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CM Seeks Green Steel Plant

New Delhi, April 18 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has urged the Union government to establish a green steel plant in Bayyaram, highlighting its potential to address steel demand while promoting environmentally sustainable industrial growth.

During a meeting held in New Delhi on Saturday, the Chief Minister met Union Minister for Steel and Heavy Industries H. D. Kumaraswamy and Minister of State Bhupathiraju Srinivasa Varma to discuss key industrial proposals for Telangana. Revanth Reddy emphasized that setting up a green steel plant would not only reduce dependence on conventional steel production but also significantly benefit the environment.

The Chief Minister presented a range of proposals aligned with the state's "Telangana Rising-2047" vision, focusing on sustainable and advanced industrial development. He proposed the establishment of a



steel recycling unit that utilizes scrap from old vehicles, which would help promote circular economy practices and reduce industrial waste.

Highlighting Hyderabad's growing industrial capabilities, Revanth Reddy stated that the city has the necessary infrastructure, technology, and favorable conditions to emerge as

a major hub for national industrial production. He suggested the development of a green steel cluster based on hydrogen technology in Hyderabad, along with manufacturing units catering to the automobile and defense sectors.

In view of the rapid growth in electric vehicle adoption, the Chief Minister also requested

the Centre to support the establishment of EV battery manufacturing units in the state. Additionally, he proposed the creation of a dedicated industrial park for advanced manufacturing sectors such as machine tools and robotics.

Revanth Reddy further outlined Telangana's goal to transform Hyderabad into a pollution-free city by 2034. As part of this vision, he sought the Centre's cooperation in accelerating the transition from conventional vehicles to electric mobility. The Chief Minister also appealed for the establishment of national-level skill development institutions in Hyderabad to equip the workforce with expertise required for modern industries. Senior officials, including Principal Secretary Srinivasa Raju and Special Secretary for coordination of central projects Advait Kumar Singh, were present during the meeting. The discussions reflected Telangana's push toward sustainable industrialization and its ambition to play a key role in India's future economic growth.



Global Honour for Santosh Kumar in UK Parliament

London, April 17 | TPN Bureau

Former Rajya Sabha MP Joginapally Santosh Kumar has been conferred with a rare international honour at the Parliament of the United Kingdom for his contributions to environmental conservation and mass afforestation initiatives.

Santosh Kumar received the prestigious "Global Green Icon Award" at the House of Lords during the World Climate Leaders Conclave held on Friday. The recognition highlights his efforts in mobilizing millions of people toward plantation drives through the widely appreciated Green India Challenge.

The event witnessed the presence of several distinguished dignitaries, including UNESCO Vice President Nick Newland, British Parliament senior advisor David Thompson, and other members from the House of Commons, along with international delegates. Speakers at the conclave praised Santosh Kumar's commitment to environmental protection and lauded the large-scale impact of the Green India Challenge.

The initiative, inspired by Telangana's flagship afforestation program, has encouraged participation from people across all sections of society—from common citizens to celebrities—resulting in the plantation of millions of saplings. Representatives at the House of Lords commended the move

ment for fostering environmental awareness and driving community participation on a global scale.

Santosh Kumar, who leads the voluntary organization Igniting Minds, has consistently advocated the idea that a sustainable future depends on increasing green cover. His campaign, built on the principle of "VasudhaivaKutumbakam" (the world is one family), has contributed to transforming landscapes in several regions, particularly in Telangana.

Expressing his gratitude, Santosh Kumar said the honour was a matter of pride but emphasized that it belonged to the collective efforts of all participants in the Green India Challenge. He credited the inspiration to Telangana's HariHaram initiative, launched under the leadership of former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao, which set a benchmark by planting billions of saplings.

He noted that the movement has successfully instilled a sense of responsibility among people toward environmental protection and has helped reshape mindsets on sustainability. "This recognition reminds us of the responsibility we carry and motivates us to expand our efforts further," he said.

Santosh Kumar added that the award would serve as an inspiration to undertake more initiatives aimed at ensuring a greener future for coming generations, reinforcing the importance of collective action in preserving ecological balance.

Centre Blames Opposition for Bill Defeat

New Delhi, April 18 | TPN Bureau

Union Minister for Coal and Mines G.Kishan Reddy on Saturday termed the rejection of the constituency delimitation bill and proposed amendments to the women's reservation legislation in Parliament as "unfortunate," blaming the Congress and its allies for blocking the measures.

Addressing a press conference, the Minister alleged that opposition parties committed a "historic mistake" by opposing the bills and said they would be remembered as "anti-women." He claimed that despite repeated explanations by the Central government, including outreach by Prime Minister Narendra Modi through multiple platforms, the opposition failed to justify its resistance to the legislation.

The Minister stated that the Centre had clearly proposed increasing parliamentary seats by 50 percent and maintained that the move would benefit all regions, including southern states. He accused opposition parties of shifting their stance,



initially claiming injustice to the South and later alleging a political conspiracy after the bill was introduced.

He further alleged that Congress and its allies had a history of obstructing women's

reservation legislation, citing multiple instances since the 1990s when such bills failed to pass. According to him, the latest developments were a continuation of that pattern, depriving women of

opportunities to enter legislative bodies. Highlighting regional concerns, the Minister said the proposed delimitation would have increased Lok Sabha seats in southern states such as Telangana, Andhra

Pradesh, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu. He claimed that by blocking the bill, opposition parties had denied political representation to millions, including women and marginalized communities.

The Minister also criticized Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, accusing him of making statements that undermine national interests and disrespect the armed forces. He alleged that political hostility toward the BJP had led the opposition to act against the interests of both women and southern states. Referring to Telangana, the Minister said the proposed increase in parliamentary seats from 17 to 26 would have significantly benefited the state. He accused regional leaders of joining hands with the opposition to block these gains.

Concluding, he said the BJP would continue to take its message directly to the people, especially women, and strengthen its presence across southern India while ensuring balanced development under the leadership of the Prime Minister.



Bhoodan Spirit Must Endure: Mahesh Kumar Goud

Yadadri Bhuvanagiri, April 18 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President Mahesh Kumar Goud emphasized that the spirit of the historic Bhoodan Movement must be preserved for future generations, highlighting its role in promoting equality and social justice.

He was speaking at the 75th diamond jubilee celebrations of the Bhoodan Movement held at BhoodanPochampally. On the occasion, a bronze statue of noted Bhoodan leader Vedire Ramachandra Reddy, a disciple of Vinoba Bhave, was unveiled.

The event was attended by Legislative Council Chairman Gutta Sukender Reddy, MLA Kumbham Anil Kumar, and other public representatives and local leaders.

Addressing the gathering, Mahesh Kumar Goud described land donation as the noblest form of charity. He noted that the Bhoodan Movement, launched with the aim of distributing land to the landless poor, remains a remarkable chapter in India's history. He said the movement stood as a symbol of equality, social justice, and the vision of village self-rule.

Recalling his family's association with the movement, he stated that his grandfather had donated 50 acres of land in line with Bhoodan ideals. He also mentioned that recently, 11 acres of land were donated for the construction of an integrated school and a substation to support village development.

Calling it a privilege to participate in the statue unveiling, he praised Vedire Ramachandra Reddy's contributions, describing his services to the movement as unforgettable. He added that the Bhoodan Movement led to the donation of lakhs of acres of land across the country, contributing significantly to rural development and poverty alleviation.

Mahesh Kumar Goud highlighted that Pochampally, the birthplace of the Bhoodan Movement, is a matter of pride for Telangana. He said the movement demonstrated to the world that social transformation is possible through non-violence.

Describing it as a golden chapter in the history of land reforms, he urged the younger generation to carry forward the ideals of equality and collective responsibility inspired by the movement.

Modi Reaffirms Women's Quota Commitment

New Delhi, April 18, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday reaffirmed his government's commitment to implementing women's reservation in legislatures, even as the proposed bill faced a setback in Parliament. The Constitution Amendment Bill, which sought to provide 33 percent reservation for women in the Lok Sabha and state legislative assemblies, failed to secure the required majority, delaying its passage for now.

Reacting to the development, the Prime Minister expressed disappointment but maintained that the government would not step back from its promise of enhancing women's political representation. He stated that empowering women is central to achieving inclusive growth and strengthening democratic institutions in the country. He added that the vision of greater participation of women in decision-making processes remains a key priority for the government. Modi also took aim at opposition parties, accusing them of allowing political considerations to override a reform



aimed at social progress. He remarked that while there may be ideological differences, issues related to women's empowerment should rise above partisan politics. The failure of the bill, he said, was a missed opportunity to take a historic step forward in ensuring gender equality in governance. The proposed legislation had triggered extensive debate in Parliament, particularly over its linkage with the delimitation process. While many parties expressed support for women's reservation in principle, concerns were raised over the timing and implementation mechanism, leading to lack of

consensus.

Despite the setback, the Centre indicated that it would continue efforts to engage with all stakeholders and build broader political agreement. The government is expected to revisit the proposal and explore ways to address concerns raised during the debate. The Prime Minister reiterated that ensuring adequate representation for women in legislative bodies is not just a policy decision but a commitment to the nation's future. He said the government will persist in its efforts until the goal of meaningful political empowerment for women is achieved.

From Two Seats to Majority: BJP's Early Journey

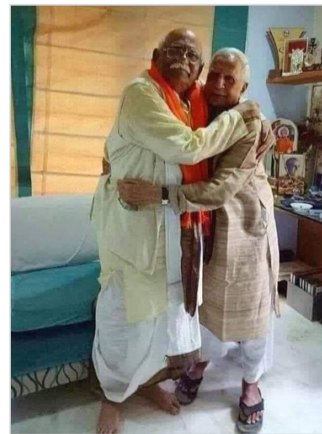
New Delhi, April 18 | TPN Bureau

Few are aware that the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) journey in Parliament began with just two Members of Parliament in 1984, marking a modest start that would later evolve into a dominant political force.

The two leaders credited with this early breakthrough were Chandupatla Janga Reddy and A. K. Patel. Janga Reddy secured a historic victory from Hanamkonda in present-day Telangana, defeating former Prime Minister P. V. Narasimha Rao. His win was particularly significant, as it came against a prominent congress leader, making it a moment of pride, especially for telugu people.

Meanwhile, A.K. Patel emerged victorious from Mehsana constituency in Gujarat, giving the BJP its second seat in the Lok Sabha. These two victories came in the aftermath of the Assassination of Indira Gandhi, during a period when the congress party dominated national politics.

Despite starting with just two MPs, the BJP gradually expanded its footprint across the



country. Over the decades, through strategic politics and organizational growth, the party transformed itself into a major political power.

Today, the BJP commands a strong presence in Parliament, with over 300 MPs, reflecting its remarkable rise from its humble beginnings. Political analysts often cite the 1984 elections as a turning point in the party's history, laying the foundation for its future success.

The journey from two seats to a parliamentary majority stands as a significant chapter in India's democratic evolution.

Delimitation Debate Draws Praise

New Delhi, April 18 | TPN Bureau

The ongoing debate over the proposed delimitation exercise has intensified, with senior Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi lauding Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy for presenting alternative suggestions and highlighting alleged flaws in the Centre's approach.

During a meeting held in New Delhi on Saturday morning, Priyanka Gandhi appreciated Revanth Reddy's efforts in bringing public attention to concerns surrounding the Bharatiya Janata Party's delimitation proposals. She commended his role in advocating for the unity of southern states and raising issues that could potentially impact federal balance.

According to sources, the discussions focused on the broader implications of constituency redistribution and its possible effects on southern, northeastern, and smaller states. Priyanka Gandhi expressed concern that the proposed constitutional amendments linked to delimitation could weaken representation for certain regions, calling for a more inclusive and balanced approach.



Chief Minister Revanth Reddy in turn, conveyed his gratitude to Priyanka Gandhi for supporting opposition unity at a crucial time. He acknowledged her role in standing alongside Leader of opposition Rahul Gandhi and Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge in mobilizing political forces against what the party describes as "anti-democratic" measures by the central government.

Revanth Reddy emphasized that protecting the interests of diverse states is essential for safeguarding the country's democratic framework. He reiterated the need for collective action among opposition parties to ensure that constitutional principles are upheld.

During the interaction, Priyanka Gandhi also raised concerns over the Centre convening a special session under the banner of women's empowerment, despite the women's reservation bill already receiving unanimous approval. She alleged that the session was being used to advance an unnecessary delimitation agenda, which, according to her, could have far-reaching political consequences.

The meeting comes amid growing political discourse around delimitation, with several regional leaders voicing apprehensions over its timing and implementation. As debates continue, opposition parties appear to be strengthening coordination to present a unified stance on the issue.

The developments signal a renewed push by Congress leaders to build consensus among like-minded parties, positioning delimitation as a key national issue ahead of future political engagements.



Road Safety Awareness Drive Held in Mahabubnagar

Mahabubnagar, April 18 | TPN Bureau

As part of the "PrajaPalana Pragathi Pranalika" 99-day action plan, Telangana ministers Ponnam Prabhakar and Vakiti Srihari participated in the "Arrive Alive" road safety awareness programme conducted in Mahabubnagar district.

The ministers inaugurated a Children's Traffic Awareness Park at Panchavati Vidyalaya to educate students on road safety measures. The park features practical demonstrations of traffic rules such as signals, zebra crossings, school and hospital zones, and U-turn regulations, helping students understand safe road behavior.

As part of the initiative, the ministers led a bike rally from Mahabubnagar Degree College to Panchavati Vidyalaya, spreading awareness on helmet usage among motorists. Health and eye camps were also organized, along with awareness sessions on CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation).

Students actively participated by forming a human chain and pledging to follow traffic rules and help reduce road accidents. Cultural performances highlighted the hardships faced by families who lose their primary earning members in accidents.

Speaking at the event, Minister Vakiti Srihari said that accidents often result from negligence and overspeeding. "An accident may seem unintentional, but negligence is a conscious act," he remarked. He stressed that reckless driving not only endangers individuals but also devastates families dependent on them.

He urged parents to educate children on road safety before

allowing them to use vehicles, emphasizing the importance of wearing helmets and driving cautiously. Citing statistics, he noted that India witnesses around 4.7 lakh road accidents annually, resulting in nearly 1.5 lakh deaths and leaving around 3 lakh people disabled.

Minister Ponnam Prabhakar highlighted that joint efforts by the transport and police departments have been ongoing to promote road safety awareness. He expressed concern over the increasing number of accidents and fatalities reported daily.

He appealed for public participation in government initiatives, stating that collective responsibility is key to making Telangana an accident-free state. The minister also spoke about the "Rahaveer Award," which offers 25,000 to individuals who assist accident victims in reaching hospitals within the golden hour.

He added that Children's Traffic Awareness Parks are being established with support from UNICEF to instill road safety awareness among students. Plans are also in place to introduce written pledges at the start of the academic year to encourage adherence to traffic rules.

Several public representatives and officials, including MLC Damodar Reddy, MLA Chikkudu Vamshi Krishna, Mayor Mamata, District Collector Pushpa Gupta, and others, attended the programme.

The ministers called on citizens to take personal responsibility for road safety, emphasizing that disciplined driving can prevent accidents and save lives.

BJP State Chief Ramchander Rao Placed Under House Arrest

Hyderabad, April 18 | TPN Bureau

Tension prevailed in Hyderabad as BJP State President N. Ramchander Rao was placed under house arrest by the police on Friday. The action came after he called for a protest march to the Chief Minister's residence, alleging that the Congress party had betrayed women by opposing the Women's Reservation Bill.

According to BJP leaders, the protest was aimed at condemning the Congress party's stand on the 33% Women's Reservation Bill. However, police intervened and confined Ramchander Rao to his residence, preventing him from participating in the planned demonstration.

Reacting strongly to his detention, Ramchander Rao accused the Congress of lacking sincerity on the issue of women's empowerment. He alleged that the party had taken a contradictory stand, supporting the bill earlier and opposing it now for political reasons.

"The Congress has committed a betrayal against 'Nari Shakti'. We will not remain silent," he said while under house arrest. He further criticized the party leadership, alleging that its policies do not support the participation of ordinary women in politics.

