

Bhagiratha Jayanti Celebrations

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Bhagiratha Maharshi Jayanti was celebrated with enthusiasm at the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Telangana state office in Hyderabad. State BJP president N. Ramchander Rao attended as the chief guest, offered floral tributes to Bhagiratha Maharshi, and performed special prayers.

The event was also attended by Member of Parliament Konda Vishweshwar Reddy, party leaders, Sagara community representatives, and party workers. On the occasion, leaders extended greetings to the Sagara community and the people of the state.

Speaking to the media, Telangana BJP chief Ramchander Rao described Bhagiratha Maharshi as a symbol of determination and spiritual inspiration, revered not only in

the Ramayana but also by the Sagara community. He acknowledged the community's contributions to society and said the Jayanti is celebrated as a festival.

He also expressed concern over the ongoing RTC workers' strike in the state, criticizing the government for failing to respond despite prior notice. Alleging a rigid approach by the government, he said the workers' demands are legitimate and deserve attention.

The BJP announced full support to the RTC workers agitation and urged the state government to initiate talks with unions. He demanded immediate resolution of pending issues, including merger of RTC with the government, payment of PRC dues since 2017, and release of retirement benefits.



Baker Hughes Facility Inaugurated

Siddipet, April 23 | TPN Bureau

Telangana IT and Industries Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu on Thursday inaugurated a state-of-the-art lean manufacturing facility for Baker Hughes at the Azad Centre of Excellence & Innovation Centre, located in the TGIIC Industrial Park at Tuniki Bollaram in Mulugu mandal of Siddipet district.

Spread across 7,600 square meters, the newly launched unit is designed to support high-precision manufacturing requirements for the company's Industrial & Energy Technology (IET) segment. The facility is expected to play a key role in strengthening advanced manufacturing capabilities in the region.

Baker Hughes, a US-based global energy technology com-

pany, operates in over 120 countries, providing solutions in oilfield services and equipment, industrial and energy technology, and digital innovations. The establishment of this facility marks a significant expansion of its footprint in Telangana.

Officials stated that the unit will generate employment for around 230 highly skilled workers, contributing to local economic growth. The initiative is also expected to enhance the "Made in Telangana" brand in the global manufacturing sector.

The minister emphasized that such investments highlight Telangana's growing reputation as a preferred destination for global industries, particularly in high-tech manufacturing and innovation-driven sectors.



Heatwave Advisory Issued as Temperatures Rise Across India

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Amid forecasts of above-normal temperatures across India in 2026, authorities have issued a comprehensive Heatwave Action Plan urging citizens to take precautions to safeguard their health and well-being.

Officials emphasized the importance of staying hydrated by drinking water regularly, even without feeling thirsty. Intake of fluids such as coconut water, lemon juice, buttermilk, and ORS solutions is recommended. People are advised to wear light-colored cotton clothing and avoid direct sun expo-

sure, especially between 12 noon and 4 pm.

Households are encouraged to adopt cooling measures such as using reflective "cool roof" coatings, installing curtains or sunshades, and ensuring proper ventilation during nighttime. Keeping emergency essentials like ORS packets, water bottles, thermometers, and wet cloths readily available is also advised.

Health experts warned about heat-related illnesses such as Heat Exhaustion and Heat Stroke. Symptoms of heat exhaustion include excessive sweating, dizziness, and weakness, while heat stroke may

cause high body temperature, confusion, and dry skin. In severe cases, immediate medical attention and emergency services should be sought.

Authorities also urged citizens to monitor alerts issued by the India Meteorological Department and make use of public cooling centers and drinking water facilities.

Special care should be taken for vulnerable groups such as children, the elderly, pregnant women, and pets. Officials stressed that no one should be left inside parked vehicles during extreme heat, as it can quickly turn fatal.

Eatala Rajender Demands Talks on RTC Strike

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Member of Parliament Eatala Rajender has expressed strong concern over the ongoing RTC workers' strike, urging the state government to immediately initiate talks and resolve their issues.

Addressing the media, Rajender said RTC employees have a long history of struggle and played a key role during the Telangana movement. He noted that despite several movements in the past demanding recognition as government employees, the issue remained unresolved until 2023, when a government order was issued to that effect.

However, he alleged that the current government has failed to implement the promise fully, leading to widespread dissatisfaction among workers. "People believed RTC employees were recognized as govern-



ment employees, but the ongoing strike has exposed the gap between promise and implementation," he said. Rajender criticized the Congress government for not fulfilling its election promises and warned that continued neglect could push

RTC towards privatization. He pointed out that the workforce has reduced significantly over the years and alleged that policies promoting private operators, especially in electric buses, are weakening the public transport system.

Minister Urges RTC Staff to Opt for Dialogue Amid Strike

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Telangana IT & Industries Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu appealed to RTC employees to resolve their concerns through dialogue, emphasizing the government's willingness to address their issues.

Speaking during a Cabinet briefing at the Secretariat, the Minister described RTC workers as an "extended family" and acknowledged their key contribution to the development of the state. He said expressing dissent is not wrong, but urged employees to avoid being influenced by provocative forces or taking hasty decisions. Highlighting the seriousness of the situation, he stated that the Cabinet had set aside its regular agenda to focus entirely on RTC-related issues. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, he said, is committed to resolv-

ing workers' concerns at the earliest.

The Minister called on employees to remain patient and not act out of emotion or anger, stressing that all issues can be resolved through constructive discussions. He also cautioned against misinformation and attempts by certain groups to create unrest.

Proposing a way forward, he said talks could be held under the leadership of the Deputy Chief Minister to reach an amicable solution. "We are not rigid and have no ego issues. The government is positively inclined towards your demands," he added.

Reiterating the government's commitment, Sridhar Babu assured that all ministers are sympathetic and are working towards improving the welfare of RTC employees and their families.

Gachibowli Stadium to Get Rs 700-Crore World-Class Upgrade

Hyderabad, April 24 | TPN Bureau

The Telangana Cabinet has approved an ambitious proposal to transform the Gachibowli Stadium into a world-class sports facility with an estimated investment of Rs 700 crore under the public-private partnership (PPP) model.

The decision was taken at a Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister A. Revanth

Reddy. Briefing the media, Information and Public Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy said the project would be executed across the existing 76-acre premises, with 64 acres earmarked for the development of advanced sports infrastructure.

As part of the expansion, the stadium's seating capacity will be increased from 20,000 to 50,000, enabling it to host large-scale national and international sporting events. The upgrad-

ed facility will include infrastructure for 21 different sports disciplines, positioning it as a chief multi-sport hub with international standards.

The Minister said the project aligns with long-term goals of enhancing Telangana's sports ecosystem and could support bids for hosting global events, including the Olympics in the future. He also revealed that the Tata Group has expressed interest in contributing through Corporate Social Re-

sponsibility (CSR) funds, and the government may consider naming the stadium after the late Ratan Tata.

In addition, plans include upgrading the swimming pool complex and establishing a dedicated sports university within the premises. The university will offer advanced training, academic programs, and research opportunities in sports sciences.

Residential and training facilities for athletes will also be

developed to provide comprehensive support. The remaining 12 acres will be allocated for commercial activities under the PPP model, with revenue generated to fund maintenance and operations.

Officials stated that the integrated development aims to create a sustainable sports ecosystem, combining world-class infrastructure with revenue-generating components to support long-term growth and athlete welfare in the state.

BJP MP Demands CBI Probe into Entire Kaleshwaram Project

New Delhi, April 24 | TPN Bureau

BJP MP M. Raghunandan Rao has demanded that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy write to the Union Home Ministry seeking a comprehensive CBI probe into the entire Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project.

Addressing the media in New Delhi, the MP criticized the state government for limiting the proposed inquiry to only three barrages, as resolved in the Assembly. He insisted that an investigation should cover the project in its entirety, from the preparation of the Detailed Project Report (DPR) to its execution.

Raghunandan Rao alleged that both the Congress and the BRS were engaged in "political collusion" and accused them of misleading the public with what he termed a "dummy fight" over the issue. He also questioned the delay in initiating

accuracy, coordination, and timely execution in conducting the census.

The Commissioner also directed officials to ensure that all logistical arrangements and necessary resources are in place for seamless operations.

Training programmes are being conducted at multiple centres across the city, including Neelima Medical College in Pocharam, Mahboob College in Secunderabad, Government Junior College in Saroornagar, NAC Auditorium in Madhapur, and Dr B.R. Kalyana Mandapam in Chandanagar.

Officials stated that the expanded officer network and robust training infrastructure are expected to facilitate the smooth and efficient conduct of Census 2027 within GHMC limits.



Final Farewell to Former Chief Minister Nadendla Bhaskara Rao Amid Deep Grief



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Prominent leaders, public representatives, and admirers gathered in large numbers to pay their last respects to former Chief Minister Nadendla Bhaskara Rao, whose passing has left a deep void in political circles. His mortal remains were kept at his residence in Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad, where dignitaries from across the Telugu states offered floral tributes and conveyed condolences to the bereaved family.

Family members, including his son and Minister Nadendla Manohar, received visitors who expressed their grief and extended support during the difficult time. Leaders cutting across party lines came together, reflecting the respect Bhaskara Rao commanded throughout his public life.

The Telangana government accorded a funeral with full state honours. A police contingent presented a ceremonial guard of honour at his residence before the funeral procession moved to the Panjagutta crematorium.



His eldest son, Nadendla Murali, performed the last rites in accordance with traditional customs. As a mark of respect, police personnel fired three volleys in the air, offering a final salute. Family members and followers bid an emotional farewell at the cremation site.

Several prominent personalities from politics, the film industry, and the business community paid their tributes. Actor Chiranjeevi visited the residence and consoled the family. Among those present were Union Minister Kishan Reddy, Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka,

ministers from both Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, MPs, MLAs, and senior leaders from various political parties. Representatives from the film industry, including Allu Aravind and other producers, were also present. The gathering of leaders from diverse backgrounds underscored Bhaskara Rao's lasting influence and contribution to public life. His demise marks the end of an era, with many remembering him as a seasoned leader who played a significant role in the political history of united Andhra Pradesh.





GHMC Chief Reviews Census Training at Banjara Hills

Hyderabad, April 23 | TPN Bureau

GHMC Commissioner R.V. Karnan inspected the Census Training Centre at Sultan Ul Uloom College in Banjara Hills, designated for Jubilee Hills, Circle-36.

During the visit, the Commissioner reviewed the training arrangements, infrastructure, and overall preparedness for the upcoming census operations. He examined whether the facilities and resources provided at the centre were adequate to support effective training for enumerators and field staff involved in the census process.

Interacting with officials and trainees, Karnan stressed the importance of accuracy in

data collection, proper coordination among teams, and adherence to timelines. He highlighted that reliable census data is crucial for planning and governance, and urged staff to carry out their responsibilities with diligence.

The Commissioner also assessed the availability of training materials and technical support. He instructed trainers to ensure clarity in sessions and address doubts of trainees to minimize errors during fieldwork.

Further, he directed concerned officials to ensure all logistical arrangements, including equipment and other essential resources, are in place to facilitate smooth and efficient operations.



Bachupally Police Nab Night Burglars

Kuthbullapur, April 23 | TPN Bureau

The Bachupally Police Station crime team has successfully cracked a series of night-time burglaries by arresting two accused involved in multiple theft cases across Bachupally and Narsingi.

