interest, with the Nifty's key support and resistance levels attracting significant option contracts. This suggests that traders were positioning ahead of expected near term volatility.

Among individual stocks, several newly listed and near IPO companies saw robust action, with retail and institutional flows supporting their price performance. Some corporate actions, including stock splits and upcoming earnings announcements, also influenced stock specific moves.

In global markets, major indices closed higher overnight, providing an encouraging backdrop

for Indian equities. Crude oil prices maintained a downward bias, easing inflation concerns and supporting rallies in rate sensitive sectors.

Meanwhile, foreign institutional investors (FIIs) remained active, with mixed flows reported in equity and debt segments. Domestic institutional investors (DIIs), including mutual funds and insurance companies, were net buyers, helping sustain the uptrend.

Overall, the market's strong performance on February 26 reflected a combination of domestic and global positives, active participation from multiple investor groups, and favourable technical conditions. Analysts noted that if the broader trend persists, the market could be poised for further gains in the near term, with key support zones being closely watched by traders.

As the trading week progresses, participants will closely track macro-economic data, corporate earnings, and developments in global markets to gauge the sustainability of the current rally.

Indian Bonds Edge Higher as Strong State Debt Auction Lifts Market Mood

Indian government bonds recorded a modest rise, with yields easing slightly after a strong response to a major state debt auction boosted overall market sentiment. The movement reflects cautious optimism among investors, who have been closely monitoring borrowing trends and liquidity conditions.

The benchmark 10-year government bond yield slipped by about 1 basis point, trading near 6.70 percent. This marginal decline in yields indicates a corresponding increase in bond prices, suggesting that demand improved following the auction. Market participants had been awaiting the outcome of the large-scale borrowing by state governments, which played a crucial role in shaping trading activity.

A key factor behind the positive sentiment was the robust demand seen in the state debt auction. Indian states raised a substantial amount of funds through bond sales, and the cut-off yields were lower than many market participants had anticipated. This stronger-than-expected appetite reassured investors that the market could comfortably absorb the heavy supply of bonds without causing sharp disruptions.



In recent weeks, concerns had been building over the large volume of bond issuances by both central and state governments. Heavy supply typically puts upward pressure on yields, as investors demand higher returns to absorb increased borrowing. However, the latest auction outcome eased some of these worries, signaling that demand remains resilient.

Liquidity conditions have also played an important role in supporting the bond market. The Reserve

Bank of India has maintained a relatively accommodative stance, ensuring that sufficient liquidity is available in the banking system. This has encouraged institutional investors such as banks, insurance companies, and pension funds to continue buying government securities.

Global cues have further contributed to the stability of Indian bonds. Softer U.S. Treasury yields and easing inflation expectations have reduced pressure on emerging market debt, including

India's. These external factors have helped create a more favorable environment for bond investors.

Despite the recent uptick, traders remain cautious. The market is still dealing with a heavy borrowing calendar, with state governments planning large issuances toward the end of the financial year. In one instance, states aimed to raise around ₹44,500 crore in a single week, marking one of the biggest borrowing exercises of the year.

Looking ahead, the di-

rection of bond yields will largely depend on how smoothly upcoming debt auctions are absorbed and whether liquidity conditions remain supportive. Any signs of strain in demand could push yields higher again, while continued strong participation may help keep them stable or even lower.

Overall, the slight easing in yields reflects a balancing act between supply pressures and steady demand, with investors carefully navigating both domestic and global influences.

IDFC First Bank Shares Rally to Four Day High as Market Signals Recovery Hope

As India's investment ecosystem becomes more sophisticated, fund managers are increasingly highlighting that Specialised Investment Funds (SIFs) and Category III Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs) are not competing products but complementary tools designed for different investor needs.

SIFs, introduced recently by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), aim to bridge the gap between traditional mutual funds and high-end investment products. They are designed for relatively affluent investors who seek more advanced strategies than conventional mutual funds but may not meet the steep entry requirements of AIFs. Typically, SIFs require a minimum investment of around 10 lakh and allow fund managers to deploy strategies such as long-short investing and derivatives usage, offering greater flexibility compared to standard mutual funds.



On the other hand, Category III AIFs cater primarily to high-net-worth individuals and institutional investors. These funds employ complex and often aggressive strategies aimed at generating absolute returns, including leveraging, short-selling, and dynamic portfolio allocation. They can invest across asset classes such as equities, debt instruments, and structured

products, making them more versatile but also inherently riskier.

Fund managers emphasize that the choice between SIFs and Category III AIFs should not be viewed as an either-or decision. Instead, both serve distinct purposes within a diversified portfolio. SIFs are positioned as a more accessible entry point into advanced investment strategies, offering a bal-

ance between risk and regulatory oversight. In contrast, Category III AIFs provide seasoned investors with opportunities to pursue higher returns through sophisticated and often less constrained approaches.

The growing popularity of Category III AIFs reflects increasing investor appetite for strategies that can hedge against market volatility. Data indicates

strong inflows into these funds, driven by investors seeking diversification beyond traditional equity and debt products.

