

Minister Narayana Arrives in Singapore

Singapore, April 20 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Minister P. Narayana arrived in Singapore on an official visit and received a warm welcome from members of the Singapore Telugu Desam Forum at the airport.

During his visit, the Minister participated as the chief guest in celebrations organised by the forum to mark the birthday of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu. The event was held in a grand manner, with members cutting a cake and extending their greetings.

The gathering saw active participation from Telugu community members in Singapore, who expressed their admiration for the Chief Minister and highlighted ongoing developments in Andhra Pradesh.

Minister Narayana appreciated the efforts of the Telugu Desam supporters abroad and interacted with the attendees. He acknowledged the role of the diaspora in promoting the State's image and fostering connections at the international level.

As part of his official itinerary, the Minister is scheduled to take part in training programmes organised by the Singapore government starting tomorrow. The sessions are expected to focus on urban development, infrastructure planning, and governance practices.

The visit is seen as an opportunity to gain insights from Singapore's globally recognised development model, which could be adapted to support Andhra Pradesh's growth initiatives.



Self-Employment Push, Power Works Gain Pace

Rajamahendravaram, April 20 | TPN Bureau

Marking the birthday of Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu, a series of development programmes were organised in Rajamahendravaram Rural constituency, focusing on women empowerment and expansion of power infrastructure. As part of the initiatives, egg cart units were distributed to women from self-help groups under the goal of "one entrepreneur per household." The programme, held near Kotipalli bus stand, was attended by Ministers Gottipati Ravi Kumar and Kandula Durgesh, who handed over the units to beneficiaries. Local MLAs including

Gorantla Butchaiah Chowdary and Adireddy Srinivas also participated.

Beneficiaries expressed happiness, stating that the initiative would provide financial support and improve their livelihoods. Public representatives said such schemes would strengthen women's economic independence and bring social change. In parallel, significant developments were undertaken in the power sector: Minister Gottipati Ravi Kumar inaugurated a 33/11 KV substation at Kadiyam and reviewed ongoing works in the region. He said projects worth 300 crore are being executed under RDSS in East Godavari district to address low-voltage is-

sues and strengthen infrastructure.

The Minister stated that new substations and transformers are being installed to ensure quality supply. He added that feeder-level bifurcation is being implemented to provide nine hours of daytime power to agriculture and 24-hour supply to households. Highlighting technological advancements, he said battery storage systems are being utilised to store surplus daytime power for use during peak demand. The combined focus on livelihood generation and infrastructure development reflects the government's efforts to improve living standards across the region.



Kolleru Boundary Issue Taken to Centre

Amaravati, April 20 | TPN Bureau

The Andhra Pradesh government has written to the Centre seeking clarity and resolution on the long-pending boundary issues of Kolleru Lake, a crucial ecological zone and livelihood source for thousands.

In its communication, the State urged the Union government to take a clear stand on the demarcation of the Kolleru Wildlife Sanctuary limits, which have remained a matter of dispute for several years. The absence of well-defined boundaries has led to frequent conflicts between authorities and local communities, particularly farmers and fishermen who depend on the lake.

Officials pointed out that the ambiguity in boundaries has created challenges in enforcing regulations, including controlling encroachments and managing aquaculture activities within the notified area. The issue has also been under legal

scrutiny, increasing the urgency for a permanent solution.

Kolleru Lake, one of the largest freshwater lakes in the country, is ecologically significant and has been designated as a wildlife sanctuary. However, balancing environmental protection with the livelihoods of people residing within the lake's contour areas continues to be a complex task.

The State government has reportedly sought the Centre's intervention to address the issue comprehensively, taking into account legal, environmental, and socio-economic aspects. It emphasised the need to protect the fragile ecosystem while also safeguarding the interests of local residents.

With the matter now brought to the Centre's attention, officials are hopeful of a coordinated approach to resolve the longstanding boundary dispute and ensure sustainable management of the Kolleru region.

Gottipati Ravi Kumar Launches 485 Cr Power Works

Rajamahendravaram, April 20 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Energy Minister Gottipati Ravi Kumar on Monday launched and laid foundation stones for power projects worth 485 crore in East Godavari district, asserting that the State is gearing up for the Akhanda Godavari Maha Pushkaralu 2027 with robust infrastructure.

The Minister said 150 crore has been specifically allocated for electricity works to ensure uninterrupted power supply for lakhs of devotees expected during the Pushkaralu. He directed officials to complete all works at least two months ahead of the event, maintaining quality standards.