Rao also took aim at Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and Minister Ponnam Prabhakar, accusing them of failing to uphold commitments made earlier regarding the bill. He questioned why the Congress, which had reportedly supported the legislation in 2023, had now chosen to oppose it.

BJP leaders stated that despite restrictions, the party would continue its agitation against the Congress government. They asserted that protests would intensify in the coming days to demand accountability and ensure justice for women.

Police officials, meanwhile, maintained that the preventive detention was necessary to avoid any potential law and order issues in the city.

The situation remained under close watch, with security tightened in key areas to prevent escalation.



Push for New Airports in Telangana

Hyderabad, April 18 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Revenue, Housing and Information & Public Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy has directed officials to expedite the development of proposed airports across the state, emphasizing the government's commitment to balanced regional growth under the leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy.

During a high-level review meeting held at the Secretariat on Saturday, the minister discussed progress on airport projects planned in Warangal, Adilabad, and Bhadrachalam districts. Senior officials, including Airport Authority Southern Region Executive Director Raj Kishore and Aviation Director Bharat Reddy, participated in the meeting.

The minister stated that the state government has already prepared a comprehensive action plan to initiate construction at the earliest. He stressed the need to fast-track land acquisition, obtain necessary technical clearances, and develop supporting infrastructure in coordination with the central government.

Highlighting progress in Warangal, Srinivasa Reddy noted that approximately 953 acres of land have already been acquired and handed over for the proposed airport. He expressed confidence that foundation-laying works would commence soon, marking a significant step toward enhancing connectivity in the region.

Regarding the Adilabad airport, the minister said it would be developed jointly by the Defence and Civil Aviation departments along with the state government. He instructed officials to immediately prepare a master plan and accelerate land acquisition. Once operational, the airport is expected to significantly improve transport facilities in North Telangana.

For Bhadrachalam, officials informed that the previously identified site was deemed unsuitable by the Union Civil Aviation Ministry. In response, the minister directed authorities to conduct a detailed feasibility study and submit a comprehensive report on alternative locations.

Reaffirming the government's vision, Srinivasa Reddy said the development of regional airports would play a crucial role in boosting economic activity, improving connectivity, and ensuring inclusive development across Telangana.

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Revanth Alleges BJP Plot on Constitution, Reservations

New Delhi, April 18 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Saturday alleged that the BJP was attempting to amend the Constitution and remove reservations under the guise of the delimitation and women's reservation bills. Addressing the media at his official residence in New Delhi, he said the rejection of these bills in Parliament reflected the defeat of the Centre's "hidden agenda."

The Chief Minister claimed that the BJP aimed to secure a two-thirds majority in Parliament to alter the Constitution and abolish reservations, citing the party's "400-plus seats" slogan during the 2024 general elections. He said the people had limited the BJP to fewer seats, preventing such changes.

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DMK Alliance Set to Retain Power in Tamil Nadu: Bhatti

Ranipet (Tamil Nadu), April 18 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu expressed confidence that the DMK-led alliance would return to power in Tamil Nadu with a strong majority, asserting that the people of the state continue to stand firmly for secular values.

Addressing party leaders and later participating in a public meeting near Sholingur Circle in Ranipet district on Saturday, Bhatti said Tamil Nadu has always been at the forefront of protecting secularism and social justice. He attended the programme organized ahead of a meeting addressed by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi.

Highlighting Congress governance in Telangana, he said the party had fulfilled several key promises after coming to power. He listed initiatives such as free bus travel for women under the Mahalakshmi scheme, free electricity up to 200 units, subsidized LPG cylinders, farm loan waivers up to Rs 2 lakh, supply of fine rice to ration card holders, and free healthcare up to Rs 10 lakh under Rajiv Aarogyasri.

He urged voters to elect Congress-DMK alliance candidates with a huge majority, stating that their victory would send a strong message against divisive politics and authoritarian tendencies.

"The vote in Tamil Nadu is not just a political choice but a voice for democracy and secularism," he said, calling upon people to once again uphold the state's legacy of harmony and self-respect.



He attended the programme organized ahead of a meeting addressed by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi. He described Tamil Nadu as more than just a state, calling it a symbol of ideology, self-respect, and progressive thought. Recalling the contributions of leaders like Periyar, C.N. Annadurai, and M. Karunanidhi, said they laid a strong foundation for social justice and equality in the state.

Bhatti alleged that forces at the national level were attempting to undermine Tamil Nadu's culture, language, and rights, and stressed the need for unity among secular parties to counter such efforts. He said that under Chief Minister M.K. Stalin's leadership, Tamil Nadu was progressing steadily on the path of development.



KTR Alleges Attempts to Hinder BRS Public Meeting

Jagtial, April 18 | TPN Bureau

Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) Working President K.T. Rama Rao on Saturday alleged that the Congress government was attempting to obstruct the party's upcoming public meeting scheduled to be held on April 20 in Jagtial. After inspecting the meeting premises, he addressed the media along with senior party leaders and expressed confidence that the event would be a grand success.

Rama Rao said a festive atmosphere was already visible in Jagtial and announced that the BRS "Chaitra Yatra" would commence from the district centre. He stated that the party aims to regain its past glory and that party chief K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) would once again assume leadership with the blessings of the people.

He alleged that the ruling congress government is engaging in "cheap politics" to divert attention from the meeting, including scheduling parallel programmes and undertaking road works to disrupt public movement. He criticized Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, accusing him of out of



political fear they are taking such action.

Rama Rao claimed that there was a political realignment underway in the state and that the anticipated huge crowd had created anxiety among congress leaders. He said that if KCR shares the stage with senior leaders, including Jagtial leaders, it would mark the resurgence of the party from the region.

Highlighting arrangements, he said extensive arrangements were being made for the meeting, including the supply of nearly three lakh bottles of drinking water and two lakh burnt milk packets to manage the summer temperatures. The meeting is expected to begin in

the evening after temperatures subside, with KCR likely to arrive around 5:30 pm.

He urged party activists and people to remain calm and ensure the programme is conducted peacefully despite any obstacles. He expressed confidence that no attempts could stop the huge response from the people.

Rama Rao also apologized to media representatives for a recent incident that caused inconvenience, assuring that the party would compensate for any damages and extend support to those injured.

The BRS leader called upon the people of Jagtial to actively participate and make the meeting a historic success.

Congress Slams Centre Over Women's Bill, Delimitation

Mahabubnagar, April 18 | TPN Bureau

Minister Ponnambhakhar on Saturday launched a sharp attack on the BJP-led Central government, alleging attempts to weaken democracy and mislead the public on women's reservation. Addressing a press conference at the Congress party office in Mahabubnagar, he was joined by Minister Vakiti Srihari, MLAs Madhusudan Reddy and Vamshi Krishna, along with other senior leaders.

The Minister stated that India's democratic system does not allow authoritarianism and said the rejection of the recent bill in Parliament was a "slap in the face" for those trying to undermine democratic values. He alleged that the Centre acted arbitrarily, relying on numerical strength rather than democratic consensus, which ultimately led to the bill's failure.

Prabhakar questioned the BJP's commitment to women's empowerment, pointing out that the party had not appoint-



ed a woman as its national president in over four decades. In contrast, he highlighted the Congress party's legacy in promoting women's rights, including granting equal voting rights and introducing reservations for women in local bodies through the Panchayati Raj system during Rajiv Gandhi's tenure.

He emphasized that Congress has a history of elevating women to key leadership posi-

tions, including Prime Minister, President, and Lok Sabha Speaker. He demanded that the already approved women's reservation bill be implemented in time for the next elections and reiterated the party's stance for sub-quotas for SC, ST, and BC women within the bill. The Minister also criticized the Centre's move to link delimitation with the women's bill, alleging that it was a strategy to disadvantage southern

states politically. He said such actions reflected a lack of sincerity and accused the government of attempting to distort democratic processes.

On Telangana, Prabhakar strongly condemned remarks made by a BJP MP comparing the state's formation to the India-Pakistan partition. He termed the comments as an insult to the sacrifices made by students and youth during the Telangana movement and questioned the silence of BJP leaders from the state.

He asserted that Telangana was achieved through persistent struggle and parliamentary process under article 3, crediting Congress leadership for statehood. He warned that any injustice to Telangana would not be tolerated and called the issue one of self-respect rather than politics.

Reaffirming Congress commitment, he said women's reservation would be implemented under Rahul Gandhi's leadership and urged people to resist what he termed as divisive and anti-democratic policies.

Tula Uma Slams BJP Over Women's Bill

Hyderabad, April 18 | TPN Bureau

Senior BRS leader Tula Uma launched a sharp attack on the central government over the handling of the Women's Reservation Bill, alleging that the move reflects "betrayal" of women across the country.

Addressing the issue, Tula Uma criticized the Bharatiya Janata Party, stating that despite repeatedly promising reservations for women in legislative bodies, the party failed to ensure the bill's passage in Parliament. She termed the developments in Parliament as not a democratic victory but a "deceptive political drama."

Referring to the proposed 131st Constitutional Amendment Bill, she alleged that the government deliberately allowed the bill to fail by not securing the required two-thirds majority. According to her, the inability to garner sufficient votes despite claiming a strong majority raises serious ques-

tions about the Centre's intent.

Tula Uma pointed out that out of 528 members present in the House, only 298 votes were secured in favor of the bill, far short of the required numbers. She questioned whether Prime Minister Narendra Modi was unable to convince even allies or whether there was a calculated move to stall the legislation.

She further alleged that linking women's reservation with delimitation was a tactic to delay its implementation. "If there was genuine commitment, the reservation could have been implemented immediately without additional conditions," she said.

Accusing the BJP of having an "anti-women mindset," Tula Uma said the party raises slogans of women empowerment during elections but fails to act decisively when it matters. She added that the outcome of the bill exposes what

she described as the party's "double standards" on women's issues.

The BRS leader also warned that the party would take this issue to the people, particularly in Telangana, and highlight what she called the Centre's failure to uphold women's rights. She asserted that women across the country are closely watching political developments and will respond accordingly in the future.

Calling the bill's failure a "historic injustice" to women, Tula Uma demanded that the government take moral responsibility and clarify whether it is willing to implement women's reservation without linking it to delimitation or other conditions.

She concluded by stating that the voices of women would ultimately shape the political outcome, emphasizing that accountability cannot be avoided through political narratives.

Seethakka Targets BJP Over Women's Bill

Hyderabad, April 18 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Minister Seethakka launched a strong political attack on the Centre, accusing the Bharatiya Janata Party of misleading the public on the issue of women's reservation and undermining national interests.

Addressing party cadres, the minister alleged that the BJP-led central government has compromised the country's interests at the international level while attempting to divert public attention through what she described as a "drama" around the Women's Reservation Bill.

Seethakka stated that the Centre has brought forward delimitation-linked proposals

under the guise of women's reservation, despite the 106th Constitutional Amendment already providing for 33 percent reservation for women in legislative bodies. She demanded immediate implementation of the provisions without attaching additional conditions such as delimitation.

Questioning the urgency shown by the government, she asked why the BJP, after being in power for over a decade, was now attempting to rush the issue within a short time frame. She also accused the party of lacking sincerity and challenged it to reintroduce the bill without conditions if it is genuinely committed to women's empowerment.

The minister further alleged that BJP leaders were resort-

ing to political tactics, including targeting the residence of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, instead of addressing substantive issues.

Highlighting the Congress party's legacy, Seethakka said it was responsible for elevating women to the highest constitutional positions in the country. She also criticized the BJP for not appointing a woman as its national president so far.

She demanded action against BJP MP Tejasvi Surya over his remarks related to state bifurcation, calling for his immediate suspension from the party.

Calling upon party workers, she urged Youth Congress members to actively take the party's message to the people

and expose what she termed as the BJP's failures and political conspiracies. She said lakhs of Youth Congress activists should work like "soldiers" to safeguard the country's sovereignty.

Invoking national leaders such as Mahatma Gandhi, Indira Gandhi, Rajiv Gandhi, and Jawaharlal Nehru, she emphasized their sacrifices for the nation and contrasted them with what she described as the BJP's lack of historical contribution to the freedom movement.

Seethakka concluded by asserting that Congress remains a party of the common people and women, and called for strengthening its presence at the grassroots level across villages.

Harish Rao Targets BJP, Congress

Jagtial, April 18 | TPN Bureau

Senior BRS leader and former minister T. Harish Rao launched a sharp attack on both the Bharatiya Janata Party and the Congress, alleging that both parties have failed Telangana on key issues, including women's reservation and state pride.

Addressing a media conference in Jagtial, Harish Rao said the proposed induction of senior Congress leader Jeevan Reddy into the BRS in the presence of K. Chandrashekar Rao on April 20 would significantly strengthen the party in north Telangana.

He claimed that public sentiment across the state is increasingly favoring BRS leadership, stating that the slogan "Revanth must go, KCR must return" is gaining traction. According to him, Jeevan Reddy's decision to join the party reflects the changing political mood.

Harish Rao strongly condemned remarks made by BJP MP Tejasvi Surya, who allegedly compared the formation of Telangana with the India-Pakistan partition. He termed the comments as an insult to the self-respect of four crore people of Telangana and demanded an unconditional apology.

He also criticized Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy for allegedly defending the re-



marks instead of condemning them. "Telangana was formed through a democratic process as per Article 3 of the Constitution, not through any division like partition," he asserted.

The former minister expressed disappointment that MPs from both Congress and BJP remained silent in Parliament on the issue. He said BRS MPs would have strongly countered such remarks had they been present in the Lok Sabha.

Harish Rao further alleged a "tacit understanding" between Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and BJP leadership, accusing them of political double standards. He criticized the Congress government's approach on delimitation, calling it a "cross-breed model" rather than a genuine policy.

On the Women's Reservation Bill, he accused both BJP and

Congress of misleading the public. He questioned why the bill was linked to delimitation if there was genuine intent to implement reservations, adding that the ruling party at the Centre lacked the required two-thirds majority but proceeded for political reasons.

He reiterated that BRS has consistently supported women's reservation, recalling that under KCR's leadership, the first Telangana Assembly had passed a unanimous resolution urging the Centre to provide reservations for women in legislatures.

The BRS leader concluded by asserting that his party remains committed to protecting Telangana's interests and self-respect, while continuing to challenge what he described as political opportunism by national parties.

Congress Hails Bill Defeat as Democratic Victory

Hyderabad, April 18 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud on Saturday termed the defeat of the 131st Constitutional Amendment Bill in the Lok Sabha as a "victory for democracy" and a setback to what he described as the authoritarian approach of the BJP-led Central government.

Addressing a press conference at Gandhi Bhavan, Goud, along with AICC Secretary Sampath Kumar, TPCC Vice Presidents Alam Khan and Sangishetti Jagadeesh, and several district Congress leaders, accused the Centre of attempting to push an "unscientific and illegal" delimitation

bill by linking it with the women's reservation legislation.

He stated that the Congress party, in coordination with other opposition led by parties, successfully thwarted what he called a conspiracy aimed at increasing parliamentary seats in northern states while disadvantaging southern regions. "The bill's rejection has put a check on the BJP's undemocratic procedures," he said.

Goud clarified that Congress has always supported women's empowerment and reiterated that the party had extended full backing to the 2023 law proposing 33 percent reservation for women. He questioned the BJP government for failing to implement the legislation despite its passage and criticized

the delay in rolling it out before the 2024 elections. "The BJP is misleading women by postponing implementation to 2029-2034," he alleged.

Highlighting Congress's legacy, he said the party had a consistent track record of empowering women, from ensuring equal voting rights to facilitating reservations in local bodies through the 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendments during the tenures of Rajiv Gandhi and P.V. Narasimha Rao.

The TPCC chief also targeted BJP leaders, alleging neglect of Telangana's interests and questioning their silence over controversial remarks made by a party MP comparing Telangana's formation with the India-Pakistan partition. He demanded that Union Min-

ister G. Kishan Reddy release a white paper on contributions made to the state.

Goud further accused the BJP of being anti-backward classes and said people were increasingly recognizing its political stance. He added that under the leadership of Mallikarjun Kharge, opposition parties had united to resist authoritarian tendencies at the national level.

Congress leaders reiterated their commitment to women's reservation and equitable representation, asserting that they would continue to fight policies perceived as discriminatory against southern states and marginalized communities.