Meanwhile, SIFs are gaining traction as a democratizing force in the investment landscape, enabling a broader segment of investors to access strategies previously reserved for ultra-wealthy individuals. Industry experts believe this new category could reshape how investors allocate capital, particularly in volatile or uncertain market conditions.

Ultimately, both SIFs and Category III AIFs are expected to coexist and grow, each fulfilling a unique role. While SIFs offer accessibility and structured flexibility, AIFs deliver depth and sophistication. Together, they expand the spectrum of investment options available, helping investors better align their portfolios with their financial goals and risk tolerance.

Angel One Shares Appear to Crash 90% – Here's the Real Reason Behind the Sharp Fall



Shares of Angel One caused panic among investors on February 26 after appearing to plunge nearly 90% in a single trading session. However, the dramatic fall was not due to any financial trouble or market crash, but a technical adjustment following a stock split.

The brokerage firm's stock opened at around ₹251, compared to its previous closing price of nearly ₹2,490. At first glance, this steep drop triggered concern among retail investors, with many fearing a major loss in value. But in reality, there was no destruction of wealth.

The sharp decline occurred because Angel One implemented a 1:10 stock split. Under this corporate action, each existing share with a face value of ₹10 was divided into ten shares with a face value of ₹1 each. As a result, while the number of shares held by investors in-

creased tenfold, the price per share reduced proportionally.

A stock split does not change the overall value of an investor's holdings. For example, if someone owned shares worth ₹25,000 before the split, the total value remains almost the same after the split—only the number of shares increases and the price per share decreases accordingly.

The stock began trading on an "ex-split" basis on the record date, meaning the price was automatically adjusted to reflect the new share structure. This adjustment often appears as a sharp fall on trading platforms, but it is purely mathematical and not linked to company performance.

Angel One had announced this move earlier in January while declaring its quarterly results. The primary objective of the stock split is to make shares

more affordable for retail investors and improve liquidity in the market. Lower-priced shares tend to attract more participation, which can increase trading volumes.

Despite the initial confusion, market experts have advised investors not to panic. The company's fundamentals, earnings outlook, and overall market value remain unchanged by this action. The apparent 90% drop is simply a reflection of the revised share price after the split.

Such events highlight the importance of understanding corporate actions in the stock market. While price movements may look alarming, they do not always indicate real losses. In this case, Angel One's "crash" was nothing more than a technical adjustment designed to make the stock more accessible to a wider base of investors.

Reva Diamond Jewellery IPO Fully Subscribed on Final Day, Strong Demand from NII and Retail Investors

The initial public offering (IPO) of Reva Diamond Jewellery was fully subscribed on the final day of bidding, driven by strong interest from both non institutional investors (NIIs) and retail participants. The upbeat response highlights healthy demand for new listings in the jewellery and luxury goods segment.

The public issue drew significant participation across categories, indicating confidence among investors in the company's business model and growth prospects. Retail investors showed particular enthusiasm, contributing to a substantial portion of the overall subscription. At the same time, non institutional bidders also played a key role in ensuring the offer reached full subscription.

As of the close of bidding, subscription levels had comfortably surpassed issue size requirements, reflecting strong appetite in the market. This outcome comes amid



a broader trend of renewed interest in IPOs, as investors seek opportunities for long term wealth creation and portfolio diversification.

Grey market activity suggests that demand for Reva Diamond Jewellery shares remains robust. The share price in unofficial trading continued to show a positive premium, indicating expectations of strong listing gains once the shares begin trading on the stock exchange. Such grey market movements are often seen as an

early signal of investor sentiment before an IPO debut.

Analysts noted that the company's focus on branded diamond jewellery, expanding retail footprint, and consistent performance could have contributed to investor confidence. The branded jewellery segment in India has been growing steadily, supported by rising consumer demand and increasing acceptance of organised players in a traditionally unorganised market.

The successful subscription also underscores the continued participation of retail investors in equity markets. Despite volatility and changing market conditions, individual investors have been participating actively in IPOs, driven by the potential for listing gains and long term investment opportunities.

The participation of non institutional investors—such as high net worth individuals and corporate bodies—added depth to the bidding, fur-

ther reinforcing the strength of the issue. Broad participation across categories is typically viewed as a positive sign for the aftermarket performance of newly listed stocks.

With the IPO fully subscribed, the company and its lead managers will now move toward the allotment process and finalise listing plans. Market watchers will be looking closely at how shares perform on debut, with strong subscription often translating into positive listing premiums.

Overall, the successful closure of the Reva Diamond Jewellery IPO reflects resilient investor interest in well positioned growth stories and favourable market sentiment toward new public offerings. It also highlights the ongoing appeal of India's IPO market as a platform for companies to raise capital and for investors to engage with emerging growth opportunities.

From American Dream to Indian Reality: NRI Shares 6 Reasons They're Grateful to Be Back Home



An NRI who returned to India after spending nearly a decade in the United States has sparked an online conversation by sharing six reasons why the move back home turned out to be deeply fulfilling. The individual revealed that despite initial adjustment challenges, relocating to India in 2024 was one of the best decisions they had made.