As part of the programme, projects worth 96.9 crore were taken up under the Electricity Department. Several substations, including 220 KV and 33/11 KV units, were inaugurated to strengthen the power network in the region.

Addressing a public gathering, Ravi Kumar said Chief Minister N. Chandrababu

Naidu was the first in the country to introduce power sector reforms. He emphasised that the government is committed to reducing electricity charges while ensuring quality and uninterrupted supply.

He criticised the previous government for increasing tariffs multiple times, stating that the present administration has not raised power charges and is working towards reducing them. He added that consumer satisfaction levels are being targeted at 95 per cent.

The Minister also highlighted renewable energy initiatives, stating that solar rooftop systems will be installed for 20 lakh households across the State. Under the PM Surya Ghar scheme, free 2 KW systems will be provided to SC and ST families, with subsidies extended to others.

Ravi Kumar said large-scale investments are being made to strengthen infrastructure, including substations across voltage levels, ensuring stable and efficient power supply in the district.

AP Govt Dismisses Former Secretariat Union Leader Katragadda Venkata Ramireddy

Amaravati, April 20 | TPN Bureau

The Andhra Pradesh government on Monday dismissed former Secretariat Employees Association president Katragadda Venkata Ramireddy from service, following disciplinary proceedings over alleged violations of service rules.

Ramireddy, who had been under suspension for the past two years, was removed after authorities concluded that he actively campaigned for a political party during elections. Officials stated that such actions are in violation of conduct rules applicable to government employees. Notably, he still had 14 years of service remaining.

He had earlier served two terms as president of the AP Secretariat Employees Association during the previous regime and was considered an influential figure among employees. However, his tenure was also marked by controversies, including alleged violations of excise regulations and action initiated by the Election

Commission.

According to officials, disciplinary action was triggered following complaints that Ramireddy had urged RTC employees to vote for a specific political party. Additionally, the Excise Department had registered a case over allegations of organising an unauthorised liquor party involving employees.

After the change in government, a special committee examined the charges in detail and reportedly confirmed the violations, paving the way for his dismissal from service.

Reacting to the development, Ramireddy termed the action "unjust" and maintained that he acted in his capacity as an employees' union leader. He alleged that there was no substantial evidence against him and said he would challenge the decision in court.

Meanwhile, opposition leaders criticised the move, describing it as vindictive and politically motivated, and expressed support for Ramireddy, stating that he would pursue legal remedies.



Seed Portrait of Chandrababu Impresses

Kakinada, April 20 | TPN Bureau

A creative tribute to Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has caught public attention in East Godavari district, where a striking portrait of the leader has been crafted entirely using grain seeds. The artwork, prepared by a local artist, showcases exceptional detail and precision, with different varieties of seeds used to bring out shading and facial features. The portrait reflects a blend of artistic talent and agricultural

identity, symbolising the region's deep-rooted connection with farming. East Godavari, known for its fertile lands and abundant crop production, provided the perfect setting for such an innovative creation. By using seeds as the medium, the artist highlighted the importance of agriculture while presenting a unique form of visual expression. Locals and visitors alike have appreciated the effort, describing it as both imaginative and meaningful. Many noted that the artwork stands out for its eco-friendly approach

and the message it conveys about valuing natural resources and farmers' contributions. The portrait has become a point of interest in the area, drawing admiration for its originality and the dedication involved in its making. It also reflects how traditional materials can be used in modern artistic expressions to create impactful visuals. Such initiatives not only celebrate leadership but also promote awareness about agriculture, reinforcing its significance in the State's economy and culture.



Kondapalli Toy Festival Concludes on Grand Note

Vijayawada, April 20 | TPN Bureau

The three-day Kondapalli Toy Festival-2026 concluded on a vibrant note, with Andhra Pradesh Tourism Minister Kandula Durgesh attending the closing ceremony and appreciating the efforts of organisers and artisans.

The Minister visited various stalls set up as part of the festival and keenly observed traditional and cultural performances, including Bommal Darbar, leather puppet shows, interactive sessions, and carnival activities. Organisers briefed him on the arrangements and the wide range of events conducted during the festival. Speaking on the occasion, Durgesh said the festival, held from April 18 to 20, successfully showcased the richness of Kondapalli toy-making and attracted visitors from different regions. He described the event as a visual treat and lauded the district administration for organising it on a grand scale.

