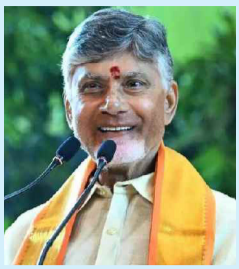


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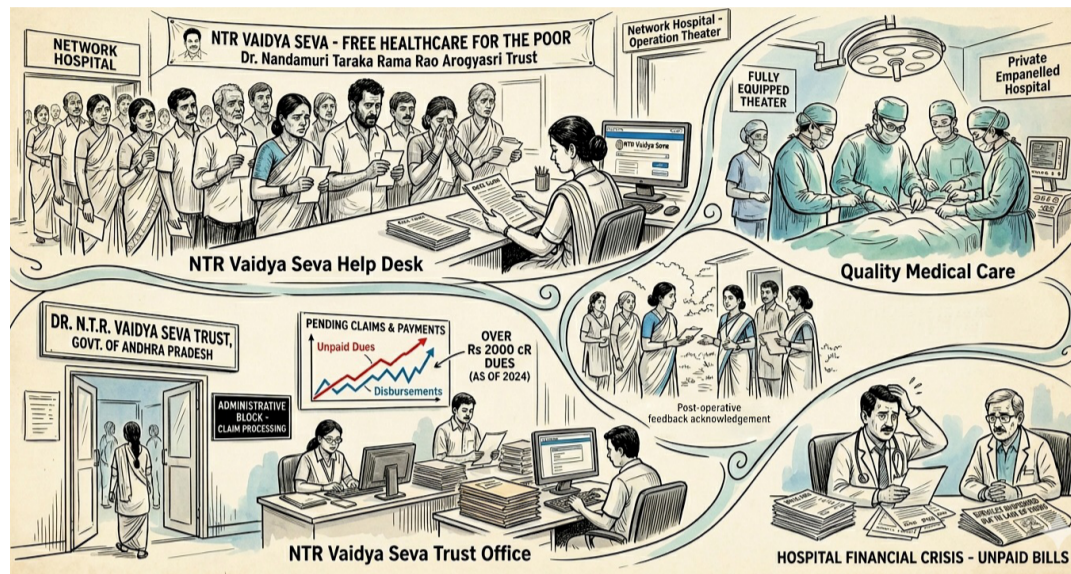
# Clearing dues key to sustaining NTR Vaidya Seva services

K Kalyan Krishna Kumar

Despite political transitions, flagship healthcare schemes like Aarogyasri, now continued as NTR Vaidya Seva, have remained indispensable for the poor in the state. However, mounting unpaid hospital bills threatens the smooth functioning of these life-saving initiatives.

Successive governments have expanded the scope of the scheme with new sub-programmes aimed at widening access. Yet, inadequate financial planning and delayed reimbursements have pushed both private and government network hospitals into a financial crisis. According to ASHA representatives, dues worth nearly Rs 1,500 crore accumulated during the previous administration led by Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy. In the past two years, an additional Rs 500 crore has reportedly piled up, worsening the situation, even as it is regularly monitored by the minister for Health, Satya Kumar Yadav.

Healthcare providers say that nearly Rs 180 crore to Rs 200 crore is required every month to settle claims. However, payments have been inconsistent, forcing hospitals to periodically suspend services. This disruption has left patients, especially those from economically weaker sections, struggling to access timely treatment. The newly formed coalition government under Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has acknowledged the crisis and initiated steps to address it. On Tuesday, the government agreed to clear Rs 1,000 crore within 10 days out of the total Rs 2,009 crore owed to private hospitals. It also committed to settling the remaining amount by the end of the second financial quarter. In a significant shift from past practices, the government has also promised to release Rs 150 crore to Rs 180 crore every month towards ongoing claims. Officials believe that regularising payments could prevent service disruptions and restore confidence among healthcare providers.



## Govt, ASHA reach agreement on Rs 2,000 Cr dues, protest Calls off

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ASHA.

The state government has held crucial talks with the Andhra Pradesh Super Speciality Hospitals Association (ASHA) over long-pending dues of nearly Rs 3,000 crore (including dues to the government hospitals) under the NTR Vaidya Seva scheme, offering relief to network hospitals and raising hopes of restoration of services.

Speaking to True Point, Secretary of Health, Medical and Family Welfare Sourab Gaur said the government had responded positively to the concerns raised by hospitals. "We have negotiated with them and considered their demands. They may be inclined to call it off today," he said, referring to the boycott call of emergency services by

ASHA. As part of the discussions, ASHA leaders agreed to a proposal for bill discounting at around 8% annual bank interest. The government stated that out of Rs 2,009 crore worth of pending private hospital bills, about Rs 890 crore is awaiting fund clearance, while nearly Rs 1,000 crore (including bills under scrutiny) may be routed through a bill discounting system via financial institutions.

Further, the government assured that monthly claims of private hospitals would be cleared at Rs 150 crore to Rs 170 crore. It also proposed the use of Artificial Intelligence to speed up the scrutiny and settlement of claims.

However, sources indicated that there were no detailed discussions regarding the

pending dues of government network hospitals during the meeting. Officials said the issue would be taken up separately at a later stage. Both sides also agreed to form a committee to work on a proposed Universal Health Policy.

Speaking to True Point, ASHA president Dr. K. Vijay Kumar said, "The government has assured monthly payments and clearing of Rs 1,000 crore within 10 days. While we are satisfied, the protest has been suspended only temporarily based on past experiences."

ASHA secretary Dr Ch. Avinash urged the government to strictly adhere to commitments. "We hope timely payments will prevent future disruptions in healthcare services," he said.

Experts point out that while isolated instances of malpractice may exist, the majority of hospitals depend on timely reimbursements to sustain operations. Delays not only strain hospital finances but also com-

promise patient care. If the government, which allocates crores in the budget to the health sector, maintains a consistent payment schedule and earmarks funds in advance, the scheme could function smoothly, ensur-

ing uninterrupted treatment for beneficiaries. Such measures are crucial to achieving the broader goal of a 'Healthy Andhra Pradesh' and strengthening public trust in welfare-driven healthcare systems.



# Mr. Lokesh stay vigilant

Were the transfers and postings of collectors left entirely to Minister Lokesh's discretion? Is CM Chandrababu not concerned at all about this matter? Has Chandrababu abandoned governance matters? Chandrababu, with his vast experience, knows very well how to utilize IAS officers' services and where. Earlier, CMVO officials used to meet first and discuss such matters. They would then brief Chandrababu, who would personally decide in which position to appoint which IAS officer. This was the old practice. But now, that system seems completely absent and unheard of. Many say the main reason for this is Chandrababu himself. After the coalition government came to power in 2024, Chandrababu became Chief Minister for the fourth time. At a meeting in Mangalagiri constituency, he warned that people are now witnessing "CBN 4.0." He recalled how, in 1995, when he first became CM, he made officials run to meet his expectations, and he even made big statements saying he would continue the same way. But just about a year and a half later, the situation has completely changed. The claim that Chandrababu oversees all governance matters is only superficial. In reality, Minister Nara Lokesh's involvement is clearly visible in all decisions. It is widely talked about, both within the government and among TDP and Jana Sena party circles, that Minister Nara Lokesh is involved in every matter, including officials' transfers. However, this has also drawn criticism. He is being accused of making decisions without getting proper information about officials or even under-

standing their capabilities, relying only on recommendations from his own "peshai" officers and caste-based quota suggestions. Several officials, off the record, are saying that Lokesh is going astray in matters of administration and transfers. Some TDP-supporting officials express concern that by trusting only his quota-based and personal officers, Lokesh is causing losses in every way. The core issue is that most IAS officers working as collectors in various districts are not known personally to CM Chandrababu. Only the IAS secretaries working in the Secretariat at different levels are familiar to him. Questions are being raised about how many IAS officers working as commissioners or directors under different department heads are actually known to Chandrababu. Ironically, a CM who once relied on experienced, honest IAS officers' advice is now reportedly leaving all these responsibilities to Minister Lokesh and washing his hands of them, officials are discussing off the record. Minister Lokesh himself is facing criticism for some of his decisions. In the past, Chandrababu sought advice and suggestions from honest IAS officers. Now, among those giving advice to Minister Lokesh, are there even any honest officers? Retired and current IAS officers supporting TDP are expressing concern that by selectively favoring certain individuals and making wrong decisions, Lokesh is causing losses in every aspect. Even if Chandrababu doesn't make decisions personally or Lokesh does not change, these officers warn off the record that, ultimately, the party that will suffer is the Telugu Desam Party itself.

# PERNI UNSTOPPABLE... KOLLU HANDSUP

Father and son duo are openly intimidating officials at Bandar... Yet, CM Chandrababu is watching silently, Minister Lokesh is quiet, and Pawan Kalyan seems unconcerned. As the saying goes, "the cat has shown the mouse its limits." Neither the CM nor the Deputy CM commands any respect from them. They show no fear, offer no courtesy, and openly scold officials.

Is this a coalition government in power, or a YSRCP regime? Is Chandrababu in the CM's chair, or Jagan Mohan Reddy? Is Pawan Kalyan the Deputy CM? And what happened to Nara Lokesh's "red book"?

In Machilipatnam, who is the minister in charge? Did Perni Nani win, or is it Kollu Ravindra? This has become the hot topic. Normally, if thieves are caught and the police act strictly, people fear them. Strong action deters repeat offenses. Allegations against the Perni family surfaced only after the coalition government came to power: Even police stations got involved. Had arrests and strict punishments been imposed immediately, the situation would have been different, some TDP leaders say.

As the saying goes, "If you don't stop mischief when small, it becomes harder later."



Once records showed that a former minister's family was involved in corruption, coalition leaders calculated caste and regional politics. The Perni family left town and got bail smoothly. Since then, Perni Nani and his son Kittu have been showing their dominance not only in Machilipatnam but across the united Krishna district. They have even gone to police stations, sat in front of CIs, and issued mass warnings, threatening officials, inciting workers to commit violence.

The root cause of this situation is widely seen as the Chandrababu government's laxity. When the family was small, no



action was taken; now that it has grown, drastic measures are needed. By staying silent and not acting against the Perni family despite their illegal activities, coalition leaders allowed the problem to escalate. Analysts say such extreme conditions were avoidable. TDP and Jana Sena party workers and leaders are bearing the brunt of coalition leaders' mistakes. Criticisms point out that Chandrababu and Pawan Kalyan's promises to curb lawlessness remain only on paper.

The indecision of the two leaders has emboldened the father-son duo. Confident that no one can stop them, they

openly criticize Chandrababu, Pawan Kalyan, and Lokesh without evidence. Allegations include Perni Kittu's local harassment at Bandar, scolding officials, and causing chaos. TDP and Jana Sena leaders note that the Perni family seems to wield power there, while Kollu Ravindra is unable to act.

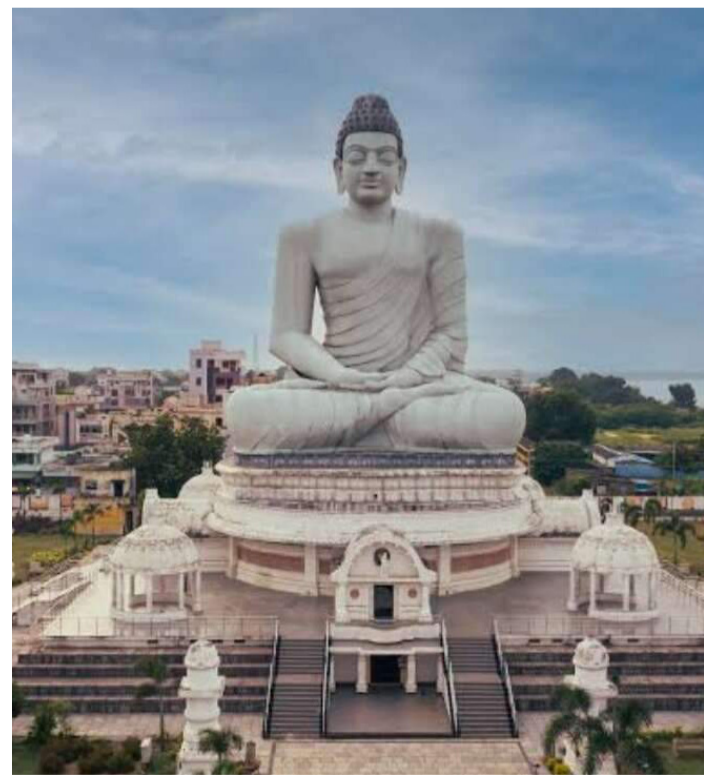
The big question remains: Is Chandrababu afraid of the Perni family, or does the Perni family intimidate the CM? Party leaders and workers argue that regardless of caste calculations, the CM has failed to take any action, allowing the Perni family free rein.

# Uncertainty Persists Over Amaravati Farmers' Plots

"Illusion... illusion... all is illusion... words are illusion... in the great city, the illusory ones live long," goes a song in the movie Mayagallu featuring Chiranjeevi. While in the film it's metaphorical, in Andhra Pradesh today, many "illusionists" appear in multiple forms, and people are noticing them clearly. The main question in the Amaravati capital region is: how much longer will Minister Narayana deceive the Amaravati farmers?

Minister Narayana claims that plots have been allotted to Amaravati farmers, but these plots have not been newly given—they were allotted long ago on paper. They only appear on maps; no development has taken place. The narrative being pushed seems to be that "we have given plots to the farmers, so now we can boast about it once the plots are developed." This is what people call Narayana's "illusion trick." It's true that plots were allotted to farmers in Amaravati, but it's equally true that these plots have not been developed or handed over in reality.

Many farmers still do not know where their plots are. Some are questioning whether even Minister Narayana himself knows which farmer has which plot. Certain leaders who became influential in Amaravati JAC (Joint Action Committee) know the truth. Those



who secured nominated positions under the JAC have now gone silent. The current situation: the rulers deceive, the farmers remain deceived, and media representatives quietly allow the deception to continue. Even the Amaravati JAC leaders who operate under the YSRCP government are now complicit, ignoring the farmers' plight. Farmers who were deceived remain deceived, and those deceiving continue un-

checked. Everyone knows, yet those who should question remain silent. In Kokapet, an acre reportedly sold for 100 crore. CM Chandrababu promised that farmers' lands would fetch even higher prices, but the real locations of the plots remain unknown. So the pressing question for farmers remains: if they don't know where their plots are, when will they actually receive the promised value for their lands?

# Chandrababu Naidu Approves 39,436 Crore Projects, Promises 1.11 Lakh Jobs

Vijayawada, April 7, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Tuesday chaired a crucial State Investment Promotion Board (SIPB) meeting where 31 major projects worth 39,436.84 crore were approved. These initiatives are expected to generate over 1.11 lakh direct employment opportunities, covering sectors such as renewable energy, IT, manufacturing, food processing, and tourism.

During the meeting, Naidu emphasized the government's vision to transform Rayala-

seema into a solar power hub, citing the region's vast potential for renewable energy generation. He highlighted the importance of building robust transmission infrastructure to efficiently supply power within the state and to neighboring regions.

The projects approved under SIPB include a mix of industrial, technological, and sustainable initiatives. Several proposals focus on electronics manufacturing in industrial hubs like Sri City, Koppurthy, and Anantapur, while some aim at establishing global capability centers to strengthen the IT ecosystem. Advanced technology projects under the Amaravati

Quantum Valley initiative were also given clearance, reflecting the state's focus on innovation-driven growth.

Food processing projects leveraging agricultural, horticultural, and aquaculture waste to produce value-added by-products, including ethanol, were approved to promote rural industrialization and inclusive economic development. Naidu also directed officials to ensure strict adherence to safety norms and standard operating procedures across sectors like pharmaceuticals, steel, green energy, and battery storage facilities to prevent industrial hazards.

Officials stated that this ap-

proval continues Andhra Pradesh's aggressive investment promotion agenda, which has seen 264 projects worth 9.36 lakh crore cleared over the past 22 months, providing employment to around 9.6 lakh people. The government aims to maintain momentum in attracting investments, boosting industrial growth, and creating jobs across the state, signaling a strong economic outlook for the coming years.

This initiative underscores Naidu's focus on combining sustainable development with technological advancement, positioning Andhra Pradesh as a key investment destination in India.



# "Protect Nature, Secure Our Future": Pawan Kalyan Stresses Water Conservation

Amaravati, April 8, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Deputy Chief Minister Shri Pawan Kalyan emphasized the critical importance of water conservation and environmental protection during a workshop on source sustainability of surface and groundwater in rural water supply systems. Addressing officials and experts, he stated, "If we protect nature, nature will protect us. Failing to conserve water would be an injustice to future generations."