The arrested individuals have been identified as Nemali David Raj (19), a resident of Prakash Nagar, Kukatpally, and Are Sai (21), from Saptagiri Colony, Kukatpally. Police recovered around 30 grams of gold ornaments, silver items, and a Dio scooter from their possession.

According to police officials, the accused were targeting locked houses during night hours by breaking open doors and committing thefts. Investigations revealed their involvement in multiple cases registered at Bachupally and

Narsingi Police Station, along with at least three previous burglary incidents of a similar nature.

Bachupally DI Suresh stated that the accused were produced before the court and remanded to judicial custody. The arrests have helped police link and solve several pending cases in the region.

Senior officials appreciated the efforts of the crime team in swiftly cracking the case. Head Constable Anand Reddy and police personnel Raju, Srinivas, Niranjana, Satish, and Kanakayya were commended for their dedicated work in tracking down and apprehending the offenders.

Police have urged citizens to remain vigilant and take necessary precautions, especially during night hours, to prevent such incidents.

Bhagiratha Maharshi Jayanti

Hyderabad, April 23 | TPN Bureau

The Backward Classes Welfare Department organized the Sri Sagara Bhagiratha Maharshi Jayanti-2026 celebrations at Ravindra Bharathi. Ministers Ponnampalabharathi, Ministers Ponnampalabharathi and Vakiti Srihari paid floral tributes to Bhagiratha Maharshi and inaugurated the program by lighting the ceremonial lamp.

The event was attended by Member of Parliament Eatala Rajender, BC leader Jajula Srinivas Goud, BC Welfare Secretary Balamaya Devi, BC Corporation MD Mallayya Battu, Alok Kumar, and Sagara community representatives.

Addressing the gathering, Minister Ponnampalabharathi extended greetings to the Sagara community and urged them to focus on progress rather than limiting themselves to demands. He called for dedicated efforts, stating that success can be achieved through



“Bhagiratha-like” determination.

The Minister directed officials to convene a meeting with the Principal Secretary to resolve issues concerning the Sagara community. He asserted unity beyond politics for the welfare of weaker sections and reiterated the government's commitment to implementing

42 percent reservations.

Referring to the caste survey, he said detailed data on population and economic conditions is available online. Stressing the importance of education, he encouraged youth to pursue higher studies and achieve economic growth, assuring continued government support.

Census 2027 Preparations Completed

Hyderabad, April 23 | TPN Bureau

Preparations for Census 2027 have been completed in Gajularamam Circle, with officials focusing on ensuring a transparent and efficient process. Circle Deputy Commissioner Sripada Rameshwar stated that all necessary arrangements are in place for the key national exercise.

He was speaking at a special training programme organized at Tatva Global School in Quthbullapur on Thursday. The session was conducted for enumerators and supervisors who will be involved in the census process.

According to officials, a total of 307 enumerators and 52 supervisors are being trained under the guidance of six field trainers. The programme covers key aspects such as data collection methods, digital data entry, and field verification procedures. Trainees are being equipped with skills to ensure accurate and real-time



data uploading using modern technology.

Addressing the participants, the Deputy Commissioner emphasized that the census plays a key role in national development, future planning, and effective implementation of welfare schemes. He urged officials to carry out their duties with utmost accuracy and accountability.

Enumerators have been instructed to visit every household and collect precise information without errors. Officials also appealed to the public to actively cooperate by providing correct details during the census process.

The training programme was attended by officials from various departments and staff undergoing training.

Two-Shift Tanker Supply to Meet Rising Water Demand

Hyderabad, April 24 | TPN Bureau

With summer driving a sharp rise in drinking water demand, the Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board has initiated a two-shift tanker supply system to ensure uninterrupted services across the city. Managing Director Ashok Reddy directed officials to operate round-the-clock and streamline tanker dispatches without delays. During inspections at key water filling stations in Kondapur,

Madhapur, Ayyappa Society, Banjara Hills, and Somajiguda, he emphasized that tankers must be dispatched immediately upon booking to avoid inconvenience to consumers. Officials noted a significant surge in tanker bookings, with nearly 47% made through IVRS (customer care), 46% via mobile applications, and 7% through the official website. To meet growing demand, a new tanker filling station has been inaugurated at Brindavan Colony in Kokapet, aimed at serving areas like Manikonda and

Narsingi. Ashok Reddy warned of strict action against any irregularities in tanker bookings. To improve transparency and efficiency, the board is introducing barcode-enabled tokens for each tanker trip and has installed CCTV cameras at all filling stations. These are connected to the central monitoring office in Khairatabad for real-time supervision. The move is expected to significantly reduce waiting time for water tankers and ensure timely supply during the peak summer season.



BKR Foundation Sets Up Summer Water Booths

Hyderabad, April 24 | TPN Bureau

In view of the rising summer heat, the BKR Foundation has set up drinking water booths across several regions in Quthbullapur to provide relief to the public. The initiative was carried out in divisions 291, 293, 294, and 295, covering areas such as Shapur Nagar, Suraram, Gandimaisamma, and Bahadurpally.

The program was organized following the guidance of Bongunoori Kishore Reddy, Vice Chairman of Telangana Protocol Coordination. Foundation members ensured that clean drinking water is readily available for commuters and residents affected by the scorching temperatures.

With heatwave conditions intensifying, these water booths are offering much-needed relief

to pedestrians, daily wage workers, and travelers on busy roads. Locals appreciated the initiative, noting that access to safe drinking water is crucial during peak summer months.

Several congress leaders and BKR Foundation members participated in the service activity, including Bembidi Hanumanth Reddy, Darshan Yadav, Narasimha Reddy, Mahender Reddy, Surender Reddy, Bobbala Narasimha Reddy, Gajananand, Mahesh, Karthik Reddy, Baban Nadeem, Vikrant, Arun Reddy, Ganta Shiva Reddy, Ramesh, Jagadeesh, Jagan, Tirupati Reddy, Bongunoori Bharat Reddy, and Prashanth Reddy.

The organizers stated that similar initiatives will continue in other areas to help people cope with extreme weather conditions.



Helmet Sculpture Unveiled to Boost Road Safety Awareness

Hyderabad, April 23 | TPN Bureau

In a bid to promote road safety awareness, a giant helmet sculpture was unveiled at Tarnaka Junction in Hyderabad on Thursday evening. The initiative, led by the Sarvajana Foundation, aims to encourage motorists and pillion riders to adopt safe riding practices.

Hyderabad Traffic Joint Commissioner Joel Davis, who attended the event, emphasized the importance of strictly following road safety rules. He urged both riders and pillion passengers to wear helmets at all times, noting that such precautions significantly reduce fatalities and serious injuries.

Foundation Chairman Dr. A. V. Gurava Reddy and CEO Dr. B. Janardhan Reddy also participated, highlighting the need for sustained public awareness campaigns.

According to data cited by the organizers, India records nearly 1.72 lakh road accident deaths annually, with over 54,000 fatalities attributed to non-use of helmets. In Telangana alone, more than 2,200 deaths and 4,700 injuries are linked to lack of helmet usage. Alarmingly, in Hyderabad, one pillion rider loses their life every three days due to not wearing a helmet.

Officials stated that wearing helmets can reduce the risk of death by about 40% and head injuries by up to 70%. The foundation announced plans to collaborate with government agencies and civil society groups to conduct more awareness drives.

The event saw participation from medical professionals, civic groups, volunteers, and citizens, with a strong message: “Wear a helmet every ride, every time.”

Vemula Prashanth Reddy Slams Govt Over RTC Strike

Hyderabad, April 23 | TPN Bureau

Former minister and MLA Vemula Prashanth Reddy has strongly criticized the state government over its handling of the ongoing RTC workers' strike, alleging that its policies have pushed multiple sections of society into distress.

Reacting to the attempted suicide of RTC worker Shankar Goud in Narsampet, he termed the incident unfortunate and demanded immediate advanced medical treatment for the injured worker. He also urged the government to extend financial support to the

family. Prashanth Reddy recalled that during the tenure of K. Chandrashekar Rao, a gazette notification was issued in August 2023 promising the merger of RTC with the government. He alleged that the Congress, despite promising to complete the merger within 100 days of coming to power, has failed to deliver.

He stated that RTC unions had issued a strike notice on March 13 with 32 demands, but the government failed to respond adequately even after two rounds of talks, forcing workers to resort to agitation. He further alleged that deploying temporary, unskilled drivers to manage services has led to accidents, citing a recent

incident in which 38 passengers were injured.

The MLA questioned whether the government would arrest all opposition leaders supporting the strike and accused the Bharatiya Janata Party of maintaining an unclear stand. He also condemned remarks made by Minister Ponnampalabharathi linking the agitation to T. Harish Rao.

Prashanth Reddy demanded immediate resolution of workers' issues and warned that the government would be held responsible for further consequences. He also appealed to workers not to resort to extreme steps and assured continued support from the BRS party.





‘Praja Darbar’ to Bring Governance to Doorsteps

Khammam, April 24 | TPN Bureau

In a move aimed at bringing governance closer to the people, Telangana Revenue, Housing and Information Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy has announced the launch of a “Praja Darbar” programme in the Paleru constituency from April 25.

The initiative seeks to eliminate the need for citizens to make repeated visits to government offices for resolving routine issues. Instead, officials from various departments will be available directly at the grassroots level to address grievances on the spot.

As part of the programme, the District Collector and officials from all key departments will participate, along with public representatives, on a single platform. Issues ranging from revenue and land disputes to housing requests under Indiramma schemes, new ration cards, and local infrastructure concerns will be taken up for immediate resolution. The first Praja Darbar will be held at the Zilla Parishad High School in Subledu, Tirumalayapalem mandal, from 3:30 pm to 7:30 pm, catering to several nearby villages.

The minister stated that the initiative is designed to ensure no citizen has to struggle for days to get their problems addressed. Officials have been directed to attend with complete information to facilitate prompt solutions.



Cheruvumadaram, Mangapuram Tanda, and others can attend.

The second session is scheduled at the Zilla Parishad High School in Subledu, Tirumalayapalem mandal, from 3:30 pm to 7:30 pm, catering to several nearby villages.

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MP Mallu Ravi Reviews Welfare Schemes

Wanaparthi, April 24 | TPN Bureau

A review meeting was held at the District Collectorate in Wanaparthi under the presided over of Dr. Mallu Ravi, where officials from various departments discussed the implementation of central and state government schemes.

During the meeting, a comprehensive review of programmes related to rural development, education, and healthcare was undertaken. Officials presented updates on the progress of schemes and highlighted key challenges faced during implementation.

Special focus was laid on housing, employment guarantee schemes, and social security initiatives. The MP also reviewed the status of bank-

ing-related schemes and assessed the progress of ongoing development works across the district.

Addressing the officials, Dr. Mallu Ravi emphasized the need for transparency and better coordination among departments to ensure effective delivery of welfare benefits. He suggested practical measures to resolve bottlenecks and improve efficiency in scheme execution.

District Collector Adarsh Surabhi, local MLA Thudi Megha Reddy, and senior officers from various departments attended the meeting.

Officials assured that necessary steps would be taken to address issues and accelerate development activities in the district.