The Minister emphasised that Kondapalli toys would be

developed as a brand identity of Andhra Pradesh. He assured that the government is committed to preserving this traditional craft and passing it on to future generations.

Describing Kondapalli toys as remarkable works of art, he said they represent a valuable heritage and reflect the cultural essence of Telugu traditions. He also appreciated the artisans whose craftsmanship has brought global recognition to the toys. Durgesh announced that efforts are underway to promote Kondapalli toys on a larger scale and to establish an exclusive experience centre under the Tourism Department to enhance their visibility. Highlighting their uniqueness, the Minister said the toys are made using natural colours and showcase unmatched creativity, making them a symbol of authenticity and tradition.

Several public representatives and officials attended the event, which marked the successful conclusion of the festival celebrating one of Andhra Pradesh's most iconic art forms.

Kollu Ravindra Reviews 6 MW Solar Project

Anakapalli, April 20 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Minister Kollu Ravindra on Monday reviewed arrangements for the foundation stone laying ceremony of a 6 MW solar power plant being set up at Rambilli in Yelamanchili constituency of Anakapalli district.

The Minister held a review meeting with district officials along with local MLA Sundarapu Vijay Kumar, District Collector Vijaya Krishnan, and other public repre-

sentatives. He directed officials to make adequate arrangements for the event, which is expected to witness a turnout of around 15,000 people. Speaking on the occasion, Ravindra said the government is actively attracting investments with the aim of transforming Andhra Pradesh into a hub for development and employment. He reiterated the government's commitment to generating 20 lakh jobs across sectors.

Highlighting the project, he said the 6 MW solar plant at Rambilli

would be a significant step towards utilising the resources of North Andhra and boosting regional development. He added that such projects would create employment opportunities for local youth. The Minister noted that the investment climate in the State has improved significantly, with industries showing renewed interest in setting up operations. He said that in the past, investors were hesitant, but now they are coming forward with confidence in the current administration.

Referring to recent developments, he said the foundation for major industrial projects, including a steel plant, has been laid, and more investments are in the pipeline. He emphasised that the government is working to make Andhra Pradesh a preferred destination for industries and a centre for employment opportunities.

Ravindra added that the State aims to leverage its natural resources and strategic location to accelerate growth and ensure long-term economic progress.



Chandrababu Can Complete Amaravati, Polavaram: Gadde

Vijayawada, April 20 | TPN Bureau
TDP leader and Vijayawada East MLA Gadde Ramamohan on Monday asserted that only Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu has the capability to complete the Amaravati capital project and the Polavaram irrigation project.
Speaking at the Chief Minister's 76th birthday celebrations held at the MLA's office in Patamata Ashok Nagar, Ramamohan participated in cake-cutting along with party leaders and cadre. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation, creating a festive atmosphere in the constituency. Addressing the gathering, the MLA said Chandrababu Naidu has played a key role in upholding the self-respect of Telugu people and enhancing their global recognition. He described the

Chief Minister as a visionary leader committed to long-term development and progress of Andhra Pradesh.
Ramamohan noted that several prominent national leaders, including B. R. Ambedkar, Jagjivan Ram, and Jyotirao Phule, were born in April, and said it is a matter of pride that Chandrababu Naidu also shares the same month.
He expressed confidence that under Naidu's leadership, the long-pending Amaravati capital and Polavaram project would be completed successfully. He also wished the Chief Minister a long and healthy life, hoping he continues to lead the State and achieve greater milestones.
Several local leaders and party workers attended the programme, marking the occasion with celebrations and tributes.

YS Jagan to Visit Pulivendula for Three Days

Tadepalli, April 20 | TPN Bureau
Former Chief Minister and YSRCP president Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy will undertake a three-day tour of Pulivendula from April 21.
According to the schedule, Jagan Mohan Reddy will arrive in Pulivendula at 4:00 PM on April 21 and hold a Praja Darbar at the Bhakarapuram camp office. He will stay overnight in the town. On April 22, he is scheduled to leave at 9:00 AM to visit Ippatla village in Lingala mandal, where he will

console the family of late YSRCP leader Sudhakar Reddy. Following the visit, he will return to Pulivendula and conduct another Praja Darbar at the camp office. He will stay overnight there.
The tour will conclude on April 23, with Jagan Mohan Reddy departing from Pulivendula at 8:00 AM. Party leaders stated that the visit is aimed at interacting with local residents, addressing grievances through the Praja Darbar, and extending support to party cadre in the region.