Kalyan highlighted ongoing plans to restore watersheds in tribal and hilltop villages to combat water scarcity, particularly during the summer months. The initiatives aim to strengthen local water systems and ensure that communities have reliable access to clean water throughout the year.

He also underscored the need to adopt evolving technologies to address water shortages and implement sustaina-



ble water management practices. "Our focus must be on modern solutions alongside

traditional conservation methods to preserve both surface and groundwater resources,"

he said. The Deputy Chief Minister urged state departments and local bodies to collaborate closely on water conservation projects, emphasizing community participation and awareness programs. These efforts, he noted, are essential for securing the future of rural populations and ensuring long-term environmental sustainability. Officials at the workshop discussed strategies for watershed management, recharge of groundwater resources, and monitoring water usage to maximize efficiency. The session served as a platform to align technological interventions with local needs, ensuring that water resource planning remains robust and future-ready. Through these measures, the government aims to create resilient water systems while promoting environmental stewardship, reflecting Pawan Kalyan's commitment to sustainable development and the welfare of rural communities.

# Chandrababu Naidu Pushes for Curriculum Overhaul to Boost University Rankings

Vijayawada, April 7, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Tuesday called for a major overhaul of the state's college education system, urging officials to modernise curricula and improve university rankings to better align with industry requirements and global standards. Speaking at a high-level review meeting at the Secretariat, Naidu stressed the importance of reforming academic structures to enhance both the quality and relevance of higher education. The Chief Minister highlighted that traditional courses must be complemented with demand-driven programs designed to equip students with practical skills and industry-ready expertise. This approach, he said, is crucial not only to boost employability but also to improve the national and global rankings of Andhra Pradesh's universi-



ties. Institutions such as Andhra University were specifically encouraged to pursue higher performance metrics and greater visibility. Naidu directed the Higher Education Council and the Education Department to take proactive steps in planning and implementing these reforms efficiently. He emphasized careful monitoring and execution to ensure government initiatives achieve meaningful impact and meet public expectations. Alongside education reforms, the Chief Minister launched the 'Aware 2.0' mobile app, aimed at improving public alert systems and governance

efficiency. He also stressed the importance of road safety awareness, accelerated housing development, and enhanced disaster alert mechanisms.

Naidu's directives reflect a broader policy vision to integrate technology, strategic planning, and quality benchmarks across public services, with a particular focus on education. By modernizing curricula and raising university standards, the state aims to prepare students for future opportunities while strengthening its position in the national and global academic landscape.

# Rushikonda Palace to Be Opened for Public and Revenue Generation: Kandula Durgesh

Amaravati, April 7 | TPN Bureau

State Tourism, Cultural and Cinematography Minister Kandula Durgesh announced that the Rushikonda Palace in Visakhapatnam will be opened for public visits while also being developed as a revenue-generating asset for the government. Discussions on its optimal utilization took place during the fifth meeting of the Cabinet Sub-Committee on palace management, held at Velagapudi Secretariat on Tuesday. The meeting was attended in person by Minister Durgesh and virtually by ministers Payyavula Keshav and Dola Sri Bal Veeranjanyaswami. Minister Durgesh stated that the palace, with a total area of 4,800 sq. meters (2,400 sq. meters atop the hill and 2,400 sq. meters at the base), will be utilized in a way that benefits both the public and the government. The committee is exploring options to allow visitors while maintaining the palace efficiently. Durgesh highlighted that international hotel groups such as Taj, Atmosphere Core, Leela, and FEMA have expressed interest in participating, and other interested organizations will also be invited. He expressed concern over past government deci-



sions, which resulted in maintenance and electricity costs of around 25 lakh per month, burdening the state treasury.

The minister added that the final report, summarizing the outcomes of all five committee meetings, will soon be submitted to Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu. Following the CM's directions, the issue will be presented to the state cabinet for a final decision. The meeting also included Tourism Department Special Chief Secretary Ajay Jain, officials Padmavati, Sheshagiri Rao, and Superintendent Engineer Eshwarayya, among others.

# Kurnool Collector Reviews Progress of New Industries

Kurnool, April 8 | TPN Bureau

Kurnool District Collector Dr. A. Siri has directed industry owners to expedite the establishment of new industries in the district, ensuring projects are completed quickly and efficiently. On Tuesday, the Collector conducted a video conference to review the progress of ongoing industrial projects with the respective management teams.

During the meeting, Dr. Siri inquired about the current sta-



tus of construction, timelines for completion, and any obstacles faced by the industry owners. The participants reported that work is progressing stead-

ily and that district officials are providing full support and necessary assistance to ensure smooth implementation. The Collector emphasized

that any issues or challenges should be immediately brought to his attention so that prompt measures can be taken to resolve them. He urged the industry management teams to maintain momentum and complete all pending tasks without delays.

The video conference was attended by APIIC Zonal Manager Madhusudan Reddy, Industries GM Ashok Kumar, Deputy Director of Industries Jawahar Babu, and representatives of the industries joining remotely. The meeting rein-

forced the district administration's commitment to facilitating industrial growth, addressing bottlenecks, and promoting timely project execution.

Dr. Siri reiterated that accelerating the establishment of industries is crucial for economic development, employment generation, and overall industrial expansion in Kurnool. The Collector assured continued monitoring and support from the administration to ensure all projects meet their deadlines.

# Attacks on Media Are Anti-Democratic: Kandula Durgesh

Amaravati, April 7 | TPN Bureau

State Tourism, Cultural and Cinematography Minister Kandula Durgesh strongly condemned the recent attack by YSR Congress cadres on the ABN Andhra Jyothi office. He stated that resorting to physical assaults against media personnel is entirely unacceptable in a democracy. Minister Durgesh criticized the ruling party for responding to opposition viewpoints and critical analyses with violence, rather

than engaging in democratic debate. He said that attempting to silence the media undermines democratic values and equates to suppressing public rights. Highlighting the severity of the issue, Durgesh observed that the YSR Congress seems to rely solely on destruction and intimidation, rather than confronting criticism in a lawful and democratic manner. He emphasized that any grievances with media coverage should be addressed through legal channels, not through coercion or mob-like tactics. Expressing personal con-

cern, Durgesh noted that it is disgraceful for leaders who run media organizations themselves to instigate attacks on other media outlets. "Attacking the fourth pillar of democracy is equivalent to trampling on the rights of the people. If the YSR Congress does not change its approach, it will face stronger public backlash in the future," he warned.

The minister reiterated that safeguarding media freedom is essential to upholding democratic principles and ensuring that citizens have access to unbiased information.

# Centre Approves NFDB Regional Office in Amaravati - Atchannaidu

Amaravati, April 7 | TPN Bureau

The central government has given the green signal to establish a National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) regional office in Amaravati, announced Andhra Pradesh Agriculture Minister Kinjirapu Atchannaidu. He stated that Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu had written to the Centre, which expressed willingness to set up a full-fledged regional office in the state, recognizing Andhra Pradesh's prominence in aquaculture.

Minister Atchannaidu explained that the central Ministry of Fisheries, in a letter from Minister Rajeev Ranjan Singh, requested the state government to provide land and basic infrastructure for the office. The regional centre is expected to serve as a key hub for the growth of the fisheries sector in Andhra Pradesh, providing wide-ranging benefits to fishermen. The office will facilitate access to modern technology, advanced farming methods, quality seeds, feed management, and disease control training at the local level. It will also ensure faster imple-



mentation of central and state government schemes, subsidies, and financial assistance for fish farmers.

Additionally, technical support for processing, storage, transportation, and export of fish products will improve product quality, while enhanced marketing opportunities will strengthen connections with domestic and international markets. The initiative is also expected to create employment opportunities in rural areas and offer new livelihood options for youth.

Minister Atchannaidu described the regional NFDB office as a crucial step in reinforcing Andhra Pradesh's leadership in aquaculture and boosting the socio-economic development of the state's fishing community.

# Red Gram Purchase Window Extended Until May 4: Atchannaidu

Amaravati, April 7 | TPN Bureau

The state government has extended the red gram (tur/red gram) purchase window in Andhra Pradesh until May 4, announced Agriculture Minister Kinjirapu Atchannaidu. The extension, approved by the central government, covers the Kharif 2025-26 season and is aimed at providing re-

lief to farmers by allowing them to sell their crops without loss. Minister Atchannaidu stated that the Price Support Scheme (PSS) purchases will continue during this period. The extension follows a request from Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, urging the Centre to ensure farmers can sell their produce at a fair price. The minister empha-

sized that the coalition government is committed to safeguarding farmer interests, ensuring every grain produced is purchased at the minimum support price (MSP). He added that the government responds promptly to any difficulties faced by farmers. "At every step, from crop procurement to MSP and marketing, we are taking measures to en-

sure farmers receive fair treatment," Minister Atchannaidu said, underlining the government's continued efforts to support the agricultural community. The extension is expected to benefit farmers across the state, allowing them to sell their red gram produce efficiently while maintaining income stability and reducing post-harvest stress.



# Tension in Tiruvuru as MLA Kolikapudi's Protest Sparks Controversy

NTR District (Tiruvuru) | April 7, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Tension gripped Tiruvuru town in NTR district on Tuesday after a protest led by local MLA Kolikapudi turned controversial, resulting in traffic disruption and political confrontation on the Vijayawada-Bhadrachalam National Highway. The MLA staged a protest alleging large-scale encroachment of government land along the Tiruvuru bypass road. Raising slogans, he accused YSRCP leaders of illegally occupying government land and leasing it out for commercial activities. He demanded immediate action from authorities to reclaim the land and ensure that

public property is protected from misuse.

The protest quickly intensified as supporters of the MLA gathered in large numbers, echoing his demands and calling for strict measures against alleged encroachments. The demonstration was held directly on the national highway, leading to a significant disruption in traffic movement.

Meanwhile, the situation took another turn when a separate group assembled in support of a TDP leader, Shahin, who is reportedly involved in a scrap iron business in the same area. This group staged a counter demonstration on the opposite side of the road, leading to parallel protests. Both sides raised slogans, each pre-

sending their own claims over the issue of land use and occupation. The presence of two groups from within the same political party, raising competing slogans, added to the confusion and tension at the site. The situation escalated into a heated standoff, with both factions insisting on their positions regarding the alleged encroachments and use of government land. As a result of the protests, vehicular movement on both sides of the busy highway came to a standstill for a considerable period. Commuters faced inconvenience as long queues of vehicles formed along the route. The disruption also raised concerns about public safety and law and order in the area. Police personnel

rushed to the spot and intervened to bring the situation under control. They attempted to disperse the protesting groups and restore normal traffic flow. Authorities also initiated efforts to assess the claims made by both sides and verify the status of the land in question.

The incident has drawn attention to the sensitive issue of land encroachments and the need for clear and transparent land management practices. It has also highlighted internal differences within party ranks, which came to the forefront during the protest. Further developments are awaited as officials are expected to investigate the matter and take appropriate action based on findings.



# Perni Nani's Aggression Raises Political Heat in Machilipatnam; Questions Over Government Response

Krishna District (Machilipatnam) | April 7, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Political tensions are escalating in Machilipatnam, popularly known as Bandar, as allegations of aggressive conduct by former minister Perni Nani and his son have sparked a major controversy. The situation has now turned into a heated political debate, with criticism mounting over the response of the ruling coalition government.

Reports suggest that Perni Nani and his son have been openly confronting officials and allegedly issuing threats, raising serious concerns about law and order in the region. Critics claim that despite repeated incidents, authorities have failed to take strict action, leading to questions about administrative control.

The issue has also triggered political blame games, with opposition voices questioning whether the current coalition government is effectively handling such situations. Concerns are being raised over the perceived silence of key leaders, including Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, and Minister Nara Lokesh. Critics argue that the lack of decisive action has emboldened certain individuals to act without fear.

In Machilipatnam, confusion continues over political dominance, with supporters debating whether the influence lies with Perni Nani or sitting



MLA Kollu Ravindra. The rivalry between political groups has intensified, further complicating the local political atmosphere.

Allegations have also surfaced regarding past irregularities linked to the Perni family, which reportedly came to light after the coalition government assumed power. While some cases reportedly reached police stations, critics argue that stronger action at an earlier stage could have prevented the current situation from escalating. Adding to the controversy, there are claims that Perni Nani and his son have been openly challenging authorities, even within police premises. Statements attributed to them have sparked outrage, with accusations that such behavior is encouraging unrest among supporters.

Political analysts suggest that delayed action and political considerations may have

contributed to the current scenario. They point out that early intervention could have prevented the issue from growing into a larger law-and-order concern.

Meanwhile, leaders and cadres of TDP and Jana Sena are reportedly expressing frustration, stating that they are bearing the consequences of what they describe as inaction by top leadership. Allegations of local-level intimidation and misuse of influence have further fueled discontent within party ranks. The controversy has now put pressure on the government to respond decisively. Observers believe that how the leadership addresses this issue will be crucial in maintaining public confidence and ensuring administrative discipline. As tensions continue to simmer in Machilipatnam, all eyes are on the state leadership to take appropriate action and restore order.

Kadapa | April 7, 2026 | TPN Bureau

A political storm has erupted in Andhra Pradesh's ruling coalition after Jammalamadugu BJP MLA Chadipirala Adinarayana Reddy made sensational remarks hinting at his possible resignation. His comments, alleging internal pressure and lack of support within the coalition, have triggered intense debate across political circles.

Speaking at a party event in Jammalamadugu, Adinarayana Reddy openly expressed dissatisfaction, stating that he was being troubled within the coalition. He went on to say that he was even considering resigning from his MLA post, a statement that has now become a major talking point in state politics.

This is not the first time the MLA has stirred controversy. Earlier, his remarks at a BJP meeting in Tirupati had already created ripples. Even before that issue could settle, his latest comments have once again exposed internal rifts within the alliance.

Sources indicate that differences between Adinarayana Reddy and Anapalli MP CM Ramesh have been ongoing for quite some time. The MLA and his supporters have reportedly accused the MP of working against him at the constituency level. Tensions escalated over development works in Jammalamadugu, where disagreements over allocation and execution of projects led to friction between the two camps.

There have also been allegations that attempts were made to obstruct certain works and

# Storm in Coalition as MLA Adinarayana Reddy's Resignation Remark Sparks Row



even damage materials linked to projects. In response, MP CM Ramesh reportedly lodged complaints with district authorities, citing irregular activities in the constituency. This further widened the gap between the two leaders.

Amid this backdrop, Adinarayana Reddy questioned why complaints were being filed against his own constituency and leadership, expressing frustration over what he described as internal targeting. Political observers believe these developments have significantly strained relations within the coalition at the local level.

The situation had previously drawn attention when Adinarayana Reddy made remarks about the functioning of the coalition government, suggest-

ing that governance should be more balanced. Those comments were reportedly taken seriously by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, who later held discussions with the MLA. At the time, it appeared that the issue had been resolved. However, recent developments suggest otherwise. The MLA has now openly stated that development works in his constituency are not progressing as expected. He cited key issues such as Gandikota, Rajoli, SRBC canal, and RTTP plant-related concerns, indicating that unresolved problems have added to his dissatisfaction.

Adinarayana Reddy made it clear that while he remains committed to resolving constituency issues, he would not hesitate to step down if the system

does not function as expected. His remarks have raised concerns within the BJP and the broader coalition, especially regarding internal coordination and leadership management.

Political analysts believe that factional differences within the coalition, particularly within the BJP at the regional level, have contributed to the current situation. The MLA's strong words reflect deeper dissatisfaction that may have been building over time.

As the controversy unfolds, attention is now on the state leadership and coalition partners to address the issue and prevent further escalation. Whether the leadership will intervene to pacify the situation or allow tensions to continue remains to be seen.

# Ensure Every Drop of Water Percolates into the Ground: Collector Dr. A. Siri

Kurnool District (Burrui) | April 7, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Kurnool District Collector Dr. A. Siri emphasized that the core objective of the "Water Security" initiative is to ensure that every drop of water is conserved and allowed to percolate into the ground. She made these remarks during a review meeting conducted via video conference from the Collectorate with district, division, and mandal-level officials from various departments. Highlighting the importance of water conservation, the Collector stated that the government's primary goal is to provide irrigation water to every acre of land. She stressed the need to enhance groundwater levels through borewells and other recharge methods. She also noted changes in groundwater benchmarks, stating that pre-monsoon levels have been revised from 8 meters to 6 meters, while post-monsoon levels remain at 3 meters. This, she said, makes efficient water usage even more critical.