Former Minister Visits Injured RTC Driver

Warangal, April 23 | TPN Bureau

Former minister Errabelli Dayakar Rao visited an RTC driver, Shankar Goud, who allegedly attempted suicide at the Narsampet depot, and is currently undergoing treatment at MGM Hospital in Warangal. He was accompanied by former Narsampet MLA Peddi Sudarshan Reddy.

According to reports, Shankar Goud resorted to self-harm due to distress over unresolved issues faced by RTC workers. He was immediately rushed to the hospital by fellow workers, where he is receiving medical care.

Speaking to the media, Errabelli Dayakar Rao expressed deep concern after meeting the injured driver. He said the condition of Shankar Goud was distressing and blamed the

government for neglecting the demands of RTC employees. He alleged that despite workers carrying out a peaceful strike, the government is operating buses with police support instead of addressing their concerns. The former minister accused the Congress government of failing to fulfill promises made during elections and showing discrimination towards RTC workers. He recalled that during the tenure of K. Chandrashekar Rao, RTC was merged with the government, benefiting employees.

He warned that any harm to RTC workers in the future would not be tolerated and demanded that the government extend full support to Shankar Goud's family. The BRS party reiterated its continued support for the RTC workers' strike and their demands.

BRS Leader Detained After Backing RTC Strike

Vikarabad, April 24 | TPN Bureau

Tension prevailed near the Vikarabad bus depot as BRS leaders extended support to striking RTC workers and demanded immediate action from the state government. Former MLA and Vikarabad district BRS president Dr. Methuku Anand visited the protest site and expressed solidarity with employees.

Addressing the media, he alleged that the government is responsible for the ongoing strike and accused it of delaying decisions under the pretext of forming committees. He said that despite earlier assurances by K. Chandrashekar Rao to recognize RTC staff as government employees, the promise has not been implemented by the present government.

Dr. Anand demanded that RTC workers be immediately granted government employee status

and that their legitimate demands be fulfilled as promised during elections. He also criticized the increased workload on drivers and conductors under welfare schemes and raised concerns over the use of contract drivers, calling it a risk to public safety.

Drawing comparisons, he pointed out that RTC employees in neighboring Andhra Pradesh have been recognized as government staff and questioned the delay in Telangana.

Meanwhile, police detained Dr. Anand and several BRS leaders and shifted them to Dharur Police Station following the protest. Former BC Commission member Shubhprad Patel and other party leaders were also present.

The BRS reiterated its continued support for RTC workers, urging the government to hold talks and resolve the issue at the earliest.



35 Seats Open Under Best Available School Scheme in Mahabubnagar

Mahabubnagar, April 24 | TPN Bureau

Applications have been invited from eligible tribal students in Mahabubnagar district for admissions into Classes 3, 5, and 8 under the “Best Available Schools” scheme for the academic year 2026-27. A total of 35 seats are available in reputed private institutions across the district. According to Chathru Naik, the selection process will be conducted through a lottery system on May 14 at the District Collectorate. Interested candidates must submit their applications on or before May 7 at the District Tribal Development Office, located in Room No. 123, First Floor, Collectorate Complex, Palakonda.

Application forms are being provided free of cost from April 22 onwards. Officials stated that the annual income of the applicant's parents should not exceed Rs 1.5 lakh in rural areas and Rs 2 lakh in urban areas to be eligible under the scheme.

Applicants are required to submit relevant documents, including caste, residence, and income certificates issued by the Tahsildar, along with Aadhaar card copies and two passport-size photographs.

The District Tribal Development Office clarified that all valid applications received will be considered for the lottery-based selection process, ensuring transparency and equal opportunity for eligible students.

BRS Targets Congress Over Kaleshwaram, Farmers' Issues

Nalgonda, April 23 | TPN Bureau

A key press meet was held at the BRS district office in Nalgonda, where party leaders launched a strong attack on the Congress government over irrigation projects and farmers' concerns.

District BRS president Ravindra Kumar alleged that Congress leaders have been spreading false propaganda about the Kaleshwaram Project. He remarked that the recent High Court judgment has come as a “slap on the face” for both Congress and BJP leaders.

Criticizing the formation of the P.C. Ghosh Commission, he said it was constituted with political motives. BRS leaders also dismissed claims that the Kaleshwaram project had collapsed, calling such propogands completely false.

The leaders accused the government of deliberately obstructing repair works at Medigadda and made sensational allegations that the Chief Minister and Cabinet were working in the interests of Andhra Pradesh. They fur-

ther expressed concern that the Dindi Lift under the Palamuru-Rangareddy Project is being adversely affected.

Demanding immediate intervention, they urged Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy to take necessary action. The party also accused Congress of neglecting its election promises and engaging in diversion politics.

Raising farmers' issues, BRS leaders alleged that there are no proper crop procurements, shortage of urea, and irregular power supply. They announced that party leaders would begin visiting paddy procurement centers from tomorrow to assess the situation.

The leaders warned that if necessary, they would intensify protests, including laying siege to the Collectorate. They also extended full support to the ongoing RTC workers' strike. The press meet was attended by MLC Kotireddy, Banda Narendra Reddy, former MLAs Chirumarthi Lingayya, Kusunkunta Prabhakar Reddy, Kancharla Bhoopal Reddy, Nomula Bhagat Kumar, and other party leaders.



Rethinking Calls to Revive the Indus Waters Treaty

The Indus Waters Treaty (IWT), signed in 1960, has long been regarded as one of the most durable agreements between India and Pakistan. It survived wars, crises, and decades of hostility, managing the distribution of waters from the Indus river system between the two nations. Yet, recent tensions—especially after India placed the treaty in abeyance in 2025 following a terror attack—have reignited debate over whether it should be revived. While some international voices urge restoration, the argument from India’s perspective is far more complex, rooted not just in diplomacy but in memory, trust, and lived experience.

At its core, the IWT divides six rivers between the two countries. India controls the eastern rivers—Ravi, Beas, and Sutlej—while Pakistan receives the bulk of waters from the western rivers—Indus, Jhelum, and Chenab. This allocation gives Pakistan access to nearly 80% of the total water flow, making the treaty central to its agriculture and economy. Over time, the treaty has been praised globally as a rare example of cooperation between adversaries, even during periods of armed conflict.

However, this narrative of success often overlooks the asymmetry in expectations and burdens. For India, the treaty was not merely a technical agreement but a political compromise shaped by the circumstances of Partition and subsequent tensions. Maintaining it required restraint, even when relations deteriorated sharply. That historical memory—of concessions made and provocations endured—continues to shape India’s stance today.

The current calls for reviving the treaty, often coming from international think tanks and observers, tend to



focus on procedural steps: resume data sharing, reactivate dispute resolution mechanisms, and rebuild confidence through cooperation. These suggestions appear logical on paper, but they risk missing the deeper issue—trust. Sequencing matters. Restoring mechanisms without addressing the underlying breakdown in trust may not only fail but could also reinforce existing frustrations.

India’s decision to suspend participation in the treaty did not emerge in a vacuum. It followed escalating tensions and accusations of cross-border terrorism, culminating in

a major attack that hardened public and political opinion. From New Delhi’s perspective, continuing “business as usual” under such circumstances seemed untenable. The treaty’s preamble emphasizes goodwill and cooperation, yet these principles appear increasingly absent in the broader bilateral relationship.

Moreover, the strategic context has evolved significantly since 1960. Water is no longer just a developmental resource; it is also a geopolitical lever. Pakistan’s heavy dependence on Indus waters—supporting a large portion of its agriculture and popula-

tion—makes the issue highly sensitive. At the same time, India faces growing domestic demands for water, energy, and infrastructure development. Balancing these competing pressures adds another layer of complexity to any decision about the treaty’s future.

Another factor often overlooked is the role of time and change. The treaty was designed using historical flow data and assumptions that may no longer hold true. Climate change, shifting rainfall patterns, and glacial melt are altering the hydrology of the region, making rigid allocations less sustainable. While

the treaty includes mechanisms for cooperation, adapting it to contemporary realities would require not just technical adjustments but also political will—something currently in short supply.

The international community’s calls for revival also reflect a broader concern about stability in South Asia. The Indus basin supports hundreds of millions of people, and disruptions to water sharing could have serious humanitarian and economic consequences. Yet, external prescriptions often underestimate the domestic political context within India. Public

opinion, shaped by repeated security incidents, is less inclined to support gestures perceived as concessions without reciprocity.

This brings us to a key tension: the difference between durability and desirability. The treaty’s longevity is frequently cited as proof of its success. But durability alone does not justify continuation if the underlying conditions that sustained it have eroded. India’s argument is not that the treaty lacks value, but that its continuation must be aligned with present realities, not past assumptions.

Rebuilding trust, therefore, cannot begin with technical

steps alone. It must address the broader relationship between the two countries. Without credible assurances on security concerns, attempts to revive cooperation in one domain may be undermined by conflict in another. This interconnectedness is precisely what makes the issue so challenging—and why simple solutions are unlikely to work.

At the same time, abandoning the treaty altogether carries risks. The absence of a structured framework could lead to greater uncertainty, miscalculation, and escalation. Even in its current suspended state, the treaty continues to exert a stabilizing influence by defining expectations and constraints. The challenge lies in finding a way to adapt it without ignoring the realities that led to its breakdown.

Ultimately, the debate over the Indus Waters Treaty is not just about water. It is about the nature of India-Pakistan relations, the limits of cooperation in a conflict-prone environment, and the role of memory in shaping policy. Rivers may continue to flow across borders, but the political currents that govern them are far less predictable.

Calls for revival, however well-intentioned, must grapple with this complexity. They must recognize that for India, the issue is not simply whether the treaty worked in the past, but whether it can work in the present—and under what conditions. Until those questions are addressed, proposals for restoration may continue to fall flat, failing to resonate with the realities on the ground.

In the end, the future of the Indus Waters Treaty will depend not just on technical negotiations, but on a broader reimagining of trust, reciprocity, and coexistence in one of the world’s most fragile regions.

War, Power, and the Cracks in America’s Financial Dominance

For decades, the US dollar has stood at the centre of the global financial system—dominant, resilient, and often unquestioned. It has functioned not just as a currency, but as a tool of power, enabling the United States to shape global trade, finance, and geopolitics. Yet, recent developments—particularly geopolitical conflicts and shifts in global economic structures—have led to growing doubts about the dollar’s long-term supremacy. The question is no longer whether the dollar will suddenly collapse, but whether its dominance is beginning to erode.

The dollar’s rise to global prominence was not inevitable. It emerged from a unique combination of historical circumstances and strategic design. After World War II, the United States became the world’s leading economic power, and the Bretton Woods system anchored the dollar at the centre of international finance. Over time, this position was reinforced by strong institutions, deep capital markets, and widespread global trust in American stability.

A crucial pillar of this dominance was the “petrodollar” system. Beginning in the 1970s, oil-producing nations—particularly in the Gulf—priced and traded oil in dollars, while reinvesting their surplus earnings into US financial assets. This created a powerful cycle: countries needed dollars to buy oil, and oil exporters recycled those dollars back into the US economy. The result was a steady global demand for the currency, helping the United States maintain low borrowing costs and reinforcing its financial leadership.

This arrangement also gave the US a potent geopolitical tool. Because much of the global financial system operates

through dollar-based channels, Washington has been able to impose sanctions that effectively isolate targeted countries from international trade. This power has been used repeatedly, demonstrating how financial dominance can translate into political influence.