In a social media post, the returnee reflected on trading the so-called "American dream" for a life rooted in familiarity, family, and comfort. While life in the US offered professional growth, the emotional and practical advantages of living in India ultimately outweighed those benefits.

One of the biggest reliefs, the NRI noted, was escaping the stress associated with the H-1B visa system. The uncertainty of visa renewals and the pressure of finding a job within limited timeframes had been a constant source of anxiety. Returning to India removed that burden entirely.

Another major advantage was access to affordable and fresh food. The individual appreciated the availability of homemade vegetarian meals and reasonably priced groceries, something they found difficult to maintain in the US.

Equally significant was the ease of hiring domestic help. Services such as cooks and housemaids are far more

accessible and affordable in India, contributing to a better work-life balance.

The NRI also highlighted the quality of urban living, particularly in cities like Bengaluru and Hyderabad. Well-maintained gated communities with modern amenities provided a comfortable and secure lifestyle comparable to global standards. Additionally, the presence of green spaces like Lalbagh Botanical Garden and Cubbon Park added to the appeal of city life.

However, the most meaningful aspect of the move was the opportunity to be close to family—especially aging parents. Being physically present and spending time with loved ones brought a sense of emotional satisfaction that life abroad could not offer.

The post quickly gained traction online, with many users agreeing that proximity to family and cultural familiarity often outweigh the financial or professional advantages of living overseas. Some even shared similar experiences, reinforcing the idea that returning home can be both a practical and emotional win.

Ultimately, the story highlights a growing sentiment among some NRIs: success is not just about career growth abroad, but also about quality of life, relationships, and peace of mind back home.

Mumbai Police Turns Viral Baby Monkey Story Into Powerful 112 Awareness Campaign



Mumbai Police has taken a creative approach to public awareness by using the viral story of a baby monkey named Punch to promote India's emergency helpline number, 112.

Punch, a young Japanese macaque, recently captured global attention after heartwarming videos showed him clinging to a soft toy for comfort. Abandoned by his mother at birth, the monkey's emotional journey resonated widely with social media users, turning him into an internet sensation.

Leveraging this popularity, Mumbai Police shared a series of posts on Instagram that combined the monkey's story with an important public message. The campaign cleverly used the traditional "see no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil" concept, featuring images of monkeys paired with messages like "Bura Mat Dekho," "Bura Mat Suno," and "Bura Mat Kaho." The final slide included Punch's image along with a strong message encouraging people not to engage in wrongdoing and to report crimes responsibly.

The campaign also introduced catchy phrases and hashtags such as "Just Punch in 112" and "Wise Monkey Advise," creatively linking the monkey's name to the helpline number. This wordplay made the message more engaging and easier to remember, es-

pecially for younger audiences active on social media.

The 112 helpline is a nationwide emergency number that connects citizens to police, fire, and ambulance services. It can be accessed through calls, SMS, email, panic buttons, and even a dedicated mobile application, making it a critical resource during emergencies.

Delhi Police also joined the trend, using Punch's story in their own social media outreach. Their message emphasized that help is always available and encouraged people to dial 112 whenever needed.

The campaign received widespread appreciation online, with many users praising the police for using a viral and emotional story to spread an important civic message. Social media reactions suggested that such creative strategies are more effective in capturing public attention than traditional awareness campaigns.

Overall, the initiative highlights how law enforcement agencies are adapting to digital trends to communicate with the public. By blending emotion, storytelling, and social relevance, Mumbai Police successfully transformed a viral moment into a meaningful awareness drive, reminding citizens that help is just a call away.

"Tried To Trap Me": Tenant Exposes Hidden Clause in Bengaluru Rent Agreement

A tenant in Bengaluru has gone viral after accusing their landlord of quietly altering the rent agreement without prior notice, bringing attention to transparency issues in the city's rental market.

The situation emerged when the tenant, who had been living in the same apartment since 2022, renewed their lease in 2026. Before signing the updated agreement, they reportedly confirmed with the landlord whether any terms had changed. The landlord allegedly assured them that everything remained the same. However, upon closely reviewing the document, the tenant noticed a significant modification that had not been communicated.

The key change involved the notice period required before vacating the property. While the earlier agreement specified a one-month notice, the new version extended it to two months. The tenant described this as an attempt to "trap" them, as the change could limit flexibility and create inconvenience if they needed to move out quickly.

The tenant later shared their experience on social media, explaining that they only discovered the alteration by carefully



comparing the new agreement with the previous one. They urged others to read rental documents thoroughly instead of relying solely on verbal assurances from landlords.

Despite maintaining a good relationship with the landlord—paying rent on time and adhering to rules—the tenant felt disappointed by what they viewed as a lack of trans-

parency. After identifying the discrepancy, they decided to vacate the property and informed the landlord of their concerns.

The story quickly gained traction online, with many users sharing similar experiences. Several people reported encountering unexpected changes in agreements, such as longer notice pe-

riods, increased security deposits, or additional clauses introduced without proper explanation.