The Collector instructed officials to focus on the restoration of traditional water bodies such as tanks, feeder channels, and canals. Desilting works, removal of waste and vegetation, and strengthening of tank bunds were identified as priority tasks. She also emphasized the need to interlink tanks so that water can flow ef-



ficiently from one source to another, preventing wastage.

She further suggested identifying flood-prone areas and exploring the possibility of constructing temporary water storage structures to capture excess rainwater. All such works, she directed, should be integrated with MGNREGS to maximize manpower utilization. Officials were instructed to identify works by the 12th of April and submit a detailed action plan to the government by the 15th. Dr. Siri highlighted that the Tungabhadra sub-basin in the district includes nearly 35 tank cascades, making coordinated water management essential. She called for the preparation of village-level action plans with active coordination among Panchayat Secretaries, Engineering Assistants, Irrigation officials, and APOs. Local elders should be consulted to identify tanks that have remained unused or neglected for decades. The Collector also stressed the importance of restoring check dams, clearing encroachments on

natural streams, and ensuring that rainwater reaches storage structures effectively. She noted that the current groundwater level in the district stands at 6.6 meters, with Kosigi mandal facing critical depletion, while Peddakadubur shows relatively better levels at 2 meters. Addressing agricultural concerns, she urged departments to promote integrated farming practices, diversification of crops, livestock development, and adoption of drip irrigation methods to improve farmers' income and reduce migration. Joint Collector Noorul Qamar directed officials to compile a comprehensive list of all water conservation works undertaken under MGNREGS over the past decade. He emphasized preparing a detailed inventory of all water resources at the level to ensure systematic planning and execution.

Senior officials, including DWAMA PD Narasimha Reddy and Irrigation SE Balachandra Reddy, participated in the review meeting.

# Transparency and Effective Utilisation of Funds Must Be Ensured: MLA Dagupati Prasad

Anantapur | April 7, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Anantapur Urban MLA Dagupati Prasad emphasized the importance of transparency and proper utilisation of allocated funds during the Budget 2026-27 outreach programme held at the Municipal Corporation office in Anantapur on Tuesday.

Addressing officials from various departments, the MLA stated that even though the government is facing financial constraints, significant budget allocations have been made for the constituency. He stressed that it is the responsibility of officials to ensure that every rupee is used effectively for public welfare and development. The outreach programme, conducted under the leadership of MLA Dagupati Prasad, saw participation from Municipal Commissioner Jashwanth Rao and officials from key departments including Health, Education, MEPHA, ICDS, Revenue, and DRDA. The session focused on discussing fund allocations and planning their efficient implementation across sectors.

Providing details of the budget, the MLA revealed that a total of 475 crore has been al-



located to major departments in the Anantapur Urban constituency. Of this, the health sector received the highest share with 210 crore, highlighting the government's focus on improving healthcare infrastructure and services. Education has been allocated 25 crore, while 21 crore has been earmarked for women and senior citizens. Agriculture received 16 crore, and municipal administration was allotted 5 crore. In addition to development sectors, the MLA also elaborated on welfare schemes under the "Super Six" initiatives. He stated that 117 crore has been allocated for

NTR Bharosa pensions, 39 crore for the "Thaliki Vandanam" scheme, 21 crore for free gas cylinders, 2 crore each for "Stree Shakti" and auto drivers' welfare, and 1 crore for "Annadata Sukhibhava." Dagupati Prasad highlighted that the government is maintaining a balance between development and welfare, ensuring that both areas receive equal importance. He also pointed out that Anantapur Urban contributes 11.3% to the district's Gross Value Added (GVA), with real estate and business sectors playing a significant role in economic growth. He urged all departments to pre-

pare clear and effective action plans to maximize the impact of the allocated funds. "In challenging financial times, efficient planning and execution are crucial for the development of the constituency," he said.

The MLA also expressed gratitude to Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Finance Minister Payyavula Keshav for prioritizing Anantapur in the budget allocations despite fiscal challenges. He concluded by calling for collective efforts from officials to accelerate development and ensure that the benefits of government schemes reach every section of society.

# Amaravati Focuses on Eco-Tourism Development, ADC Briefs World Bank Team

Amaravati | April 7, 2026 | TPN Bureau

The Amaravati Development Corporation (ADC) is prioritizing eco-tourism as a key component of the capital city's development strategy, Chairperson and Managing Director D. Lakshmi Parthasarathy informed a World Bank technical team during their visit on Tuesday. The delegation, including representatives Yohannes and Scott, toured several ongoing infrastructure and environmental projects in the Amaravati region.

During the visit, ADC officials showcased the progress of the 7.8-kilometer-long gravity canal, a major project designed to channel excess floodwater from the Kondaveeti Vagu into the Krishna River. Out of the total length, 5.9 kilometers of construction has already been completed. The canal is being developed not only as a flood management system but also as an eco-tourism corridor. Plans include avenue plantations, scenic pathways, and recreational activities such as boating, aimed at en-



hancing the environmental and tourism value of the area.

The World Bank team also revisited the ADC Translocation Nursery at Ananthavaram, where large trees affected by construction activities are

carefully relocated and preserved. Officials explained that these trees would later be replanted in suitable locations across the capital region. The nursery also houses a variety of medicinal plants and is en-

visioned as a green space for residents, including government and IT employees, to use for morning walks and fitness activities. The visiting team appreciated the initiative, describing it as an innovative

and sustainable approach to urban development.

At Neerukonda village, ADC authorities presented details of a reservoir project being constructed across 440 acres with a capacity of 0.4 TMC. Approximately 30 percent of the work has been completed, and the reservoir is expected to be operational by March next year. Similarly, the team inspected the Penumaka reservoir project, spread over 190 acres with a capacity of 0.1 TMC, which is also being designed with a focus on tourism.

The delegation concluded their tour at the flood pumping station at Undavalli, where officials demonstrated the mechanisms for lifting and managing floodwaters. Senior ADC engineers and representatives from infrastructure firms also participated in the visit, highlighting the integrated efforts underway to transform Amaravati into a sustainable and environmentally conscious capital city.



## Water Sports Competitions to be Held in Vijayawada on April 11 and 12

NTR District | April 7, 2026 | TPN Bureau

As part of the SHAP Leagues-2026, water sports competitions will be conducted on April 11 and 12 at Punnami Ghat in Vijayawada, District Collector Dr. G. Lakshminisha announced on Tuesday.

The Collector unveiled posters related to the event at the Collectorate in the presence of officials from the District Sports Authority. Speaking on the occasion, he said that the state government is giving special priority to the development of sports and encouraging youth participation through such initiatives.

He emphasized that events like SHAP Leagues help in promoting sportsmanship among young people and provide a platform for budding athletes to showcase their talent. Vari-

ous competitions are being organized under the SHAP Leagues across different categories, he added.

District Sports Development Officer K. Koteswara Rao stated that the water sports competitions will be conducted as a state-level event. Participants from sub-junior and junior categories, including both boys and girls, will compete in the event.

Officials expressed confidence that the competitions would attract enthusiastic participation and contribute to the promotion of water sports in the region. Necessary arrangements are being made to ensure the smooth conduct of the event.

Officials and staff of the District Sports Authority were present during the poster launch program.



## NTR District Police Launch "Drugs Dandayatram 2.0" with Night-Time Checks in Vijayawada

Vijayawada, April 7, TPN Bureau:

The NTR District Police Commissioner's Office conducted extensive night-time inspections on the second day of the "Drugs Dandayatram 2.0" initiative, aimed at creating awareness followed by action against drug abuse. The campaign, led by the district police machinery, focuses on keeping youth away from the menace of narcotics and ensuring a drug-free society. Under this program, a total of 149 identified hot spots in the city were subjected to systematic monitoring. During these inspections, medical kits were used to detect individuals showing signs of drug consumption. In the North Division alone, 74 individuals were checked, of whom 22 were confirmed to be using narcotics. Those testing positive will be sent to de-addiction centers for counseling, and repeated offenders will face legal action. The initiative is part of a broader 34-day cam-

paign covering 550 kilometers, during which five dedicated female staff members cycled across communities to raise awareness about the harmful effects of drugs. Every day, 100 individuals from identified high-risk areas will be tested using over 3,000 drug test kits across the 30-day period, ensuring proactive monitoring and early intervention. Vijayawada Police Commissioner S.V. Rajasekhara Babu, IPS, supervised the operation under the direct guidance of ADCP G. Ramakrishna and ACP North Satyanandam. The night-time inspections took place near the Meesala Rajaravu bridge at Satyanarayanapuram Police Station jurisdiction, with six dedicated teams conducting checks. The police emphasized that the program not only identifies and rehabilitates drug users but also seeks to instill a sense of social responsibility among the youth. By guiding young individuals away from substance abuse, the department aims to empower them to contribute positively to society.

Medical professionals, members of the Akash Foundation, North Sub-Division SIs, and police staff participated in the operation. Local station officers, including Inspector Lakshminarayana (Satyanarayanapuram), Inspector Chandrasekhara Rao (Ajit Singh Nagar), and Inspector Krishna Mohan (Nunn), played key roles in ensuring smooth execution. The NTR District Police reiterated their commitment to a "Zero Tolerance to Drugs" policy. The combined approach of awareness campaigns, night-time checks, and counseling interventions demonstrates the department's determination to combat the growing drug menace while safeguarding the well-being of the community. With continuous monitoring, systematic testing, and community engagement, the "Drugs Dandayatram 2.0" campaign seeks to make Vijayawada a model city for proactive anti-drug efforts, ensuring youth are steered toward healthier and productive lifestyles.



## MLA Vasantha Krishna Prasad Participates in Praja Darbar at Kondapalli

NTR District (Kondapalli) | April 7, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Mylavaram MLA Vasantha Venkata Krishna Prasad participated in a Praja Darbar programme held at the Kondapalli Municipal Office on Tuesday, assuring citizens of swift resolution to their grievances. During the programme, the MLA directly interacted with the public and received petitions from around 60 individuals. He carefully listened to the concerns of residents and reviewed issues related to housing, revenue, and other departments. Emphasizing prompt action, he directed the concerned officials to take immediate steps toward resolving the problems. Addressing the gathering, Vasantha Krishna Prasad stated that public welfare remains the primary objective of the coalition government. "Resolving people's issues is our top priority. The government is working with the motto 'Public welfare is our welfare,'" he said, assuring that every grievance would be addressed responsibly and

without delay. The MLA also discussed the development of the Hindu cremation ground in Kondapalli and called for unity among residents to support local development initiatives. He instructed officials to install electricity poles in residential areas where they are lacking and to ensure uninterrupted power supply. Considering the summer season, he stressed the need for preventive measures to avoid drinking water shortages and directed officials to make necessary arrangements in advance. He further assured that all government welfare schemes would be effectively implemented and reach eligible beneficiaries. Vasantha Krishna Prasad urged officials to remain accessible to the public and provide efficient services. He added that such Praja Darbar programmes would strengthen public trust in the government. Jana Sena Party constituency in-charge Akkala Ramamohan Rao (Gandhi), coalition leaders, and party workers participated in the programme.

## Vijayawada to Become a Traffic-Free City, Says Minister Narayana

Vijayawada | April 7, 2026 | TPN Bureau

The Andhra Pradesh government is giving top priority to the development of Vijayawada city and the permanent resolution of its traffic congestion issues, Municipal Administration and Urban Development Minister Narayana stated on Wednesday. He emphasized that concrete steps are being taken to transform Vijayawada into a traffic-free city with improved infrastructure and better urban planning. As part of this initiative, the minister laid foundation stones and inaugurated several development works across Vijayawada, Penamaluru, and Gannavaram constituencies. Notably, he launched works for three major master plan roads to be constructed at a cost of 105 crore, aimed at reducing traffic congestion in areas surrounding Vijayawada. In Tadigadapa Municipality, Minister Narayana inaugurated a newly constructed road at Sanath Nagar built at a cost of 2.75 crore. He also immediately sanctioned 7 crore for further road development works in the municipality, issuing directions to officials to expedite execution. Addressing the gathering, the minister made a key announcement that Vijayawada and

Tirupati will soon be upgraded to 'Greater City' status. He clarified that a formal decision will be taken after the completion of the national census process. The Greater status, he noted, would bring in increased funding and significantly enhance urban infrastructure in both cities.

The minister also criticized the previous government, holding it responsible for the poor condition of municipalities across the state. He pointed out that nearly 29,000 crore is required to address drainage issues in 123 municipalities. According to him, diversion of municipal funds and failure to provide the state's share for centrally sponsored schemes had stalled several development works. He assured that the current government is focused on providing essential services such as drinking water, drainage systems, and basic civic amenities. Pending works, he said, will be completed on a war footing to improve living standards in urban areas. Members of Parliament Kesineni Chinni and Balashouri, along with MLAs Gadde Rammohan, Yarlagadda Venkatrao, Bode Prasad, and other public representatives and officials, participated in the event.

## Remove Obstructions in Drains to Ensure Smooth Water Flow: Vijayawada Commissioner

Vijayawada | April 7, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Vijayawada Municipal Corporation (VMC) Commissioner Dhyanaachandra has directed officials to remove all obstructions in drainage canals to ensure the free flow of water, especially ahead of the upcoming monsoon season. During his field inspection on Tuesday, the Commissioner visited several areas including Tikkal Road, Nirmala Convent Road, Polytechnic College Road, ELA College Road, ESI Hospital surroundings, and Gunadala. He reviewed the ongoing desilting works being carried out across the city and assessed their progress on the ground. Speaking on the occasion, Dhyanaachandra noted that certain areas, particularly Nirmala Convent, Penamneni Polyclinic Road, and ESI Hospital zones, frequently face water stagnation during rains. He instructed officials to prioritize desilting operations in these vulnerable locations to prevent waterlogging. The Commissioner emphasized that all drainage

channels must be cleared thoroughly so that there are no disruptions to water flow during heavy rainfall. He specifically directed authorities to remove blockages along the stretch from Penamneni Polyclinic Road to Pulleti Canal, ensuring uninterrupted drainage. He further instructed officials to remain vigilant and take proactive measures to avoid water stagnation on roads during the rainy season. Proper maintenance of drainage systems, he said, is crucial to prevent urban flooding and ensure public safety. Zonal Commissioner Shammi, Chief Medical Health Officer Dr. K. Arjuna Rao, Chief Engineer (in-charge) P. Satya Kumari, Superintending Engineer (Works) Chandrasekhara, Assistant City Planner P. Mohan Babu, Executive Engineer Samrajyam, Assistant Medical Health Officer Gopal Naik, and other staff participated in the inspection.

The initiative reflects VMC's preparedness to tackle monsoon-related challenges and improve civic infrastructure in the city.

## Youth Dies in Road Accident Near Aakunuru Flyover

Krishna District (Uyyuru Mandal) | April 7, 2026 | TPN Bureau

In a tragic incident, a young man lost his life in a road accident near the Aakunuru flyover in Uyyuru mandal of Krishna district on Tuesday.

The deceased has been identified as Devarapalli Sridhar (25), a resident of Kadavakallu village in Uyyuru mandal. He was the son of Moshie. According to preliminary reports, the accident occurred near the flyover under unclear circumstances, leading to his instantaneous death at the scene.

Locals who witnessed the incident immediately informed the police and attempted to provide assistance. However, Sridhar had already succumbed to severe injuries by the time help arrived. The sudden and tragic



nature of the accident has left the local community in shock.

Police officials reached the

spot soon after receiving information and began a preliminary investigation. The body

was shifted to a nearby government hospital for post-mortem examination. Authorities are

working to determine the exact cause of the accident, including whether overspeeding, negligent driving, or road conditions played a role.

Family members of the deceased were informed about the incident, and scenes of grief unfolded as relatives and villagers gathered to pay their respects. Sridhar's untimely death has cast a pall of sorrow over Kadavakallu village.

Police are expected to register a case and continue their investigation to establish the sequence of events leading to the accident. Further details are awaited as officials collect evidence and statements from witnesses. The incident once again highlights the need for increased road safety awareness and adherence to traffic rules to prevent such unfortunate accidents.

# Strict Monitoring of Mines and Quarries Ordered in Kadapa

Kadapa | April 7, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Kadapa District Collector Dr. Sridhar Cherukuri has directed mining officials to focus on the effective management of mines and quarries and take strict action against violations of rules and regulations. The Collector issued these instructions during a district-level screening committee meeting held at the Collectorate on Tuesday.