However, the use of this power has also triggered pushback. When major economies saw how financial access could be restricted for political reasons, concerns began to grow about the safety of holding dollar-based assets. What was once considered a neutral and secure reserve currency started to be viewed, in some cases, as a strategic vulnerability. This shift in perception has encouraged several countries to explore alternatives and reduce their reliance on the dollar.

At the same time, global economic patterns are changing. The United States is no longer the central energy consumer it once was, while Asia—especially China—has emerged as a major hub of global trade and energy demand. This shift reduces the automatic centrality of the dollar in international transactions, particularly in energy markets, and opens the door for trade in other currencies.

Technological developments are accelerating this transition. New payment systems, digital currencies, and alternative financial networks are being developed to facilitate cross-border transactions without relying entirely on traditional dollar-based infrastructure. While these systems are still evolving, they represent a meaningful step toward a more diversified global financial order.

Geopolitical tensions have further exposed cracks in the system. Traditionally, global crises strengthened the dollar,



as investors sought safety in US assets. But recent developments suggest a more complicated picture. Some countries, facing economic pressure from rising energy prices and geopolitical instability, have begun adjusting their reserves in ways that do not always favour US financial instruments. This signals a subtle but important shift in behaviour.

Energy market disruptions have also affected the traditional recycling of petrodollars. With changing production

patterns, rising domestic spending in oil-exporting countries, and evolving trade relationships, fewer surplus dollars are being reinvested into US assets than before. Meanwhile, experiments with alternative currencies for trade settlements—though still limited—indicate a growing willingness to diversify.

Skeptics argue that the dollar’s dominance remains secure, pointing out that it still accounts for a large share of global reserves and transac-

tions. Competing currencies face their own challenges, including limited convertibility, regulatory constraints, and lack of deep financial markets. These limitations make it unlikely that any single alternative will fully replace the dollar in the near future.

Yet this misses the broader trend. The issue is not about a sudden replacement, but a gradual shift. Even a modest reduction in the dollar’s centrality could weaken its unique advantages, particularly its

role in global finance and sanctions. A more fragmented system, where multiple currencies share influence, would mark a significant departure from the current order.

Recent acknowledgments from within the US establishment have added weight to this concern. There is growing recognition that more countries are exploring trade arrangements that bypass the dollar. Over time, this could limit the effectiveness of financial sanctions, which have long been a

cornerstone of American foreign policy.

Another long-term factor is the global transition away from fossil fuels. As renewable energy becomes more prominent, the central role of oil in international trade may diminish. Since the petrodollar system is closely tied to oil transactions, any decline in global oil dependence could further reduce demand for dollars.

History suggests that dominant currencies do not collapse overnight. Instead, they gradually lose their pre-eminence as economic and geopolitical conditions change. The British pound followed a similar trajectory—remaining relevant, but no longer dominant. The dollar may be entering a comparable phase: still powerful, but increasingly challenged.

Ultimately, the future of the dollar will depend on how the United States navigates these changes. Maintaining its position will require not only economic strength but also careful stewardship of global trust. Overreliance on financial coercion, for instance, could accelerate efforts by other countries to build alternatives.

The global financial system appears to be entering a period of transition. The dollar is unlikely to disappear, but its era of uncontested dominance may be fading.

As new systems emerge and geopolitical dynamics evolve, the world could move toward a more multipolar currency landscape—one in which the dollar remains important, but no longer stands alone at the top.

In the end, the story of the dollar is not one of sudden collapse, but of gradual transformation. The signals are becoming clearer: the foundations of its dominance are shifting, and the world is beginning to adapt.



Iran Releases Video of Commandos Seizing India-Bound Ship

Tensions in the Middle East have escalated further after Iran released dramatic footage showing its naval commandos seizing an India-bound cargo vessel in the strategically crucial Strait of Hormuz.

The video, shared by Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), captures the high-intensity operation in which armed personnel approach the ship using speed-boats before boarding it. Masked commandos carrying rifles can be seen climbing onto the vessel, highlighting the scale and seriousness of the interception.

The vessel, identified as Epaminondas, was reportedly heading to India—specifically to Gujarat's Mundra port—when it was intercepted. It was seized along with another container ship, MSC Francesca, as part of Iran's action against what it described as violations of maritime regulations.

According to Iranian authorities, the ships were targeted for allegedly failing to follow navigation protocols and ignoring warnings issued by the Iranian military. Reports indi-



cate that the IRGC opened fire on at least one vessel after it did not respond to repeated alerts.

The incident is part of a

broader escalation in the Strait of Hormuz, one of the world's most critical shipping routes through which a significant portion of global oil supplies

passes. In total, three vessels—including the India-bound ship—were reportedly attacked during the operation, raising serious concerns about

maritime safety in the region.

This development comes amid ongoing tensions between Iran, the United States, and its allies, with the Strait increasingly becoming a flash-point for military and economic conflict. Recent reports suggest Iran has tightened its control over the waterway, demanding strict compliance from passing vessels and, in some cases, halting or seizing ships. The situation has also heightened concerns for India, given its strong dependence on energy imports through this route and the presence of Indian-linked vessels in the region. Earlier incidents involving firing on Indian-flagged ships had already prompted diplomatic engagement from New Delhi.

Global markets are closely watching the developments, as disruptions in the Strait of Hormuz often lead to spikes in oil prices and increased geopolitical uncertainty.

For now, the seizure and the release of the video serve as a stark reminder of the fragile security situation in one of the world's most vital maritime corridors.



Russia's Economy Under Strain Despite Oil Gains, Swedish Report Flags Hidden Stress

Russia's economy is facing mounting pressure from the prolonged Ukraine war, with a new assessment by Swedish military intelligence warning that the situation may be far weaker than official data suggests.

According to the report, Moscow has been relying heavily on oil revenues to sustain its war-driven economy, but even rising global crude prices may not be enough to offset deeper structural issues. A key concern is Russia's growing budget deficit, particularly outside the energy sector, indicating that the country remains heavily dependent on oil exports to balance its finances.

Swedish intelligence officials have also raised doubts about the reliability of Russia's economic data, suggesting that figures may be presented in a way that masks the true extent of financial stress. The report points to rising inflation, increasing debt, and potential risks within the banking system as signs that the economy is under significant strain.

While higher oil prices—driven partly by global geopolitical tensions—have provided some temporary relief, experts say Russia would need crude prices to remain above \$100 per barrel for an extended period just to stabilize its budget. Even then, broader economic challenges would persist.

At the same time, the ongoing conflict in Ukraine continues to directly impact Russia's energy sector. Ukrainian drone strikes have targeted key oil infrastruc-

ture, disrupting production and exports. These attacks have led to noticeable declines in output and are estimated to be costing Russia heavily on a daily basis.

The war itself remains a major financial burden. Massive military spending has transformed Russia into a war-driven economy, but this model is increasingly seen as unsustainable in the long term. Resources are being diverted toward defense at the expense of other sectors, limiting broader economic growth.

Despite these pressures, there are few visible signs of public unrest within Russia, largely due to tight political controls and restrictions on dissent. However, some political voices within the country have warned that prolonged economic hardship could eventually lead to instability.

The report ultimately paints a picture of an economy that appears stable on the surface but is facing deeper vulnerabilities underneath. While oil revenues continue to act as a financial lifeline, they are not sufficient to fully counter the long-term impact of war costs, sanctions, and structural weaknesses.

As the conflict in Ukraine continues with no clear resolution in sight, Russia's economic trajectory remains uncertain. Analysts suggest that unless there is a significant shift in global conditions or domestic policy, the country could be heading toward a prolonged period of economic slowdown—or even a more severe financial shock.

Iran Mocks Trump with AI Video After Ceasefire Extension Sparks Fresh Tensions

In a striking display of digital messaging, Iran released an AI-generated video mocking US President Donald Trump following his decision to extend the ongoing ceasefire between the two countries. The video, widely circulated online, adds a new layer of tension to an already fragile situation.

The clip uses artificial intelligence and internet meme formats to portray Trump in a satirical and critical light. In one segment, a digitally created version of the US president appears frustrated as Iran seemingly ignores ceasefire expectations. The video incorporates humor and pop culture references, underscoring how modern conflicts are increasingly playing out not just on the battlefield but also in the digital space.

The release of the video comes shortly after Trump announced an extension of the ceasefire, reportedly in an effort to keep negotiations alive amid stalled diplomatic talks.

However, Iran has remained skeptical of the move, with officials signaling distrust and accusing the US of mixed messaging and continued pressure tactics.

The AI video is being interpreted as a form of political messaging, aimed at undermining Trump's stance and projecting defiance. It portrays the ceasefire extension as a decision made under pressure, while also questioning the effectiveness of US strategy in the region.

This is not the first time Iran-linked channels have used digital satire to target the US leadership. In recent weeks, several AI-generated and animated clips mocking Trump have gone viral, reflecting a broader trend of "information warfare" where humor, memes, and technology are used as tools of influence.

The timing of the video is significant. The ceasefire between the US and Iran remains fragile, with both sides accusing each other of violations

and maintaining military readiness. Key issues such as sanctions, control of the Strait of Hormuz, and broader regional tensions continue to complicate negotiations.

Experts note that such content, while seemingly light-hearted, can have serious implications. It shapes public perception, influences international opinion, and reflects the growing role of AI in geopolitical communication. The blending of satire with state messaging also makes it harder to distinguish between propaganda and entertainment.

As tensions persist, the episode highlights how modern diplomacy is no longer confined to official statements and negotiations. Instead, it is increasingly being fought across digital platforms, where viral content can amplify narratives and escalate rivalries.

In this evolving landscape, the Iran-Trump AI video stands as a reminder that in today's conflicts, perception can be as powerful as policy.



Trump Reposts Anti-India Remark Amid Citizenship Debate

US President Donald Trump has triggered fresh controversy after resharing a post containing derogatory remarks about India and other countries, as part of an ongoing debate over birthright citizenship in the United States.

The post, originally made by a conservative commentator, criticized the concept of automatic citizenship for children born in the US to non-citizen parents. In the message, countries such as India and China were referred to using offensive language, drawing sharp reactions online and reigniting discussions around immigration rhetoric.

Trump shared the content on his social media platform, Truth Social, amplifying the message at a time when the issue of birthright citizenship is under intense legal and political scrutiny in the US. The debate has reached the Supreme Court, where the interpretation of the 14th Amendment—which guarantees citizenship to those born on US soil—is being closely examined.

The reposted message argued that birthright citizenship creates a loophole, claiming that children born in the US can later sponsor family members from abroad. Critics, however, have pointed out that such claims oversimplify com-

plex immigration laws and contribute to misleading narratives.

The remarks have drawn widespread criticism, particularly for the language used to describe countries like India. Many observers see the episode as part of a broader pattern of inflammatory rhetoric surrounding immigration, especially during politically sensitive periods.

The timing of the repost has also raised questions. It comes amid growing political pressure and ongoing debates over immigration policy, with birthright citizenship emerging as a key issue. Trump has long advocated for restricting or ending the policy, arguing that it is being misused, while opponents maintain that it is a fundamental constitutional right.

The controversy has once again highlighted the global implications of domestic political discourse in the US. Given India's strong diplomatic and economic ties with the United States, such remarks have the potential to impact perceptions beyond American borders. As the debate over citizenship laws continues, the incident underscores how political messaging—especially when amplified on social media—can quickly escalate into international controversies.