YSRCP Slams Lokesh Over Vijayamma Wishes

Tadepalli, April 20 | TPN Bureau
YSRCP spokesperson and former MLA Rachamalla Siva Prasad Reddy on Monday criticised Minister Nara Lokesh, alleging that his birthday wishes to Y. S. Vijayamma were politically motivated rather than genuine.
Addressing media at his camp office in Proddatur, Rachamalla questioned the timing and intent behind the gesture, stating that those claiming respect for the family of Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy were simultaneously targeting other members, reflecting what he termed as inconsistent and unethical politics.
He said Vijayamma's birthday is a significant occasion for YSRCP cadre and admirers of the YSR family, but expressed doubts over Lokesh's sudden show of affection, noting that such gestures were absent in the past. According to him, the move appears to be a calculated

attempt to exploit perceived internal differences within the family for political gain.
Recalling earlier incidents, Rachamalla alleged that Vijayamma had faced inconvenience during the previous TDP regime, and questioned the sincerity of the current outreach. He also criticised what he described as selective political gestures, asking whether similar wishes were extended to families of other leaders.
The YSRCP leader further accused the ruling leadership of interfering in personal matters for political advantage, stating that such actions create unnecessary distress within families. He termed the approach as politically motivated and aimed at weakening opponents rather than addressing public issues.
He urged people to take note of what he called "deceptive politics," asserting that such developments reveal a pattern of opportunism in the State's political landscape.

Grand Celebrations Mark CBN's 76th Birthday in Gannavaram

Gannavaram, April 20 | TPN Bureau
The 76th birthday of Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu was celebrated in a grand manner in the Gannavaram constituency, with large-scale participation of coalition leaders, party cadres, and supporters.
AP Government Whip and Gannavaram MLA Yarlagadda Venkatrao attended as the chief guest, cut a 76-kg cake along with coalition leaders, and extended birthday greetings to the Chief Minister. A massive bike rally organised by the Telugu Yuvatha started from the Government Hospital and concluded at the main venue, drawing enthusiastic participation.
As part of the celebrations, a community annadanam programme was organised for the

public. Later, MLA Yarlagadda inaugurated a BT road constructed at a cost of 74 lakh in Marlapalem village, stating that Gannavaram is moving towards development after earlier controversies.
He praised Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu as a visionary leader who laid the foundation for the IT sector and highlighted global recognition for his governance. He also mentioned initiatives like Quantum Valley and investments in Amaravati and Medha Towers in Gannavaram.
Leaders also appreciated Nara Bhuvaneshwari's contribution of 76 lakh towards Anna Canteen programmes.
Several NDA coalition leaders, public representatives, and large numbers of party supporters participated in the celebrations.



Bojjala Sudheer Reddy Says TN Campaign Role a Privilege

Srikalahasti, April 20 | TPN Bureau
Sri Kalahasti MLA Bojjala Sudheer Reddy has said that being appointed as in-charge for Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu's campaign programme during the Tamil Nadu Assembly election outreach is a matter of pride and responsibility. He made these remarks while addressing a massive public meeting held in Krishnagiri district's Thalli constituency as part of the coalition's election

campaign. Union Ministers Kinjrapu Rammohan Naidu and Pemmasani Chandrasekhar, along with Chittoor MP Daggumalla Prasada Rao, also participated in the programme. Speaking on the occasion, Bojjala Sudheer Reddy said it was a great honour to work under the leadership of Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and coordinate campaign activities aimed at ensuring the success of coalition candidates. He said the presence of Union Ministers and

MPs reflects the strength and unity of the alliance. He also extended birthday greetings to Chandrababu Naidu and sought his blessings during the event. The MLA expressed confidence that the coalition's focus on development and welfare would lead to a strong and decisive victory in the upcoming elections.
Large number of party leaders and supporters attended the meeting, making it a significant event in the campaign trail across the border state.