The meeting, attended by Joint Collector Dr. Nidhi Meena and Rajampet Sub-Collector Bhavana, reviewed key aspects related to mining

operations in the district. Discussions included the functioning of mining quarries, execution of major mineral blocks, land classification, cadastral details, and pending revenue No Objection Certificate (NOC) issues. Addressing the officials, the Collector emphasized that the district's rich mineral resources should be utilized efficiently as a key economic asset. He directed officials to assess how many mines are currently operational, whether they have obtained all necessary government approvals, and if they are functioning in compliance with

established norms. He also stressed the importance of adhering to safety standards, ensuring social responsibility, and maintaining transparency in revenue generation. Dr. Sridhar instructed the authorities to expedite the tender notification process for pending mining leases. He also called for the swift resolution of issues related to revenue, environmental, and forest clearances. Additionally, officials were asked to submit audit reports regularly to ensure accountability and proper monitoring of mining activities. During the meeting, the committee re-

viewed the overall performance of mining operations in the district. The Collector approved the issuance of notifications for six newly identified sand reaches, paving the way for inviting tenders for their management. This move is expected to streamline sand mining operations and enhance revenue generation for the district. Several officials, including Revenue Divisional Officers from Kadapa, Badvel, and Pulivendula, representatives from the Pollution Control Board, Mines Department, and other related departments, participated in the meeting.



## Priority to Roads, Drinking Water and Drainage in Tirupati: MLA Arani Srinivasulu

Tirupati City | April 7, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Tirupati MLA Arani Srinivasulu has stated that the NDA coalition government is committed to providing drinking water to every household in the city within the next one and a half years. He emphasized that infrastructure development, particularly roads and drainage systems, is being given top priority to improve urban living standards.

On Tuesday morning, the MLA inaugurated multiple development works in the third division of Tirupati city. The projects, constructed at an estimated cost of around 2 crore, include two drainage canals and several cement concrete (CC) roads. Srinivasulu first inaugurated a drainage canal built at a cost of 50 lakh in Garudadri Nagar. He later launched another drainage canal project constructed with 30 lakh.

Additionally, the MLA inaugurated a CC road developed with an expenditure of 47.35 lakh. Another CC road, constructed at a cost of 61.60 lakh near Kaikala Cheruvu, was also formally opened. These



projects are expected to significantly improve sanitation, connectivity, and overall civic infrastructure in the area.

Speaking on the occasion, Srinivasulu reiterated the government's commitment to the holistic development of Tirupati city. He said steps are being taken to upgrade essential services such as roads, drinking water supply, drainage systems, and street lighting. The focus, he added, is on ensuring sustainable and long-term solutions to civic issues faced by

residents.

Several officials and public representatives attended the Program, including SE Shyam-sundar, EE Tulasi Kumar, DE Lalitha Kumari, TDP cluster in-charge Krishna Yadav, party spokesperson Koduru Balasubrahmanyam, and other leaders from TDP and Jana Sena Party. The initiatives reflect the government's broader vision to strengthen urban infrastructure and enhance the quality of life for citizens in Tirupati.

## MLA Pulivarthi Nani Reviews Development Works in Chandragiri

Tirupati (Chandragiri Constituency) | April 7, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Chandragiri MLA Pulivarthi Nani on Tuesday inspected ongoing development works in the constituency along with local leaders and officials, stressing the need for quality execution and timely completion. During the visit, the MLA reviewed the construction of Govindahamam and the new MPDO office building. He examined the progress of the works on-site and interacted with the contractor and concerned officials regarding the pace and quality of construction. Pulivarthi Nani instructed the contractor to ensure that all works are carried out with high standards and completed within the stipulated time frame. He also offered suggestions to improve execution and avoid any delays in project completion. The MLA emphasized that these projects are important for improving administrative infra-



structure and providing better services to the public. Reiterating the government's commitment to development, he said that all ongoing works in the

constituency should be monitored closely and executed without compromising on quality. He warned that negligence in construction or delays

would not be tolerated. Leaders of the ruling coalition, party workers, and officials participated in the inspection program.



## Tirupati Police Clarify Zoom Incident During Anti-Drug Awareness Program

Tirupati | April 7, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Tirupati District Police have issued a clarification regarding a Zoom meeting incident that occurred during a large-scale anti-drug awareness program conducted for students.

According to the official press note, the Zoom session was hosted using the official ID of AP EAGLE Chief IGP Ake Ravi Krishna, displayed as "Ake Ravi Krishna, IPS., IGP, EAGLE." Police officials clarified that no name of any former Chief Minister was used in the official login credentials.

The awareness program, titled "Tirupati Sandesh 2.0," was organized on March 6, 2025, at the Sri Venkateswara University (SV University) Auditorium. It was jointly conducted by Tirupati District Police, EAGLE, and the NGO Vibrants of Kalam to educate students about the dangers of drug abuse.

The event witnessed massive participation, with nearly one lakh students joining through around 1,000 Zoom links. Due

to the large number of participants, all attendees were kept on mute to ensure smooth conduct of the session. Additionally, the option for participants to unmute themselves was initially restricted.

However, during the beginning of his address, IGP Ake Ravi Krishna enabled the "unmute themselves" option. At that moment, an individual logged into the session using the name "YS Jagan Mohan," which briefly appeared on the screen.

Police clarified that this was an external participant's login name and not associated with the organizers or the official system. The authorities emphasized that the program was conducted in a structured manner and the incident was purely incidental due to the open nature of the virtual platform at that moment.

Tirupati Police reiterated their commitment to conducting awareness initiatives and maintaining transparency while addressing any concerns arising from such events.

## TTD Additional EO Inspects Key Locations in Tirumala

Tirumala | April 7, 2026 | TPN Bureau

TTD Additional Executive Officer Ch. Venkaiah Chowdary conducted a series of inspections in Tirumala on Tuesday to identify a suitable site for the construction of a centralized TTD Administrative Building.

As part of the visit, the Additional EO examined a proposed site located opposite the Ram Bageecha Bus Stand. Officials briefed him on the feasibility and requirements for developing the administrative complex at the location. He reviewed various aspects, including accessibility, space availability, and infrastructure needs. Later, Venkaiah Chowdary visited the Akashaganga area, where he



inspected several shops and issued instructions to the concerned officials regarding their management and maintenance.

He emphasized the need for proper regulation and cleanliness in the area to ensure a better experience for

devotees. The Additional EO also inspected labour sheds situated adjacent to the Srivari Seva Sadan. During the inspec-

tion, he reviewed the facilities provided to workers and directed officials to ensure basic amenities and improved living conditions. Subsequently, he visited the ATC area in Tirumala and examined the site proposed for cottage allotment to the Revenue Department. He instructed officials to expedite the process and ensure proper planning in the allocation of space. Senior officials, including Tirumala Estate Officer Venkateswarlu, VGO Surendra, Executive Engineers Srinivasa Rao and Venu Gopal, and DE Chandrasekhar, participated in the inspection program.

The inspections reflect TTD's ongoing efforts to strengthen infrastructure and administrative facilities in Tirumala for improved management and services.

## CMRF Cheques Distributed to Beneficiaries in Chandragiri Constituency

Tirupati (Chandragiri Constituency) | April 7, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Chandragiri MLA Pulivarthi Nani distributed Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) cheques to several beneficiaries at the Telugu Desam Party office in the constituency on Tuesday, extending financial support to families from Tirupati Rural mandal.

The state government sanctioned a total amount of 24,15,617 under the CMRF to assist individuals facing health issues and other hardships. The beneficiaries were identified based on their needs, and the MLA brought their cases to the attention of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu.

Acting swiftly on the MLA's request, the Chief Minister directed officials to process the applications and release the financial aid. Following these instructions, the cheques were issued and handed over to the

beneficiaries by Pulivarthi Nani.

Speaking on the occasion, the MLA stated that the government is committed to supporting people during difficult times and ensuring that financial assistance reaches those in genuine need without delay. He emphasized that welfare measures like the CMRF play a crucial role in providing relief to families facing medical and financial crises.

The beneficiaries expressed their heartfelt gratitude to Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, IT Minister Nara Lokesh, and MLA Pulivarthi Nani for extending timely support. They said the assistance had provided much-needed relief during challenging times.

Leaders of the ruling coalition, party workers, and local representatives were present at the event.



# Lucky Draw for Eat Street Shops to be Held at Kachapi Auditorium: Commissioner N. Maurya

Tirupati | April 7, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Tirupati Municipal Corporation Commissioner N. Maurya has announced that the lucky draw for allotment of Eat Street shops will be conducted on Wednesday at the Kachapi Auditorium. The decision to shift the venue was taken due to the large number of applicants who expressed interest in securing the shops.

According to the Commissioner, the Eat Street project has been developed opposite the Municipal Corporation office in Tirupati with financial support from the Government of India. A total of 14 (shops) have been constructed as part of this initiative, aimed at promoting local business opportunities and enhancing urban amenities.

To facilitate the allotment process, applications were invited from interested individuals over a period of five days. The response from the public was significant, with a large number of applicants submitting their requests. The application process officially con-



Commissioner N. Maurya

cluded on Tuesday evening. Initially, the Municipal Corporation had planned to conduct the lucky draw at the Corporation office premises. However, considering the high

turnout expected from applicants, the venue has now been shifted to the Kachapi Auditorium to ensure smooth and (organized) conduct of the process.

Commissioner N. Maurya stated that the lucky draw will commence at 11:00 AM on Wednesday at the new venue. He urged all applicants to be present at the auditorium on

time and cooperate with the officials during the process. Proper arrangements have been made to ensure transparency and fairness in the selection procedure.

The Eat Street initiative is expected to boost small-scale businesses and provide an organized space for vendors, contributing to the city's economic activity. Officials believe that such projects not only create employment opportunities but also improve the overall urban experience for residents and visitors.

The Commissioner reiterated that the allotment process will be conducted in a transparent manner, ensuring equal opportunity for all applicants. He also appealed to participants to follow instructions and maintain discipline during the event.

With all preparations in place, the Municipal Corporation is set to conduct the lucky draw smoothly, marking a significant step towards operationalizing the Eat Street project in Tirupati.



# Health Rally Conducted in Tirupati on World Health Day

Tirupati | April 7, 2026 | TPN Bureau

On the occasion of World Health Day, the District Medical and Health Department organized a rally in Tirupati on Tuesday morning to create awareness about healthy living and preventive healthcare practices.

The rally commenced at 9 AM from the DMHO office and passed through SVIMS Circle before concluding at the Maternity Hospital. District Medical and Health Officer (DMHO) Dr. V. Balakrishna Naik flagged off the rally in the presence of health officials, staff, and volunteers.

Addressing the participants, Dr. Balakrishna Naik emphasized that "health is wealth" and there is no greater asset than good health. He urged people to adopt healthy lifestyles and increase awareness about maintaining physical and mental well-being. He highlighted the importance of daily exercise, avoiding junk food, maintaining cleanliness, reducing the intake of oils and

and following a balanced diet rich in vegetables and leafy greens.

He also encouraged the practice of yoga and meditation as effective ways to enhance overall health. The rally participants raised slogans promoting healthy habits, including "Stay healthy, stay happy," "Our health is in our hands," and "Home-cooked food is best for health."

After the rally, participants formed a human chain and took a pledge to follow healthy practices and spread awareness among the public.

The event saw the participation of Deputy DMHO Srinivasulu Reddy, program officers Dr. Chatraprakash Reddy and Dr. Reddiprasad, along with health staff, ANMs, ASHA workers, health assistants, and representatives from various departments and organizations.

The initiative aimed to encourage citizens to take proactive steps towards healthier living and build a health-conscious society.

# Filmy-Style Gold Heist Shocks Palasa; 750 Grams Looted by Fake GST Officials

Srikakulam (Palasa) | April 7, 2026 | TPN Bureau

In a shocking incident resembling a scene from a crime thriller, a gold jewellery shop in Palasa town of Srikakulam district was looted in broad daylight on Tuesday. The daring robbery, carried out in a "filmy style," has raised serious concerns over public safety in busy commercial areas.

The incident took place at Venkateswara Jewellery Shop located in Nityananda Nagar, a bustling locality near the Kasi-bugga bus stand. According to preliminary reports, a group of eight arrived at the location on four two-wheelers after conducting prior reconnaissance of the area. One of the group, four individuals entered the shop posing as GST officials, while the remaining accomplices stayed outside on the bikes. At the time of the incident, only the shop owner, Kil-

lamsetty Ramakrishna, and a couple of workers were present inside, with no customers around.

The accused reportedly introduced themselves as officials and, within moments, handcuffed the shop owner to his chair, leaving him helpless. They then swiftly collected around 750 grams of gold ornaments, packed them into bags, and fled the scene along with their accomplices waiting outside. Soon after the robbers escaped, the shop owner managed to raise an alarm, alerting nearby residents who rushed to the spot and informed the police. Law enforcement officials, led by Circle Inspector Y. Ramakrishna, reached the scene promptly and initiated an investigation. Police teams conducted a thorough examination of the crime scene, collected fingerprints, and reviewed CCTV footage from the surrounding area to identify

the suspects. Authorities suspect the involvement of an interstate gang, possibly linked to a Bihar-based group, based on the modus operandi. A case has been registered, and a manhunt has been launched across the district to trace the accused.

However, the incident has once again highlighted a growing trend of thefts and robberies in busy localities. Recently, multiple medical shops were burgled simultaneously near Srinivasa Lodge Junction, with the culprits still at large. The recurring nature of such crimes has created panic among traders, especially gold merchants, who are now demanding stricter policing and enhanced surveillance. The audacity of the robbers in executing such a well-planned heist in a crowded area has left both residents and authorities raising questions about urban security measures.



# Rajamahendravaram Set to Host International Dragon Boat League 2026

East Godavari | April 7, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Rajamahendravaram is gearing up to transform into an international sporting hub as it prepares to host the International Dragon Boat League 2026 from May 30 to June 1. The prestigious event is expected to draw global attention, with nearly 1,200 athletes from 25 countries set to participate, marking a significant milestone for the city's sporting landscape.

The announcement was made during a formal event held at Manjeera Hotel on Jail Road, where public representatives unveiled the official logo, jersey, and event banner. Organized jointly by Think Out of the Side and the Indian Kayaking and Canoeing Association, the event also saw the launch of its official website and social media campaigns to boost outreach and engagement.

Dragon boat racing, a sport with over 2,000 years of history originating from China, symbolizes teamwork, coordination, and focus. Organisers believe that hosting such an international event will not only bring recognition to Rajamahendravaram but also inspire local youth to actively participate in sports and adopt healthier lifestyles.

Member of Parliament Dag-gubati Purandeswari stated that the city, long known for its cultural and spiritual heritage, is now taking a major step toward gaining prominence in the sports sector. She emphasized that sports play a crucial role in steering youth away from harmful habits and promoting discipline and well-being.

Highlighting infrastructure development, she announced that a multi-purpose stadium is being constructed in three phases, with funds already allocated for the first two stages. MLA Adireddy Srinivas added that Rajamahendravaram has immense potential to emerge as a sports capital, citing ongoing riverfront development works and the inauguration of a sports complex in Narayanapuram.

Officials also noted that the event would serve as a precursor to the Godavari Pushkaralu in 2027, enhancing tourism and investment opportunities in the region. Authorities and leaders urged citizens to extend warm hospitality to the international athletes.

With an indoor stadium project worth 53 crore underway, the initiative reflects a broader vision to establish Andhra Pradesh as a prominent sports hub, particularly in water-based games.



# Collector Himanshu Shukla Reviews Summer Action Plan in Nellore

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In view of the anticipated rise in temperatures over the next three months, District Collector Himanshu Shukla has directed officials to implement a well-planned Summer Action Plan to ensure that the public does not face any hardship during the peak summer season.

During a review meeting held at Tikkana Pranganam in the Collectorate on Monday, the Collector emphasized the need for proactive measures to prevent drinking water shortages across the district, especially during May, June, and July. He instructed officials from the Rural Water Supply (RWS) department to ensure uninterrupted water supply, particularly in drought-prone upland areas, by deploying water tankers wherever necessary.

The Collector also directed authorities to ensure that all hand pumps, overhead tanks, and drinking water schemes function efficiently. Adequate arrangements must be made to provide drinking water for livestock as well. He further instructed officials to operationalize completed animal hostels

at the earliest.

Focusing on irrigation management, Himanshu Shukla ordered that water from Somashila and Kandaleru reservoirs should be released strictly based on farmers' requirements, avoiding any wastage. He stressed the importance of adopting integrated water management practices to ensure optimal utilization of available resources.

To safeguard public health, the Collector called for extensive awareness campaigns on heatwave precautions. He instructed the establishment of "chalivendras" (cooling centers) at bus stations, busy junctions, and government offices. Special attention must be given to children in Anganwadi centers and schools, ensuring they stay hydrated.