The incident highlights broader challenges faced by tenants in competitive housing markets. In cities with high demand, renters often feel they have limited bargaining power and must remain cautious when signing agreements.

Overall, the episode serves as a reminder for tenants to carefully review lease documents, compare them with previous versions, and clarify every detail before signing. It also underscores the importance of honesty and clear communication between landlords and tenants to prevent disputes and build trust.

Giant Python Spotted Swimming Through Flooded Streets in Bali



A shocking video from Bali has gone viral, showing a massive python gliding through floodwaters after days of heavy rainfall submerged large parts of the island.

The unusual sight emerged after nearly three days of continuous rain turned roads into streams and residential areas into waterlogged zones. As floodwaters rose, locals

and tourists began spotting large snakes moving through the streets, with some reportedly measuring up to five metres in length.

Videos captured from balconies and nearby buildings show the python calmly swimming across submerged roads and villa courtyards, creating a mix of fear and fascination among viewers online.

The clips quickly spread across social media, with many users expressing shock at seeing such a large reptile navigating urban floodwaters.

The presence of these snakes is not entirely unusual for the region. Bali is home to several species of large reptiles, including the reticulated python, which is native to Indonesia and known for its

strong swimming ability. During extreme weather events like floods, wildlife is often displaced from natural habitats and forced into human-populated areas.

The flooding itself has caused widespread disruption across the island. Streets in several towns became impassable, vehicles were partially submerged, and residential

properties experienced water ingress. Authorities issued warnings urging people to avoid flooded areas and remain cautious, as conditions can be unpredictable during intense rainfall.

Emergency teams were deployed to assist affected residents and secure vulnerable zones. In some heavily impacted areas, rescue operations were carried out using boats to move people to safer locations. Despite the alarming visuals, no snakebite incidents have been reported so far.

The viral video has once again highlighted how extreme weather can lead to unexpected encounters between humans and wildlife. Experts note that such incidents tend to increase during monsoon seasons, when heavy rains disturb ecosystems and push animals out of their usual environments.

Overall, while the sight of a giant python swimming through city streets may appear dramatic, it also serves as a reminder of nature's adaptability—and the growing impact of extreme weather events on both people and wildlife.

Viral Challenge Backfires: China Boy Promises Skipping for Every Like, Gets 1.8 Million

A seven-year-old boy in China has gone viral after making a bold promise that quickly spiralled out of control. What began as a simple fitness challenge turned into an overwhelming task when the internet responded in massive numbers.

The young boy, nicknamed Tangdou, agreed to skip rope once for every "like" his video received online. The idea was introduced by his father as a fun way to encourage exercise and weight loss. Confident and unaware of the potential outcome, the boy happily accepted the challenge on camera.

However, the video soon gained massive attention on social media, far beyond what the family had expected. Within just a day, it crossed an astonishing 1.8 million likes, leaving both the boy and his father shocked.



initially seemed manageable, quickly became unrealistic. Skipping rope over a million times was clearly impossible for a child. Realising this, Tangdou admitted he could not complete the task and humorously asked his father

to help him finish it. The story resonated widely with viewers, who found the situation both amusing and relatable. The combination of innocence, ambition, and an unexpected twist contributed to the video's viral

success. The idea reportedly stemmed from the boy's school routine, where daily rope-skipping was assigned as part of physical activity. His father decided to build on this by creating a structured plan to im-

prove his fitness. To make it more engaging, he introduced a reward system, offering incentives for weight loss and mild penalties for weight gain.

Despite the humorous outcome, the father later clarified that the intention was never to push his son beyond his limits. Instead, he planned to monitor the activity carefully and ensure it remained safe and beneficial.

The incident highlights how quickly social media challenges can escalate once they capture public attention. What starts as a simple idea can grow unexpectedly when it reaches a large audience.

In the end, the viral moment served as both entertainment and a reminder about setting realistic goals—especially in the age of social media, where even the smallest challenges can take on a life of their own.

Shoaib Akhtar Reveals Playing Through Pain in Fierce India-Pakistan Rivalry

In a striking revelation that underscores the intensity of cricket's most heated rivalry, former Pakistan fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar has admitted that he played through severe physical pain during matches against India, relying on pills and injections to stay match-fit.

Speaking about Pakistan's tour of India in 1998-99, Akhtar disclosed that both he and legendary spinner Saqlain Mushtaq struggled with serious knee problems at the time. Despite their injuries, the duo pushed themselves to compete in what remains one of the most emotionally charged rivalries in world sport.

Akhtar said their conditions were so severe that fluid had accumulated in their knees, making it difficult to even stand, let alone bowl at the highest level. Yet, the pressure to perform in high-stakes matches against India drove them to continue playing. He revealed that they secretly took medication and injections to manage the pain and remain available for selection.

The former speedster explained that such measures were taken discreetly, as team management might not have approved of players continuing under those circumstances. The fear of being dropped from



the squad also added to the urgency to stay on the field, particularly during a series of such magnitude.

The 1999 tour remains memorable in cricket history. Pakistan secured a famous victory in the Chennai Test, marking their first Test win in India in over a decade. The match is also remembered for Sachin Tendulkar's heroic century in a losing cause, highlighting the fierce competition between bat and ball during that era.