Mystery Deepens as US Probes Deaths and Disappearances of Scientists Linked to Sensitive Programs

A growing mystery surrounding the deaths and disappearances of at least ten US-based scientists has triggered a high-level federal investigation, raising concerns about national security and the safety of individuals working on critical research.

Many of the individuals were associated with sensitive fields such as nuclear science, aerospace, and advanced defense technologies. They had links to institutions like NASA, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, MIT, and Los Alamos National Laboratory, placing them at the center of highly classified and strategically important work.

The issue has gained serious attention in Washington, with the House Oversight Committee launching a formal probe. Lawmakers have warned that if any connection exists between these cases, it could represent a significant threat to US national security.

Adding to the concern, the FBI is now leading a multi-agency investigation to determine whether the cases are linked or simply a series of unrelated incidents. Officials are examining a wide range of possibilities, including criminal activity, accidents, and potential foreign involvement.

Some of the cases are par-



ticularly puzzling. They include unexplained deaths where causes have not been

publicly disclosed, as well as disappearances of individuals who were last seen under nor-

mal circumstances. In one recent instance, a NASA-affiliated nuclear engineer who had gone missing was later found dead following a car crash under unusual conditions.

The timeline of these incidents stretches back several years, with cases reported between 2022 and 2026. While the circumstances vary—ranging from suspected suicides to accidents and missing persons—the common thread is the individuals' connection to high-level scientific or defense-related work.

Despite growing speculation, experts caution against jumping to conclusions. Some

former officials have suggested that while the situation is unusual and concerning, it may not necessarily point to a single coordinated cause. Instead, each case could have its own explanation, even if the broader pattern appears alarming.

Nevertheless, the clustering of such incidents has fueled intense public debate and online theories. The involvement of scientists working on advanced technologies—sometimes linked to cutting-edge or classified projects—has only deepened the intrigue.

The White House has acknowledged the seriousness of

the situation and is coordinating with federal agencies to review the cases. Authorities are expected to provide more clarity as investigations progress.

For now, the mystery remains unresolved. Whether these incidents are connected or coincidental, they have drawn attention to the risks and pressures faced by individuals working in some of the most sensitive areas of modern science.

As investigations continue, the focus remains on uncovering facts, separating speculation from evidence, and ensuring the safety of those at the forefront of critical research.

Sensex Drops Over 850 Points, Nifty Falls Below 24,200

Indian equity markets extended their losses in a volatile trading session, with benchmark indices closing sharply lower amid global uncertainty and rising crude oil prices. The sell-off marked the second consecutive day of decline, reflecting growing investor caution.

The BSE Sensex plunged 852 points, ending the day at 77,664, while the NSE Nifty 50 slipped 205 points to settle at 24,173—falling below the crucial 24,200 mark. During intraday trade, the Sensex had dropped even further, highlighting the intensity of the selling pressure.

The decline was broad-based, with more stocks fall-

ing than rising across the market. Weak sentiment dominated as multiple sectors, including banking, financials, and automobiles, came under pressure. Heavyweight stocks in these segments dragged the indices down, while only a few defensive sectors like pharmaceuticals showed some resilience.

A key factor behind the downturn was the sharp rise in global crude oil prices, which crossed the \$100-per-barrel mark. This surge has raised concerns about inflation and increased costs for oil-importing countries like India. Higher energy prices typically squeeze corporate margins and can slow eco-

nomical growth, making investors wary.

Geopolitical tensions, particularly in the Middle East, have further added to market uncertainty. Disruptions in global trade routes and stalled diplomatic negotiations have heightened fears of prolonged instability, pushing investors toward safer assets and away from equities.

Another contributing factor has been the continued selling by foreign institutional investors (FIIs). Persistent outflows from Indian markets have weakened sentiment, as global investors reassess risks amid rising oil prices, currency fluctuations, and

global economic concerns. At the same time, the Indian rupee has also come under pressure, adding to the overall uncertainty.

Global cues have not been supportive either. Weakness in international markets, coupled with cautious investor behaviour worldwide, has spilled over into Indian equities. When global markets show signs of stress, domestic markets often follow suit, especially in a highly interconnected financial system.

Sector-wise, most indices ended in the red. Financial and auto stocks were among the worst hit, reflecting concerns over rising costs and slowing demand. IT stocks

also remained under pressure due to mixed earnings expectations. However, pharmaceutical stocks stood out as a rare bright spot, benefiting from defensive buying.

Despite the sharp fall, analysts note that the broader trend remains dependent on how global factors evolve, particularly oil prices and geopolitical developments. Any easing of tensions or stabilisation in crude prices could help markets recover, while continued uncertainty may keep volatility high.

In the near term, investors are expected to remain cautious, closely tracking global developments, currency movements, and institutional



flows. The breach of key levels like 24,200 on the Nifty is also seen as technically significant, potentially influencing short-term market direction. Overall, the session

reflects a market grappling with multiple headwinds—ranging from global conflicts to economic pressures—making the outlook uncertain and keeping investors on edge.

Reliance Industries Q4 Preview, Stable Growth Likely, O2C Segment Under Pressure



Reliance Industries is set to announce its Q4 FY26 results, with expectations pointing toward a steady overall performance, albeit with some underlying challenges. The company's diversified business model is expected to help balance weaknesses in its energy segment with continued strength in telecom and retail.

Analysts anticipate moderate revenue growth for the March quarter, driven largely by consumer-facing businesses. However, profit growth may remain subdued, as margin pressures persist in key segments. The oil-to-chemicals (O2C) division, traditionally a major contributor to earnings, is likely to remain volatile. Weaker refining margins, rising input costs, and global uncertainties are expected to weigh on this segment's performance.

As a result, overall profitability may see only limited improvement compared to the previous year. In some estimates, net profit growth could be marginal despite higher revenues, highlighting the impact of pressure in the energy business.

On the other hand, Reliance Jio is expected to continue its steady growth trajectory. The telecom arm is likely to benefit from ongoing 5G expansion, stable subscriber additions, and gradual improvement in average revenue per user. This segment remains a key pillar supporting the company's

earnings.

Reliance Retail is also expected to deliver consistent performance, although growth may be slightly more measured than in previous quarters. Expansion efforts, increasing competition, and investments in new formats such as quick commerce could impact margins. Still, the segment is likely to contribute positively to overall revenue growth.

Overall operating performance is expected to remain stable, with modest growth in earnings before interest, tax, depreciation, and amortisation. However, sequential performance may appear weaker due to the drag from the O2C business and upstream operations.

Investors will be closely watching management commentary for insights beyond

the quarterly numbers. Updates on potential strategic moves, including developments in telecom and retail, as well as progress in new energy initiatives, are likely to influence market sentiment.

The company's outlook on refining margins and global demand trends will also be critical, particularly given the uncertainty surrounding the O2C segment. Additionally, any announcement regarding dividends will be of interest to shareholders.

In summary, Reliance Industries is expected to report a stable but mixed quarter. Strong performance in telecom and retail is likely to offset challenges in the energy segment, underscoring the importance of diversification in navigating a complex economic environment.

Infosys ADRs Slide Nearly 4% as Weak FY27 Growth Outlook Dampens Sentiment



Infosys faced investor pressure after its American Depositary Receipts (ADRs) dropped sharply in pre-market trading, following the company's cautious growth outlook for the upcoming financial year. The decline reflects broader concerns about slowing demand in the global IT services sector.

The company has projected revenue growth of just 1.5% to 3.5% for FY27, a guidance that fell short of market expectations and signaled a subdued near-term outlook. This conservative forecast comes at a time when global technology spending remains uncertain, with clients continuing to prioritize cost optimization over large-scale digital transformation projects.

The muted guidance had an immediate impact on investor sentiment. Infosys ADRs fell by nearly 4-5% in pre-market trading on the New York Stock Exchange, indicating a likely negative reaction in domestic markets as well. The drop underscores how closely global investors track forward-looking commentary, often reacting more strongly to guidance than to current performance.

Interestingly, the cautious outlook comes despite a relatively strong quarterly performance. Infosys reported better-than-expected revenue and profit growth for the March

quarter, supported by steady demand in key verticals such as financial services, energy, and communications. Revenue rose significantly year-on-year, while profit growth also exceeded analyst estimates, suggesting that the company's core operations remain stable.

However, the bigger concern lies ahead. The IT industry globally is facing multiple headwinds, including macroeconomic uncertainty, geopolitical tensions, and slower discretionary spending by clients. Many companies are delaying large deals or scaling back technology budgets, which directly impacts firms like Infosys that rely heavily on global outsourcing contracts.

Another worrying signal is

the decline in large deal wins during the quarter. Big-ticket contracts, which typically drive long-term revenue visibility, fell compared to the previous quarter. This indicates that while existing business remains steady, new growth opportunities may be harder to secure in the current environment.

At the same time, the company continues to highlight opportunities in emerging areas such as artificial intelligence and digital transformation. Management has pointed to growing demand in sectors like banking, energy, and utilities, where AI-led solutions are gaining traction. These segments could provide a medium-term growth cushion, even

as short-term visibility remains limited.

Currency movements have offered some support, with a weaker rupee helping boost reported revenues. However, this is largely a temporary advantage and does not fully offset the underlying demand challenges. The broader IT sector has also been under pressure, with investors increasingly cautious about growth prospects. Concerns around AI disruption, changing client priorities, and slower global economic growth have contributed to a more uncertain outlook for technology services companies.

In summary, Infosys finds itself in a mixed position. While its recent financial performance remains solid, the weak FY27 growth guidance has raised concerns about future momentum. The sharp drop in ADRs reflects this shift in sentiment, highlighting that markets are focusing more on what lies ahead than on what has already been achieved.

Going forward, investor confidence will depend on signs of recovery in global tech spending, stronger deal pipelines, and the company's ability to capitalize on emerging technologies like AI. Until then, caution is likely to dominate the narrative around Infosys and the broader IT sector.

Sovereign Gold Bond Redemptions Surge as Investors Reap 200%+ Returns

A fresh wave of Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB) redemptions is underway in India, with investors booking exceptional gains—many exceeding 200 percent—thanks to the sharp rise in gold prices over recent years. Multiple SGB tranches have now completed five years since issuance, making them eligible for premature redemption. Under the scheme, investors can exit after five years (even though the total tenure is eight years), and the Reserve Bank of India periodically opens windows for such early redemptions. The current round of redemptions includes bonds issued between 2018 and 2021. These were originally sold at significantly lower gold prices, and with gold rates having surged in recent years, investors are now seeing substantial capital appreciation.

In several cases, the redemption value is more than triple the original investment, translating into returns exceeding 200 percent. The strong returns are largely driven by the rally in gold prices. Since SGBs are linked to the market price of gold, any increase in gold value directly boosts the bond's redemption price. Over the past few years, global uncertainties, inflation concerns, and geopolitical tensions have pushed gold prices higher, benefiting SGB investors significantly.

In addition to capital gains, SGBs also offer a fixed annual interest rate of 2.5 percent, paid semi-annually. This means investors earn both price appreciation and regular income, making the overall re-



turns even more attractive.

The redemption price is calculated based on the average closing price of gold in the days leading up to the redemption date, ensuring that investors receive a value aligned with prevailing market rates.