He also encouraged voluntary organizations and business communities to set up facilities offering buttermilk, lemon water, and other cooling drinks. As an incentive, the Collector announced a cash reward of 50,000 for individuals or organizations contributing significantly to public relief during summer. Senior district officials were present at the meeting.

# Somireddy Plans Revival of Stadium and Water Plant in Sarvepalli

TPN Bureau | Nellore District | April 07, 2026

Sarvepalli MLA Somireddy Chandramohan Reddy has initiated steps to revive key infrastructure projects, including the Kakani Ramanareddy Stadium at Toderu and a defunct mega mineral water plant in Podalakur mandal. During an inspection visit along with representatives from Adani Krishnapatnam Port, including CSR Head Rajesh Ranjan and Business Development Head Muralidhar, the MLA reviewed the condition of the water plant located at Chittipalli Thippa and the stadium premises. He directed officials to immediately commence develop-



ment works at the stadium and prepare detailed estimates for its renovation. Somireddy stated that the mega mineral water plant, established during the previous TDP government at a cost of 4.59 crore to supply af-

fordable drinking water, had been neglected after 2019. The plant was designed to provide 20 litres of purified water at just 2 through village-level dispensaries. However, it has remained non-functional, lead-

ing to inconvenience for local residents. Officials from the Rural Water Supply (RWS) department estimated that 1.35 crore would be required for repairs, while over 1 crore in pending electricity bills has

further delayed its revival. The MLA informed that technical teams from the port have already begun assessing the plant's functionality by initiating water flow into the sump. He also expressed concern over the poor condition of Kakani Ramanareddy Stadium, stating that only partial construction had been completed, and the grounds were overgrown with vegetation. Initial works such as road access and jungle clearance will be taken up soon, he added. Reaffirming his commitment, Somireddy said both the stadium and water plant would be made operational within the next two months, ensuring better amenities and services for the people of the constituency.

# Strict Action Against Adulterated Food Sellers in Nellore

TPN Bureau | SPSR Nellore | April 07, 2026

Joint Collector Mogili Venkateswarlu, IAS, has issued a stern warning against the sale of adulterated and substandard food items in SPSR Nellore district, stating that strict legal action will be taken against those endangering public health.

During a review conducted on Tuesday evening under the provisions of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, the Joint Collector directed food safety officials to intensify inspections and take firm action against violators. The review focused on cases registered against traders, manufacturers, and hotel operators found selling unsafe food products.

As part of enforcement, five traders were fined a total of 1.25 lakh for various violations. A manufacturer was penalized 40,000 for improper labeling on a pulao rice packet. In another case, a dry fruit shop was fined 25,000 after officials found expired products during inspection. An ice cream manufacturing unit was imposed a

20,000 penalty for using expired ingredients. Additionally, a restaurant in Gogalamudi was fined 20,000 for storing unlabelled noodles in its kitchen, while a food center in Kothur was penalized 20,000 for incorrect nutritional information on coriander powder packaging. Authorities also instructed the concerned businesses to rectify labeling errors before continuing sales.

The Joint Collector emphasized that all food business operators—including manufacturers, suppliers, and hotel owners—must strictly adhere to quality standards and obtain mandatory licenses from the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI). He warned that failure to comply could result in penalties of up to 10 lakh.

He further revealed that criminal cases are being registered against 18 hotels for using banned food colors in the preparation of vegetarian and non-vegetarian dishes. Senior food safety officials participated in the inspection and review process.



# Zero Tolerance for Workplace Harassment Against Women: Collector Himanshu Shukla

TPN Bureau | Nellore | April 07, 2026

District Collector Himanshu Shukla has made it clear that strict action, including suspension from service, will be taken against anyone found involved in harassment or sexual misconduct against women at workplaces in the district.

Speaking at a district-level review meeting held at Tikkana Bhavan in the Collectorate premises on Tuesday, the Collector emphasized the importance of ensuring a safe and dignified work environment for women. The meeting was organized by ICDS in collaboration with ARD voluntary organization and attended by district-level officials.

The Collector directed all departments to establish Internal Monitoring Committees at both district and mandal-level offices and to create awareness about their roles and legal provisions. He revealed that strict action had already been taken against a Mandal Revenue Officer based on recent complaints, underscoring the administration's seriousness in



such matters. He encouraged women employees to come forward fearlessly and report incidents to the respective internal committees. Highlighting child welfare concerns, the Collector instructed officials to identify individuals exploiting children for begging and take necessary action to rehabilitate them. He also stressed that there is no gender discrimination in responsibilities, praising women officers for their

commendable efforts during the recent Chief Minister's visit, which contributed significantly to its success. He further announced that a review meeting on the implementation of the POSH Act will be conducted soon to address crimes against children. Timely and appropriate action on cases related to harassment against women must be ensured, he added. ICDS Project Officer Hema Sujana stated that 304 In-

ternal Committees have already been formed in the district, ensuring confidentiality in handling complaints. She also informed that issues can be reported at the Sakhi-1 Center, where complaints are resolved within 90 days. Officials and representatives from various departments and voluntary organizations participated in the program, followed by the unveiling of an awareness poster.

# First 'Bhartan Bank' Launched in Sri Sathya Sai District to Promote Plastic-Free Villages

TPN Bureau | Gudibanda (Karikera) | April 07, 2026

In a significant step towards promoting eco-friendly practices, Sri Sathya Sai District Collector Shyam Prasad, IAS, inaugurated the district's first-ever "Bhartan Bank" (steel utensils bank) in Karikera village of Gudibanda mandal on Tuesday.

The initiative aims to reduce plastic usage and encourage sustainable alternatives by providing steel utensils for community use during events and gatherings. The Bhartan Bank is expected to play a key role in transforming Karikera into a plastic-free village.

Addressing a public gathering after the inauguration, the Collector appreciated the unity and commitment of the women in the village. He stated that the collective effort and discipline shown by the women's groups serve as a model for the entire district. He also highlighted that many families in the village are adopting multiple livelihood options, which is a positive sign of economic progress.



Shyam Prasad urged villagers to actively utilize the Bhartan Bank facility and contribute towards maintaining a clean and plastic-free environment. He emphasized that such community-driven initiatives are essential for sustainable rural development.

A notable feature of the event was the presence of women's group members in uniform, symbolizing their unity and shared vision. Their

participation reflected strong community engagement and support for the initiative.

District officials including DRDA Project Director Narasayya, DPO Samata, ZP Additional CEO Venkatasubbayya, along with other officials and local leaders, attended the program.

The Bhartan Bank initiative is expected to inspire similar eco-friendly projects across the district.



# Jaladhara Initiative Drives Water Security in Srisatyasai District

Madanapalle/Srisatyasai, April 7, 2026:

The State BC Welfare Minister S. Savitha inaugurated the "Jaladhara" water conservation movement in Srisatyasai district, emphasizing the importance of utilizing every drop of water to boost agricultural productivity and ensure water security. The initiative, part of a 100-day statewide campaign, focuses on desilting canals and tanks, repairing irrigation structures, and promoting groundwater recharge to provide water to every acre of farmland.

Minister Savitha highlighted that the program encourages sustainable practices such as drip irrigation, shifting tank silt to fields, and building crop bunds, ensuring maximum utilization of water resources. She stressed that the movement involves active participation from farmers and irrigation associations to create drought-resilient areas across the state, aligning with Chief

Minister Chandrababu Naidu's vision of wealth creation through water conservation.

Addressing political tensions, Minister Savitha criticized opposition leaders for undermining the Amaravati capital development, asserting that attacks on media and citizens are unacceptable. She warned that such actions by the YSRCP cadre would not go unnoticed. Post the Jaladhara program, Minister Savitha visited groundnut farms near desilted tanks, inquiring about cultivation and yield. She assured farmers that the government prioritizes their welfare, providing drip irrigation kits through the Annadata Sukhii Bhavan scheme and ensuring fair crop prices. She also noted the development of Rayalaseema as a horticulture hub with an investment of 30,000 crores for irrigation projects.

Collector Shyam Prasad, local officials, coalition leaders, and residents attended the program, demonstrating widespread support for the initiative.

# Jaladhara Project in Annamayya District Sets a Statewide Benchmark

TPN Bureau | Madanapalle | April 07, 2026

Annamayya District Collector Nishanth Kumar has been praised by Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Konidela Pawan Kalyan for the highly successful implementation of the "Jaladhara" water conservation project, which has ensured water security in the drought-prone district.

The Deputy Chief Minister commended the project during a one-day workshop on rural drinking water supply systems, source sustainability, and groundwater management held at the Andhra Pradesh State Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (SIRD&PR) in Vijayawada. Collector Nishanth Kumar presented a detailed PowerPoint on the Jaladhara initiative, highlighting its achievements and impact.



The project has led to a significant increase in groundwater levels by 8.59 meters in just

five months, the restoration of 962 minor irrigation tanks, and recharging approximately

20,000 acres of land. These measures have had a positive effect on rural and urban econ-

omies, demonstrating the transformative potential of efficient water management practices. Collector Nishanth Kumar explained that the Jaladhara initiative followed a basin-based water conservation approach, identifying river catchment areas and redirecting surplus water to deficit regions. Using 532 cascades, 382 tanks were interconnected, and extensive restoration work was carried out, utilizing available resources efficiently without the need for large-scale irrigation projects. The Deputy Chief Minister lauded the Collector's dedication and urged replication of the Jaladhara model across the state. Experts, engineers, and scientists attending the workshop emphasized the importance of studying the project to implement effective water conservation strategies statewide.

# Collector Calls for Preventive Measures Against Heat Waves in Tirupati District

Tirupati | April 7, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Tirupati District Collector Dr. S. Venkateswar has directed officials to take advance measures to tackle heat waves and ensure uninterrupted drinking water supply across the district during the summer season.

The Collector chaired a review meeting on Tuesday evening at the Collectorate, interacting with district officials in person and with revenue division, mandal, and municipal through a virtual conference. Along with District Revenue Officer G. Narasimulu, he reviewed the Summer Action Plan, Census operations, P-3 programme, and implementation of social forestry initiatives under Haritha

Andhra Pradesh. Emphasizing the rising temperatures, the Collector instructed officials to ensure that people do not face any hardships due to heat waves. He directed authorities to maintain continuous drinking water supply through borewells, pipelines, and tankers in both rural and urban areas. He also ordered the restoration of defunct borewells and hand pumps to bring them back into use.

To tackle heat-related illnesses, all Primary Health Centres must be equipped with adequate ORS packets and medicines, he said, adding that medical staff should remain prepared to handle sunstroke cases. He also stressed the need for widespread awareness campaigns, advising citizens to



avoid venturing out during peak afternoon hours unless necessary.

On census activities, the Collector directed officials to en-

sure accurate data collection from every household, highlighting that such data forms the basis for government planning and welfare schemes.

Similarly, he called for the effective implementation of the P-3 programme to accelerate rural development and improve infrastructure and livelihoods. He further emphasized large-scale plantation drives under social forestry, instructing officials to plant saplings in villages, towns, roadsides, schools, and government offices, and ensure their proper maintenance. The Collector also stressed the importance of conducting the Unified Family Survey (UFS) with precision to ensure welfare benefits reach eligible beneficiaries. He directed all departments to adhere to Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and review progress regularly. Senior officials from various departments participated in the meeting.

# “Divided Into Two Parts 55 Years Ago”: Rajnath Singh’s Strong Warning To Pakistan

India’s Defence Minister Rajnath Singh issued a sharp warning to Pakistan, recalling the country’s split in 1971 and cautioning against any provocative action against India. His remarks came amid rising tensions following statements from Pakistani leadership that triggered a diplomatic exchange between the two nations. Speaking at a public event, Rajnath Singh said Pakistan should remember that it was divided into two parts 55 years ago and warned that any fresh misadventure could lead to serious consequences. He stated that if Pakistan attempts to target India, particularly regions like West Bengal, the situation could worsen significantly for Islamabad. Singh added that history should serve as a lesson and urged Pakistan to avoid repeating past mistakes.

The Defence Minister’s comments were made in response to remarks by Pakistan’s Defence Minister Khawaja Asif, who reportedly warned that Pakistan could strike Kolkata if tensions escalate further. The statement from Islamabad



drawn strong reactions from Indian leaders, with Rajnath Singh describing the comments as provocative and irresponsible. Referring to the 1971 war, Ra-

jath Singh pointed out that Pakistan faced severe consequences when it was split and Bangladesh emerged as a separate nation. He said that if Pa-

kistan attempts any aggressive move again, it may face even more serious repercussions. His remarks underline India’s firm stance on national secu-

urity and territorial integrity.

The Defence Minister also reiterated that India is prepared to respond decisively to any threat. He stressed that while India supports peace and stability in the region, it will not hesitate to take strong action if provoked. The warning comes at a time when relations between the two countries remain tense, particularly following past incidents and cross-border tensions. The exchange of statements between India and Pakistan has once again highlighted the fragile relationship between the two nuclear-armed neighbours. Analysts believe such rhetoric could further strain diplomatic ties, although both sides continue to emphasise readiness to defend their interests. Rajnath Singh’s remarks have drawn significant attention, with political leaders and observers closely watching how the situation evolves. His comments reinforce India’s tough stance while also signalling that New Delhi expects responsible behaviour from its neighbour to maintain regional stability.



## “Swear On Bhagavad Gita”: Gaurav Gogoi Challenges Himanta Sarma Over Wife’s Assets

Political tensions in Assam intensified ahead of the Assembly elections after Congress leader Gaurav Gogoi challenged Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma to swear on the Bhagavad Gita while denying allegations related to his family’s assets and business interests abroad.

The controversy began after Congress leaders raised serious allegations against Sarma’s wife, Riniki Bhuyan Sharma. Congress Media and Publicity Department chief Pawan Kherra claimed that Riniki Bhuyan Sharma holds multiple passports and that the family has business interests worth nearly 52,000 crore in the United States and other countries. The allegations quickly triggered a political showdown between the ruling BJP and the Congress.

Reacting to the claims, Himanta Biswa Sarma strongly denied all allegations and described them as false, fabricated, and politically motivated. He also warned of legal action against those spreading what he called defamatory claims against his family. Riniki Bhuyan Sharma also rejected the accusations and indicated that legal steps would be taken against the Congress

leaders involved.

Soon after Sarma’s denial, Gaurav Gogoi escalated the political attack and publicly challenged the Chief Minister to take an oath on the Bhagavad Gita to deny the allegations. Speaking during an election campaign, Gogoi questioned whether Sarma was hiding business interests and assets abroad while making allegations against political opponents. The exchange marks the latest escalation in the ongoing political battle between the BJP and Congress ahead of the Assam Assembly elections. The issue has become a major talking point in the campaign, with both sides trading sharp accusations and counter-accusations.

The Assam Assembly elections are scheduled to be held on April 9, with votes to be counted on May 4. The contest is expected to be closely watched, with Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma seeking re-election and Congress leader Gaurav Gogoi emerging as one of the key challengers.

As campaigning intensifies, the political rhetoric in Assam continues to heat up, with personal allegations and asset disclosures becoming central themes in the electoral battle.

## Manipur Tense As Angry Mob Storms Paramilitary Camp, Many Injured In Firing

Fresh violence erupted in Manipur after an angry mob stormed a paramilitary camp, leading to firing by security forces and leaving several people injured. The situation has once again pushed the northeastern state into turmoil, prompting authorities to impose restrictions and suspend internet services in multiple districts.

The violence broke out in Bishnupur district following widespread protests over the killing of two children in a bomb attack earlier in the day. Angry residents gathered in large numbers, demanding action against those responsible for the incident. As tensions escalated, a mob moved toward a paramilitary camp located near the site of the attack.

According to reports, protesters attempted to storm the camp and allegedly tried to vandalise property and set vehicles on fire. Security forces fired to disperse the crowd after the situation spiralled out of control. Several people were injured during the firing, while the area witnessed intense clashes between protesters and security personnel.

The unrest followed the death of two children in a suspected militant attack earlier in the day. The victims, a young boy and his infant sister, were killed when an explosive device hit their house in Bishnupur district. The tragic incident triggered widespread anger among locals, who accused authorities of failing to ensure security.

As protests intensified, demonstrators blocked roads and gathered in large numbers, fur-



ther escalating tensions. Authorities rushed additional security forces to the area to prevent further violence and restore order. The situation remained volatile for several hours as clashes continued.

Following the violence, the Manipur government ordered the suspension of internet and mobile data services in five districts, including Imphal East, Imphal West, Thoubal, Kakching, and Bishnupur. Officials said the move was aimed at preventing the spread of misinformation and maintaining law and order.