Akhtar also shared an interesting anecdote

from that tour, revealing that he and Saqlain had a friendly wager over who would dismiss Tendulkar. Both bowlers were determined to claim the prized wicket, reflecting not just competitive spirit but also the immense value attached to dismissing one of the world's greatest batsmen.

Despite the physical toll, Akhtar's recollection paints a picture of resilience and determination. He emphasized how players often pushed their bodies beyond limits, especially in matches against arch-rivals,

where national pride and personal legacy were at stake.

The India-Pakistan cricket rivalry has long been regarded as one of the most intense in global sports, drawing massive audiences and generating immense pressure on players. Matches between the two nations are often seen as more than just sporting contests, carrying deep emotional and historical significance.

Akhtar's admission sheds light on the unseen challenges faced by athletes, particularly in high-pressure environ-

ments. While modern sports science emphasizes player welfare and injury management, his experience reflects a time when players often prioritized participation over long-term health.

The revelation has sparked conversations among fans and experts about the physical and mental demands placed on cricketers during that era. It also highlights how far the sport has evolved in terms of medical support, fitness standards, and player safety.

Today, bilateral series between India and Pakistan are rare, with the two teams mostly meeting in international tournaments. However, memories of past encounters, such as the 1999 series, continue to resonate strongly with fans.

Akhtar's candid account serves as a reminder of the sacrifices players make to compete at the highest level. It also adds another layer to the legacy of a rivalry that has produced countless unforgettable moments in cricket history.

Ultimately, his story is not just about pain and perseverance, but about the passion that defines sport at its most intense—where players are willing to endure extraordinary hardship for the chance to represent their country on the biggest stage.

Vinicius Shines as Real Madrid Advance, PSG Survive Monaco Scare

Real Madrid booked their place in the knockout stage of the UEFA Champions League with a composed performance, as Vinicius Júnior once again proved decisive on the big stage.

The Spanish giants secured a 2-1 win over Benfica in the second leg, completing a 3-1 aggregate victory. Vinicius played a key role, scoring a crucial goal that helped seal qualification. His pace and attacking threat kept the opposition under constant pressure, underlining his importance to the team in high-stakes matches.

Despite the win, the game had a tense moment when defender Raúl Asencio was involved in a heavy collision that briefly halted play. The incident raised concerns, but Real Madrid quickly regrouped and maintained control to finish the job.



Meanwhile, Paris Saint-Germain endured a far more dramatic night against AS Monaco. The French champions were pushed to the brink before staging a comeback to secure their place in the next round.

Monaco initially

looked poised to pull off an upset, but the turning point came when they were reduced to ten men following a red card. PSG took advantage of the situation, scoring twice to turn the tie around and progress with a narrow 5-4 aggregate victory.

The contrasting paths taken by the two teams highlighted the unpredictable nature of the competition. Real Madrid displayed composure and efficiency, while PSG relied on resilience and late momentum to survive a challenging encounter.

Vinicius' performance stood out as one of the defining moments of the night. The Brazilian winger continues to establish himself as a key figure for Real Madrid, consistently delivering in crucial matches. His ability to influence games at the highest level makes him one of the most dangerous attackers in European football today.

As the tournament moves into the knockout phase, both teams will look to build on their performances. Real Madrid appear confident and well-organized, while PSG will hope their comeback win serves as a catalyst for stronger displays in the rounds ahead.

With Europe's top clubs now set for intense battles, the race for Champions League glory promises more drama, excitement, and unforgettable moments.

Lionel Messi Admits Regret Over Not Learning English Early in Life



Football legend Lionel Messi has opened up about one of his biggest personal regrets, despite achieving unparalleled success on the field. The Argentine superstar recently revealed that not learning English during his younger years is something he deeply

wishes he had done differently.

Speaking candidly in an interview, Messi reflected on his upbringing and career, acknowledging that while football gave him immense global exposure, he missed an important opportunity to develop language skills

that could have enriched his experiences. He admitted that he had enough time as a youngster to learn English but did not take it seriously, a decision he now regrets.

Messi explained that throughout his career, he has met numerous influential personalities from

around the world. However, the inability to communicate fluently in English sometimes made him feel limited in expressing himself. He described moments where he wished he could engage in deeper conversations but felt held back due to the language barrier. This, he said, occasionally left him feeling "half ignorant" in social and professional situations.

The football icon also shared that this realization has shaped how he advises his children. He encourages them to value education and make the most of opportunities to learn, especially when it comes to languages. According to him, having a strong educational foundation is just as important as pursuing one's passion.

Now playing in the United States with Inter Miami, Messi's reflections on language have become even more relevant. Living in an English-speaking environ-

ment has made him more aware of the importance of communication beyond football. While his talent continues to transcend language, he recognizes that being able to connect verbally adds another dimension to personal and professional growth.

Despite this regret, Messi emphasized that football itself has been a great teacher. Through the sport, he has learned valuable life lessons, traveled extensively, and experienced diverse cultures. He believes that these experiences have contributed significantly to his personal development, even if formal education in certain areas was lacking.