Interestingly, this wave of redemptions comes at a time when no new SGB issues have been launched since 2022, and the scheme itself has been discontinued from 2024. As a result, existing bondholders are now evaluating whether to exit and book profits or continue holding until maturity in anticipation of further gains.

The surge in redemptions highlights the success of SGBs as an investment product. Designed as an alternative to physical gold, these bonds eliminate storage risks while

offering additional income through interest payments. Over time, they have emerged as a popular choice for investors seeking exposure to gold in a more efficient and secure form.

However, the decision to redeem or hold depends on individual expectations about future gold prices. While current returns are attractive, some investors may choose to stay invested if they believe gold prices will continue to rise.

Overall, the ongoing redemption cycle underscores how SGBs have delivered strong long-term returns, combining safety, steady income, and significant capital appreciation—making them one of the standout performers in India's investment landscape in recent years.

IPO Pipeline Shows Familiar Faces as JM Financial, IIFL Capital Dominate Deal Flow



India's primary market pipeline continues to build momentum, but with a noticeable trend—many of the same companies are reappearing in IPO plans, while a handful of investment banks dominate the deal landscape.

The current IPO pipeline reflects a mix of fresh issuers and companies that had previously deferred their listing plans. Several firms that earlier shelved or delayed their public issues due to market volatility are now returning with renewed intent, indicating improving confidence in capital markets. This "repeat names" phenomenon suggests that companies are waiting for favourable conditions rather than abandoning IPO ambitions altogether.

At the centre of this activity are leading investment banks such as JM Financial and IIFL Capital, which have emerged as key players in managing IPO mandates. Their strong presence across multiple deals has placed them at the top of league tables, highlighting their dominance in India's equity capital markets.

The pipeline itself is diverse, spanning sectors such as financial services, logistics, quick commerce, technology, and manufacturing. High-profile companies—from startups to established businesses—are preparing to tap the public markets, reflecting both the depth and breadth of India's evolving IPO ecosystem. At the same time, several large and mid-sized offerings are lined up, suggesting sustained fundraising activity in the coming

quarters.

A notable aspect of the current environment is the sheer volume of IPO filings. With over a hundred draft documents already submitted to the market regulator, the pipeline remains robust despite intermittent market volatility. This indicates that companies continue to see public listings as a viable route for capital raising and expansion.

However, the recurrence of the same names also points to a more cautious market environment. Companies are becoming more strategic about timing their listings, often postponing launches until valuations improve or market sentiment stabilises. This cautious approach reflects lessons learned from recent market

fluctuations, where some IPOs struggled to sustain post-listing performance.

For investment banks, this dynamic presents both opportunities and challenges. While the steady pipeline ensures a continuous flow of deals, competition for mandates remains intense. Firms like JM Financial and IIFL Capital have managed to stay ahead by securing multiple high-value assignments, reinforcing their leadership positions.

The broader outlook for the IPO market remains positive. Industry experts expect fundraising activity to accelerate further, driven by strong investor interest, private equity exits, and the need for capital among growing companies. New-age businesses, in par-

ticular, are expected to play a significant role in upcoming listings. At the same time, market conditions will continue to influence the pace and success of IPOs. Factors such as global economic trends, interest rates, and geopolitical developments could impact investor sentiment and valuations.

In summary, India's IPO pipeline is not only expanding but also evolving. While new companies are entering the fray, familiar names are making a comeback, reflecting both resilience and caution. With leading investment banks like JM Financial and IIFL Capital steering a large share of deals, the primary market is poised for another active phase—provided market conditions remain supportive.

How Interview Panic Cost a Candidate the Job

A routine job interview took an unexpected turn when a candidate's nervous question led to an instant rejection. The story, shared online, quickly gained attention and sparked discussion about interview etiquette and the impact of anxiety in high-pressure situations.

According to the account, the interview had just begun when the recruiter asked the candidate if they had any questions about the company. The timing caught the applicant off guard. Unprepared for this early prompt, they panicked and responded impulsively. Instead of asking a standard question about the role or company culture, the candidate brought up the

company's low rating on Glassdoor, a platform where employees post anonymous reviews about their workplaces. They directly asked the recruiter to explain the poor rating. The question immediately changed the tone of the interview. What had started as a normal conversation quickly became tense and uncomfortable. The recruiter's reaction signaled that the question had not been received well, and the candidate soon realized they had made a mistake. Reflecting on the experience later, the applicant admitted it was a moment of panic. They described it as blurring out the first thought that came to mind without considering

how it might be perceived. Despite being qualified for the role, they acknowledged that nerves got the better of them.

The outcome was swift. The interview effectively ended, and the candidate was rejected soon after. The incident resonated with many job seekers online, who related to the anxiety and unpredictability of interviews. It highlighted how even capable candidates can falter under pressure, especially when caught off guard by unexpected questions. At the same time, the story sparked a broader conversation about what candidates should ask during interviews. While researching a company's reputation is generally encour-

aged, the way such concerns are raised matters. Directly questioning a recruiter about negative reviews—especially early in the conversation—can come across as confrontational rather than constructive. The episode underscores an important reality about job interviews: they are not just assessments of skills and qualifications, but also of communication, judgment, and emotional composure. Knowing what to say—and when to say it—can be just as important as having the right answers. For the candidate, the experience served as a learning moment. It highlighted the importance of staying calm, thinking before speaking, and framing ques-



tions carefully in professional settings. Ultimately, the story is a reminder that interviews can hinge on small moments. A single question, asked at the wrong time or in the wrong way, can shape the outcome in ways candidates may not expect.



X App Glitch Leaves Android Users Frustrated as Shared Links Stop Working

A widespread glitch in the X (formerly Twitter) app has left Android users unable to open shared posts, causing frustration and confusion among users worldwide.

The issue affects how shared links function within the app. Instead of opening the intended post, tapping on a link redirects users to their home feed or another unrelated page. This effectively breaks a core feature of the platform, making it difficult for users to access shared content.

Reports of the bug quickly surfaced across social media and online forums, with many users describing repeated failed attempts to fix the problem. Common troubleshooting steps—such as clearing cache, restarting devices, or reinstalling the app—have not resolved the issue, indicating that the problem lies within the app itself rather than individual devices.

The glitch appears to be widespread, impacting users across different regions and devices. Many have reported experiencing the same issue regardless of their Android version, suggesting a broader technical fault. Despite the growing number of com-

plaints, there has been no clear official update addressing the problem. However, there have been hints that the issue is known internally, suggesting that a fix may be in progress.

In the meantime, some users have found a temporary workaround. Closing the app completely before opening a shared link seems to help in certain cases, allowing the correct post to load. However, this solution is inconvenient and not always reliable.

The problem highlights how dependent users are on smooth app functionality for communication and content sharing. When a basic feature like link opening fails, it disrupts not just individual use but also the overall experience on the platform.

As frustration continues to grow, users are waiting for an official fix to restore normal functionality. Until then, many Android users are left dealing with a broken feature on one of the world's most widely used social media platforms.

The incident serves as a reminder that even major tech platforms are not immune to technical issues, and how quickly such glitches can impact millions of users.

Employee's Viral Rant Exposes Harsh Office Conditions

A viral social media post has triggered widespread outrage after an employee described working in extreme and uncomfortable office conditions, sparking a larger conversation about workplace standards and employee well-being.

The incident came to light through a Reddit post in which the employee vented frustration over being forced to work in an office without basic facilities like air conditioning or proper ventilation. According to the post, the situation had persisted for weeks, despite repeated complaints to management.

The employee revealed that the office air-conditioning system had broken down and was only briefly repaired before failing again. Since then, no effective steps had been taken to fix it. What made matters worse was the office's location—on the top floor of the building—with no windows to allow airflow. As a result, the working environment became unbearably hot, especially during peak summer conditions.

Adding to the frustration,

employees were reportedly not given the option to work from home, even temporarily, until the issue was resolved. This lack of flexibility further intensified the situation, leaving workers with no choice but to endure the harsh conditions daily. The post described colleagues as visibly stressed and uncomfortable, struggling to cope with the heat and poor ventilation. The employee also criticised the company's apparent indifference, questioning why a basic issue like air conditioning had not been fixed despite repeated requests.

The emotional tone of the post, which included a blunt expression of anger toward the company, resonated strongly with social media users. Many people related to the experience, sharing their own stories of difficult working conditions and lack of employer support.

Online reactions ranged from humour to serious concern. While some users joked about extreme ways to cope with the heat, others pointed

out that such conditions raise important questions about employee rights, workplace safety, and basic dignity.

The incident has once again highlighted the gap between employer expectations and employee welfare. While companies often emphasise productivity and discipline, critics argue that failing to provide even minimal working conditions undermines both morale and efficiency. It also reflects a broader shift in how employees view workplace environments. Increasingly, workers are speaking out against poor conditions and demanding better standards, including proper infrastructure, flexibility, and respect for their well-being. Ultimately, the viral post has done more than just express one individual's frustration—it has brought attention to a larger issue affecting many workplaces. As conversations around work culture continue to evolve, such incidents may push organisations to take employee comfort and safety more seriously.



Viral Video Sparks Outrage Over Toxic Work Culture



A viral video has ignited widespread debate after a woman shared her unsettling job interview experience, shedding light on what many see as unrealistic and toxic expectations in today's workplace. The clip quickly gained traction online, resonating with professionals who have faced similar demands.

In the video, the woman, Udit, described her interaction with a company's HR representative during an interview. When she asked about the work schedule, she was informed that the role required six working days a week. Hoping for some flexibility, she asked whether there was an option to work from home on Saturdays.

The response she received was unexpected. The HR representative reportedly said the company was looking for candidates with a "CEO-level attitude."

Surprised by this, Udit questioned whether the company was hiring for a CEO position. According to her, the conversation ended abruptly after that, with the call being cut.

After sharing her experience online, Udit criticised what she sees as a growing trend in corporate culture—where employees are expected to show extreme dedication without being offered corresponding compensation or flexibility. Her video struck a chord with many viewers, quickly attracting strong reactions and sparking conversations across social media.

A large number of users supported her stance, pointing out that companies often demand high levels of commitment

while offering relatively modest pay and limited work-life balance. The phrase "CEO attitude, servant salary" emerged as a popular way to describe this mismatch between expectations and rewards.

The incident has highlighted broader concerns about workplace culture, particularly the pressure to work long hours and the reluctance of some employers to offer flexibility. For many professionals, asking for something as basic as a remote work option for one day a week should not be seen as unreasonable.

Udit's experience underscores a shift in attitudes, especially among younger workers, who are increasingly prioritising work-life balance and mental well-being. Rather than accepting rigid schedules and excessive workloads, many are questioning traditional norms and pushing for healthier work environments.

At the same time, the episode reflects a disconnect between employers and employees. While companies often emphasise dedication and ownership, workers are seeking fair compensation, respect, and flexibility in return. When these expectations clash, conflicts like this are bound to arise.

Ultimately, the viral video has done more than highlight one person's experience—it has amplified a larger conversation about what modern workplaces should look like. As discussions around burnout and employee well-being continue to grow, such incidents may push companies to rethink their expectations and adopt more balanced approaches to work.