TPCC Chief Targets BJP Over Delimitation Row

Hyderabad, April 18 | TPN Bureau

TPCC President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud on Saturday launched a strong attack on the BJP-led Central government, alleging that it attempted to introduce a delimitation bill under the guise of the women's reservation legislation. Addressing a press conference at Gandhi Bhavan, he said the defeat of the bill in the Lok Sabha was a "slap in the face" for Prime Minister Narendra Modi and a victory for democracy.

Goud accused the Centre of trying to push the bill in an "unscientific and unconstitutional manner," claiming it was designed to increase representation for northern states while reducing the share of southern states. He said the Congress party, along with



opposition leaders including Mallikarjun Kharge, Rahul Gandhi, Sonia Gandhi, and Priyanka Gandhi, successfully blocked the move.

He alleged that the BJP lacked genuine commitment to women's empowerment and had deliberately linked the women's reservation bill with

delimitation to ensure its failure. "If the Centre is sincere, it should introduce a standalone women's bill. Congress will extend full support," he said, adding that the party has consistently backed 33 percent reservation for women.

Highlighting Congress's legacy, Goud said the party had played a historic role in empowering women, including appointing the country's first woman Prime Minister and facilitating reservations in local bodies. He criticized the BJP for never appointing a woman as its national president and questioned its stance on women's issues.

The TPCC chief also alleged discrimination against southern states in allocation of funds and parliamentary representation, warning that such policies could have long-term consequences. He demanded

that Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy release a white paper detailing his contributions to Telangana.

Goud further condemned remarks made by a BJP MP comparing Telangana's formation with the India-Pakistan partition, questioning the silence of BJP leaders from the state. He asserted that Telangana was achieved through sacrifices and parliamentary process, and any insult to its history would not be tolerated.

Responding to political rivals, he criticized opposition leaders and dismissed their remarks, asserting that the Congress government in Telangana enjoys strong public support under Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. He reaffirmed that the party would continue to fight for democratic values, women's rights, and fair representation across regions.

Village Leaders Uphold Humanity, Perform Last Rites for Orphaned Woman

Medchal, April 18 | TPN Bureau

In a touching display of humanity, public representatives and residents of Nuthankal village came together to perform the last rites of an orphaned woman, proving that compassion transcends blood relations. According to local sources, an elderly woman named Balamma had been living alone in Nuthankal village for some time. She passed away on Saturday due to illness. With no family members or relatives to take responsibility for her last rites, her body was left unattended. Upon learning about the

situation, local public representatives and village elders responded promptly. Demonstrating a strong sense of social responsibility, they took charge of the arrangements and ensured that Balamma received a dignified farewell. Those who stepped forward included councilors Saddi Suresh Reddy and Bhaskar Venu, former mandal co-option member Younis Pasha, former sarpanch Kavitha Jeevan, former ward member Bhushanam, along with Mahender Reddy, Suresh Chari, Padma Rao, Hanif, Jangir, and several other villagers. Together, they organized the funeral in accordance with Hindu traditions and performed

the last rites with due respect. Villagers expressed appreciation for the compassionate gesture, noting that even in the absence of blood relatives, the community stood united to fulfill the final responsibilities. Many remarked that the true purpose of life lies in helping fellow human beings in times of need. The incident has been widely praised as an example of unity and humanity in Nuthankal village. It highlights the importance of community support and reinforces the belief that kindness and empathy remain at the heart of society.



Free Scholarship Camp Held for Underprivileged Students

Secunderabad, April 18 | TPN Bureau

A free scholarship camp for underprivileged and meritorious students was organized at Sitaphalmandi Multipurpose Function Hall under the leadership of former corporator Dr. Samala Hema, in collaboration with the Touch A Life Foundation. The event received an overwhelming response, with nearly 300 students from various colleges attending along with their parents. Organizers conducted a preliminary registration process to identify eligible candidates for scholarships, carefully reviewing their academic records and financial backgrounds. Guidance was also provided to students to help them make informed decisions about their educational paths. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Samala Hema highlighted that many talented students from economically weaker sections are unable to pursue higher education due to financial constraints. She emphasized that supporting such students is a collective responsibility of society.



She further stated that education has the power to transform individuals, uplift families, and strengthen society. "Financial limitations should not become a barrier for any deserving student to achieve their goals," she said. Dr. Hema appreciated the efforts of the Touch A Life Foundation for its continued commitment to supporting education. The initiative, she added, aims not only to provide financial assistance but also to boost students' confidence and motiva-

tion. Representatives of the foundation expressed their intent to expand such scholarship camps to other regions in the future, ensuring continued support for students in need. They encouraged students to pursue higher education and contribute meaningfully to society. The event was attended by foundation founders Keena and Vibhuti, along with other representatives, marking a significant step toward empowering students through education.

Permanent Solution to Drainage Issue: MLA Talasani

Secunderabad, April 18 | TPN Bureau

Sanath Nagar MLA and former minister Talasani Srinivas Yadav announced that a long-standing drainage problem in Padmarao Nagar will soon be permanently resolved. The issue, which has troubled residents for over 30 years, is being addressed through ongoing infrastructure works.

On Saturday, the MLA inspected drainage pipeline works near Shambhavi Apartments on Padmarao Nagar Main Road, close to Gandhi Hospital back lane. The project, being executed at a cost of Rs 72 lakh, aims to provide a lasting solution to sewage overflow and flooding in the area. Talasani directed officials to expedite the work and ensure timely completion.

During the inspection, officials informed him that underground electrical cables were posing a challenge to the pipeline work. Responding immediately, the MLA instructed electricity department officials to extend cooperation by temporarily halting power supply to facilitate

smooth progress.

Local residents expressed gratitude to the MLA for taking initiative to resolve the long-pending issue. Speaking on the occasion, Talasani Srinivas Yadav said that every monsoon season, the main road in Padmarao Nagar gets flooded, leaving residents unable to step out of their homes. Overflowing drainage water also causes severe inconvenience to commuters and pedestrians. He stated that funds were sanctioned specifically to provide a permanent solution, and that the works are progressing rapidly.

Foundation Laid for Sewerage Works

Earlier in the day, the MLA also laid the foundation stone for a new sewerage line in Hamali Basti. He was undertaken at a cost of Rs 18 lakh. Residents brought several civic issues to his attention, and he assured them of prompt action. Before the programme, the MLA paid floral tributes to the statues of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and Babu Jagjivan Ram. Several officials and local leaders were present during the programme.

Drone Spraying Conducted to Curb Mosquito Menace

Medipally, April 18 | TPN Bureau

Municipal authorities carried out an anti-mosquito drive in the lakes of Peerzadiguda division under Boduppal Circle of Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation on Friday. The initiative, which involved drone-based spraying of mosquito control chemicals, was undertaken in response to the recent surge in mosquito population in the area.

Officials stated that the increase in stagnant water bodies had contributed to the rapid breeding of mosquitoes, prompting immediate preventive action. As part of the ongoing efforts, spraying operations were conducted across key lake zones to reduce health risks to residents.

In addition to the spraying program, authorities revealed that the tender process for the removal of accumulated waste and sludge in the lakes has been completed. Comprehensive cleaning operations are expected to begin shortly, aiming to provide a long-term solution to the issue.

Appreciating the efforts of the municipal team, Congress Party leader and RV Foundation Chairman Tungaturthi Ravi expressed gratitude to Boduppal Circle Deputy Commissioner A. Shailaja for initiating timely measures. He also urged officials to implement a permanent solution to the mosquito problem in Peerzadiguda, Medipally, and Parvathapur areas.

Several municipal staff members, including DE Jahnavi, AEE Mahesh, Entomologist Rambabu, and SFA Naresh, participated in the program. Authorities assured that similar drives would continue in other vulnerable areas to ensure public safety and hygiene.

The initiative reflects growing attention toward urban sanitation and public health, especially with the onset of warmer weather conditions that typically accelerate mosquito breeding.



BJP MLC Warns Congress Over Stand on Women's Reservation Bill

Hyderabad, April 18 | TPN Bureau

Teacher MLC Malka Komaraiiah strongly criticized the Congress party over its stance on the Women's Reservation Amendment Bill, warning that the party would face consequences for allegedly obstructing women's empowerment.

Expressing anger over the delay in passing the bill, Komaraiiah stated that blocking a crucial legislation aimed at ensuring 33% reservation for women in legislative bodies is "deeply unfortunate" and reflects the Congress party's political motives. He accused the party of denying fair representation to women, who constitute more than half of the country's population.

The BJP leader alleged that Congress has historically neglected women's welfare during its decades in power and continues to do so by opposing key reforms. He also referred to past issues, claiming that the party had taken positions contrary to women's interests.

Komaraiiah praised the efforts of Prime Minister Naren-

dra Modi, stating that the government is committed to strengthening women's representation in governance. He alleged that Congress is opposing the bill out of fear of losing political influence if it becomes law. Warning of political repercussions, he said that women across the country are closely observing these developments and would respond appropriately. "Women will teach Congress a lesson," he remarked. Condemning the police action against BJP protests, Komaraiiah also raised concerns over the arrest and house detention of party leaders and youth wing members. He termed such actions as undemocratic and accused the state government of misusing its authority to suppress dissent. The controversy surrounding the Women's Reservation Bill has intensified political tensions, emerging as a key issue in national discourse. With BJP stepping up its criticism and Congress defending its position, the matter is likely to remain at the center of political debate in the coming days.

Ambulance Drivers' Shelter Demolished

Secunderabad, April 18 | TPN Bureau

Tension prevailed near Gandhi Hospital in Secunderabad after GHMC officials demolished a temporary shed used by ambulance drivers, leaving them without basic shelter. The action has drawn sharp criticism from members of the Greater Hyderabad Ambulance Owners Association.

According to association president M. Suresh, the shed was being used solely as a resting space for ambulance drivers who provide emergency services to patients. "We are not running any commercial activity here. This was only a



temporary shelter for drivers transporting patients and dead bodies," he said.

On Saturday, GHMC Secunderabad zonal officers report-

edly arrived with bulldozers and removed the structure located adjacent to the hospital premises. The move led to a heated argument between as-

sociation leaders, including vice president Majeer, and city planner Satyabhama.

Suresh expressed anguish over the sudden action, stating that no prior notice was given before the demolition. He alleged that essential equipment and belongings were damaged during the process, leaving drivers stranded under the scorching sun.

Highlighting their services during the COVID-19 pandemic, he said ambulance drivers played a crucial role in assisting the public in coordination with health, police, and municipal departments. "Despite our services, even pending bills from that period have not been cleared," he added.

He further pointed out that

many drivers are educated individuals, including degree and postgraduate holders, who depend on this livelihood to support their families. Questioning the authorities' action, he asked why such measures were being taken against those engaged in essential services.

The association has demanded immediate intervention from authorities to provide an alternative shelter and address their grievances. Meanwhile, officials are yet to issue a detailed response regarding the demolition.

The incident has raised concerns over the treatment of frontline service providers and the need for humane consideration in civic enforcement services.

Police Crack Down on Pan Shops

Secunderabad, April 18 | TPN Bureau

City police conducted extensive raids on pan shops across Secunderabad, targeting areas such as Padmarao Nagar, Secunderabad Railway Station, and Sitaphalmandi. The actions were carried out under the directions of City Police Commissioner CV Anand, with East Zone Additional DCP Narsayya and Chilakalguda Inspector Ramakrishna leading the operations.

The inspections primarily focused on pan shops located near government and private schools. During the raids, police seized illegal stocks of gutka, pan masala, and other intoxicating substances stored unlawfully in several shops. Officials issued strict warn-



ings to shopkeepers against selling cigarettes, pan, gutka, or any tobacco products to minors below 18 years of age. Police emphasized that violations would invite stringent legal action.

According to officials, the

drive will continue for the next two to three days as part of a broader effort to curb the growing trend of tobacco use among

students. Recently, authorities observed that some school students, particularly in government schools, were developing habits of smoking, raising serious concerns about their health and future.

Police also cautioned that selling such substances near educational institutions is a punishable offense. Shop owners were instructed to strictly adhere to regulations and ensure that prohibited items are not sold to minors. The initiative aims to safeguard students and prevent substance abuse at an early age. Police reiterated their commitment to eliminating illegal activities around schools and protecting the well-being of young people.

Authorities have urged the public to cooperate and report any violations, ensuring a safer environment for students across the city.

No Compromise on Human Trafficking: Seethakka

Hyderabad, April 18 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Minister Seethakka has issued a strong warning against human trafficking and bonded labour, describing them as grave threats to society that demand urgent and collective action.

Addressing a workshop on the issue, the minister said human trafficking and forced labour are "serious assaults on humanity," adding that silence or inaction would make society complicit in the crime. She highlighted that women and children are often lured under the pretext of marriage or employment and later subjected to exploitation.

Seethakka pointed out that practices such as forced begging and labour exploitation are modern forms of slavery that continue to persist despite legal safeguards. She identified poverty, inequality, and gender discrimination as the root causes driving such crimes, stressing that each case represents a deeply painful human story.



"Even though laws exist, their implementation must be stronger and more effective," she said. The minister emphasized that prevention, protection, and punishment must

work together in coordination to eliminate the menace. "It is the responsibility of every individual to respond and act," she added.

Citing a real-life example, Seethakka spoke about a survivor named Shivamma, who overcame bonded labour and is now helping other women escape similar situations. The minister said such stories

serve as powerful inspiration and demonstrate the impact of collective efforts in rehabilitation and empowerment.

She assured that the government is committed to implementing the recommendations emerging from the workshop and strengthening measures to combat trafficking and forced labour. "There will be no compromise when it comes to human trafficking and bonded labour," she asserted.

Expressing concern, Seethakka noted that it is unfortunate that such practices still exist in a modern society. She underlined that when one individual becomes a victim of bonded labour, an entire generation suffers the consequences.

Drawing an emotional comparison, she said people feel distressed even when a family member is away for a short time, but the pain is unimaginable when individuals are held in bondage for months in distant places. The minister concluded by calling for greater awareness, vigilance, and coordinated action to ensure that such inhumane practices are eradicated from society.



CSR Works Inaugurated at Jogipet Polytechnic

Sangareddy, April 18 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Health Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha inaugurated several development projects at Jogipet Polytechnic College in Andole constituency, undertaken with Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds worth around Rs 75 lakh.

As part of his tour, the minister visited Shivampet in Choutakur mandal, where he launched key infrastructure facilities aimed at improving technical education. A mechanical workshop shed, constructed with Rs 43 lakh in CSR funding from Newland Foundation, was formally opened. The facility is expected to provide hands-on training opportunities for students pursuing mechanical and technical courses.

The minister also inaugurated four high mast LED street lights installed on the campus with Rs 6 lakh from District Mineral Foundation Trust (DMFT) funds, enhancing safety and campus infrastructure. Additionally, a modern computer lab established with Rs 26 lakh in CSR support from Toshiba was launched, offering students improved access to digital learning resources.

Speaking on the occasion, Damodar Rajanarsimha stated that a total of Rs 2.35 crore has been spent so far on the development of Jogipet Polytechnic

through various CSR initiatives. He emphasized that the Telangana government is giving top priority to the education and healthcare sectors as part of its broader development agenda.

The minister also interacted with students during a face-to-face session, discussing their academic needs and infrastructure requirements. He assured that further steps would be taken to strengthen the institution, including proposals for constructing a girls' hostel and additional workshop sheds for different departments.

Highlighting the importance of CSR partnerships, he noted that such collaborations play a crucial role in improving educational infrastructure and equipping students with industry-relevant skills.

District Collector Pravinya, Additional Collector Pandu, Sarpanch Sandhya Rani, Newland Foundation Vice President D.V. Reddy, public representatives, faculty members, and students participated in the programme.

The newly inaugurated facilities are expected to significantly enhance the quality of technical education at the institution and support the state's efforts in building a skilled workforce for the future.

Youth Congress Stages Protest Against Trade Deal

Hyderabad, April 18 | TPN Bureau

The Youth Congress organized a massive protest at Dharna Chowk near Indira Park in Hyderabad opposing the proposed Indo-American trade deal. The demonstration was led by Youth Congress president Shiva Charan Reddy and witnessed participation from several senior Congress leaders. TPCC President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud attended the programme as the chief guest and addressed the gathering, strongly criticizing the central government procedures. He alleged that the Union Government was compromising national interests through international agreements and accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of "mortgaging the country to the United States."