Messi's honesty offers a relatable perspective, reminding fans that even the most accomplished individuals have regrets. His message underscores the importance of making use of available opportunities and striving for well-rounded growth, both on and off the field.

Pakistan's Semi-Final Hopes Hang by a Thread After New Zealand Win



Pakistan's chances of reaching the semi-finals of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026 have become increasingly complicated following New Zealand's crucial victory over Sri Lanka. The result has significantly tightened the group standings, leaving Pakistan dependent on a combination of results rather than just their own performance.

With New Zealand securing an important win, they have strengthened their position in the points table, pushing Pakistan into a must-win situation. Pakistan now not only need to win their remaining group-stage match but must also rely on other outcomes to go in their favour. Their qualification scenario is no longer straightforward and hinges on net run rate and the performance of rival teams.

For Pakistan to ad-

vance, the first requirement is a convincing win in their final group match. A narrow victory may not be sufficient, as net run rate could play a decisive role in determining which teams progress. A dominant performance would improve their chances, but even that alone may not guarantee qualification.

Additionally, Pakistan need Sri Lanka to lose their remaining fixture or fail to significantly boost their net run rate. If Sri Lanka manage a big win, it could further complicate Pakistan's path. At the same time, New Zealand's strong position means they are likely to secure a semi-final berth, reducing the number of available spots.

Another key factor is the overall points tally. If multiple teams finish with the same number of points, net run rate

becomes the deciding criterion. This makes the margin of victory and defeat in each game critically important. Pakistan must therefore aim not only to win but to do so emphatically.

The situation reflects how competitive the group stage has been, with several teams still in contention heading into the final round of matches. Pakistan's campaign, marked by inconsistent performances, has left them vulnerable at a crucial stage of the tournament.

In summary, Pakistan's route to the semi-finals is still alive but highly uncertain. They must deliver a strong performance in their last match and hope that other results align in their favour. The coming fixtures will ultimately determine whether they can keep their title hopes alive or face an early exit from the tournament.

Santner's Leadership Inspires Confidence as New Zealand Dominate Sri Lanka



New Zealand's impressive victory over Sri Lanka in the ongoing ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026 has not only strengthened their campaign but also highlighted the growing confidence within the squad under captain Mitchell Santner. Following the emphatic win, all-rounder Rachin Ravindra credited Santner's leadership for creating a fearless environment in the team, saying it makes players feel "bulletproof" on the field.

New Zealand delivered a commanding performance, outplaying Sri Lanka in all departments. After posting a competitive total, their bowlers executed plans with precision, restricting Sri Lanka well short of the target. The convincing margin of victory underlined New Zealand's strong form and intent in the tournament.

Ravindra, who has been one of the standout performers, emphasized the impact of Santner's calm and composed captaincy. He noted that the skipper's

clarity and trust in players allow them to express themselves freely, even in high-pressure situations. According to Ravindra, this belief instilled by Santner helps the team stay positive and aggressive, regardless of the match scenario.

Santner's tactical awareness was evident throughout the game. His bowling changes, field placements, and ability to read the match situation played a key role in dismantling Sri Lanka's batting lineup. The bowlers responded well, maintaining tight lines and building pressure consistently, which resulted in crucial breakthroughs at regular intervals.

On the batting front, New Zealand showed resilience and adaptability. After a slightly shaky start, the middle order stepped up to accelerate the scoring and post a challenging total. Ravindra contributed significantly, showcasing both composure and attacking intent, further cementing his role as a dependable all-rounder in

the squad. The win also has important implications for the tournament standings, boosting New Zealand's chances of progressing to the next stage. With momentum on their side, the team looks well-balanced and confident heading into the crucial matches ahead.

Sri Lanka, on the other hand, struggled to find rhythm in both batting and bowling. Their inability to build partnerships and contain runs proved costly. The defeat puts them in a difficult position, requiring strong performances in upcoming games to stay in contention.

As the tournament progresses, New Zealand's blend of experienced leadership and emerging talent continues to make them a formidable side. With players like Ravindra thriving under Santner's guidance, the team appears well-equipped to push for the title and maintain their strong presence in world cricket.

Ustaad Bhagat Singh Creates Massive Buzz with Record Pre-Release Business

The upcoming film Ustaad Bhagat Singh, starring Pawan Kalyan, is generating tremendous excitement in the Telugu film industry, with its pre-release business figures becoming a major talking point among trade circles.

Following the massive success of his previous projects, the actor has once again demonstrated his strong box office pull. The film is directed by Harish Shankar, marking their reunion after the blockbuster Gabbar Singh, which has significantly raised expectations among fans.

Produced by Mythri Movie Makers on a grand scale, the film is being made with high production values and is expected to deliver a commercial entertainer packed with action and drama. The makers are planning a strategic release, aiming to capitalize on a festive or holiday window.

In the film, Pawan Kalyan is set to appear in a powerful police officer role, a character that has already sparked interest among fans. Adding to the excitement is the music composed by Devi Sri Prasad, known for delivering chart-topping soundtracks.