Chintamaneni Marks Chandrababu Birthday with Service Events

Eluru, April 20 | TPN Bureau
Grand celebrations marked the 76th birthday of Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu in Eluru, led by Denduluru MLA Chintamaneni Prabhakar with a mix of festivities and service activities.
The MLA performed milk abhishekam to the Chief Minister's statue and led a massive cake-cutting event at Fire Station Centre. Floral tributes were also paid to the statue of N. T. Rama Rao. Party leaders, cadre and supporters participated in large numbers, creating a festive atmosphere across the city. Highlighting a service-oriented approach, Chintamaneni Prabhakar personally pushed a fruit cart to the Eluru Government General Hospital and distributed mangoes to patients. He visited various wards, interacted with patients and their attendants, and enquired about the quality of medical services. He also instructed hospital authorities to ensure better treatment and care, especially for the poor.
Speaking to the media, the MLA described Chandrababu Naidu as a visionary leader and wished him a long and healthy life. He appreciated Nara Bhuvaneshwari for donating 76 lakh to provide free meals at Anna Canteens across the State. At the Anna Canteen



near State Bank in Eluru, free meals along with additional non-vegetarian dishes were served to the poor. The MLA, along with Eluru MP Putta Mahesh Kumar, personally served food to beneficiaries. The celebrations witnessed enthusiastic participation from party leaders, workers and local residents across the constituency.



Medha Srinivas Birthday Celebrations Held in Rajahmundry

Rajahmundry, April 20 | TPN Bureau
The birthday celebrations of Rashtriya Praja Congress (RPC) president Medha Srinivas were held in a grand manner in Rajahmundry on Monday, with party cadres, supporters, and well-wishers participating in large numbers. The event was marked by garlanding ceremonies, shawl felicitations, and the cutting of a large cake in the presence of party leaders and supporters. The celebrations turned into a

public gathering reflecting strong support for the leader.
Speaking on the occasion, speakers praised Medha Srinivas for his four-decade-long political journey and described him as a leader known for his commitment to values and public service. They recalled his decision to a major political post two decades ago, stating he chose principles over positions.
Medha Srinivas, addressing the gathering, said his life is dedicated to public welfare and the goal of building a society

free from poverty. He reiterated his commitment to fighting for social justice, human rights, and strong legal protections for citizens. As part of the celebrations, several service activities were organised across the city, including distribution of rice and vegetables to the poor, and programmes at old age homes. Annadanam programmes were also conducted at multiple locations.
Prominent leaders, professionals, and a large number of party supporters attended the event.



SIT Probe Sought in Dastagiri Murder

Kadapa, April 20 | TPN Bureau
TDP Zonal Coordinator Srinivas Reddy on Monday demanded a Special Investigation Team (SIT) probe into the murder of Dastagiri, a resident of Alamkhanpalle on the outskirts of Kadapa city. He said he would meet Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu to seek a thorough and impartial investigation into the case.
Addressing a press conference at his residence in Dwarka Nagar, Srinivas Reddy stated that maintaining law and order has always been a priority under the TDP government. He alleged that incidents of violence had increased during the previous YSRCP regime.
Referring to the murder, he said Dastagiri was brutally attacked with knives and killed. Police have so far remanded 11 persons in connection with the case. He added that there were

reports about the possible involvement of former Deputy Mayor Nityananda Reddy, and urged the police to investigate all angles.
The TDP leader also recalled earlier incidents of violence in the district, including the murder of a person named Srinivasulu Reddy at Sandhya Circle during the YSRCP tenure. He accused the opposition party of encouraging a culture of violence, land grabbing, and illegal activities.
Srinivas Reddy questioned YSRCP chief Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy to respond to the allegations of "murder politics" in his home district. He said people had already rejected such practices and called for strict punishment for those involved in the Dastagiri murder.
He urged the government to ensure justice by identifying and punishing the real culprits without delay.



Dhairya Sparsha" Awareness Vehicles Launched in Kuppam

Kuppam, April 20 | TPN Bureau
As part of the "Your Safety - Our Responsibility" initiative, four awareness campaign vehicles under the "Dhairya Sparsha" programme were formally launched on Monday at the Kuppam DSP office.
The programme was inaugurated by DSP Parthasarathi along with Rural CI Mallesh Yadav. Speaking on the occasion, the DSP said the initiative is being implemented as per the directions of the District SP to create greater public awareness on safety-related issues.
He stated that the campaign aims to educate the public on important social concerns such as ganja abuse, crimes

against women, child marriages, cybercrimes, and other offences. The awareness drive will be conducted across all villages under the Kuppam sub-division through the specially equipped campaign vehicles.
The DSP further said that the programme, supported by KADAPA police collaboration, will help reach remote areas and strengthen community awareness on legal and safety issues.
Officials said the vehicles will regularly tour villages, conduct awareness sessions, and interact with the public to prevent crime and encourage timely reporting to the police.
Police personnel and staff from the sub-division participated in the launch programme.