Speaking at the protest, Mahesh Kumar Goud said that India's technological progress, including advancements in rocket development, was rooted in the policies introduced during former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's tenure. He further stated that recent decisions by Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Mallikarjun Kharge ensured justice for southern states, which he claimed were being sidelined by the central government. He also raised concerns about women's welfare, stating that the central government lacked sincerity in implementing effective legislation for women. He noted that the Congress had extended support to the women's reservation bill in 2023 and emphasized that the party has historically worked towards empowering women,

including appointing a woman as Prime Minister. Criticizing the BJP, he questioned its stance on controversial remarks made against the formation of Telangana and demanded accountability. He also called for the rollback of the farm laws, alleging that they were anti-farmer in nature. Other leaders, including Youth Congress leader Uday Bhanu, Working President Jagga Reddy, AICC Secretary Sampath, and corporation chairpersons Nuthi Srikanth, Preetham, and Indira Shobhan, participated in the protest. Congress leaders reiterated that the party would continue to lead protests against policies they termed as anti-people and anti-farmer.

Demand Grows for Luxettipet Assembly Constituency

Mancherla, April 18 | TPN Bureau

A key press conference was held at the IB Guest House in Luxettipet municipality of Mancherla district under the aegis of the Luxettipet Assembly Sadhana Samithi, where leaders expressed dissatisfaction over the delay in constituency delimitation.

Speaking at the meeting, convener Chunchu Raj Kiran voiced concern that the delimitation bill had not been approved in Parliament. He emphasized the need to recognize Luxettipet as a separate Assembly constituency, stating that the area has long awaited proper political representation. He urged authorities to take up the matter in the upcoming parliamentary sessions and ensure the bill is passed without further delay.

Raj Kiran called upon the people and the leaders to unite and intensify their efforts to achieve this demand. He stated that only a collective movement would help bring attention to the issue and ensure that Luxettipet receives fair representation in the state legislature. The convener also expressed concern over the delay in the 33 percent reservation bill for women, stating that such key decisions should not be postponed. He stressed that women's political empowerment is essential for balanced development and inclusive governance. Participants at the meeting echoed similar sentiments, highlighting the need for timely decisions on both delimitation and women's reservation. They urged policymakers to prioritize these issues in the interest of democracy and equitable representation.

The meeting concluded with a call for continued movement until the demands are addressed.



Strict Action Warned on Irregularities in Paddy Procurement

Nalgonda, April 18 | TPN Bureau

State Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Commission Chairman N. Kodanda Reddy has directed officials to strictly follow government guidelines in paddy procurement and ensure that farmers do not face any inconvenience. He warned that farmers should not be forced to visit rice mills after selling their produce at procurement centres, and any such incidents would make the concerned officials accountable.

On Saturday, the Chairman inspected paddy procurement centres at Arjalabavi and SLBC Market Yard near Nalgonda district headquarters, along with officials. During the visit, he examined paddy stocks and reviewed key parameters such as moisture content, impurities, and grain quality. He also interacted with farmers, hamalis, procurement staff, and officials in separate meetings

held at both locations.

Addressing the gatherings, Kodanda Reddy emphasized that procurement must strictly adhere to policy guidelines and that no deviations would be tolerated. He stated that millers should have no role in procurement activities and that the process should be limited to farmers and procurement centre authorities. He instructed that farmers must be issued proper receipts immediately after selling their paddy, followed by timely payment into their bank accounts.

He further clarified that once paddy is transported from procurement centres to rice mills, the responsibility lies with the officials, not the farmers. He strongly warned against the dominance of millers in the process, stating that such practices would not be allowed to continue.

The Chairman also stressed that labour charges should not exceed Rs 45 per quintal as prescribed by the government, cautioning that strict action

would be taken against violations. He urged officials and public representatives to prioritize farmers' welfare and extend full cooperation during procurement.

Referring to FCI guidelines, he said that parameters like moisture, impurities, and deductions must be verified at the procurement centres itself. Farmers, who bring their produce at their own expense, should not be harassed in the name of quality checks.

Farmers at the meeting expressed concerns over alleged harassment by millers, claiming unnecessary delays, deductions, and stoppage of vehicles. They urged the government to ensure fair practices.

Officials and representatives from various departments, including revenue, marketing, and civil supplies, attended the programme.

The statement was issued by the Assistant Director, Information Department, Nalgonda.

Harmony Marked at Urs Fest

Sadashivapet, April 18 | TPN Bureau

Senior Congress leader T. Jagga Reddy participated in the Urs celebrations held at the Hazrat Mahboob Pasha Dargah in Sadashivapet town, highlighting the spirit of communal harmony and cultural unity.

The Urs festivities, which have been underway for the past three days, were conducted on a grand scale, drawing devotees and visitors from various regions. This year marked the joint observance of the 422nd Urs Sharif of Hazrat Syed Shah Mohammed Sahab and the 52nd Urs Sharif of Hazrat Mahboob Pasha. The celebrations featured traditional rituals, prayers, and cultural programs.

A special Qawwali performance organized as part of the festivities captivated the audience, adding a vibrant cultural dimension to the event. Jagga Reddy appreciated



the efforts of the organizers and the dargah committee for successfully conducting the celebrations and arranging the Qawwali program.

Speaking on the occasion, he said that Urs festivals stand as a symbol of unity among different communities and promote mutual respect and brotherhood. He lauded the organizers for maintaining the

essence of the tradition and ensuring that the event was inclusive and well-managed.

Devotees expressed joy over the arrangements and the spiritual atmosphere at the dargah. The event concluded with prayers for peace, prosperity, and communal harmony, reinforcing the message of unity beyond religious boundaries.



Youth Congress Holds Massive Protest Against Centre

Hyderabad, April 18 | TPN Bureau

The Telangana Youth Congress organized a massive protest at Dharna Chowk near Indira Park in Hyderabad on Saturday, raising slogans of "Modi Ji Ko Hatao - Kisano Ko Bachao" against the BJP-led Central government. The demonstration was led by State Youth Congress President Jakir Shiva Charan Reddy and witnessed participation from thousands of party leaders and workers. The protest was held to oppose what the party leaders described as "authoritarian governance" by the Centre and to demand the rollback of certain trade agreements, including the Indo-US trade deal. Protesters raised slogans asserting that "if Modi bows, the nation will not," and accused the government of compromising national interests.

National Youth Congress President Uday Bhanu Chib attended the programme as the chief guest, along with TPCC President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud, State Minister Dhanasari Seethakka, and MLC Whip Addanki Dayakar, among others. Several former

MPs, MLAs, and corporation chairpersons also participated in the protest.

Addressing the gathering, Uday Bhanu Chib and Mahesh Kumar Goud criticized the Centre's trade policies, stating that such agreements were harming the economy of the country and adversely affecting local businesses and farmers. They demanded immediate withdrawal of these policies, alleging that they were against the country's self-esteem and public interests.

The leaders reiterated that the Congress party would continue to oppose policies that they termed as anti-farmer and anti-people. They called upon youth leaders and activists to strengthen their movement against the central government.

Senior Youth Congress leaders, including national general secretary Shrikanth Rao, state in-charges K.R. Bhavya and Roshni Jaiswal, and national secretary Srinivas Rathod, were also present.

The protest concluded peacefully, with leaders vowing to intensify their agitation in the coming days.

Trump's Toughest Opponent May Be His Own Economy

Donald Trump has long built his political identity around economic strength. From his first presidential campaign to his return to power, he has consistently presented himself as a leader who understands business and can deliver prosperity. His political messaging has often revolved around job creation, rising wages, and lower costs for American families. However, as the United States moves deeper into another politically sensitive period, Trump may be facing his most formidable challenge yet — not from political opponents, but from the economy itself.

Economic performance has always played a central role in shaping voter sentiment. For Trump, whose appeal has been closely tied to economic confidence, the stakes are even higher. While his administration has focused on tax cuts, tariffs, and domestic manufacturing policies, the outcomes have been mixed. Many Americans continue to grapple with rising costs, uncertain growth, and fluctuating market conditions, creating a gap between expectations and everyday experiences.

One of the most debated aspects of Trump's economic approach has been his use of tariffs. These measures were introduced with the aim of protecting American industries and reducing reliance on imports. Supporters argue that tariffs encourage domestic production and strengthen local manufacturing. However, critics say that tariffs often increase costs for businesses, which then pass those expenses on to consumers. As a result, everyday goods can be-



come more expensive, adding to inflationary pressures.

At the same time, businesses have had to adapt to shifting trade policies. Frequent changes in tariffs and trade negotiations have created uncertainty, making companies cautious about investment and hiring. While some industries have benefited from protectionist policies, others have faced challenges due to higher input costs and reduced access to global markets. This uneven impact has contributed to mixed economic outcomes.

Affordability has become one of the most pressing concerns for voters. Rising prices for housing, groceries, and fuel have made it harder for many Americans to manage their budgets. Even when economic indicators such as employment rates show improvement, high living costs can overshadow positive developments. For voters, personal financial experiences often matter more than broader economic data.

Trump has attempted to address these concerns by promoting long-term growth

strategies. His administration has emphasized domestic manufacturing, energy independence, and reduced regulation as ways to strengthen the economy. These policies are designed to deliver benefits over time. However, voters typically focus on immediate challenges. If inflation remains high or wages fail to keep pace with rising costs, long-term promises may not ease public concerns.

Political implications of economic performance are significant. Republicans pre-

paring for elections must defend the administration's economic record while acknowledging voter frustrations. This balancing act becomes particularly difficult in competitive regions where economic concerns are more pronounced. Candidates often emphasize tax relief, reduced government spending, and job creation, but these solutions may take time to produce visible results.

Independent voters, who often decide close elections, tend to be especially sensitive to economic conditions. Even

small changes in public perception can influence outcomes. If voters feel financially strained, they may become more open to alternative leadership, regardless of political loyalty. This makes economic stability crucial for maintaining political support.

Global developments have also played a role in shaping economic conditions. Trade tensions, supply chain disruptions, and geopolitical conflicts have contributed to uncertainty. These factors are often beyond direct control, yet voters still hold leadership accountable for economic outcomes. When global events lead to higher prices or slower growth, the political impact can be significant. Trump's political style has relied heavily on strong messaging and confidence. He frequently highlights achievements such as job growth, manufacturing revival, and energy production. While these themes resonate with supporters, they may not fully address everyday concerns about affordability. Voters tend to judge economic performance based on personal experience rather than political rhetoric.

Another challenge lies in the unpredictability of economic forces. Markets respond to a wide range of factors, including interest rates, global demand, and investor confidence. Even well-intentioned policies can produce unexpected consequences. This makes managing economic perception particularly difficult for any administration.

As the election cycle approaches, economic performance in the coming months

will likely play a decisive role. If inflation slows and growth strengthens, Trump could reinforce his image as a strong economic leader. Improved conditions could help rebuild confidence among voters and strengthen political support.

However, if economic challenges persist, they could overshadow other achievements. Rising costs and uncertainty may dominate public discourse, making it harder for political messaging to gain traction. In such a scenario, the economy itself could become the central issue shaping voter decisions.

Trump's political journey has always been closely tied to economic narratives. He has positioned himself as a businessman capable of delivering results. Yet, economic realities often evolve beyond political control. Factors such as global markets, consumer sentiment, and supply chain dynamics can influence outcomes in ways that are difficult to predict. Ultimately, Trump's toughest opponent may not be political rivals or critics. Instead, it could be the complex and unpredictable nature of the economy. If economic conditions improve, his leadership narrative may strengthen. If they do not, voter concerns about affordability and stability could shape the political landscape. In the end, economic performance remains one of the most powerful forces in politics. For Donald Trump, whose brand is closely tied to economic success, the stakes are particularly high. As Americans continue to evaluate their financial well-being, the economy may ultimately determine the outcome of the political contest ahead.

Fragile Peace, Rising Costs: What The US-Iran Conflict Means For Global Stability And Defence Spending

The ongoing tensions between the United States and Iran have created a fragile geopolitical environment where peace remains uncertain and economic consequences continue to grow. Even as temporary ceasefires and diplomatic efforts offer hope, the underlying conflict highlights deeper global challenges — rising defence budgets, political divisions, and the economic burden of prolonged instability.

At the centre of this situation is a fragile ceasefire that has brought temporary calm but little long-term certainty. While markets have responded positively to signs of de-escalation, geopolitical realities suggest that the peace may not last. The conflict has already affected oil supplies, global trade routes, and investor confidence, making it clear that even a brief confrontation between major powers can have far-reaching consequences.

A Fragile Peace With Deep Uncertainty

The ceasefire between the US and Iran has reduced immediate tensions, but it has not resolved the core issues driving the conflict. These include Iran's nuclear programme, regional security concerns, and sanctions imposed by the United States. Negotiations have been complicated, with both sides holding firm positions and demanding concessions from the other.

While diplomatic talks have been ongoing, there is no guarantee that agreements will hold. Past negotiations have often collapsed, leaving both sides wary of long-term commitments. This uncertainty keeps global markets on edge and complicates decision-making for governments and investors alike.

The fragile nature of the peace also reflects broader geopolitical competition in West Asia. The region remains strategically important because of its energy resources and shipping routes. Any disruption in

the area — particularly around key oil transit routes — can quickly affect global prices and economic stability.

Rising Defence Budgets And Military Preparedness

One of the most significant consequences of the conflict is the expected increase in defence spending. The United States is preparing to request a defence budget of around \$1.5 trillion, reflecting growing concerns about global security threats. Such a large budget underscores how geopolitical tensions are reshaping national priorities and pushing governments to allocate more resources to military preparedness.

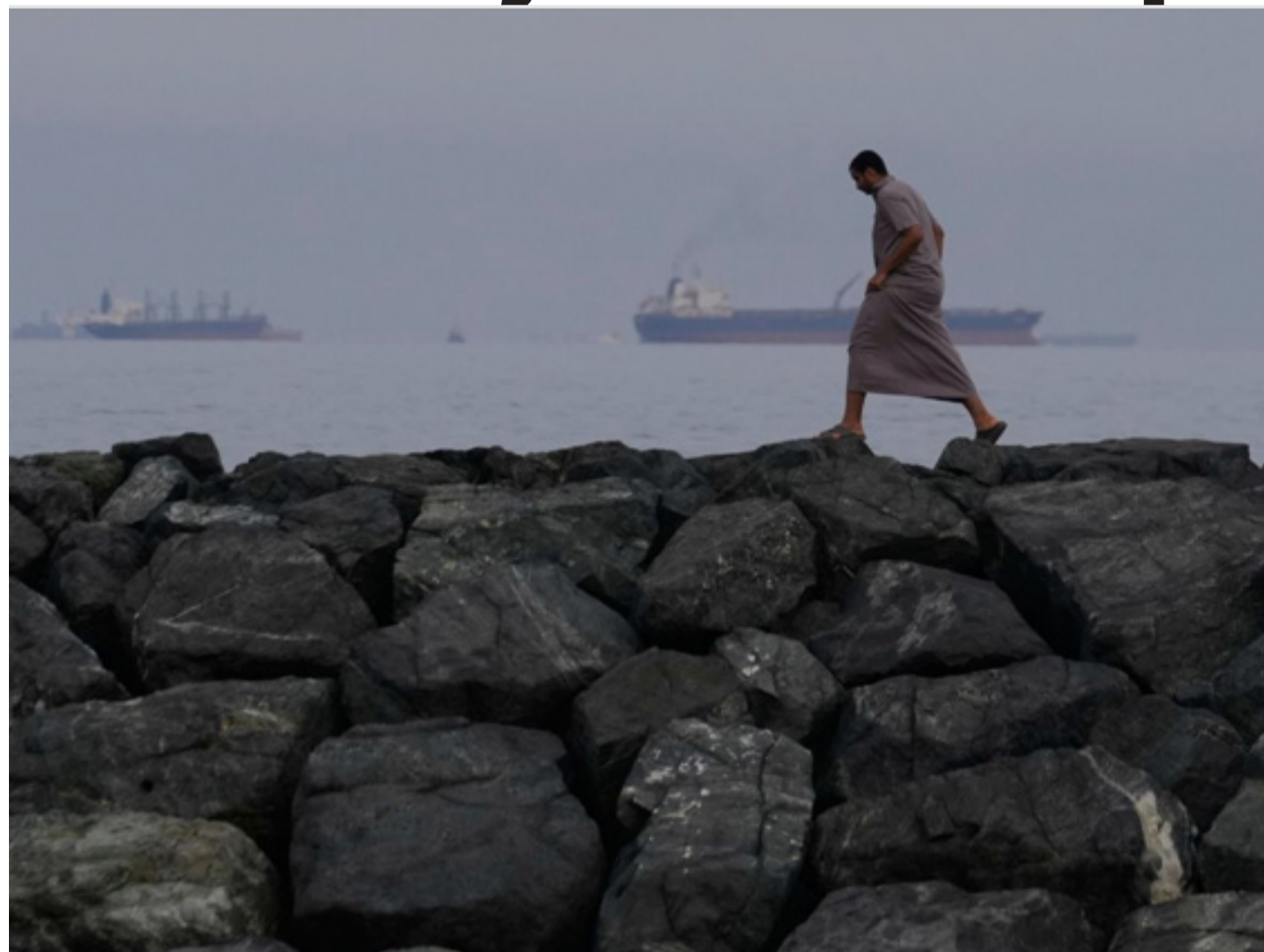
Increased defence spending often signals long-term strategic competition rather than short-term conflict. Governments invest in advanced technologies, military capabilities, and strategic partnerships to prepare for future threats. However, these investments also divert funds from domestic priorities such as healthcare, education, and infrastructure.