On the business front, the film has already made headlines. The non-theatrical rights, including digital and satellite deals, have reportedly been sold for impressive prices, driven by the strong buzz and the actor's massive fan following.

However, the theatrical business presents a



slightly mixed scenario. While the film is commanding high rates in several regions, some distributors are said to be cautious about investing heavily. One of the reasons behind this hesitation is ongoing speculation about the film's storyline, which has created some uncertainty in trade circles.

Addressing such concerns, director Harish Shankar has clarified that the film offers fresh content and is not merely a routine remake, promising audiences a unique cinematic experience.

Promotional content released so far has received varied responses. While one song generated strong buzz, another did not meet expectations,

leading the team to reassess their promotional strategy. The focus is now on upcoming trailers and songs, which are expected to play a key role in strengthening the film's hype.

Industry experts believe that a powerful trailer could significantly boost the film's prospects. Given Pawan Kalyan's massive fan base, even a single impactful promotional release could drive huge demand.

With high expectations, strong pre-release business, and considerable buzz, Ustaad Bhagat Singh is shaping up to be one of the most anticipated releases. All eyes are now on whether it will live up to the hype and deliver at the box office.

Priyanka Chopra's Global Reveal Sparks Buzz Around Mahesh Babu-Rajamouli Film



A major upcoming project starring Mahesh Babu and Priyanka Chopra Jonas under the direction of S. S. Rajamouli has found itself at the center of widespread discussion after details about its storyline were reportedly revealed on an international platform.

The film, tentatively titled Varanasi, is already one of the most anticipated Indian cinematic ventures due to its scale, star cast, and Rajamouli's reputation for delivering global blockbusters. However, what has now intensified curiosity is the unexpected disclosure of story elements during a global interaction.

Priyanka Chopra, who plays a key role in the film, spoke about the project while addressing an international audience. During the conversation, she reportedly shared insights into the narrative, offering a

glimpse into the film's core theme and setting. This has triggered significant chatter among fans and industry circles, as the makers had been carefully maintaining secrecy around the storyline.

The film is believed to be a grand action-adventure that blends mythology, history, and global exploration. It reportedly follows a protagonist on an epic journey connected to ancient Indian traditions and spiritual lore, with the story spanning multiple timelines and locations. The city of Varanasi is expected to play a central role, both as a symbolic and narrative anchor.

Mahesh Babu is said to portray a rugged and intense character, marking a departure from his previous roles. Meanwhile, Priyanka Chopra's character is expected to be strong and action-oriented, contributing significantly to the story's pro-

gression. Their pairing, combined with Rajamouli's vision, has already raised expectations to extraordinary levels.

The scale of the film is said to be massive, with international locations, high-end visual effects, and a production design aimed at appealing to global audiences. It is also expected to incorporate elements of Indian epics, a hallmark of Rajamouli's storytelling style.

While the early reveal of story details has surprised many, it has also amplified excitement around the project. Fans are now eagerly waiting for official announcements, teasers, and promotional material to better understand the film's scope and narrative.

Despite the unintended leak, the film continues to generate immense buzz, reinforcing its position as one of the most awaited Indian films in recent years.

Vijay Deverakonda and Rashmika Mandanna Tie the Knot in Grand Udaipur Wedding

In a moment that delighted fans across the country, popular actors Vijay Deverakonda and Rashmika Mandanna have reportedly entered a new chapter in their lives by getting married in a lavish ceremony in Udaipur. The wedding, held in one of Rajasthan's most picturesque locations, was an intimate yet grand affair attended by close family members and a select group of friends from the film industry.

The couple, who have long been the subject of speculation regarding their relationship, chose to keep the ceremony private, away from the intense media spotlight. Despite the secrecy, news of their wedding quickly spread online, sparking excitement among fans who have admired their on-screen chemistry and off-screen bond for years.

The wedding venue was beautifully decorated with traditional elements blended with modern elegance. From floral arrangements to regal interiors, every detail reflected a royal theme befitting the grandeur of Udaipur. The celebrations reportedly included multiple pre-wedding functions such as mehendi, sangeet, and haldi, each marked by vibrant decor and



joyful participation from loved ones.

Both Vijay and Rashmika were said to have looked stunning in their wedding attire. Vijay opted for a classic yet sophisticated traditional outfit, while Rashmika dazzled in an intricately designed bridal ensemble that perfectly complemented the royal setting. Their coordinated looks and visible happiness became a major highlight of the occasion.

Over the years, the duo has shared screen space in successful films, which further fueled rumors about their relationship. Their strong friendship and frequent public appearances together had kept fans guessing, and this wedding now appears to confirm what many had long believed.

While neither of the actors has made an official public announcement yet, the buzz surrounding their union continues

to grow on social media. Fans and well-wishers have flooded online platforms with congratulatory messages, celebrating the union of two of the industry's most beloved stars.

As the couple begins this new journey together, their wedding marks not just a personal milestone but also a heartwarming moment for their admirers, who have followed their story with keen interest and affection.