Officials also imposed restrictions in sensitive areas and increased security deployment across the region. Authorities urged people to remain calm and avoid spreading rumours, while efforts continued to identify those responsible for the violence.

The latest incident highlights the fragile situation in Manipur, where tensions between communities have persisted for months. The renewed violence has raised concerns about stability in the state, with officials closely monitoring developments and working to prevent further escalation.

## Manipur Violence: Two Children Killed, Rahul Gandhi Slams Centre

Fresh violence erupted in the northeastern state of Manipur after two children were killed in a deadly attack, triggering protests and renewed tensions in the region. The incident took place in Bishnupur district, where a rocket-like projectile struck a house early in the morning, killing a four-year-old boy and his newborn sister while they were asleep. Their mother was critically injured in the explosion and rushed to hospital for treatment.

The attack occurred in Tronglaobi Awang Leikai village, located along the sensitive boundary between Meitei-dominated valley areas and Kuki-Zomi-dominated hill regions. The killing of the children sparked widespread anger among local residents, who took to the streets in protest. Many demonstrators blocked roads, burned tyres, and shut down business establishments in the area.

As tensions escalated, protesters attempted to storm a CRPF security post near the village, accusing security forces of failing to prevent the attack. In response, security personnel opened fire to control the crowd, resulting in the deaths of two civilians and injuries to three others. The situation quickly spiraled into fresh unrest across parts of the state. Authorities also reported that three trucks, including oil tankers, were set on fire during the protests. Several areas witnessed road blockades, and people abandoned their homes after a live rocket-propelled grenade shell was recovered near the attack site. The state



government suspended internet services in five valley districts — Imphal East, Imphal West, Thoubal, Kakching, and Bishnupur — to prevent the spread of misinformation and maintain law and order.

Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh condemned the attack and ordered a massive operation to identify and arrest those responsible. He said the case would be handed over to the National Investigation Agency and instructed security forces to track down the attackers. The Chief Minister suggested that individuals attempting to disrupt the fragile peace process may be behind the incident.

Reacting to the tragedy, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi

strongly criticised the central government. He described the killing of the children as heart-breaking and said the violence in Manipur continues even years after the conflict began. Gandhi also accused the Centre of becoming insensitive to the suffering of the people in the state and questioned when decisive action would be taken to restore peace.

The latest incident marks a significant escalation in Manipur, where ethnic tensions between communities have continued since 2023. The killing of two children has once again highlighted the fragile security situation and raised concerns about the return of large-scale violence in the region.

## Air India Hikes Fuel Surcharge Amid West Asia War, Tickets Set To Get Costlier

Air India has revised its fuel surcharge across domestic and international routes following a sharp rise in aviation fuel prices triggered by the ongoing conflict in West Asia. The move comes shortly after similar changes were announced by IndiGo, signalling broader pressure on airlines due to escalating fuel costs.

The airline announced that the revised fuel surcharge will take effect from April 8 for most routes, while select long-haul international destinations including Europe, the United Kingdom, North America, and Australia will see the new charges implemented from April 10. The decision is expected to make air travel more expensive for passengers across multiple routes.

For domestic flights, Air India has replaced the earlier flat



surcharge of 399 with a distance-based structure. Under the new system, passengers will pay between 299 and 899 depending on the distance travelled. Short-haul flights of up to 500 km will attract a 299 surcharge, while flights exceeding 2,000 km will carry a 899

charge. This shift reflects the airline’s attempt to align fares with rising fuel costs.

The impact is even more significant for international travellers. Fuel surcharge on most overseas routes has been increased substantially, with charges rising from the earlier

range of \$10-\$200 to as high as \$50-\$280 depending on the destination. Flights to North America and Australia are expected to see the steepest increases, while routes to Europe, Africa, and Southeast Asia will also witness higher charges.

The revision comes after aviation turbine fuel prices surged sharply due to the ongoing West Asia conflict. Jet fuel already accounts for more than 40 percent of airline operating costs, and the recent spike has significantly increased operational expenses for airlines. Industry insiders have warned that sustained high fuel prices could eventually lead to reduced flight frequencies and a slowdown in passenger demand.

Earlier, Air India had introduced a fuel surcharge in

March following the initial surge in fuel prices. However, as global fuel costs continued to climb, the airline decided to revise the surcharge again to offset mounting losses. Despite the hike, the airline indicated that the revised charges still do not fully cover the increased fuel expenses, meaning airlines are absorbing part of the cost. The latest move highlights the broader impact of geopolitical tensions on the aviation sector. With fuel prices continuing to fluctuate, experts believe airfares could remain elevated in the coming weeks, especially during peak travel season.

Passengers planning domestic or international travel may therefore need to prepare for higher ticket prices as airlines adjust to rising fuel costs amid ongoing global uncertainty.



## Why Centre Wants Court To Declare Adultery Decriminalisation Verdict “Not Good Law”

The Central Government has urged the Supreme Court to declare its landmark judgment that decriminalised adultery as “not good law,” raising important constitutional and legal questions. The move does not seek to bring back the adultery law but challenges the reasoning used by the court in its earlier ruling. The issue relates to the 2018 Supreme Court judgment in the Joseph Shine case, where the court struck down Section 497 of the Indian Penal Code. This section had made adultery a criminal offence for a man involved in a relationship with a married woman. The Supreme Court declared the law unconstitutional, stating that it was discriminatory and violated principles of equality and personal liberty.

However, the Centre has now told the Supreme Court that while it is not contesting the scrapping of Section 497, it disagrees with the reasoning adopted in the judgment. The government has specifically requested the court to declare the reasoning used in the Joseph Shine verdict as “not good law.” The Centre’s main concern revolves around the concept of “constitutional morality,” which played a major role in the 2018 ruling. According to the government, this concept is vague, subjective, and not clearly defined. It argued that courts should not rely heavily on such broad ideas while interpreting laws, as this could expand judicial powers beyond constitutional limits.

The government also criti-

cised the use of foreign judgments, academic writings, and international opinions in the adultery verdict. It argued that Indian courts should rely primarily on constitutional provisions and domestic legal principles instead of drawing from external sources. Another key argument from the Centre is that excessive reliance on concepts like “transformative constitutionalism” and “constitutional morality” could disturb the balance between the judiciary, executive, and legislature. The government said such interpretations may lead courts to enter areas beyond their intended role. These arguments have been presented in connection with the ongoing Sabarimala case, where the Supreme Court is examining broader constitutional questions about morality, religion, and judicial review. The Centre believes the court’s decision in this matter could have wider implications, including how courts interpret future constitutional cases.

At the core of the debate are larger constitutional questions. These include whether courts should rely on evolving moral philosophies, how far judicial review should extend, and whether constitutional interpretation should remain strictly tied to the text and established precedents.

The Supreme Court’s eventual decision is expected to have far-reaching consequences, not just for the adultery ruling but also for future judgments involving constitutional rights, morality, and judicial authority.

# “Whole Civilisation Will Die Tonight”: Trump Issues Stark Warning to Iran Amid Rising Tensions

Former US President Donald Trump issued a dramatic warning to Iran as tensions escalated in the Middle East, saying that “a whole civilisation will die tonight” if the situation spirals further. His remarks came amid rising hostilities involving the United States, Israel, and Iran, raising fears of a broader regional conflict.

Trump made the statement on social media, stressing that he did not want such an outcome but warned that events could unfold rapidly if Iran failed to respond to growing pressure. He described the moment as one of the most critical in recent global history and suggested that decisive actions taken now could determine the future of stability in the region.

According to reports, the United States is considering potential military responses, including possible strikes on key Iranian infrastructure. These could include power facilities, transportation networks, and strategic installations. The warning followed reports of explosions near Iranian oil infrastructure, intensifying fears of escalation.



A major concern in the ongoing tensions is the situation around the Strait of Hormuz, one of the world's most important oil transit routes. Any disruption in this area could significantly impact global energy

supplies and trigger sharp increases in oil prices. The United States has reportedly urged Iran to ensure safe passage through the strait and reduce tensions.

Iran responded strongly to

Trump's remarks, warning that any attack would be met with a severe and decisive response. Iranian officials emphasized that the country would defend its sovereignty and would not yield to external

pressure. They also stated that Iran has faced numerous challenges in the past and remains prepared to respond to any threat.

The escalating rhetoric has sparked concern among global leaders and international organizations. Analysts warn that targeting key infrastructure or civilian areas could worsen humanitarian conditions and lead to widespread instability across the Middle East. Financial markets have also reacted cautiously to the developments. Oil prices have shown signs of volatility, while investors remain concerned about potential disruptions to global trade and energy supplies. Any further escalation could lead to broader economic consequences worldwide.

Diplomatic efforts are ongoing to prevent further deterioration of the situation. However, Trump's strong warning has significantly heightened tensions, with the international community closely monitoring developments. The situation remains highly volatile, and global attention is now focused on Iran's next move and whether diplomatic channels can prevent a wider conflict.



## 7 Locations, 176 Aircraft, 45 Hours: Inside Massive US Air Rescue Operation in Iran

The United States carried out a massive air rescue mission inside Iran, deploying 176 aircraft across seven locations over nearly 45 hours to rescue two crew members of a downed fighter jet. The large-scale operation, described as an “air armada,” is being seen as one of the most complex rescue missions conducted in recent years.

The mission was launched after a US F-15E Strike Eagle was shot down deep inside Iranian territory. The aircraft's pilot and weapons systems officer were stranded in hostile terrain, prompting urgent action from the US military. Given the risks involved, American forces initiated a multi-layered rescue operation involving fighters, helicopters, refuelling aircraft, and surveillance drones. The rescue effort lasted approximately 45 hours and involved continuous coordination from military command centers. The US deployed a wide range of aircraft, including attack jets, refuelling tankers, rescue helicopters, and surveillance platforms to support the operation. These aircraft worked together to provide protection, reconnaissance, and extraction capabilities. According to reports, the operation covered seven separate locations. However, only one location was the actual rescue site, while the remaining six were used as diversion points. This strategy was designed to confuse Iranian forces and increase the chances of a successful rescue. The complex planning helped

US forces safely reach and extract the stranded crew members. The rescue mission was carried out in two separate extraction phases. US forces reportedly entered Iranian territory, secured the area, rescued the airmen, and withdrew safely. The operation required precise timing and coordination to avoid detection and minimize risks. Donald Trump praised the mission, calling it a major success and highlighting the scale of resources used. He noted that dozens of aircraft were deployed to protect the rescue teams and mislead opposing forces. The operation demonstrated the US military's ability to mobilize quickly and conduct high-risk missions under challenging conditions. The downed aircraft marked one of the most serious incidents in the ongoing tensions between the United States and Iran. Analysts say the rescue operation reflects the intensity of the conflict and the willingness of the US to deploy significant military resources to recover its personnel. The situation in the region remains highly tense, with both sides maintaining heightened military readiness. Experts warn that incidents like this could further escalate tensions and increase the risk of broader conflict. Overall, the large-scale rescue operation involving 176 aircraft across seven locations highlights the complexity and scale of modern military missions, as well as the growing volatility in the Middle East.



## Explosions Reported On Strategic Kharg Island, Bridge Hit In Central Iran

Explosions were reported on Iran's strategic Kharg Island, a key oil export hub, as tensions escalated between Iran, the United States, and Israel. The developments came just hours before a deadline set by US President Donald Trump, increasing fears of a major military escalation in the region.

According to reports, multiple strikes were carried out on Kharg Island, which lies near the Strait of Hormuz and plays a critical role in Iran's oil exports. The island handles a significant portion of the country's crude shipments, making it one of Iran's most sensitive strategic assets. Explosions were also reported after the United States allegedly targeted military installations on the island.

In addition to the strikes on Kharg Island, reports indicated that a bridge in central Iran was also hit during the attacks. The strikes came amid heightened tensions and warnings from Washington of further military action if Iran failed to meet certain demands.

President Donald Trump had earlier warned that failure to comply with US demands could result in a large-scale military campaign targeting Iranian infrastructure. He reportedly threatened simultaneous strikes on power plants, bridges, and other key facilities across Iran, further raising concerns about a broader conflict.

The reported attacks occurred as diplomatic efforts to ease tensions remained stalled. The United States has been pressing Iran to reopen ship-



ping routes and de-escalate tensions, while Tehran has insisted that it will not yield under pressure. The standoff has heightened fears of a wider regional war.

Kharg Island holds immense strategic importance because of its proximity to the Strait of Hormuz, one of the world's most vital oil transit routes. Any disruption in this area could affect global energy supplies and lead to volatility in international oil markets.

Iran has not officially confirmed the full extent of the damage, but local reports suggested that the explosions were significant. Meanwhile, Iranian officials warned that any attack on their territory would be met with a strong response.

The situation remains highly volatile, with global leaders closely monitoring developments. Analysts warn that further escalation could impact oil prices, global markets, and regional stability.

The latest developments mark another sharp escalation in the ongoing tensions between Iran and the United States, with Kharg Island emerging as a major flashpoint in the conflict.

## Mojtaba Khamenei Reportedly Unconscious, Under Treatment in Qom

Iran's Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei is reportedly unconscious and undergoing medical treatment in the holy city of Qom, according to reports citing diplomatic and intelligence sources. The development has raised concerns about leadership stability in Iran amid rising tensions in the region.

Reports suggest that Mojtaba Khamenei sustained serious injuries during recent airstrikes involving the United States and Israel. The strikes allegedly resulted in the death of his father, Ali Khamenei, along with several members of his family. Following these developments, Mojtaba Khamenei was reportedly named as successor and assumed leadership responsibilities.

However, sources indicate that he is currently in critical condition and receiving treatment under tight security in Qom, one of Iran's most significant religious centers. The city is considered a major hub of Shia clerical authority and plays a crucial role in Iran's political and religious leadership.

Reports also noted that Mojtaba Khamenei has not made any public appearance since taking over leadership. Although statements attributed to him have been broadcast on Iranian state media, there has been no verified video or audio footage released recently. This has fueled speculation about his health condition and ability to govern during a period of heightened tensions.

In addition, reports suggested that preparations were underway in Qom for the burial of Ali Khamenei. Intelligence



inputs indicated that a large mausoleum could be constructed, raising further concerns about the health condition of Mojtaba Khamenei.

Meanwhile, Iranian authorities reportedly released footage showing Mojtaba Khamenei reviewing military maps in a command setting. However, analysts questioned the authenticity and timing of the video, as it appeared to be generated using artificial intelligence, adding to uncertainty around the situation.

The reported developments

come at a time of escalating tensions in the Middle East, with Iran facing growing pressure and ongoing security challenges. Uncertainty surrounding leadership could complicate decision-making and impact regional stability.

While these reports remain unconfirmed officially, the situation has drawn global attention. Analysts warn that any instability in Iran's leadership during an already volatile period could significantly affect geopolitical dynamics across the Middle East.

## Iran Rejects Trump Peace Proposal; Strait of Hormuz Tensions Raise Fuel Price Concerns For India

Iran has rejected a peace proposal from the United States, escalating tensions in the ongoing conflict and raising fresh concerns about global oil supplies and fuel prices, especially for countries like India. The development comes amid growing uncertainty surrounding the strategic Strait of Hormuz, a crucial global oil transit route.

Iranian authorities made it clear that they would not accept a temporary ceasefire and insisted that any agreement must lead to a permanent end to the conflict. The proposal reportedly aimed to reopen the Strait of Hormuz and pause hostilities, but Tehran rejected the offer, saying it would not negotiate under pressure or deadlines.

The Strait of Hormuz is one

of the world's most important oil chokepoints, handling nearly 20 percent of global seaborne crude oil. Any disruption in this region can trigger significant volatility in global energy markets. Iran's control and potential restrictions on this route have raised alarm among oil-dependent nations, including India, which imports a large portion of its crude oil requirements.

Reports suggest that Iran is also exploring the idea of imposing tolls on ships passing through the Strait of Hormuz. If implemented, this move could generate billions of dollars for Tehran each month and further complicate global energy supply chains. The potential toll system could also increase transportation costs, which may eventually push

fuel prices higher worldwide.

The developments have already started affecting oil markets. Crude oil prices have shown signs of volatility amid fears of supply disruptions. Analysts warn that prolonged tensions or any closure of the Strait of Hormuz could lead to sharp increases in oil prices, which would directly impact countries heavily dependent on imports.

India is particularly vulnerable to such developments, as it relies heavily on crude oil imports from the Middle East. Any rise in global crude prices typically leads to higher petrol and diesel costs, increased inflation, and pressure on the country's current account balance.