IIT Kharagpur Professor's Birthday Gesture Wins Hearts Online

A heartwarming video from IIT Kharagpur has gone viral, capturing a rare and touching moment between a professor and his students. In a setting usually associated with lectures and academic pressure, this simple act of kindness stood out—reminding people of the human side of education. The video features Professor Aurobinda Routray celebrating his birthday not in a formal manner, but surrounded by his students in an open garden setting. As the clip begins, the professor is seen cutting a chocolate cake while students gather around him, clapping and cheering. The atmosphere is cheerful and relaxed, more like a family gathering than a typical academic interaction.

What truly made the moment special, however, came after the cake-cutting. Instead

of being the centre of attention, the professor took on the role of host. He personally served food to his students, ensuring everyone was comfortable and taken care of. The meal was not just symbolic—it was a full spread, including pasta, ice cream, pooris, rice, dal, and a variety of curries, turning the celebration into a shared feast. Students were seen enjoying the meal together outdoors, adding to the warmth and informality of the occasion. The professor even distributed plates and cutlery himself, a gesture that struck many viewers as both humble and genuine. The video was shared on social media by a student and quickly gained traction, with users praising the professor's down-to-earth nature. Many described the moment as refreshing, especially in contrast to the often

rigid and formal relationships typically seen in academic institutions.

Online reactions poured in, with several users expressing admiration for the professor's approach. Some said the video brought back fond memories of their own college days, while others wished they had experienced such a bond with their teachers. A few former students even shared personal anecdotes, describing the professor as approachable, supportive, and deeply involved in student life. The caption accompanying the video highlighted the uniqueness of the moment, pointing out that it was the professor who invited students to celebrate his own birthday with them. This reversal of roles—where the teacher becomes the host and caretaker—added to the emotional impact of the clip.

Beyond the viral attention, the incident has sparked a broader conversation about the importance of mentorship in education. While academic excellence remains a priority, moments like these show that meaningful relationships between teachers and students can leave a lasting impression. In an environment often defined by deadlines, exams, and performance, such gestures remind us that education is not just about knowledge—it is also about connection, empathy, and shared experiences.

Ultimately, the video's popularity lies in its simplicity. There were no grand gestures or elaborate arrangements—just a professor choosing to celebrate his special day by giving back to his students. And in doing so, he created a moment that resonated far beyond the campus.



CSK Crush MI by 103 Runs

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Chennai Super Kings (CSK) registered a commanding 103-run victory over Mumbai Indians (MI) in their IPL 2026 clash at the Wankhede Stadium, producing a clinical performance with both bat and ball.

Opting to bat first, CSK posted a formidable total of 207 for 6 in 20 overs. The innings was anchored by a unbeaten century from Sanju Samson, who smashed 101 off just 54 deliveries. Displaying excellent timing and composure, Samson dominated the MI bowlers and ensured his side crossed the 200-run mark. He found lim-

ited support from the top order, with Ruturaj Gaikwad adding 22, but late contributions helped CSK build a daunting total.

In response, Mumbai Indians faltered under pressure and were bowled out for just 104 in 19 overs. The chase never took off as wickets fell at regular intervals, leaving the batting unit in complete disarray. Tilak Varma (37) and Suryakumar Yadav (35) showed some resistance, but their efforts were not enough to revive the innings.

CSK's bowling attack, particularly the spinners, played a decisive role in dismantling MI's batting lineup. Akeal Hosein was the standout performer, claim-

ing 4 wickets for just 17 runs, while Noor Ahmad provided crucial support with two wickets, tightening the grip in the middle overs.

The emphatic win not only marked one of CSK's biggest victories in the IPL but also dealt a severe blow to Mumbai Indians' campaign. The result boosts CSK's confidence and strengthens their position in the points table, while MI will need to regroup quickly after this heavy defeat.

With this dominant display, CSK once again underlined their reputation as a formidable side in the tournament.



Is Vaibhav Sooryavanshi Ready for India? Ravindra Jadeja Opens Up on Mindset Behind His Success

Vaibhav Sooryavanshi's meteoric rise in IPL 2026 has made him one of the most talked-about young cricketers in the country. At just 15, he has already delivered performances that seasoned professionals would envy. But the big question remains: is he ready for the Indian national team, or is it still too early?

The young Rajasthan Royals opener has been in sensational form this season. With over 250 runs in just seven matches at a staggering strike rate above 220, he has emerged as his team's leading run-scorer. His fearless approach, highlighted by big hitting and rapid scoring, has made him a standout performer and a fan favourite.

His rise, however, hasn't come out of nowhere. Sooryavanshi had already caught attention with a blistering century earlier in the tournament and a match-winning performance in the Under-19 World Cup final, where he smashed 175 off just 80 balls. These achievements have strengthened calls for his inclusion in the senior team.

Despite the hype, experts remain cautious. The concern is not about his talent—it is unquestionable—but about his temperament and maturity. At 15, he is still learning to handle pressure, expectations, and failure. While he has dazzled with aggressive strokeplay, there have also been instances where he struggled, including recent low scores in consecutive matches.

What stands out is his simple mindset. According to insights shared by those close to him, Sooryavanshi's approach is straightforward—he goes out with the intent to hit big shots rather than overthink strategy. While this fearlessness has worked in his favour so far, the international stage demands a more balanced and adaptable approach.



IPL 2026, therefore, is being seen as a "litmus test." The real challenge is not just scoring runs, but how he responds to setbacks, adapts to different match situations, and handles increased scrutiny. Consistency over a longer period will be key in determining whether he is ready for the next step.

There is also the weight of expectations. With comparisons already being drawn to some of India's greatest young talents, the spotlight on Sooryavanshi is intense. Managing that attention at such a

young age is as important as performing on the field.

At the same time, his potential is undeniable. Few players have shown such explosive ability so early in their careers. His performances against top bowlers and his record-breaking feats suggest that he has the skill set required for the highest level.

Ultimately, the decision about his India debut will depend on more than just numbers. It will hinge on whether he can demonstrate maturity, resilience, and consistency—

qualities that define long-term success in international cricket.

For now, IPL 2026 remains his proving ground. If he continues to deliver while handling pressure and expectations, the call-up may not be far away. But if not, a more patient approach could help ensure that this prodigious talent is nurtured, not rushed.

In the end, Sooryavanshi's journey is just beginning—and how he navigates this phase may shape the future of his career.

Ravindra Jadeja has offered a rare insight into his mindset on the cricket field, revealing a philosophy that underpins his consistent performances over the years. The Indian all-rounder emphasised that success at the highest level is not just about skill, but also about attitude—and for him, that begins with keeping ego aside.

Speaking about his approach, Jadeja said that when he steps onto the field, he consciously leaves his "personal ego" behind in the hotel room. This simple yet powerful mindset, he explained, allows him to focus entirely on the team's needs rather than individual milestones or recognition.

For Jadeja, cricket is about contribution, not self-importance. Whether he is batting, bowling, or fielding, his primary goal is to do whatever the team requires in that moment. This flexibility has been a defining feature of his career, enabling him to excel in multiple roles across formats.

His statement also reflects the realities of modern cricket, where players are often under

intense scrutiny and pressure. In such an environment, ego can become a distraction—leading to poor decision-making or unnecessary pressure. By consciously setting it aside, Jadeja believes he is able to stay grounded and perform with clarity.

This approach has been particularly evident in the IPL, where Jadeja has continued to deliver impactful performances. Whether contributing with crucial runs, picking up key wickets, or producing game-changing moments in the field, he has remained a reliable presence for his team.

At the same time, Jadeja acknowledged that confidence is still essential. The challenge, he suggested, is finding the right balance—believing in one's abilities without letting ego take over. Confidence helps a player take bold decisions, but ego can cloud judgment.

His comments also highlight an important aspect of team sports: the importance of collective success over individual glory. In a format like T20 cricket, where matches can

turn in a matter of overs, players often need to adapt quickly and put the team's needs above personal preferences.

Jadeja's career itself is a testament to this philosophy. Over the years, he has transformed from a promising youngster into one of India's most dependable all-rounders. His ability to perform consistently in different roles has earned him respect not just for his skills, but also for his professionalism and team-first attitude. The statement resonates beyond cricket as well. In any high-performance environment, the ability to manage ego and stay focused on the bigger goal can make a significant difference. Jadeja's approach serves as a reminder that humility and discipline often go hand in hand with success.

In the end, his message is clear: talent may open doors, but mindset determines how far one goes. By leaving his ego behind, Jadeja ensures that when he steps onto the field, it is not about proving himself—it is about delivering for the team.



Ravi Bishnoi's 'Notebook Celebration' Sparks Controversy, Rekindles Debate Over IPL Fines

Ravi Bishnoi found himself at the centre of a social media storm after recreating a controversial celebration during an IPL 2026 match, reviving memories of a similar gesture that had earlier led to heavy fines for another player.

The incident occurred during Rajasthan Royals' clash against Lucknow Super Giants, when Bishnoi dismissed Himmat Singh with a sharp delivery. After taking the wicket, he celebrated by mimicking the now-infamous "notebook celebration"—a gesture that had previously drawn penalties and criticism in the IPL.

This celebration immediately caught the attention of fans because it was strongly associated with DigveshRathi, who had used the same gesture in the previous season. Rathi had been fined

multiple times by the cricket board for the act, with penalties reportedly exceeding 9 lakh and even going beyond 20 lakh in some instances.

Bishnoi's version of the celebration quickly went viral, triggering debate online. Many fans questioned whether he would face similar punishment, while others pointed out what they perceived as inconsistency in how rules are applied. Some even accused the authorities of "double standards," arguing that if one player was penalised for the gesture, others should be treated the same way.

However, there was also a key difference highlighted by observers. Unlike earlier instances where the celebration was interpreted as a direct provocation or "send-off" to a batter, Bishnoi's gesture was reportedly not aimed at the

dismissed player. This distinction may influence whether any disciplinary action is taken.

The context added another layer to the controversy. Bishnoi was previously part of the Lucknow Super Giants setup before being released ahead of the IPL 2026 auction. Some fans speculated that the celebration could have been a subtle message directed at his former franchise, especially given the rise of DigveshRathi within the LSG squad.

Beyond the controversy, Bishnoi has been in strong form this season, emerging as one of Rajasthan Royals' key performers. His consistent wicket-taking has played a significant role in the team's success so far, even as off-field discussions momentarily shifted the spotlight away from his performances.

The episode once again highlights how celebrations in modern cricket are increasingly scrutinised. What may seem like a spontaneous expression of joy can quickly become a subject of debate, especially if it has prior associations or is perceived as crossing the line.

Ultimately, whether Bishnoi faces any consequences remains to be seen. But the incident has reignited a larger conversation about where the boundary lies between passion and provocation—and whether consistency in enforcing rules is being maintained.

For now, the "notebook celebration" has returned to the spotlight, proving that in today's game, even a brief moment after a wicket can spark widespread discussion far beyond the field.



Mahesh Babu’s ‘Varanasi’ Reaches Antarctica

Superstar Mahesh Babu’s upcoming film Varanasi, directed by SS Rajamouli, is making headlines for its ambitious and unprecedented filming schedule. The latest buzz surrounding the project reveals that the team has taken their shoot to one of the most extreme and unexplored locations on Earth—Antarctica.

According to reports, Mahesh Babu recently traveled to Antarctica to join the film’s latest schedule, while Rajamouli and key crew members had already reached the location earlier. This schedule, though brief, is being filmed in rare and untouched landscapes that

have never been captured in Indian cinema before. The shoot is expected to wrap up soon, after which the team will take a short break before resuming production in India.