Akhil Akkineni Rumoured to Join Jr NTR-Prashanth Neel's 'Dragon' Sparks Buzz

Speculation is growing in the Telugu film industry about Akhil Akkineni potentially joining the much-anticipated project starring Jr NTR and directed by Prashanth Neel. The film, widely referred to as Dragon, is already one of the most talked-about upcoming pan-Indian ventures.

The buzz began after reports suggested that the film requires a young actor for a significant role. Akhil's name quickly surfaced, fueling excitement among fans. His rumored involvement has gained traction largely due to his known rapport with Prashanth Neel and the strong professional equation the director shares with Jr NTR.

The project itself is shaping up on a grand scale. With a major sched-



ule already completed overseas, the team is preparing to move into the next phase of filming. The scale, casting choices, and collaboration between a mass hero like Jr NTR and a blockbuster filmmaker like Prashanth Neel have already set high expectations.

Adding to the intrigue is the possibility that Akhil's role, if confirmed, could be a cameo or an extended guest appearance. While some believe it could mark a strategic move to expand the film's appeal, others see it as an opportunity for Akhil to re-establish his

presence with a powerful role in a high-profile film.

However, it is important to note that there has been no official confirmation regarding Akhil Akkineni's participation. The makers have remained tight-lipped, neither confirming nor denying the reports, which

has only intensified curiosity among fans and industry watchers.

The film is expected to be a high-octane action drama, in line with Prashanth Neel's signature style, known for delivering visually grand and mass-oriented entertainers. With Jr NTR undergoing a transformation for his role and the film reportedly being mounted on a massive budget, expectations continue to rise.

Whether Akhil Akkineni actually joins the cast or not, the ongoing speculation has already succeeded in drawing additional attention to the project. Until an official announcement is made, fans will have to wait and watch if this rumored collaboration turns into reality.

Will Ram Charan's 'Peddi' Release on Schedule? Uncertainty Sparks Buzz



Speculation is growing around the release timeline of Peddi, the much-anticipated upcoming film starring Ram Charan. While the project has generated strong excitement among fans and industry watchers alike, recent developments suggest that its planned release schedule may face unexpected delays.

Initially envisioned as a major cinematic event, Peddi has been progressing steadily through production. However, reports indicate that certain factors—including shooting timelines, post-production demands, and possible scheduling conflicts—could impact whether the film arrives in theatres as originally planned. Large-scale productions like this often require extensive coordination, and even minor setbacks can ripple into release postponements.

The film is said to be

mounted on a grand scale, with high production values and a storyline designed to appeal to a wide audience. Such ambitious projects typically involve complex filming schedules, elaborate sets, and heavy visual effects work, all of which require time and precision. As a result, the makers are believed to be prioritizing quality over rushing to meet a fixed release date.

Another contributing factor could be strategic timing. Film releases today are carefully planned to maximize box office performance, avoiding clashes with other big-budget movies. If competing releases crowd the calendar, producers may opt to shift dates to secure a better window.

Fans, meanwhile, are eagerly awaiting official confirmation from the production team. Social media discussions have intensified, with many

expressing both excitement and concern over the uncertainty. Ram Charan's strong fan base continues to show unwavering support, trusting that the final product will be worth the wait regardless of delays.

Industry observers note that such situations are not uncommon in big-ticket cinema. Delays, while disappointing in the short term, often result in a more polished and impactful film. Given Ram Charan's recent track record and commitment to delivering high-quality performances, expectations remain high.

Until an official announcement is made, the fate of Peddi's release date remains uncertain. However, one thing is clear—the film has already succeeded in creating significant buzz, and anticipation will only grow stronger as audiences await further updates.

Made in Korea Set for March 12 Release on Netflix



The upcoming film Made in Korea, starring Priyanka Arul Mohan, is all set to premiere on March 12. The film will skip a theatrical release and head directly to the streaming platform Netflix.

Directed by Ra Karthik, the movie is positioned as a heartfelt slice-of-life drama that blends emotions with a cross-cultural narrative. It tells the story of a young Tamil woman named Shenbagam, who dreams of traveling to South Korea and eventually finds herself in Seoul.

The plot revolves around her journey as she navigates a completely new environment, facing cultural differences, language barriers, and personal challenges. As she adapts to life in a foreign country, the story explores themes of identity, belonging, and self-discovery.

Priyanka Arul Mohan plays the lead role, bringing emotional depth to a character that undergoes significant transformation throughout the film. The narrative focuses not

just on her external journey but also her internal growth as she learns to embrace change and independence.

Adding authenticity to the story, the film also features South Korean actors in important roles, enhancing the cultural backdrop and making the setting more immersive. The makers aim to present a realistic portrayal of life abroad while maintaining a relatable emotional core.

The decision to opt for a direct OTT release reflects the growing trend of digital premieres, especially for content-driven films that cater to a global audience. With its unique storyline and international setting, Made in Korea is expected to appeal to viewers beyond regional boundaries.

With a promising premise, strong performances, and a fresh narrative approach, the film is generating interest ahead of its release. Audiences are now looking forward to experiencing this cross-cultural journey when it premieres on March 12.