This shift raises important questions about the balance between security and development. While military preparedness may be necessary, rising defence budgets can strain public finances and contribute to long-term economic challenges.

Economic Impact Beyond The Battlefield

The US-Iran conflict has also highlighted how geopolitical tensions can affect global economies. Oil prices, for instance, are particularly sensitive to developments in West Asia. Any disruption to supply routes can cause sudden price increases, affecting transportation, manufacturing, and consumer goods worldwide.

The economic effects extend beyond energy markets. Investor confidence tends to weaken during geopolitical crises, leading to volatility in stock markets and currency fluctuations. Businesses often delay investments, and governments



may adopt cautious economic policies.

Even if the conflict de-escalates, the economic damage may persist. Infrastructure destruction, disrupted trade, and uncertainty can leave lasting effects on global growth. Economic institutions have already warned that the conflict could create long-term disruptions and slow economic recovery.

Political Divisions Within The United States

The conflict has also exposed political divisions within the United States. Decisions related to military action, defence spending, and diplomacy often face scrutiny from lawmakers and the public. Proposed in-

creases in defence budgets are likely to spark debate, particularly over funding priorities and long-term strategy.

Domestic politics plays a crucial role in shaping foreign policy decisions. Leaders must balance national security concerns with economic realities and public opinion. As a result, policy decisions become more complex, especially during periods of geopolitical tension.

Political divisions can also affect the credibility of diplomatic efforts. If there is disagreement within a country, negotiating partners may question the stability of commitments. This can make reaching long-term agreements more difficult.

Markets React, But Risks Remain

Financial markets often respond quickly to geopolitical developments. The announcement of ceasefires or peace talks can trigger rallies in stocks and commodities. However, such reactions are often temporary, especially when underlying tensions remain unresolved.

Investors are aware that fragile peace agreements can collapse quickly. As a result, market optimism tends to be cautious. Volatility remains high, and sudden developments can reverse gains.

The situation also highlights how interconnected global markets have become. Events

in one region can influence economies worldwide, demonstrating the importance of geopolitical stability for economic growth.

Long-Term Strategic Implications

The US-Iran conflict reflects broader shifts in global power dynamics. Strategic competition, regional alliances, and military capabilities are becoming increasingly important in international relations. These developments suggest that geopolitical tensions may remain a defining feature of global politics.

Countries are likely to continue strengthening their defence capabilities and forming partnerships to address secu-

rity challenges. This trend could lead to higher defence spending worldwide and increased focus on military technology. At the same time, diplomatic efforts remain essential. Sustainable peace requires addressing underlying issues such as security concerns, economic sanctions, and regional rivalries. Without progress on these fronts, ceasefires may remain temporary solutions.

The Cost Of Fragile Peace

The concept of fragile peace captures the uncertainty surrounding the US-Iran conflict. While diplomacy offers hope, the underlying tensions remain unresolved. This creates a situation where stability is temporary and risks persist.

The economic and political costs of such uncertainty are significant. Governments must prepare for potential escalation, businesses face unpredictable conditions, and citizens experience the effects through higher prices and slower growth. Ultimately, the US-Iran conflict highlights the delicate balance between diplomacy and conflict. Even when fighting stops, the consequences continue to shape global politics and economics.

Conclusion

The fragile peace between the United States and Iran offers a temporary break from conflict but does not eliminate the underlying challenges. Rising defence budgets, economic uncertainty, and political divisions continue to shape the global landscape. As negotiations continue, the world watches closely. A lasting resolution could stabilize markets and reduce tensions. However, if the fragile peace breaks down, the consequences could extend far beyond the region.

The US-Iran conflict serves as a reminder that modern geopolitical disputes are not confined to battlefields. They influence economies, politics, and everyday life across the globe. In this context, achieving durable peace remains both essential and increasingly difficult.

Lok Sabha Records 93% Productivity in Budget Session, Says Speaker Om Birla

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla adjourned the House after the conclusion of the Budget Session, announcing that the Lower House achieved a productivity of 93% during the proceedings. The session, which began on January 28, saw active legislative and financial business before being brought to a close.

According to the Speaker, the Budget Session comprised 31 sittings over a span of nearly 151 hours and 42 minutes. Despite frequent disruptions and intense debates, the House managed to function with high efficiency and pass several key legislative proposals. Birla highlighted that nine



out of the twelve government bills introduced during the session were successfully passed. The session also witnessed im-

portant financial discussions, including the presentation and debate of the Union Budget for the financial year 2026-27.

The Speaker noted that the Budget discussion alone lasted for several hours and saw participation from dozens of members across party lines. In addition, multiple key bills and policy matters were debated in detail, reflecting a busy legislative agenda.

He further informed that parliamentary business included discussions on major national issues, question hours, and multiple submissions under different procedural rules. Several reports

from standing committees were also presented during the session, along with thousands of papers laid on the table of the House.

Birla emphasized that despite interruptions, the overall functioning of the House remained productive, with members participating in debates and legislative processes. The session also included structured discussions on important national subjects and legislative reforms.

With the adjournment of the Budget Session, Parliament is expected to reconvene in its next scheduled sitting period, continuing its legislative calendar for the year.



“Opposition Will Face Consequences”: PM Modi on Women’s Reservation Bill

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched a sharp attack on the Opposition after the Women’s Reservation Bill failed to clear Parliament, saying they “made a mistake” and will have to face the consequences for their decision.

According to the Prime Minister, the Opposition’s rejection of the constitutional amendment has deprived women of a historic opportunity for greater representation in legislatures. He said the move reflected negatively on their commitment to women’s empowerment and added that the public, especially women voters, would remember this decision.

The remarks came after the bill, which proposed reserving one-third of seats in the Lok Sabha and state assemblies for women, failed to secure the required two-thirds majority in Parliament. Despite support from the ruling side, the bill did not pass due to opposition resistance over procedural and political concerns.

The legislation had been positioned as a landmark reform

aimed at increasing women’s participation in politics. However, opposition parties argued that the proposal was linked to broader electoral restructuring plans, including delimitation, and accused the government of using it for political advantage.

The Prime Minister defended the bill and reiterated that women’s representation is essential for India’s democratic progress. He also emphasized that the government remains committed to implementing the reservation policy and continuing efforts to enhance women’s participation in decision-making roles.

Following the bill’s defeat, political reactions intensified, with the ruling alliance criticising the Opposition for blocking what it described as a historic reform, while opposition leaders maintained their objections to the structure and timing of the proposal.

The issue is expected to remain a major political talking point, especially as debates over women’s representation and electoral reforms continue ahead of future elections.

Kiren Rijju Slams Rahul Gandhi Over Women’s Reservation Bill Defeat, Blames Opposition for Block

Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijju has strongly reacted to the defeat of the Women’s Reservation Bill in the Lok Sabha, targeting Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi and accusing the Opposition of blocking a historic reform.

Rijju said that the government had made sustained efforts to build consensus on the bill, which aimed to provide 33% reservation for women in Parliament and state assemblies. However, he said the required two-thirds majority could not be achieved due to opposition resistance.

He specifically blamed the Opposition bloc for the bill’s failure, stating that it resulted in a “lost opportunity” to empower women politically. According to him, the government had a clear intention to pass the legislation, but the numbers in Parliament did not support constitutional approval.



The minister also linked the controversy to the broader debate around delimitation, arguing that misinformation spread by the Opposition created confusion around the bill’s intent. He maintained that both women’s reservation and electoral reforms were being handled transparently by the government.

Rijju further said that despite the setback, the government remains committed to ensuring women’s representation in legislatures and will

continue efforts to bring back the proposal in a suitable form.

The comments come after the bill failed to secure the necessary majority in Parliament, leading to a political war of words between the ruling alliance and Opposition parties, who have raised concerns over the structure and timing of the legislation.

The issue is expected to remain a key point of political debate, especially with both sides continuing to trade blame over the bill’s collapse.



Priyanka Gandhi Accuses BJP of Using Women’s Reservation Bill for Delimitation ‘Conspiracy’

Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra has strongly criticised the BJP following the defeat of the Women’s Reservation Bill in the Lok Sabha, alleging that the government used the legislation to push a “delimitation agenda” rather than genuinely empowering women.

Speaking during the parliamentary debate, she accused the ruling party of linking women’s reservation with the contentious issue of delimitation, which involves redrawing parliamentary constituencies based on population data. According to her, this linkage created doubts about the government’s intent and turned a straightforward empowerment proposal into a politically charged exercise.

Priyanka Gandhi argued that the government could have implemented 33% reservation for women within the existing 543 Lok Sabha seats instead of connecting it to a future expansion of seats through delimitation. She claimed that this approach raised concerns about political motives and the timing of the

proposal. She further described the bill and related measures as an “attack on democracy,” stating that the way the legislation was structured undermined trust in the process. She also suggested that the debate around women’s reservation was being diverted by focusing on boundary restructuring rather than immediate representation.

The remarks come amid a heated political exchange between the Opposition and the ruling alliance after the bill failed to secure the required two-thirds majority in Parliament. While the government maintained that the proposal was aimed at strengthening women’s representation in legislatures, Opposition parties argued that it was tied to electoral advantages through delimitation.

The controversy has intensified political debate, with both sides accusing each other of misrepresenting the intent of the legislation. The issue is expected to remain a key flashpoint in upcoming parliamentary discussions.

Husband of TCS Accused Nida Khan Helped Police Trace Location, Found Locked House

In the ongoing TCS Nashik case, accused Nida Khan’s husband reportedly assisted police in tracing her last known location after she went missing, according to officials involved in the investigation. However, when the police team reached the spot, they found the premises locked, raising further complications in the search operation.

Sources in the investigation say that police had been working on multiple leads to locate Nida Khan, who is one of the key accused in the case involving serious allegations of workplace harassment and other charges at the TCS Nashik unit. As part of the probe, her family members were also questioned, and her husband reportedly provided crucial information about her whereabouts.

Acting on the inputs, police teams reached the identified location, but the premises were



found locked and vacant. This has added another layer of complexity to the ongoing search, with investigators now widening their efforts and tracking additional digital and physical leads.

The case has triggered a large-scale investigation, with multiple teams deployed to trace the accused. Authorities are examining communication

records, movement history, and other evidence as part of the probe. The search for Nida Khan continues, with police maintaining that all possible efforts are being made to locate her.

The investigation remains active and ongoing, with officials expected to update further developments as the search progresses.



BJP to Launch Nationwide Protests After Women’s Reservation Bill Defeat in Lok Sabha

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has announced a nationwide protest campaign after the Women’s Reservation Bill failed to pass in the Lok Sabha, accusing opposition parties of blocking what it calls a landmark reform for women’s empowerment.

The party has described the bill’s defeat as a “betrayal of Nari Shakti,” arguing that the opposition deliberately stalled the constitutional amendment that sought to reserve one-third of seats in Parliament and state assemblies for women. The BJP leadership has decided to take the issue directly to the public through demonstrations across the country.

According to party sources, the first phase of the campaign will include rallies, street protests, and outreach programmes led by BJP women workers. Demonstrations are also planned outside the residences of senior opposition leaders, including prominent INDIA bloc figures, as part of a broader political mobilisation effort.

The decision came immediately after the bill failed to secure the required two-thirds

majority in the Lok Sabha. The ruling party has blamed the opposition for the outcome, claiming that they blocked a historic opportunity to strengthen women’s representation in Indian politics.

Senior BJP leaders have also taken to social media to criticise the opposition, accusing them of being “anti-women” and celebrating the bill’s failure. The party has stated that it intends to continue its campaign until the 2029 elections, keeping the issue of women’s reservation in the public discourse.

Meanwhile, opposition parties have countered that the bill was linked to controversial proposals such as delimitation and electoral restructuring, which they argue raised concerns about fairness and representation. This disagreement has further deepened the political divide over the legislation.

With both sides exchanging strong accusations, the issue of women’s reservation has now become a major political flashpoint, combining debates on gender representation, electoral boundaries, and federal balance in Parliament.

“No One Can Touch Tamil Nadu”: Rahul Gandhi Targets Centre After Women’s Quota Bill Fails

Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi launched a sharp political attack on the Centre after the Women’s Reservation Bill failed to clear Parliament, using a campaign event in Tamil Nadu to reinforce opposition to what he called an attempt to weaken federalism and state representation.

Addressing a public meeting in Tamil Nadu, Gandhi said that any move to reduce the voice of states in the Union would be strongly resisted by the INDIA bloc. He declared that “no one can touch Tamil Nadu,” framing the issue as part of a larger battle to protect the rights and identity of states within India’s federal structure.



Gandhi alleged that the defeated constitutional amendment was not merely about women’s reservation but was linked to a broader attempt to alter the electoral balance

through delimitation. He argued that such changes could reduce the influence of states like Tamil Nadu in national politics and weaken the federal character of the Constitution.

He also accused the ruling party of targeting regional identities, particularly in southern India, and claimed that the proposal was designed in a way that could diminish the representation of certain states in Parliament. According to him, the INDIA alliance would stand united against any such attempt. The remarks came a day after the Women’s Reservation Bill failed in the Lok Sabha, where it could not secure the required two-thirds majority. The bill, which aimed

to reserve one-third of seats in Parliament and state assemblies for women, had been a key legislative proposal of the government. Political reactions have intensified following the defeat, with the ruling side blaming the Opposition for blocking a historic reform, while Opposition leaders continue to argue that the bill was structured in a way that raised concerns over its long-term political implications. The issue has now evolved into a wider political confrontation involving women’s representation, federalism, and electoral restructuring, with both sides trading sharp criticism as debate continues in Parliament and across states.

Iran Reimposes Restrictions on Strait of Hormuz Amid Escalating Middle East Tensions

Iran has reimposed restrictions on the strategically important Strait of Hormuz, reversing its earlier decision to reopen the vital shipping route. The move comes amid escalating tensions in the Middle East, with Tehran accusing the United States of violating an agreement related to the reopening of the waterway.

Iran's military authorities stated that the United States had failed to honour commitments by continuing restrictions on vessels linked to Iranian ports. In response, Tehran announced that the Strait of Hormuz would once again come under tighter supervi-

sion by Iranian forces. Officials warned that the restrictions would remain in place until vessels connected to Iran are allowed to move freely.

The decision follows Iran's earlier announcement declaring the Strait open after signs of easing tensions in the region. However, the situation changed after the United States reportedly maintained its naval presence and restrictions in the area. Iran claimed this action violated the understanding reached between both sides, prompting the latest move.