This move marks a significant milestone, as Varanasi is set to become the first Indian film—and one of the very few films globally—to be shot in Antarctica. The decision highlights Rajamouli’s vision of creating a truly global cinematic experience, pushing the boundaries of scale and storytelling.

The film itself is being developed as a grand mythological action-adventure with international appeal. It

stars Mahesh Babu in the lead, alongside Priyanka Chopra and Prithviraj Sukumaran in key roles. Backed by a massive budget, the project is being positioned as one of the most ambitious films ever made in Indian cinema.

Before heading to Antarctica, the team had been shooting extensively in Hyderabad and other locations, including a long schedule in Varanasi. A song featuring Mahesh Babu and Priyanka Chopra was also recently completed, adding to the film’s growing anticipation.

What makes Varanasi even more unique is its global scale—not just in terms of locations but also in its sto-

rytelling approach. The film is said to blend Indian mythology with a globe-trotting narrative, taking audiences across different timelines and continents. This combination of cultural depth and international scope is expected to set it apart from conventional Indian films.

The makers are also aiming for a worldwide reach, with plans for a grand international release. Collaborations with global studios are reportedly in place to ensure the film connects with audiences beyond India.

With music composed by MM Keeravani and production handled by KL Narayana, the film brings together some of the biggest names in

the industry. Rajamouli, known for blockbusters like Baahubali and RRR, is once again aiming to redefine cinematic standards with this project.

Varanasi is slated for release in April 2027, and expectations are already sky-high. The Antarctica schedule has only added to the excitement, reinforcing the idea that this is not just a film, but a large-scale cinematic event.

As the shoot continues across extraordinary locations, one thing is clear—Rajamouli and Mahesh Babu are leaving no stone unturned in their quest to deliver a truly global spectacle.



Allu Arjun–Lokesh Kanagaraj’s ‘AA23’ Promises Global-Scale Action Spectacle

Allu Arjun is set to take his pan-India stardom to the next level with his upcoming film AA23, directed by acclaimed filmmaker Lokesh Kanagaraj. The project is already generating massive buzz, with early details suggesting a high-octane action drama designed for global audiences.

The film marks the first collaboration between Allu Arjun and Lokesh Kanagaraj, a director known for his stylish storytelling and intense action narratives. Their coming together has raised expectations significantly, as both are known for delivering blockbuster hits in their respective industries.

What sets AA23 apart is its international vision. According to the film’s writing team, the story is not just tailored for Indian audiences but carries a strong global appeal. The narrative is expected to transcend regional boundaries, focusing on themes and storytelling that can connect with viewers worldwide.

Unlike many films that rely solely on star power to achieve pan-India success, AA23 aims to stand out through its content. The makers have emphasized that the film’s scale and appeal come from its story, which is being crafted to reso-



ing his first collaboration with Allu Arjun. Known for his energetic and impactful soundtracks, his presence further elevates expectations around the film.

The project also represents a major milestone for Lokesh Kanagaraj, as it marks his entry into Telugu cinema. Having already built a strong reputation with blockbuster films in Tamil, this venture allows him to expand his cinematic universe and reach a wider audience.

For Allu Arjun, AA23 comes at a crucial point in his career. Following the massive success of the Pushpa franchise and other high-profile projects, he is now focusing on films that combine scale with strong storytelling. This collaboration with Lokesh is seen as a strategic step in that direction.

Overall, AA23 is shaping up to be more than just another big-budget film. With its global narrative, stylish execution, and powerhouse collaboration, it aims to redefine what a pan-Indian action film can achieve.

As production gears up, anticipation continues to build. If the film delivers on its promise, AA23 could set a new benchmark for Indian cinema on the global stage.

Sreeleela Faces Career Setback as Recent Films Fail to Deliver

Sreeleela, once considered one of the fastest-rising stars in South Indian cinema, is currently going through a challenging phase in her career. After a string of high-profile projects and rising expectations, recent setbacks at the box office have raised questions about her momentum in the industry.

The actress had entered 2026 with strong hopes of consolidating her position across multiple film industries, including Telugu, Tamil, and even Bollywood. However, the year has not started on the note she would have wanted. Her recent releases have failed to make a strong impact, leaving her without a major hit despite working alongside some of the biggest names in the industry.

One of the key disappointments has been her Tamil debut, which was expected to open new avenues for her. Instead, the film struggled to connect with audiences, marking an underwhelming start in a new market. This was followed by another big-ticket Telugu

release that also showed signs of weak box office performance, further adding to the pressure.

What makes the situation more striking is that Sreeleela has consistently been part of high-visibility projects, often starring opposite top-tier actors. Despite this, the much-needed blockbuster success has remained elusive. This contrast between opportunity and outcome has made her current phase a topic of discussion within the industry.

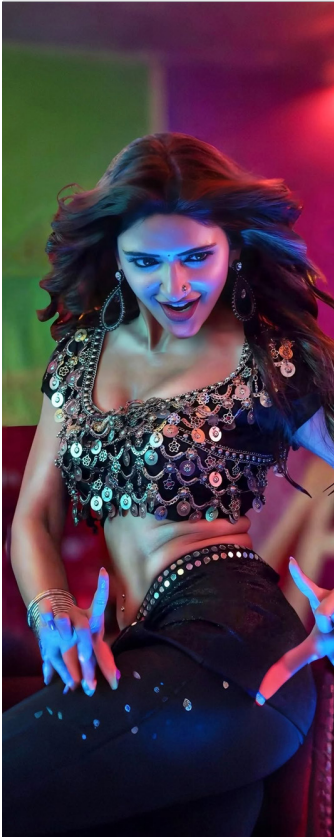
However, it is not all negative. Observers have noted visible improvements in her performances, with signs of greater maturity and refinement on screen. She has also worked on her appearance and screen presence, indicating a conscious effort to evolve as an actor.

Beyond films, Sreeleela has continued to make headlines for her discipline and determination. She recently completed her MBBS degree while managing a full-time acting career—a rare achievement that

has earned widespread admiration. This milestone highlights her ability to balance multiple demanding pursuits, even during a turbulent professional phase.

Looking ahead, the actress still has several projects in the pipeline, including ventures in Tamil cinema and her anticipated Bollywood debut. These upcoming films could play a crucial role in reshaping her career trajectory and helping her regain lost momentum.

In the film industry, phases of success and struggle are often cyclical. For Sreeleela, this period may serve as a turning point—either as a setback or as a stepping stone toward reinvention. Ultimately, while her recent films may not have delivered the desired results, her talent, visibility, and upcoming opportunities suggest that her story is far from over. The coming months will be crucial in determining whether she can convert potential into sustained success and reclaim her position among the industry’s top performers.



Sherleen Dutt Emerges as a Promising New-Age Talent in Entertainment Industry

Sherleen Dutt is steadily gaining attention as a rising face in the evolving entertainment landscape, where digital influence and on-screen presence increasingly go hand in hand. With a combination of elegance, ambition, and a clear career vision, she represents a new generation of artists redefining success across platforms.

Originally from Jammu and now based in Mumbai, Sherleen’s journey reflects determination and focused growth. In a competitive industry, she has built her presence gradually through disciplined choices and a strong sense of identity, rather than chasing quick visibility. Her acting career is developing across multiple formats, particularly in digital content and films. She has appeared in web series such as Honey Trap Squad, where she played a notable role, and Koi Jaye Toh Le Aaye, which further strengthened her presence among online audiences. She is also set to feature in the upcoming series Shringarika, where she is expected to portray a strong and character-driven role. Alongside digital projects, Sherleen is expanding into films. She will be seen in Devangana, a feature film where she plays a significant role, and Be Inteha, an upcoming project that is expected to showcase a different side of her acting abilities. She has also explored short-format storytelling through projects like Parchai – Ek Raaz, demonstrating her ability to handle layered and performance-driven narratives.

Her acting style is often described as natural and expressive, allowing her to connect with viewers across different formats. This adaptability has helped her build a growing portfolio in a relatively short span of time.

Beyond acting, Sherleen has estab-

lished a strong presence on social media, where she maintains a carefully curated digital identity. Her content reflects a blend of traditional and contemporary aesthetics, featuring ethnic fashion, high-end editorial styling, and lifestyle storytelling. This has made her a recognizable figure among digital audiences and a collaborator for premium brands.

Industry observers note that one of her defining strengths is clarity in career choices. She is known to focus on quality over quantity, selecting projects that align with her long-term vision rather than opting for rapid expansion. This approach has helped her maintain a distinct identity in a crowded space.

With several projects in the pipeline, including Be Inteha, Sherleen Dutt’s career appears to be on an upward trajectory. Her ability to balance acting with digital influence positions her uniquely in the current entertainment ecosystem. As the industry continues to evolve, blending cinema with digital platforms, Sherleen’s journey reflects a broader shift toward multidimensional stardom. With consistent effort and a focused approach, she is emerging as a talent to watch in the coming years.



Samantha’s ‘Maa Inti Bangaram’ A Crucial Comeback After a Long Hiatus

After a prolonged break from films, Samantha Ruth Prabhu is set to make a significant return to the big screen with Maa Inti Bangaram, a project that carries both high expectations and emotional weight. For fans and industry watchers alike, this film is more than just another release—it marks a defining moment in her career comeback.

Samantha has been largely absent from mainstream cinema over the past couple of years, following health challenges and personal transitions. While she did make brief appearances, including a cameo and ventures into production, audiences have been waiting for her full-fledged return as a lead actress. Maa Inti Bangaram answers that anticipation, bringing her back into the spotlight after nearly two and a half years.

Directed by Nandini Reddy, the film reunites the successful duo after their earlier collaborations. This partnership has already proven effective in delivering emotionally engaging stories, which adds to the confidence surrounding the project. The film is also being produced under Samantha’s own banner, reflecting her deeper creative involvement and control over the narrative.

The movie is described as a female-centric action-family drama, blending emotional storytelling with action elements. Set against a lay-

ered backdrop, it promises a mix of strong character development and engaging narrative arcs. Samantha’s role is said to be complex and multi-dimensional, offering her ample scope to showcase both emotional depth and intensity.

Visually and stylistically, the film appears to have a distinct tone. Early glimpses and promotional content hint at a story rooted in family dynamics but presented with a fresh, slightly unconventional approach. Samantha is also expected to appear in a more traditional look in parts of the film, adding to its appeal among audiences who appreciate her versatility.

The supporting cast includes actors like Diganth and Gulshan Devaiah, along with several familiar faces, contributing to a well-rounded ensemble. This strong lineup is expected to enhance the film’s narrative depth and overall impact.

Importantly, Maa Inti Bangaram is seen as a make-or-break project for Samantha at this stage. After a period away from consistent releases, the film’s success could play a key role in determining her next phase in the industry. A strong performance here could reaffirm her position as a leading star, while also opening doors to more content-driven roles.

The film is scheduled for a worldwide theatrical release on May 15, 2026, and has already generated considerable buzz. With growing excitement around its teaser, songs, and overall concept,



expectations are steadily building.

Ultimately, Maa Inti Bangaram represents more than just a comeback—it symbolizes resilience and reinvention. For Samantha, it is an opportunity to reconnect with audiences and redefine her career trajectory. For viewers, it offers the chance to see a familiar star return in a new and potentially powerful avatar.