Meanwhile, diplomatic efforts continue, but the situa-

tion remains tense. Iran has demanded broader conditions, including long-term peace guarantees and structural changes, instead of temporary ceasefire arrangements. This stance has complicated negotiations and increased uncertainty in global markets.

Experts believe that the ongoing standoff could continue to influence oil prices and global markets in the near term. With tensions still high, investors and governments worldwide are closely monitoring developments around the Strait of Hormuz and potential impacts on fuel prices.

The situation remains fluid, with global attention now focused on whether diplomatic efforts can prevent further escalation and stabilize energy markets.



# Sensex Rises 509 Points as Markets Extend Rally for Fourth Straight Session

Indian stock markets continued their positive momentum for the fourth consecutive trading session, with benchmark indices ending Tuesday's trade on a strong note. The rally was driven primarily by gains in information technology, metal, realty, and media stocks, which supported investor sentiment despite intermittent volatility throughout the day.

The BSE Sensex surged 509 points to close at 74,616, while the NSE Nifty 50 advanced 155 points to settle above the crucial psychological level of 23,100, ending the session at 23,123. The sustained rally across four sessions reflects improving market sentiment and continued buying interest in frontline stocks.

Markets witnessed a volatile trading session, with both indices fluctuating between gains



and losses during the day. However, buying activity in heavy-weight stocks during the latter half of the session helped the

indices close firmly in positive territory. Information technology stocks played a significant role in driving the rally, with

investors showing renewed interest in the sector.

Banking and financial stocks also contributed to the mar-

ket's gains, providing additional support to the benchmark indices. Meanwhile, metal stocks moved higher amid improving global sentiment, while realty and media stocks also witnessed healthy buying interest. These sectoral gains helped markets maintain their upward momentum. On the sectoral front, information technology emerged as the top-performing sector, followed by metals, realty, and media. These sectors saw broad-based buying, reflecting growing investor confidence. However, broader markets displayed a mixed trend, with midcap stocks registering marginal gains and small-cap stocks remaining largely flat. This indicated cautious participation from investors beyond large-cap stocks. Among individual stocks, several major companies recorded gains, particu-

larly from the technology and banking sectors. On the other hand, select stocks from healthcare, aviation, and automobile sectors witnessed mild profit booking and ended the session in the red. Despite this, the overall market sentiment remained positive. Investors continued to track global developments, which influenced market movements during the session. Fluctuations in global equities, commodity prices, and geopolitical developments kept investors cautious. However, strong domestic fundamentals and selective buying helped markets maintain their positive trajectory.

Market experts believe that the recent rally indicates strengthening investor confidence. Institutional buying and improved outlook in key sectors have supported the upward movement. Investors are

also positioning themselves ahead of upcoming corporate earnings and key economic data releases, which may provide further direction to markets. Looking ahead, analysts expect markets to remain volatile in the near term due to global uncertainties. However, the overall trend remains positive, supported by strong domestic factors and improving investor sentiment. Market participants are likely to closely monitor global cues, inflation trends, and interest rate outlook. Overall, the fourth consecutive session of gains highlights resilience in Indian equity markets. With continued support from key sectors and steady investor participation, markets appear poised to maintain their positive momentum in the coming session.



## Indian Firms Build \$3.7 Billion NDF Positions to Exploit Rupee Arbitrage Opportunity

Indian companies built nearly \$3.7 billion worth of non-deliverable forward (NDF) positions after spotting a short-lived arbitrage opportunity in the currency markets. The move came after regulatory changes triggered a divergence between onshore and offshore rupee rates, prompting corporates to step in and take advantage of the price difference. The sudden spike in activity occurred toward the end of March, when trading volumes in the NDF market surged significantly above normal levels. Market participants noted that corporate demand rose sharply as firms moved quickly to capitalize on favorable pricing conditions. This led to a noticeable jump in client participation in the currency derivatives segment. The arbitrage window opened after banks began adjusting their foreign exchange positions following regulatory guidance from the Reserve Bank of India. Lenders started unwinding their positions in the domestic market, which created temporary imbalances between onshore and offshore currency rates. These differences created opportunities for companies to profit from simultaneous buying and selling in different markets.

Corporates responded by selling dollars in offshore markets while buying in domestic markets, or vice versa, depending on pricing advantages. As a result, corporate dollar-selling activity dominated during

the period, indicating that firms were actively utilizing the arbitrage opportunity. The sharp increase in trading volumes reflected strong participation from companies looking to optimize currency gains.

Such arbitrage opportunities typically emerge when market liquidity shifts suddenly due to regulatory changes or large institutional movements. However, these windows are often short-lived as market forces gradually restore balance. In this case, once banks completed their position adjustments, the price gap between onshore and offshore markets began to narrow, reducing the arbitrage opportunity. The development also highlights the growing sophistication of Indian corporates in managing foreign exchange exposure. Many companies now actively track currency movements and use derivatives such as NDFs to hedge risks and take advantage of favorable market conditions. This proactive approach allows firms to manage volatility more effectively while optimizing financial outcomes.

Currency market volatility has increased in recent months due to global uncertainties, fluctuating capital flows, and interest rate expectations. These factors have created occasional pricing inefficiencies, which market participants attempt to exploit when opportunities arise. The recent surge in NDF activity reflects how quickly corporates respond to such developments.

## Titagarh Rail Systems Jumps 13% After Subsidiary Gets 610 Crore Expansion Approval

Shares of Titagarh Rail Systems surged nearly 13 percent on Tuesday after the company announced that its subsidiary had received in-principle approval from the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways for a major expansion project worth 610 crore. The development triggered strong investor interest, leading to heavy buying in the stock during the trading session.

The stock witnessed a sharp rise during intraday trade, supported by increased volumes as investors reacted positively to the expansion plans. Titagarh Rail Systems touched a significant intraday high before trimming some gains later in the session. Despite minor profit booking, the stock remained firmly in positive territory, reflecting strong market sentiment.

The approval was granted to Titagarh Naval Systems Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Titagarh Rail Systems. The proposed project involves a brownfield expansion of the company's shipyard facility located in Falta, West Bengal. The expansion is aimed at increasing shipbuilding capacity, enhancing infrastructure, and strengthening technological capabilities.

The 610 crore project is part of the government's Shipbuilding Development Scheme, which focuses on boosting domestic shipbuilding and promoting India's maritime manufacturing capabilities. Under this scheme, the company may also receive government financial assistance, subject to final approvals and compliance with guidelines. This support is expected to reduce the financial burden and help accelerate the expansion process.

Once completed, the expanded facility is expected to enable the company to undertake larger and more complex shipbuilding projects. This includes opportunities in defence, commercial shipbuilding, and export markets. The expansion aligns with the government's broader push to strengthen domestic manufacturing and reduce dependence on imports in the maritime sector.

Investors reacted positively to the development as the expansion is expected to enhance the company's long-term growth prospects. The move is likely to improve revenue visibility and strengthen the company's position in the shipbuilding and defence segments. Analysts believe that the pro-

ject could open up new business opportunities and increase the company's competitiveness in both domestic and international markets.

The rally in Titagarh Rail Systems also reflects growing investor interest in railway and infrastructure-related stocks. Companies in this space have been gaining attention due to strong order books, government support, and expansion initiatives. The latest approval further strengthens confidence in the company's future growth outlook.

Market participants also noted that increased capacity and improved infrastructure could help Titagarh Rail Systems diversify its operations and enhance operational efficiency. The expansion is expected to support long-term growth and contribute to the company's overall business development strategy.

Overall, the sharp jump in Titagarh Rail Systems shares highlights investor optimism following the 610 crore expansion approval. The development is viewed as a significant milestone that could drive growth, strengthen market presence, and improve the company's long-term outlook.



## IT Stocks Lead Market Rally as Mphasis, Wipro, HCL Tech Gain Up to 4%

Information technology stocks witnessed strong buying interest on Tuesday, pushing the Nifty IT index higher by nearly 2 percent. Shares of Mphasis, Wipro, HCL Technologies, and LTI-Mindtree rose up to 4 percent, leading gains across the sector and supporting the broader market rally.

The buying momentum in IT stocks came ahead of the upcoming quarterly earnings season, with investors expecting improved performance from major technology companies. Market participants showed renewed confidence in the sector, particularly after recent corrections that made valuations more attractive for long-term investors. Among the top performers, Mphasis emerged as one of the biggest gainers, rising sharply during the session. Wipro and HCL Technologies also posted strong gains, while LTI-Mindtree moved higher alongside other mid-tier IT companies. The rally was broad-based, with buying seen across both large-cap and mid-cap IT stocks. The Nifty IT index climbed around 2 percent, making it one of the top-performing sectoral indices of the day. Major IT companies contributed to the upward movement, reflecting strong investor interest in technology stocks. The rally in the IT sector also helped benchmark indices trade in positive territory and extend their recent gains.

Analysts believe that expectations of stable demand from global markets and improving deal pipelines supported the buying sentiment. Investors are also positioning themselves ahead of management commentary and earnings

guidance, which could provide further clarity on growth prospects. Another factor supporting IT stocks was the recent weakness in the sector, which created opportunities for investors to accumulate quality stocks at lower levels. As a result, traders and institutional investors stepped in to build positions, leading to a sharp rebound in technology shares.

Despite global uncertainties, the outlook for IT companies remains cautiously optimistic. Investors are closely monitoring trends in key markets such as the United States and Europe, where demand conditions significantly impact revenue growth for Indian IT firms. Any signs of improvement in global spending could further strengthen the sector.

Meanwhile, the broader market also remained firm, supported by gains in IT stocks. While some sectors showed mixed performance, the strong rally in technology stocks played a key role in maintaining positive momentum in the market. Going forward, IT stocks are expected to remain in focus as companies begin announcing their quarterly results. Investors will closely track revenue growth, margin performance, and future guidance from management teams. Positive earnings surprises could trigger further buying interest in the sector. Overall, the sharp gains in Mphasis, Wipro, HCL Technologies, and other IT companies highlight renewed optimism in the technology sector. With earnings season approaching and valuations becoming attractive, IT stocks may continue to witness strong investor interest in the coming sessions.



# Will RBI Hold Rates? Five Key Things to Watch in April MPC Meeting

The Reserve Bank of India's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting in April is drawing significant attention from markets, economists, and investors. While most analysts expect the central bank to keep interest rates unchanged, several important factors could shape the policy decision and future outlook. Here are five key things to watch from the upcoming RBI policy announcement.

### 1. Repo Rate Decision Likely to Remain Unchanged

Economists largely expect the RBI to maintain status quo on the benchmark repo rate in the April policy meeting. The central bank has adopted a cautious approach due to global uncertainties, rising crude oil prices, and volatility in financial markets. Holding rates

steadily would allow policymakers to assess evolving economic conditions before making any major adjustments.

A pause in rate changes would also provide stability to borrowers, ensuring that loan interest rates and EMIs remain unchanged for the time being.

2. Inflation Outlook and Rising Oil Prices Inflation is expected to remain one of the most critical factors influencing RBI's decision. Global oil price volatility and geopolitical tensions have raised concerns about imported inflation. Higher fuel costs could increase transportation expenses and push up overall inflation levels. The central bank may revise its inflation projections depending on how crude prices evolve and whether supply disruptions persist. Any upward revision in in-

flation forecasts could indicate a more cautious policy stance going forward.

3. Growth Forecast for the New Financial Year

Another key focus will be RBI's growth outlook for the new financial year. Rising global uncertainties and supply chain disruptions may prompt the central bank to reassess growth projections. Analysts expect RBI to take a cautious stance and possibly revise growth estimates based on evolving global conditions.

The central bank will also consider domestic demand, investment trends, and government spending while assessing economic growth prospects.

4. Liquidity Management Measures

Liquidity conditions in the banking system will also be

closely monitored. The RBI may announce measures to ensure adequate liquidity in the financial system. Maintaining comfortable liquidity levels helps support credit growth and economic activity, particularly during periods of uncertainty.

The central bank could use tools such as open market operations or other liquidity measures to manage short-term market volatility. 5. Rupee Stability and External Risks The Indian rupee's performance and global developments will be another important factor. Currency volatility, foreign capital flows, and geopolitical tensions are likely to influence policy commentary. The RBI may consider steps such as incentives for foreign currency deposits or other measures to stabilize the rupee if external risks intensify.

Market participants will closely watch any signals regarding currency management and capital flows. What Markets Are Watching Apart from the rate decision, investors will also focus on the RBI governor's commentary. The tone of the policy statement, inflation outlook, and guidance on future rate moves could influence markets. Any indication of a shift toward tightening or easing policy may trigger reactions across bond, equity, and currency markets. Overall, the April MPC meeting is expected to be more about guidance than action. While interest rates may remain unchanged, the RBI's outlook on inflation, growth, liquidity, and global risks will play a crucial role in shaping market expectations for the coming months.



# Royals Dominate Rain-Shortened Clash, Beat Mumbai Indians by 27 Runs

In a rain-affected IPL 2026 encounter, Rajasthan Royals extended their unbeaten run with a commanding 27-run win over Mumbai Indians in an 11-over match at the Barsapara Cricket Stadium in Guwahati. Persistent showers delayed the game, forcing a shortened, high-intensity contest. After winning the toss, Mumbai captain Hardik Pandya opted to field, hoping for early bowling conditions to favor his team. Rajasthan Royals' openers, Yashasvi Jaiswal and 15-year-old Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, set the tone with a dazzling opening partnership. The duo amassed an 80-run stand in under five overs, giving the Royals a rapid start. Jaiswal remained unbeaten on 77 off 32 balls, playing with power and precision, while Sooryavanshi

contributed a breezy 39 off 14, thrilling spectators with aggressive stroke play. The Royals posted a formidable 150/3 in 11 overs, a challenging target in the condensed format.

Chasing 151, Mumbai Indians struggled from the outset. Early dismissals of key batsmen, including Rohit Sharma and Suryakumar Yadav, put them on the back foot. Despite a few late fighting innings, MI could only manage 123/9, falling short by 27 runs. Rajasthan's bowlers executed their plans perfectly, striking at crucial moments and restricting Mumbai's scoring opportunities. The win highlights Rajasthan Royals' balance of explosive batting and disciplined bowling, even under adverse conditions. Their all-round performance, com-

bined with aggressive intent, showcased their growing confidence and determination in IPL 2026.

With this victory, Rajasthan Royals remain unbeaten in three matches, topping the points table and signaling their strong title aspirations. Mumbai Indians, meanwhile, will need to regroup and strategize as they aim to recover in the league stage. The Royals' blend of youth and experience continues to make them a formidable force in this year's tournament.

This result not only cements Rajasthan's dominance early in the season but also provides a glimpse of the exciting cricket fans can expect as IPL 2026 progresses, where high-octane performances and thrilling finishes are becoming the norm.



## Mitchell Starc Blow To Delhi Capitals, Pacer Out For Extended Period

Mitchell Starc has dealt a major setback to Delhi Capitals after reports suggested the Australian fast bowler will remain unavailable for an extended period during Indian Premier League 2026. The left-arm pacer is currently recovering from shoulder and elbow injuries and has not yet joined the Delhi Capitals squad. Reports indicate that Starc is unlikely to link up with the team before April 20, meaning he is expected to miss at least three more matches in the tournament. Delhi Capitals, led by Axar Patel, have started their campaign strongly despite Starc's absence. The team secured wins in their opening matches, with bowlers like Mukesh Kumar and T Natarajan stepping up in the pace department. However, Starc's absence is still considered a significant blow. The experienced Australian pacer was ex-

pected to spearhead Delhi's bowling attack, especially in the powerplay and death overs. His ability to deliver early breakthroughs and bowl under pressure makes him a key figure in the team's plans.

Delhi Capitals are scheduled to face Gujarat Titans, Chennai Super Kings, and Royal Challengers Bengaluru in the coming fixtures, all of which Starc is likely to miss if his return is delayed. Despite the setback, Delhi Capitals' bowling lineup featuring Kuldeep Yadav, Axar Patel, Mukesh Kumar, and T Natarajan has performed well so far. However, Starc's return is expected to further strengthen the attack and improve the team's chances in the tournament.

The franchise and fans are now eagerly waiting for Starc's recovery, hoping he can return soon and play a crucial role in Delhi Capitals' IPL 2026 campaign.

## "Prince of Najafgarh" Skips Delhi Police Exam To Chase IPL Dream

Prince Yadav, popularly known as the "Prince of Najafgarh," has taken a bold step to pursue his Indian Premier League dream by skipping the Delhi Police constable examination. The young fast bowler from Najafgarh has recently grabbed attention with his performances for Lucknow Super Giants in the ongoing Indian Premier League 2026 season.