Iranian officials also warned that continued pressure from the United States

could lead to further tightening of controls in the region. They indicated that access to the strait may depend on Iranian approval if tensions persist, raising concerns about global shipping and oil supply chains.

The Strait of Hormuz is one of the world's most critical oil transit routes, with nearly one-fifth of global oil shipments passing through the narrow waterway. Any disruption in this region has the potential to significantly impact global energy markets, shipping operations, and fuel prices. The area has already experienced volatility due to ongoing geopolitical tensions and military activity.

Despite the renewed restrictions, diplomatic efforts between the United States and Iran are reportedly continuing. However, the latest developments highlight the fragile nature of the situation and the possibility of further escalation if negotiations fail.

The reimposition of restrictions has sparked concerns across global markets, as uncertainty surrounding the Strait of Hormuz could trigger volatility in oil prices and financial markets. Analysts believe the situation will depend largely on diplomatic progress and whether both sides can reach a broader agreement in the coming days.



US-Iran Talks Likely in Pakistan on Monday as Ceasefire Deadline Nears

The United States and Iran are expected to hold a second round of high-level negotiations in Islamabad on Monday, as efforts intensify to extend a fragile ceasefire and prevent further escalation in the Middle East conflict. The talks are reportedly scheduled for April 20, with delegations from both countries expected to arrive in Pakistan over the weekend.

According to reports, Iranian sources indicated that negotiators from both sides would likely reach Islamabad on Sunday ahead of the discussions. However, US officials have not formally confirmed the meeting, keeping uncertainty around the talks. The negotiations come at a crucial time, as the ceasefire between the two sides is nearing its deadline, increasing pressure on diplomats to reach an agreement.

Pakistan is playing a key mediating role in the discussions, continuing its diplomatic efforts to bring both nations to the negotiating table. The upcoming round is expected to focus on extending the ceasefire and addressing key disagreements that have prevented a broader peace agreement so far. The talks are seen as criti-



cal to avoiding renewed hostilities in the region.

Earlier negotiations between the United States and Iran held in Pakistan ended without a breakthrough, despite lengthy discussions. The failure to reach an agreement raised concerns that the ceasefire could collapse, potentially leading to renewed conflict. Both sides, however, expressed willingness to continue diplomatic efforts.

The ceasefire, which was brokered amid rising tensions in the Middle East, remains fragile, with disagreements over issues such as sanctions, nuclear activity, and regional security still unresolved. Diplomatic sources suggest that

progress in these areas will be essential to achieving a long-term settlement.

Global leaders are closely monitoring the situation, as developments between the United States and Iran have significant implications for regional stability, oil supply, and global financial markets. Any breakthrough in the upcoming talks could help ease tensions, while failure to reach a deal may increase the risk of renewed conflict.

With the ceasefire deadline approaching, Monday's negotiations in Islamabad are expected to play a crucial role in determining whether diplomatic efforts succeed or tensions escalate further.

Iran Warns Strait of Hormuz May Not Remain Open Amid Rising Tensions With US

Iran has warned that the strategic Strait of Hormuz may not remain open if the United States continues its naval blockade, further escalating tensions in the Middle East. The warning came from Iran's Parliament Speaker Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf after US President Donald Trump indicated that the blockade would remain in place until a broader agreement is reached.

Ghalibaf said that continued US pressure could force Iran to reconsider its decision to keep the vital shipping route open. He added that vessel movement through the Strait of Hormuz may be limited to designated routes and could require Iranian authorisation. The statement raised concerns over global energy supplies and maritime trade, as any disruption in the region could impact oil shipments.

The warning came shortly after Iran had announced that the Strait of Hormuz would remain open for commercial vessels during a temporary ceasefire. Iranian officials had earlier indicated that shipping



would continue under coordinated arrangements. However, tensions increased after the United States maintained its naval presence and blockade in the region.

US authorities have stated that the blockade would continue until negotiations with Iran are completed. The United States is reportedly seeking broader commitments from Iran, including issues related to its nuclear programme and

regional security. Iran has rejected several of these demands and described them as unacceptable.

The Strait of Hormuz is one of the world's most important oil transit routes, with a significant portion of global crude oil and liquefied natural gas shipments passing through the narrow waterway. Any restrictions or disruption in this area could lead to volatility in oil prices and global financial

markets. The latest warning has added uncertainty to the already fragile ceasefire and ongoing diplomatic efforts. Talks between the United States and Iran are expected to continue, but tensions remain high as both sides hold firm positions. Analysts believe the situation will depend largely on diplomatic progress and whether restrictions in the region are eased in the coming days.



UN Report Says 47 Women and Girls Killed Daily in Gaza During Conflict

An average of 47 women and girls were killed each day during the Gaza conflict, according to a report released by UN Women, highlighting the severe humanitarian toll of the war. The report estimates that more than 38,000 women and girls lost their lives between October 2023 and December 2025, underscoring the devastating impact on civilians.

UN Women warned that violence and instability have continued even after the ceasefire, raising concerns about the safety and security of civilians, particularly women and children. The agency urged all parties involved to fully implement the ceasefire and adhere to international humanitarian law. It also called for accountability for violations and stronger protection measures for vulnerable populations.

The report also highlighted widespread displacement caused by the conflict. Around one million women and girls were forced to leave their homes, many of whom are now living in overcrowded shelters with limited access to basic necessities. The destruction of homes, hospitals, and infrastructure has further worsened living conditions and made it difficult for displaced families to access essential services. UN Women noted that hundreds of thousands of women in Gaza currently lack access to critical healthcare

services, including maternal and reproductive care. The shortage of functioning medical facilities, combined with ongoing insecurity, has increased risks for pregnant women and those requiring urgent medical treatment. The report warned that the healthcare crisis continues to worsen due to limited resources and damaged infrastructure. The agency also emphasised the psychological and economic impact of the conflict on women and girls. Many families have lost primary earners, leaving women to shoulder additional responsibilities while facing limited employment opportunities and financial insecurity. The ongoing instability has made recovery efforts more difficult for affected communities.

UN officials stressed that protecting civilians must remain a top priority and called for increased humanitarian assistance to address the growing crisis. The report urged the international community to step up support for relief efforts and ensure that aid reaches those most in need.

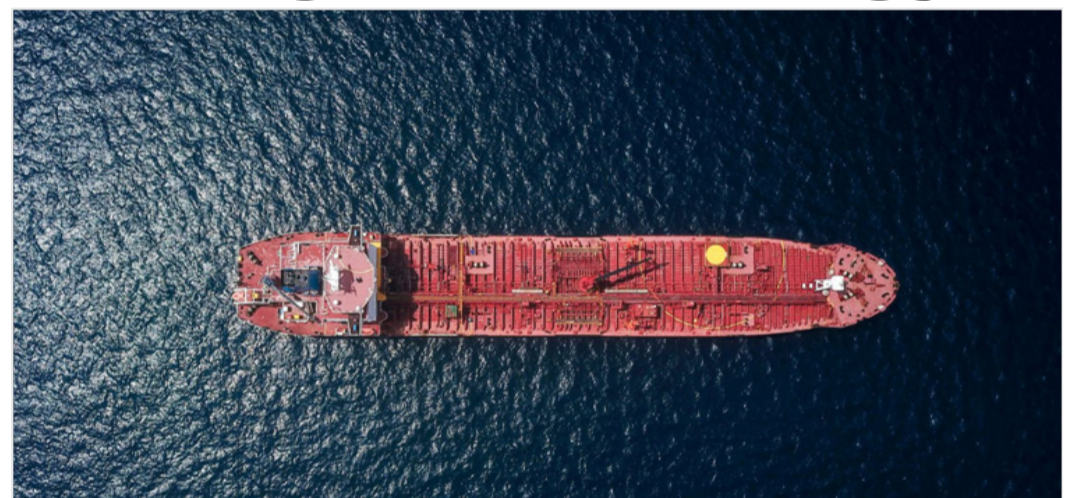
Despite the ceasefire, the humanitarian situation in Gaza remains fragile. Women and girls continue to face displacement, insecurity, and lack of essential services, highlighting the long-term challenges that remain even after the conflict has slowed.

US Extends Deadline for Buying Russian Oil Amid Rising Global Energy Concerns

The United States has extended a sanctions waiver allowing countries to continue purchasing Russian oil for another 30 days, signalling a significant policy shift aimed at stabilising global energy markets. The move comes amid rising oil prices and growing concerns over supply disruptions linked to tensions in the Middle East and uncertainty around key shipping routes.

The extension permits purchases of Russian oil already loaded onto ships to continue until mid-May. This decision marks a change in Washington's earlier position, where officials had indicated that the waiver might not be renewed. The sudden shift reflects increasing concerns over global energy supply and the potential impact of rising fuel prices on economies worldwide.

The waiver is expected to al-



low substantial volumes of Russian crude to continue flowing into global markets. Analysts believe this could help ease supply pressures and prevent sharp increases in oil prices at a time when geopolitical tensions are already creat-

ing volatility. Maintaining steady supply has become a priority as markets remain sensitive to disruptions.

The decision comes amid broader geopolitical tensions, including conflicts affecting key energy supply routes. Concerns

over disruptions in major oil transit points have heightened fears of supply shortages. By extending the waiver, the United States aims to prevent sudden price spikes and maintain stability in global energy markets. However, the move has

sparked debate, as it may weaken efforts to limit Russia's oil revenue linked to the ongoing Ukraine conflict. Some critics argue that extending the waiver could dilute the impact of sanctions imposed on Moscow, while others view it as a necessary step to avoid global economic disruptions. Countries that rely heavily on Russian crude, including major Asian economies, are expected to benefit from the extension. The additional time allows them to manage supply arrangements and reduce the impact of rising energy costs amid global uncertainty. The policy shift reflects Washington's balancing act between maintaining pressure on Russia and ensuring stable energy supplies. While the extension provides temporary relief to global markets, future decisions will likely depend on geopolitical developments and trends in oil prices.

FBI Chief Kash Patel Denies Claims of Being Drunk in Public, Calls Report 'Fake News'

FBI Director Kash Patel has strongly denied allegations that he was repeatedly drunk in public after a report claimed his behaviour had raised concerns among officials in Washington. The claims, based on unnamed current and former officials, alleged that Patel had been seen drinking heavily at public venues in Washington, D.C., sometimes in the presence of administration staff.

According to the report, Patel's alleged drinking habits had become a recurring concern among government officials. Some sources claimed that meetings and briefings were occasionally rescheduled



following nights when Patel was reportedly out drinking. There were also allegations that security personnel had

difficulty waking him on certain occasions after he appeared intoxicated. The report further men-

tioned an incident in which Patel reportedly believed he had been removed from his position after experiencing login issues while accessing an internal computer system. He is said to have contacted aides, assuming he had been dismissed. The issue was later identified as a technical glitch, and he continued in his role.

Sources cited in the report described Patel's behaviour as erratic and claimed that he had expressed concerns about job security. The allegations quickly sparked debate and drew attention to his leadership of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

However, Patel rejected the claims outright, calling them "fake news" and accusing those raising concerns and supporters defending Patel's leadership. Despite the allegations, Patel continues to serve as FBI Director, and no official action has been announced in response to the claims.

Markets Extend Gains for Second Week; Rupee Weakens Amid Global Pressures

Indian equity markets extended their upward momentum for the second consecutive week, supported by positive global cues, easing geopolitical tensions, and softer crude oil prices. However, the Indian rupee weakened during the same period, reflecting continued pressure from global uncertainties and demand for the US dollar.

Benchmark indices recorded solid gains during the week. The BSE Sensex rose by 943.29 points, or 1.21 percent, to close at 78,493.54, while the NSE Nifty 50 gained 302.95 points, or 1.25 percent, to end at 24,353.55. The rally was mainly driven by improving investor sentiment as concerns around geopolitical tensions eased and crude oil prices softened, reducing worries about inflation and India's current account deficit.

The broader markets also participated in the rally, indicating strengthening investor confidence. Midcap and smallcap stocks outperformed the frontline indices, suggesting broad-based buying interest across sectors. Key sectors such as banking, financials, auto, and metals witnessed strong gains, which further supported the overall market momentum. Analysts noted that the improved global outlook encouraged investors to increase exposure to equities.

Foreign institutional investor (FII) activity also showed signs of improvement during the week. Reduced selling pressure from overseas investors helped markets maintain their positive trend. In addition, declining volatility contributed to improved investor confidence and supported market participation. Domestic institutional investors also remained active, providing stability to the markets.

Despite the strong performance in equities, the Indian rupee weakened during the week, breaking its two-week gaining streak. The currency declined by 19 paise to close at 92.92 against the US dollar. The fall was mainly due to persistent global uncertainty, demand for the dollar from importers, and fluctuating crude oil prices. Currency market participants remained cautious amid mixed global signals.



Lloyds Group Acquires Stake in Bharat Wire Ropes; Ind-Swift Labs Falls After Bulk Deal

Shares of Bharat Wire Ropes surged after companies belonging to the Lloyds Group acquired more than a 5 percent stake in the wire rope manufacturer through open market transactions. The development attracted strong investor interest, pushing the stock into a 20 percent upper circuit at Rs 221.96, its highest level since July 2025 and the first such upper circuit since October 2025.



According to bulk deal data, Lloyds Metals and Energy purchased 20 lakh shares of Bharat Wire Ropes at an average price of Rs 193.42 per share. Meanwhile, Lloyds Enterprises bought 11.46 lakh shares at Rs 215.17 per share and an additional 5 lakh shares at Rs 215 per share. In total, Lloyds Group companies acquired a 5.31 percent stake in Bharat Wire Ropes, valued at approximately Rs 74.11 crore.

The buying interest from Lloyds Group companies came alongside selling activity from Resonance Opportunities Fund, which offloaded 17.02 lakh shares, representing a 2.48 percent stake, at Rs 193 per share. Despite this selling pressure, the strong buying interest supported the stock's sharp rally and boosted trading volumes.

In another development, shares of Ind-Swift Laboratories declined sharply after

HCP Investments sold a significant portion of its stake in the pharmaceutical company. The stock dropped 9.32 percent to Rs 131.86 following the bulk deal, reflecting investor caution after the large stake sale. HCP Investments offloaded 48 lakh shares, representing a 5.53 percent stake, at an average price of Rs 134.18 per share, amounting to about Rs 64.4 crore. This came after the investor had already sold a 1.12 percent stake in the previous trading session. Over two days, HCP Investments reduced its holding by 6.65 percent from its earlier shareholding.

Despite the selling pressure, some institutional investors showed interest in Ind-Swift Laboratories. Sahastra Advisors purchased 4.75 lakh shares

at Rs 131.74 per share, while Nova Global Opportunities Fund PCC-Touchstone acquired 8.03 lakh shares at Rs 138.07 per share. These purchases helped limit further losses in the stock.

Meanwhile, in another bulk deal, Prazim Trading and Investment Company bought 32 lakh units of Anzen India Energy Yield Plus Trust at Rs 125 per unit, valued at Rs 40 crore. On the other hand, FamySteri sold 45 lakh units at the same price, amounting to Rs 56.25 crore.

Overall, bulk deal activity remained strong during the session, with buying interest boosting Bharat Wire Ropes shares, while heavy stake sales weighed on Ind-Swift Laboratories.

Citius Transnet InvIT IPO Subscribed 69% on Day 1

The initial public offering (IPO) of Citius Transnet Investment Trust (InvIT) received a moderate response from investors, with the issue subscribed 69 percent on the first day of bidding. The IPO opened for subscription on April 17 and will close on April 21. The company plans to raise around Rs 1,105 crore through the offering.

According to available subscription data, investors placed bids for 4.23 crore units against 6.13 crore units offered on the first day. The portion allocated for non-institutional investors witnessed strong demand and was subscribed 1.16 times. However, participation from institutional investors remained relatively subdued, with the category subscribed only about 30 percent on the opening day.

Ahead of the IPO, the trust had already secured Rs 497.25 crore from anchor investors, which provided some support to the issue. The price band for the offering has been fixed at Rs 99 to Rs 100 per unit, making the investment accessible to a broad range of investors. The minimum bid size has also been structured to attract both retail and institutional participation.

The IPO consists entirely of a fresh issue, and the proceeds will be used primarily for acquiring stakes in road infrastructure assets. The trust plans to invest in SRPL Roads



Private Limited and several project special purpose vehicles. These include Thrissur Expressway Limited, Jorabat-Shillong Expressway Limited, Dhola Infra Projects Private Limited, and Dibang Infra Projects Private Limited. A portion of the funds will also be allocated for general corporate purposes and operational requirements.

Citius Transnet Investment Trust focuses on transportation infrastructure, particularly road assets. Infrastructure investment trusts typically of-

fer investors an opportunity to earn stable returns through operational infrastructure projects that generate steady cash flows. These assets often include toll-based and annuity-based road projects, which are considered relatively stable income-generating investments.

Market participants will closely monitor subscription trends over the remaining days of the IPO. Strong participation from institutional investors and retail buyers in the coming sessions could improve

overall subscription levels. Investor sentiment toward infrastructure investment trusts and long-term yield-generating assets will also play a key role in determining the final outcome of the issue.

Overall, the IPO saw a decent start on the first day, with moderate demand across investor categories. The response in the remaining days will be crucial in determining the overall success of the Citius Transnet InvIT offering.



Wall Street Hits Record Highs as Oil Prices Fall After Strait of Hormuz Reopens

Wall Street's major indices surged to record highs after oil prices declined sharply following Iran's announcement that the Strait of Hormuz remained open for commercial shipping. The development eased geopolitical tensions and boosted investor sentiment, leading to strong gains across US markets.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average jumped 868.71 points, or 1.79 percent, to close at 49,447.43. The S&P 500 gained 84.78 points, or 1.20 percent, to settle at 7,126.06, while the Nasdaq Composite also advanced, marking its third consecutive record closing high. The rally reflected improving investor confidence amid expectations of reduced global supply disruptions. The market optimism followed remarks from Iran's foreign minister confirming that the Strait of Hormuz was open for commercial vessels. The announcement came after

easing tensions in the Middle East, which raised hopes of improved oil supply and reduced energy price pressures. Investors responded positively, with buying seen across multiple sectors.

Lower oil prices played a key role in supporting equity markets. Crude prices dropped sharply as concerns about supply disruptions eased. The decline in oil prices helped reduce inflation worries and improved expectations for economic growth. However, energy stocks faced some pressure as falling crude prices impacted the sector.

Investor sentiment was also supported by expectations of renewed diplomatic efforts between global powers and Middle Eastern nations. Hopes of stability in the region improved risk appetite, encouraging investors to move into equities, particularly in consumer discretionary, industrial, and

technology stocks.

Small-cap stocks also performed strongly, with the Russell 2000 index climbing to a record closing high. The broad-based rally reflected optimism about economic growth and improved market conditions.

For the week, US markets recorded solid gains. The Nasdaq posted the strongest performance, followed by the S&P 500 and the Dow Jones Industrial Average. The rally highlighted growing confidence among investors that easing geopolitical tensions and lower energy prices could support global economic recovery.

Despite the strong gains, analysts remain cautious as geopolitical developments in the Middle East continue to be monitored. However, the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz provided significant relief to global markets and helped push Wall Street indices to fresh record highs.

Mehul Telecom IPO Sees Strong Demand, Subscribed Over 3 Times on Day 1

The initial public offering (IPO) of Mehul Telecom witnessed strong investor interest on the first day of bidding, with the issue subscribed more than three times. The SME IPO opened on April 17 and will remain open for subscription until April 21, drawing healthy participation across investor categories.

The IPO was subscribed 3.38 times on the opening day, with investors bidding for around 69.04 lakh shares against an offer size of about 20.4 lakh shares. The strong demand was largely driven by non-institutional investors, who subscribed their portion 7.24 times. Retail investors also showed solid interest, subscribing their segment 2.34 times, while qualified institutional buyers subscribed their category 1.34 times.

Rajkot-based Mehul Telecom aims to raise approximately Rs 27.73 crore through the public issue. The IPO comprises a fresh issue of 28.29 lakh shares, with the price band fixed at Rs 96 to Rs 98 per share. The proceeds from the issue will primarily be used to meet working capital requirements, support business expansion, and for general corporate purposes.

Mehul Telecom operates a multi-brand mobile retail busi-



ness offering smartphones, accessories, and related products. The company follows a hybrid retail model, combining company-owned outlets and franchise stores to expand its footprint. It primarily focuses on tapping demand in growing markets, including tier-2 and tier-3 cities, where smartphone adoption continues to increase.

The IPO has attracted investor attention amid growing de-

mand in India's mobile retail sector. The expansion of digital connectivity, rising smartphone usage, and increasing consumer spending have supported the sector's growth prospects. Investors have also shown strong interest in SME IPOs in recent months, contributing to the positive response.

The basis of allotment is expected to be finalised on April 22, while shares are likely to be credited to investors' demat ac-

counts on April 23. The stock is expected to list on the BSE SME platform on April 24.

Overall, Mehul Telecom's IPO received a robust response on the first day, with strong demand from non-institutional and retail investors. The subscription trend in the remaining days will determine the final outcome of the issue and reflect investor sentiment toward the company's growth prospects.

Inside Big Tech Hiring: Recruiter Reveals Why Even Strong Candidates Get Rejected

Getting hired by big technology companies is often seen as a major career milestone. However, many talented candidates are rejected despite performing well in interviews. A recruiter who conducted more than 200 interviews at a large tech company has shed light on why this happens, revealing that hiring decisions are not always based solely on technical skills.

According to the recruiter, one of the most important yet overlooked stages in the hiring process is the post-interview discussion, commonly known as the "debrief." After all interviews are completed, panel members gather to share their opinions about candidates. While applicants may believe their performance alone determines the outcome, these dis-

cussions can significantly influence the final decision.

The recruiter explained that even strong candidates sometimes get rejected if one interviewer raises concerns. For instance, a candidate might perform well in most rounds but still fail to receive an offer because one interviewer felt they lacked communication skills, cultural fit, or problem-solving approach. In some cases, subjective factors such as personality, confidence, or even minor misunderstandings can impact decisions.

Another key issue highlighted was the lack of transparency in feedback. Most candidates receive standard rejection emails without any detailed explanation. As a result, applicants often assume they lacked tech-

nical ability, even though the real reason could be unrelated to their skills. The recruiter noted that they had seen many capable candidates turned down for reasons that were not directly connected to job performance.

The recruiter also mentioned the influence of referrals in the hiring process. Candidates referred by employees often receive more attention and may have higher chances of progressing through interview stages. Meanwhile, equally qualified candidates without referrals may struggle to stand out in a competitive pool of applicants.

Additionally, business needs and internal changes can also affect hiring outcomes. Sometimes companies pause hiring, change priorities, or reduce headcount after in-

terviews are completed. In such situations, candidates may be rejected despite performing well, simply because the role is no longer available.

The recruiter emphasized that rejection in big tech hiring does not always reflect a candidate's ability. Many factors beyond performance can influence decisions, making the process unpredictable. They encouraged job seekers not to take rejections personally and to continue improving their skills and applying for new opportunities.

The insights sparked discussion among professionals, with many sharing similar experiences. The overall message was clear: in big tech hiring, success depends not only on talent but also on timing, perception, and internal decision-making.



Security Guard In Hyderabad Performs Duties Under Mosquito Net, Sparks Debate

A video from Hyderabad has gone viral after showing a security guard performing his night-shift duties while sitting under a mosquito net. The unusual scene quickly caught attention online and sparked a wider discussion about the working conditions of security personnel in residential societies.

In the video, the guard is seen seated on a chair during his night duty, completely covered by a mosquito net to protect himself from insect bites. Despite the unconventional setup, he continues to stay alert and carry out his responsibilities. The clip was shared on social media by a user who highlighted the difficult conditions under which the guard was working.

While sharing the video, the user questioned why basic facilities were not provided to security guards, especially when residents live comfortably indoors. The post also raised concerns about the lack of attention given to workers who perform essential duties, particularly during late-night hours and in challenging conditions.

The video quickly gained traction online, with many users expressing concern over the guard's situation. Several people described the scene as troubling and said it reflected the hardships faced by security personnel. Some users suggest-



ed that residential societies should provide better facilities such as proper cabins, fans, and mosquito control measures to improve working conditions.

However, not everyone viewed the situation negatively. A few users pointed out that using a mosquito net could simply be a practical solution, especially in areas with heavy mosquito presence. They argued that the guard may have chosen this method himself to

stay comfortable while working.

The discussion soon expanded into a broader conversation about the dignity of labour and the treatment of workers who ensure safety in residential areas. Many users emphasised that security guards often work long hours, usually outdoors or in small spaces, making them vulnerable to weather conditions and insects.

The viral clip highlighted how small, everyday moments

can bring attention to larger issues. It prompted people to reflect on the working conditions of security personnel and whether more can be done to support them.

While the video captured a simple situation, it sparked meaningful debate about empathy, workplace comfort, and the importance of ensuring better facilities for essential workers who play a crucial role in maintaining safety and security.

"Crayons Started Melting": Bengaluru Woman Highlights Rising Heat in City

A Bengaluru woman has sparked an online conversation about rising temperatures after sharing a video showing crayons melting in the sun. The clip, posted by Geetha Shree Nagaraj on social media, captured a tray of crayons turning soft and losing shape due to the intense heat — something many residents found surprising for a city known for its pleasant weather.

In the video, she expressed shock at how hot the weather had become and humorously remarked that the heat felt strong enough to cook an omelette outdoors. Her light-hearted observation quickly resonated with viewers, and the clip soon gained attention across social media platforms. Many users commented that Bengaluru's weather no longer feels as cool and comfortable as it once did.

Bengaluru has long enjoyed a reputation for its moderate climate, often earning the nickname "India's air-conditioned city." However, in recent years, residents have increasingly reported warmer days, especially during the summer months. The melting crayons became a simple but striking example of how temperatures appear to be rising.

Several social media users shared their own experiences



in response to the video. Some mentioned that afternoons have become noticeably hotter, while others said they were using fans and air conditioners more frequently than before. A few users pointed to climate change and rapid urbanisation as possible reasons behind the shift in weather patterns.

Experts often highlight that expanding urban development can contribute to rising temperatures in cities. Increasing construction, heavy traffic, and shrinking green spaces can create what is known as the "urban heat island" effect, where built-up areas trap more heat. Bengaluru, which has grown rapidly over the past decade, has seen significant changes in its landscape, including reduced tree cover and expanding infrastructure.

The viral video also sparked discussions about the need for sustainable urban planning.

Some users called for more tree planting, better conservation of green spaces, and environmentally friendly initiatives to help manage rising temperatures. Others urged authorities to take steps to maintain the city's once-pleasant climate.

Although the melting crayons were shared in a humorous context, they highlighted a serious concern about changing weather conditions. Small, everyday observations like this often reflect broader environmental changes that people experience in their daily lives.

As temperatures continue to rise in many Indian cities, Bengaluru's melting crayon moment has become a relatable example of how climate shifts are becoming more noticeable. It serves as a reminder that even a simple tray of crayons can reveal how much the weather is changing.

Mumbai Woman Claims She Manages Monthly Expenses Under 18,000. Sparks Debate Online

Living in Mumbai is often considered expensive, especially for those living independently. However, a Mumbai-based woman has surprised many after claiming that she manages all her monthly expenses within 18,000. Her budget breakdown, shared in a social media video, quickly went viral and sparked debate online.

The woman, identified as Shreya Gan, said she lives alone in a 1RK apartment and pays 11,500 as monthly rent. Given Mumbai's high housing costs, many viewers were surprised by the relatively affordable rent. She explained that keeping her accommodation costs low helps her manage other expenses more effectively. She also shared details about her utility expenses. According to her, the electricity bill ranges between 300 and 400 per month, while her mobile recharge costs around 300. These minimal utility expenses further contribute to keeping her overall budget under control. For transportation, she said she primarily uses Mumbai's local trains for her daily commute. She occasionally takes auto or taxi rides, bringing her monthly travel expenses to around 500. Her grocery



spending, she added, usually falls between 1,500 and 1,800 per month. In addition to essential expenses, she revealed that she spends about 2,000 on online shopping and approximately 1,000 on miscellaneous costs. When combined, her total monthly expenditure comes to around 17,500 to 18,000, allowing her to live independently within a limited budget.

Her claims quickly drew mixed reactions online. Many users expressed surprise, especially about the low rent and

transportation costs. Some questioned how it was possible to find such affordable housing in Mumbai, while others shared that their rent alone exceeded her total monthly budget. Several users also pointed out that living costs can vary significantly depending on location, lifestyle, and personal habits. Some people appreciated her disciplined budgeting and minimalist lifestyle, noting that careful spending can help reduce expenses even in expensive cities. The discus-

sion soon turned into a broader conversation about affordability in metro cities. Many users shared their own budgeting strategies and experiences of managing finances in Mumbai. While some remained skeptical about the practicality of her budget, others viewed it as an example of smart financial planning. Her viral video ultimately highlighted how different lifestyle choices and spending habits can shape living expenses, even in one of India's most expensive cities.

"No Placements Like India": Indian Man In Paris Explains Why Job Hunting In Europe Is Tough

An Indian man living in Paris has sparked a conversation online after explaining why finding a job in Europe can be more challenging compared to India. In a video shared on social media, he highlighted the key differences in hiring practices and how job seekers must adapt to a different system.

According to him, one of the biggest differences is the absence of structured campus placements in Europe. In India, many colleges and universities organise placement drives where companies visit campuses, conduct interviews, and hire students directly. This system makes it easier for fresh graduates to secure jobs soon after completing their education. However, he pointed out that such organised placement opportunities are largely unavailable in many European countries.

Instead, job seekers in Europe must rely heavily on independent applications and networking. Candidates are expected to actively search for opportunities, apply through company websites, and connect with professionals in their field. While job fairs and university career events do exist, they usually do not guarantee employment. As a result, the process can take longer and require more effort.

He also emphasised the im-



portance of networking in Europe's job market. Building professional connections, reaching out to recruiters, and maintaining an active presence on platforms like LinkedIn can significantly improve chances of getting noticed. In many cases, referrals and personal connections play an important role in helping candidates move forward in the hiring process. Another difference he highlighted was the interview process itself. European companies often focus on communication skills, personality, and cultural fit in addition to technical knowledge. Candidates are expected to clearly explain their ideas, demonstrate teamwork abilities, and show confidence during interviews. This means academic qualifications alone may not be enough to secure a

job. The video quickly gained attention online, with many users agreeing with his observations. Several people shared their own experiences of struggling to find jobs abroad despite strong academic backgrounds. Others mentioned that adjusting to a new hiring culture takes time and patience.

His insights highlight that while Europe offers many opportunities, job hunting there requires a different approach. Success often depends on networking, persistence, and communication skills rather than structured campus recruitment. The discussion also served as a reminder for students planning to move abroad to prepare for a more independent and competitive job search process.

Delhi Capitals Edge RCB in Last-Over Thriller

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Delhi Capitals pulled off a thrilling six-wicket victory over Royal Challengers Bengaluru in a nail-biting IPL 2026 clash at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium on Saturday. Chasing a competitive target of 176, Delhi Capitals showed composure under pressure to seal the win with just one ball to spare. The match witnessed a dramatic turnaround after Delhi lost early wickets and found them-

selves struggling in the powerplay. However, KL Rahul anchored the innings with a crucial 57 runs, stabilizing the chase. He was well supported by Tristan Stubbs, who remained unbeaten on 60 and played a match-winning knock. With the game going down to the final over, David Miller delivered under pressure, smashing key boundaries to finish the match in style. His late cameo ensured Delhi crossed the line despite tight bowling from RCB in the death overs. Earlier, RCB posted a chal-

lenging total of 175/8, thanks to a solid 63 from Phil Salt. However, regular wickets prevented them from accelerating further. Delhi's bowlers, including Axar Patel and others, maintained discipline and restricted the scoring in crucial phases. The victory boosted Delhi Capitals' position in the points table, while RCB faced a setback despite a strong start. The contest highlighted the unpredictable nature of T20 cricket, with momentum swinging until the very last over.



SRH Hold Nerve to Beat CSK

Sunrisers Hyderabad registered a thrilling last-over victory against Chennai Super Kings in an intense IPL 2026 clash at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium on Saturday.