A few years ago, Prince Yadav's father, who works as a Railway Protection Force officer, was worried about his son's future. At the time, Prince was only playing tennis-ball tournaments and focusing on bowling yorkers rather than pursuing a conventional career. Despite concerns from his family, Prince remained confident and assured his father that he would succeed on his own.

That confidence has now paid off. Prince Yadav was picked by Lucknow Super Gi-

ants for 30 lakh in the 2025 IPL mega auction. Since then, the young pacer has impressed with his pace and accuracy, even troubling experienced players in the tournament. He has already made an impact by dismissing established players in back-to-back matches, drawing attention from fans and experts alike.

Interestingly, Prince had applied for the Delhi Police constable exam as a backup option. However, when the exam date clashed with his IPL commitments, he chose to skip the exam to focus entirely on cricket. The decision reflects his determination to build a career in professional cricket rather than opting for a secure government job.

Prince Yadav's journey to the IPL has not been easy. Coming from a modest background, he initially gained recognition through tennis-ball tournaments in his local area. His

ability to bowl sharp yorkers helped him stand out, eventually leading to opportunities in domestic cricket. Over time, he worked his way into Delhi's domestic setup before catching the attention of IPL scouts.

His rise from local grounds in Najafgarh to the biggest T20 league in the world has made him an inspiring story for aspiring cricketers. The young pacer's fearless decision to skip a government job exam for cricket shows his belief in his talent and determination to succeed at the highest level.

With IPL 2026 underway, Prince Yadav will be hoping to continue his impressive performances and cement his place in the Lucknow Super Giants lineup. His journey from tennis-ball tournaments to the IPL spotlight is already turning heads, and many believe he could become one of the breakout stars of the season.



## "His Decision-Making Is Phenomenal": SRH Star Praises Captain Ishan Kishan

Heinrich Klaasen has showered praise on Ishan Kishan, calling the Sunrisers Hyderabad skipper a "phenomenal" leader during the ongoing Indian Premier League 2026 season.

Klaasen highlighted Kishan's calmness, decision-making skills, and leadership approach, stating that the team has responded extremely well under his captaincy. The South African batter said Kishan regularly seeks advice from experienced players in the squad and creates a comfortable dressing-room environment.

Kishan has been leading Sunrisers Hyderabad as interim captain, with regular skipper Pat Cummins unavailable due to recovery from a lumbar stress injury. Despite the challenging circumstances, Kishan has impressed teammates with his leadership qualities and tactical awareness.

Speaking about Kishan's captaincy, Klaasen said the young wicketkeeper-batter has handled responsibilities brilliantly. He particularly praised Kishan's bowling changes and ability to communicate effectively with teammates. According to Klaasen, the way players listen to Kishan and follow his plans reflects strong respect for his leadership.

Klaasen also noted that Kishan is approachable and maintains a relaxed atmosphere

within the team. He added that Kishan's friendly personality and ability to keep things light help players perform better in high-pressure situations.

The South African star further pointed out that Kishan already has captaincy experience in domestic cricket. Under his leadership, Jharkhand cricket team won the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy, which has helped him handle leadership responsibilities effectively at the IPL level.

So far in IPL 2026, Sunrisers Hyderabad have had mixed results under Kishan's captaincy, winning one match and losing two, placing them in the middle of the points table. Despite the team's inconsistent start, Klaasen expressed confidence that the side is in safe hands with Kishan leading the team.

Klaasen has also been in strong form personally, scoring 145 runs in three matches, including two half-centuries. The batter said he is satisfied with his performances, especially after focusing mainly on franchise cricket following his retirement from international formats.

With the tournament progressing, Sunrisers Hyderabad will be hoping that Kishan's leadership and Klaasen's batting form help them improve their standings and build momentum in the IPL 2026 season.



# Lalit Modi Slams BCCI, Says IPL Losing 2,400 Crore Every Year

Indian Premier League founder Lalit Modi has strongly criticized the Board of Control for Cricket in India, claiming that the league is missing out on nearly 2,400 crore in revenue every year due to the current tournament format. Modi argued that the IPL is not following the original home-and-away format that was initially designed when the league was launched. According to him, this deviation has significantly reduced the number of matches and, as a result, limited

the revenue potential of the tournament. The former IPL chairman explained that when the league expanded to 10 teams, the number of matches should have increased accordingly. Under a full home-and-away format, each team would play every other team twice, which would increase the total number of matches to around 94. However, the current structure features only 74 matches, resulting in nearly 20 fewer games each season. Modi claimed that each additional match could

generate around 118 crore through media rights alone. If the league followed the complete home-and-away structure, the tournament could generate an additional 2,400 crore annually. He added that this extra revenue would be split equally between the BCCI and IPL franchises, with both sides earning approximately 1,200 crore each. He further emphasized that the original IPL model was built around maximizing fan engagement by ensuring teams played both home and away games

against every opponent. According to Modi, this structure would not only increase revenue but also enhance the competitive balance and overall fan experience. Modi also pointed out that if the schedule did not allow for a longer season, the league should not have expanded to 10 teams. He suggested that maintaining fewer teams would have been a better option than expanding without increasing the number of matches. The comments have sparked fresh debate around the IPL's

format and scheduling. While the current structure aims to manage player workload and calendar congestion, Modi believes that the league is sacrificing significant financial gains. Despite the criticism, IPL continues to remain one of the most valuable and popular cricket leagues in the world. However, Modi's remarks have reignited discussions about whether the tournament should expand its schedule to maximize revenue and improve competitiveness in future seasons.



## Rashmika Mandanna Raises Temperature In 'Cocktail 2' New Poster

Rashmika Mandanna is once again grabbing attention with her glamorous avatar in the latest poster of the upcoming Bollywood film Cocktail 2. The makers recently unveiled new posters of the lead cast ahead of the release of the film's first song, creating excitement among fans and movie lovers.

The upcoming romantic drama Cocktail 2 stars Shahid Kapoor, Kriti Sanon, and Rashmika Mandanna in lead roles. As part of the promotional campaign, the team released fresh posters featuring the three actors. Rashmika, however, stole the spotlight with her stylish and bold look, turning up the heat with her stunning appearance.

In the newly released poster, Rashmika appears in a glamorous outfit, showcasing a chic and modern vibe that perfectly fits the film's youthful and stylish tone. Her confident pose and striking presence have already generated

social media, with fans praising her look and eagerly awaiting more updates.

The makers have also announced that the first look of the song titled "Jab Talak" will be released digitally soon. Interestingly, the song teaser is being attached to the prints of another film, helping the team kick-start promotions in a unique way. This strategy is expected to build anticipation ahead of the film's release. Cocktail 2 is one of the most awaited Bollywood films of 2026. The movie brings together an exciting trio of Shahid Kapoor, Kriti Sanon, and Rashmika Mandanna for the first time. The film is directed by Homi Adajania and produced by Maddock Films, and it is expected to explore modern relationships with a stylish and contemporary narrative. The sequel follows the success of the original Cocktail, which gained a strong fan base after its release. With a fresh storyline and new cast, expectations are high for the upcoming film. The film is scheduled to hit theatres on June 19, 2026, and the promotional campaign is gradually building momentum.

With Rashmika Mandanna's glamorous poster now out, excitement around Cocktail 2 has increased significantly. Fans are now eagerly waiting for the first song release and further promotional content from the film.



## Adivi Sesh Reveals He Was Fired From 'Chandamama' Due To Poor Acting

Actor Adivi Sesh made an interesting revelation about his early career struggles, sharing that he was once fired from the popular Telugu film Chandamama because of his poor acting skills at the time.

The talented actor, who is currently busy promoting his upcoming film Dacoit, opened up about this incident during a recent interview. Sesh revealed that he was initially selected to play the role that was eventually performed by Navdeep in director Krishna Vamsi's Chandamama. However, things did not go as planned for the actor during the early stages of the shoot.

Speaking about the experience, Adivi Sesh said that the film was originally titled Mallepuvva. He explained that after a few days of shooting, he was removed from the project because his acting did not meet expectations. The actor admitted that he was still inexperienced at the time and acknowledged that he was not good enough back then.

Despite the setback, Adivi Sesh did not let the disappointment affect his career. Over the years, he worked hard to improve his skills and gradually carved a niche for himself in the Telugu film industry. Today, he is known for selecting unique scripts and delivering strong performances in films such as Kshanam, Goodachari, Major, and HIT 2.

Currently, Adivi Sesh is gearing up for the release of Dacoit, a romantic action drama that also stars Mrunal Thakur and Anurag Kashyap in key roles. The film is backed by Supriya Yarlaga, co-produced by Suniel Narang, and presented by Annapurna Studios. Dacoit marks the directorial debut of Shaniel Deo and is scheduled to hit theatres soon.

Sesh's revelation highlights the struggles many actors face early in their careers. From being fired due to poor acting to becoming one of the most respected performers in Telugu cinema, Adivi Sesh's journey stands as an inspiring example of persistence, growth, and determination.



## Ramayana: "This Is Just The Beginning" - Producer Namit Malhotra's Press Note Goes Viral

Producer Namit Malhotra has released a key press note regarding the much-anticipated film Ramayana, starring Ranbir Kapoor and Sai Pallavi. The statement has quickly gone viral among film circles and fans, especially after the recent teaser received mixed reactions from audiences.

The upcoming pan-world project, directed by Nitesh Tiwari, is being mounted on a grand scale with the aim of presenting India's epic history to a global audience. Following the teaser release, there was significant discussion across social media platforms, with both praise and criticism pouring in from viewers.

In response to the feedback, Namit Malhotra released an official press note expressing happiness over the overwhelming attention the teaser received. He thanked audiences for their support and acknowledged the strong response from fans worldwide. At the same time, he indirectly addressed criticism, stating that the team is working tirelessly day and night to deliver the best possible cinematic experience.

Malhotra also emphasized that what audiences have seen so far is only a small glimpse of the final product. He confidently stated that the teaser is just the beginning and that the real cinematic spectacle will be witnessed in theatres during the Diwali release.

The producer further expressed confidence in the film's scale and quality, assuring fans that the team is committed to delivering a visually grand and emotionally powerful retelling of the epic. His statement has created fresh buzz around the project and increased anticipation for upcoming promotional content.

Ramayana features a star-studded cast including Ranbir Kapoor as Lord Ram, Sai Pallavi as Sita, and Yash in a powerful role as Ravana. The film is being made on a massive budget and is expected to be one of the biggest Indian cinematic projects ever attempted.

With Namit Malhotra's latest press note now gaining traction online, excitement around Ramayana has intensified. Fans are eagerly waiting for more updates, including new glimpses, songs, and trailers as the film gears up for its grand release during Diwali.

## Countdown Begins For Mahesh Babu-Rajamouli's 'Varanasi'

The countdown has officially begun for the much-anticipated film Varanasi, starring Mahesh Babu and directed by SS Rajamouli. With exactly one year left for its release, the makers kicked off the countdown, creating massive excitement among fans and film circles.

Varanasi marks the first-ever collaboration between Mahesh Babu and SS Rajamouli, making it one of the most awaited Indian films in recent times. The film also features Priyanka Chopra and Prithviraj Sukumar in key roles, further increasing expectations. The makers have locked April 7, 2027, as the film's grand worldwide release date, and the one-year countdown has now officially started.

To celebrate the milestone, the team shared fun interactions and playful banter online, which quickly went viral on social media. Fans joined the excitement, expressing their eagerness to witness the grand cinematic experience from Rajamouli's team. The buzz around the film continues to grow as updates slowly emerge.

The film is said to be a globe-trotting adventure with a massive scale and international backdrop. Reports suggest that the movie is being made on a huge budget, with Rajamouli planning to deliver another visually spectacular project after the global success of his previous films.

Mahesh Babu is expected to be seen in a powerful and intense role, while Priyanka Chopra reportedly plays a key female lead. Prithviraj Sukumar is said to portray a strong antagonist, adding more intrigue to the storyline. Although the makers have kept most details under wraps, the film has already generated enormous curiosity among audiences.

The project is currently in production, with multiple schedules planned across international locations. Fans are eagerly waiting for more updates, including teaser announcements and first-look posters, as the release date approaches.

With one year to go, Varanasi is already shaping up to be one of the biggest cinematic events in Indian cinema. The combination of Mahesh Babu's star power and Rajamouli's grand vision has created sky-high expectations, and the countdown has only intensified the excitement further.



## Pooja Hegde, Varun Dhawan's Romantic Still From 'Hai Jawani Toh Ishq Hona Hai' Goes Viral

Romantic still featuring Pooja Hegde and Varun Dhawan from the upcoming Bollywood film Hai Jawani Toh Ishq Hona Hai has gone viral on social media, creating fresh buzz around the much-anticipated romantic entertainer. Fans are particularly excited about the chemistry between the two stars, which has become a major talking point after the latest image surfaced online.

In the newly released still, Varun Dhawan and Pooja Hegde appear in a dreamy romantic setting. The duo is seen sharing a cozy moment, with both actors sporting stylish looks that perfectly match the film's youthful and vibrant theme. Their on-screen chemistry has impressed fans, and the image quickly gained traction across social media platforms.

The film, directed by David Dhawan, is shaping up to be a fun-filled romantic comedy with strong entertainment elements. Apart from Varun Dhawan and Pooja Hegde, the movie also features Mrunal Thakur in a key role, making it a multi-starrer romantic entertainer. The project marks another collaboration between Varun Dhawan and his father David Dhawan, a duo known for delivering successful comedy entertainers.

Reports suggest that Hai Jawani Toh Ishq Hona Hai is being made on a grand scale, with shooting schedules taking place across multiple locations including Mumbai, Goa, Rishikesh, and international destinations. The film is expected to offer a mix of romance, comedy, and energetic music, which are typical elements of David Dhawan's style. The viral romantic still has further increased anticipation for the film. Fans have taken to social media to praise Pooja Hegde's glamorous appearance and Varun Dhawan's charming look. Many are eagerly waiting for the teaser, songs, and trailer to get a glimpse of the film's storyline. With the promotional campaign gradually picking up pace, Hai Jawani Toh Ishq Hona Hai is already emerging as one of the most awaited Bollywood releases. The fresh pairing of Varun Dhawan and Pooja Hegde, combined with David Dhawan's trademark entertainment, is expected to attract a wide audience when the film hits theatres.

## Aditya Dhar Praises Dhurandhar Music Director Shashwat Sachdev To The Sky

Director Aditya Dhar has heaped praise on music composer Shashwat Sachdev for his exceptional contribution to the blockbuster film Dhurandhar. The filmmaker recently shared his admiration, highlighting the intense dedication and hard work that went into creating the film's powerful soundtrack.

Aditya Dhar revealed that Shashwat Sachdev worked tirelessly for several days to craft the film's music. According to the director, the composer pushed himself beyond limits, often working continuously for long hours to achieve the desired sound and emotional depth. Dhar mentioned that the team even converted his Mumbai residence into a temporary recording studio, where they worked day and night without worrying about time.

The director also stated that Shashwat Sachdev's music played a crucial role in elevating the film's narrative. He explained that the background score and songs added intensity to key moments and helped create a strong emotional connection with audiences. Dhar credited Sachdev for bringing energy and freshness to the film, which contributed significantly to its overall impact.

Shashwat Sachdev and Aditya Dhar share a long-standing professional relationship. The duo previously collaborated on successful projects, and their partnership has once again delivered impressive results with Dhurandhar. The film's soundtrack has received widespread appreciation from fans and critics alike, with many praising the powerful background score and memorable songs.

The film, which stars Ranveer Singh along with an ensemble cast, has created a massive buzz since its release. Apart from the performances and direction, the music has emerged as one of the biggest highlights. Industry insiders believe that the soundtrack has played an important role in enhancing the film's cinematic experience.

Aditya Dhar further noted that Sachdev's commitment and passion were evident throughout the production process. He added that the composer's dedication inspired the entire team and helped them push creative boundaries. The director expressed gratitude to Sachdev, calling him one of the key pillars behind the film's success.

Meanwhile, Dhurandhar continues to perform strongly and remains a talking point among movie lovers. With the film's music gaining popularity, Shashwat Sachdev's reputation as a talented composer has grown even stronger. Aditya Dhar's heartfelt praise has now gone viral on social media, with fans applauding both the director and composer for delivering a memorable cinematic experience. As the film continues to receive appreciation, the collaboration between Aditya Dhar and Shashwat Sachdev is being widely celebrated as one of the major strengths of Dhurandhar.



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