Batting first, Sunrisers Hyderabad posted a strong total of 194/9 in 20 overs. Abhishek Sharma led the charge with a quickfire 59, while Heinrich Klaasen contributed a valuable half-century to steady the innings. Despite losing wickets towards the end, SRH managed to set a challenging target. In reply, Chennai Super Kings began well and looked on track during the middle overs. However, SRH bowlers pulled things back in the death overs with disciplined performances. Sri Lankan pacer Eshan Malinga played a key role by



picking up crucial wickets, while support bowlers maintained pressure.

With the match going down to the final over, SRH held their composure to restrict CSK to

184/8, sealing a narrow 10-run victory. The win boosted Hyderabad's position in the points table, while CSK were left to reflect on missed chances in a closely fought encounter.

Moeen Ali Explains Decision to Skip IPL 2026 for Pakistan Super League

Former England all-rounder Moeen Ali has revealed the reason behind his decision to skip IPL 2026 and instead participate in the Pakistan Super League (PSL), saying he wanted more playing opportunities and a shorter tournament schedule.

The 38-year-old cricketer explained that at this stage of his career, he prefers to stay actively involved rather than spend time on the bench. Moeen said that during the previous IPL season, he had limited chances to play, which influenced his decision to explore other leagues where he could contribute more consistently.

He also pointed out that the PSL's shorter duration suited his personal priorities, allowing him to balance cricket with family time. Moeen added that as he approaches the later stage of his career, managing workload and maintaining fitness have become increasingly important factors in choosing tournaments.

Moeen further stated that he had long been interested in playing in the Pakistan Super League, and the opportunity to join a PSL franchise made the decision easier. While acknowledging that no player is guaranteed a place in any team, he



expressed confidence in his ability to contribute and enjoy his cricket.

The overlap between the IPL and PSL schedules has forced several overseas players to choose between the two leagues. For veteran players,

shorter tournaments with greater chances of playing have become an attractive option.

Moeen Ali has had a long association with the IPL, representing multiple franchises over the years and playing key

roles in several seasons. His decision to opt for the PSL reflects a growing trend among experienced international players prioritising playing time, flexibility, and workload management.

Jasprit Bumrah's Rare Outburst During IPL 2026 Match Surprises Fans

Mumbai Indians pacer Jasprit Bumrah left fans surprised after an unusual emotional outburst during an IPL 2026 match, with an unseen video capturing the star bowler visibly frustrated on the field. Known for his calm and composed demeanor, Bumrah was seen losing his cool after a difficult outing with the ball.

The incident took place during Mumbai Indians' clash against Royal Challengers Bengaluru. After completing one of his overs, Bumrah appeared visibly upset and kicked his bowling marker before throwing it aside. He was also seen shouting in frustration, a rare sight for the Indian pace spearhead. The video quickly went viral on social media, drawing reactions from fans and cricket experts alike.

Bumrah's reaction came during a challenging match for Mumbai Indians, where the bowling unit struggled to contain the opposition. Royal Challengers Bengaluru posted a massive total of 240 for 6, putting Mumbai under significant pressure. Despite his efforts, Bumrah failed to pick up a



wicket and conceded runs, adding to his frustration.

The star pacer's struggles have continued throughout the IPL 2026 season, where he has yet to make a major impact. Mumbai Indians have also faced inconsistent performances, which has further increased pressure on senior players, including Bumrah.

In response, Mumbai Indians mounted a strong chase but fell short, finishing at 222 for 5. The defeat added to the

team's challenges this season, as they continue to search for momentum in the tournament.

Bumrah's rare display of emotion highlighted the intensity of the competition and the pressure players face during high-scoring encounters. While fans were surprised by the outburst, many also expressed support for the fast bowler, hoping he would bounce back strongly in the upcoming matches.

Hardik Pandya's Captaincy Under Fire After Mumbai Indians' Loss

Mumbai Indians captain Hardik Pandya has come under sharp criticism following the team's latest defeat in IPL 2026, with former India all-rounder Irfan Pathan delivering a blunt assessment of his leadership. The criticism came after Mumbai Indians suffered another disappointing loss to Punjab Kings, further deepening their struggles this season. Despite a brilliant century from Quinton de Kock, Mumbai Indians failed to defend their total as Punjab Kings chased down the target comfortably. The defeat marked Mumbai's fourth loss in five matches, leaving the five-time champions languishing near the bottom of the points table.

Hardik Pandya also endured a poor outing in the match. The

Mumbai Indians skipper managed just 14 runs with the bat and failed to make an impact with the ball. Following the defeat, Irfan Pathan expressed concern over Pandya's leadership and overall performance, stating that the captain appeared worried and needed to manage situations more effectively. Pathan pointed out that leadership plays a crucial role during tough phases, especially when the team is struggling for momentum. He suggested that Pandya must take control of the situation and find ways to inspire the team, as Mumbai Indians continue to search for consistency in IPL 2026.

The defeat added to Mumbai Indians' growing problems, with both batting and bowling units struggling to deliver col-

lectively. While individual performances like de Kock's century provided hope, the team's inability to execute plans under pressure has remained a major concern.

Pandya's captaincy has been under scrutiny since the team's poor start to the season. With only one win so far, the pressure is mounting on the skipper to turn things around quickly. Mumbai Indians now face a challenging road ahead as they attempt to revive their campaign and keep their play-off hopes alive.

The criticism from former players highlights the urgency for Mumbai Indians to regroup and improve, with fans hoping the team can bounce back before it is too late in the tournament.

Smriti Mandhana Surpasses Rohit Sharma, Scripts Historic Record for India

Indian vice-captain Smriti Mandhana etched her name in history after surpassing Rohit Sharma to become India's highest run-scorer in T20 Internationals. The landmark achievement came during the first T20I between India Women and South Africa Women.

Mandhana entered the match level with Rohit Sharma's tally and needed only a few runs to claim the record. She reached the milestone after scoring 13 runs in the contest, moving past Rohit to become the leading Indian run-scorer in T20I cricket across both men's and women's formats. The left-handed opener achieved the feat in 155 innings across 161 matches, maintaining an impressive average and strike rate. Her tally includes one century and more than 30 half-centuries, highlighting her consistency at the top of the order in the shortest format. Mandhana's achievement marks another major milestone in her already successful career. Over the years, she has emerged as one of India's most dependable batters in T20 cricket. Her ability to anchor innings while also accelerating when needed has made her a key player in India's lineup. The



record also places Mandhana among the leading run-scorers in women's T20I cricket

globally. Her consistent performances have helped India remain competitive in the for-

mat and contributed to the growth of women's cricket in the country.

Ram Charan's 'Peddi' Likely to Lock June 4 Release Date

Ram Charan's highly anticipated pan-India film *Peddi* is reportedly heading toward a June release, with industry sources suggesting that June 4, 2026, is being considered as the new release date. The development comes after discussions among key stakeholders, including the film's makers and streaming partner, who are said to have agreed on the proposed date.

The film was originally scheduled to hit theatres on April 30, 2026. However, the makers decided to postpone the release to allow more time for planning the theatrical rollout and post-release arrangements. Following the

delay, the team has been evaluating suitable release windows to ensure a smooth launch without competition.

With all parties reportedly aligned on June 4, the film is now expected to move closer to locking its final release date. However, an official confirmation from the makers is still awaited. Once finalized, the team is expected to begin full-scale promotional activities for the big-budget entertainer.

Peddi is one of the most awaited films of Ram Charan's career and features Janhvi Kapoor as the female lead. The movie has generated significant buzz due to its scale, star cast,

and the collaboration between Ram Charan and director Buchi Babu Sana. The project is being mounted as a major pan-India release and is expected to open in multiple languages. The film's postponement has also reshuffled the release calendar, with other films stepping into the previously reserved slots. Meanwhile, fans are eagerly waiting for the official announcement, which could arrive soon if the proposed date is finalized.

If the plan goes through, *Peddi* is likely to arrive in theatres in early June, setting the stage for one of the biggest releases of 2026.



Vijay Deverakonda Teams Up With 'Hi Nanna' Director Shouryuv for Ambitious Film

Actor Vijay Deverakonda has officially announced his collaboration with *Hi Nanna* director Shouryuv for an ambitious new project, creating excitement among fans and industry circles. The actor confirmed the development through social media, revealing that the film is tentatively titled *VDxShouryuv*.

Sharing his enthusiasm, Vijay Deverakonda described the project as an "intimidating film" and expressed confidence in the team. He also mentioned that the film would feature a strong global crew, hinting at a large-scale production. The announcement quickly grabbed attention, with fans eager to see what the duo will deliver.

The announcement poster added to the intrigue, showing Vijay Deverakonda walking alongside a group carrying weapons, while director Shouryuv appeared with a horse and sword. The visuals hinted that the film could be a war-action drama or a high-intensity narrative. The striking imagery has further raised expectations around the



project.

The film will be produced by Vyra Entertainments, the same banner behind *Hi Nanna*. The collaboration is expected to bring together Shouryuv's emotional storytelling style and Vijay Deverakonda's energetic screen presence.

Shouryuv gained recognition with his directorial debut *Hi Nanna*, which received positive responses for its emotional narrative and performances.

His next project with Vijay Deverakonda is expected to be mounted on a much bigger scale, marking an important step in his career.

Meanwhile, Vijay Deverakonda has a busy lineup of films and continues to explore diverse roles. This collaboration with Shouryuv adds another interesting project to his upcoming slate and has already generated significant buzz among fans.

RashmiKandanna Trains 8 Hours Daily for Intense 'Mysaa' Transformation

RashmiKandanna is undergoing intense training for her upcoming film *Mysaa*, dedicating nearly eight hours every day to prepare for one of the most physically demanding roles of her career. The actress is said to be working hard to transform herself into a powerful and rugged character, marking a major shift from her usual on-screen image.

According to reports, Rashmi has been focusing on intense physical workouts, action training, and martial arts sessions as part of her preparation. The film demands a strong and fierce avatar, and the actress is leaving no stone unturned to achieve the desired look and performance. Her disciplined routine includes strength training, endurance exercises, and combat practice. *Mysaa* is expected to



present Rashmi in a never-before-seen role. The film is being directed by RawindraPulle and is mounted as a large-scale pan-India project. The story is set in a tribal backdrop, with Rashmi portraying a power-

ful and intense character that requires significant physical transformation. The actress's dedication has already created buzz among fans, especially after glimpses and posters hinted at her fierce new avatar. The

makers have also brought in experienced stunt professionals to ensure the action sequences look authentic and impactful. The film is expected to feature high-octane action along with emotional depth.

Rashmi's transformation for *Mysaa* is being seen as a major milestone in her career. Known largely for romantic and commercial roles, the actress is now stepping into a gritty, action-oriented character that showcases a different side of her acting range.

With rigorous training and a demanding schedule, RashmiKandanna's preparation highlights her commitment to delivering a powerful performance. As anticipation builds around *Mysaa*, fans are eagerly waiting to see the actress in this intense and action-packed avatar.

BhagyashriBorse Emerging as Tollywood's Next Big Star

Actress BhagyashriBorse is steadily gaining attention in the Telugu film industry, with growing buzz suggesting that she is being positioned as one of the next big stars in Tollywood. Her recent performances and rising visibility in multiple projects have made her a frequent topic of discussion among film circles and audiences.

Despite being relatively new to the industry, Bhagyashri has already appeared in several notable films and is working alongside established stars. Even though some of her early films did not perform strongly at the box office, industry observers note that she continues to receive consistent opportunities from filmmakers. Her screen presence, glamour, and improving acting skills are being highlighted as key strengths.

Reports suggest that production houses and directors are increasingly showing interest in casting her, and she is being considered for several upcoming high-profile projects. Her name has also been linked to multiple big-banner films, indicating that she is steadily moving into the mainstream Tollywood space.

Industry talk further suggests that Bhagyashri's popularity is growing among audiences, especially due to her pairing with leading actors and her participation in widely discussed films. Social media buzz and promotional appearances have also contributed to her rising recognition.

While she is still in the early stages of her career, film circles believe that a major breakthrough could quickly elevate her into the top league of actresses in South Indian cinema. Her ongoing projects are being closely watched, as they are expected to play a crucial role in shaping her future standing in the industry.

At present, BhagyashriBorse is seen as one of the promising young talents in Tollywood, with expectations that she could become a major star if her upcoming films succeed at the box office.



Mrunal Thakur's Stunning Transformation Becomes Talk of the Internet

Actress Mrunal Thakur is once again making headlines, this time for her impressive transformation that has caught the attention of fans across social media. Known for her versatility and ability to adapt to different roles, the actress has showcased a striking new look that is quickly going viral online.

Mrunal has been delivering back-to-back contrasting performances, which has significantly boosted her popularity in recent times. Her latest

appearance reflects a noticeable shift in style and screen presence, further highlighting her evolving career choices. Fans and netizens have praised her transformation, calling it refreshing and impressive.

The actress has been gaining momentum with her recent projects and continues to experiment with diverse roles. From emotional characters to intense performances, Mrunal has demonstrated her ability to adapt and reinvent herself. This latest

transformation adds another dimension to her growing reputation as one of the most versatile performers in the industry.

With multiple projects lined up, Mrunal Thakur is currently enjoying strong visibility across platforms. Her transformation and consistent performances have helped her become one of the most talked-about actresses on the internet. As anticipation builds around her upcoming films, fans are eager to see what she delivers next.



Balakrishna-Koratala Siva Film Likely to Go on Floors Before 'Devara 2', Says Report

A new buzz in the Telugu film industry suggests that NandamuriBalakrishna may team up with director Koratala Siva for a film that could begin before *Devara 2*. The project is currently in early discussion stages and is yet to be officially announced.

According to reports, Koratala Siva has already narrated a strong script to Balakrishna, and the veteran actor is said to have shown interest in the story. The film is expected to be a high-impact commercial entertainer, blending mass appeal with a strong social

message, a trademark style of the director.

What makes the discussion interesting is the timing. Koratala Siva is currently occupied with *Devara 2*, the much-awaited sequel starring Jr NTR. However, the schedule of *Devara 2* is reportedly stretching, and there is speculation that the Balakrishna project could be taken up in the gap period or even prioritised depending on availability.

Industry chatter suggests that Balakrishna's busy lineup is also a factor, but the actor has been known to work on



multiple projects in parallel. If things fall into place, the film could go on floors before Koratala fully moves into the next

phase of *Devara 2*.

At this stage, there is no official confirmation from either the actor or the director. The collaboration remains in discussion, and final clarity is expected only after scheduling and production planning are locked.

If the project materialises, it would mark a powerful combination of Balakrishna's mass screen presence and Koratala Siva's socially driven storytelling, making it one of the most talked-about potential collaborations in Telugu cinema.

Yash Reveals 'Toxic' Story: Father-Son Revenge Drama Set in Historic Goa

Actor Yash has revealed key details about his upcoming film *Toxic*: A Fairy Tale for Grown-Ups, describing it as a dark, intense father-son revenge drama set against a historical backdrop. The film has already generated strong buzz due to its unique concept and large-scale production.

According to Yash, the story is not a conventional gangster film but a layered revenge narrative centered on the emotional and violent conflict between a father and son. The plot is reportedly set in Goa during the Portuguese colonial era, adding a distinctive historical setting to the storyline.

The actor explained that the film explores themes of revenge, power, and emotional conflict, with both characters being deeply affected by circumstances that push them into opposing paths. The narrative is said to combine intense drama with a gritty, stylised backdrop.

Yash also hinted that the film has a dual-layered structure, with complex character dynamics forming the core of the story. The setting in a politically and socially turbulent era further intensifies the storyline, making it different from typical commercial action dramas.

Directed by Geetu Mohandas, *Toxic* is positioned as a large-scale pan-India project featuring a star-studded cast and high production values. The film is expected to showcase Yash in a powerful and intense avatar, continuing his streak of action-oriented roles but with a more layered emotional depth.

The film is one of the most anticipated releases in Indian cinema, with expectations high due to its scale, storytelling style, and Yash's recent success. It is currently scheduled for release in 2026 and continues to remain in the spotlight as more details about its plot and characters emerge.