Mega Job Mela in Amaravati on April 25

Amaravati, April 20 | TPN Bureau

The Andhra Pradesh Capital Region Development Authority (APCRDA) has announced a job mela to be held on April 25, aimed at providing employment opportunities to youth in the Amaravati capital region. The initiative is being organized with the support of the state government's Skill Development and Training Department and the Andhra Pradesh State Skill Development Corporation (APSSDC).

The job mela will take place at the APCRDA Skill Hub office in Thullur from 10:00 AM onwards. Officials stated that the primary objective of the event is to create employment opportunities for unemployed youth and strengthen workforce participation in the region.

Several reputed companies are set to participate in the recruitment drive, including Shivashakti Enterprises, Test-2Build Private Limited, Navata Road Transport, Navata Supply Chain Solutions, Apex Solutions Limited, Simha Motors Private Limited, and the Life Sciences Sector Skill Development Council (LSSDC).

Through this job mela, more than 325 vacancies will be filled across a wide range of roles. These include positions such as field engineers, lab engineers, senior accountants, graphic designers, video editors, SEO analysts, solar installation technicians, digital marketing executives,

photographers, videographers, tally operators, telecallers, content writers, clerks, helpers, data entry operators, supervisors, junior AutoCAD engineers, e-publishing analysts, chemists (production), production machine operators, and microbiologists in quality control.

Candidates with qualifications ranging from 10th standard, ITI, diploma, intermediate, and degree to B.Tech, M.Tech, and MBA are eligible to participate. Applicants between 18 and 40 years of age can attend the job mela. Both freshers and experienced candidates will have opportunities to secure suitable positions.

Selected candidates may be placed in various cities, including Vijayawada, Mangalagiri, Guntur, Visakhapatnam, Hyderabad, Bengaluru, and Chennai, depending on the requirements of the recruiting companies. Interested candidates are required to register on the official website and attend the job mela with necessary documents, including educational certificates, Aadhaar, and a resume. For further details, applicants can contact local CRDA facilitators in capital region villages or reach out via the helpline number provided by the authorities.

Officials encouraged eligible youth from Amaravati and surrounding areas to make use of this opportunity and secure employment based on their skills.

Elaborate Arrangements for NEET-UG 2026

NTR District, April 20, 2026 | TPN Bureau

District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha has directed officials to make comprehensive arrangements for the smooth conduct of the NEET (UG)-2026 examination scheduled on May 3. He emphasised that all departments must work in coordination to ensure there are no lapses and that the examination is conducted in a transparent and fair manner.

The Collector held a virtual review meeting on Monday with officials from various departments, superintendents, and examination centre observers. He said around 12,000 candidates are expected to appear for the exam across 32 centres in the district. The examination will be conducted from 2 PM to 5 PM. He instructed that candidate verification, biometric attendance, and frisking should be carried out strictly through a single entry point. Officials were asked to

maintain strict vigilance against prohibited items and ensure no irregularities occur during the examination.

Special focus was laid on the security of sensitive materials such as question papers and OMR sheets. The Collector directed authorities to ensure proper seating arrangements, videography, security, traffic management, medical facilities, fire safety measures, and availability of drinking water at all centres.

Considering the summer conditions, officials were also advised to take necessary precautions for the comfort and safety of candidates. The Collector stressed that all personnel must discharge their duties responsibly and adhere to the highest standards to ensure the successful conduct of the national-level examination.

Officials from revenue, health, police, transport, fire services, and electricity departments attended the meeting.



Gannavaram MLA Offers Prayers at Tirumala

Tirumala, April 20 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Government Whip and Gannavaram MLA Yarlagadda Venkatrao, along with his wife Gnaneswari, offered prayers at the hill shrine of Tirumala Venkateswara Temple on Monday morning. The couple participated in the VIP break darshan and had the darshan of Lord Venkateswara. Following temple traditions, Vedic scholars at the Ranganayakula Mandapam offered blessings and presented them with sacred theertham and prasadam. Speaking on the occasion, Venkatrao said the visit was undertaken

on the birthday of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu. He prayed for the continued blessings of the deity on the Chief Minister and expressed hope that the State would progress to become the number one in the country under his leadership. The MLA also prayed for the well-being, prosperity, and happiness of all people in the State. He said he sought divine strength to continue serving the people of Gannavaram constituency and to ensure its development across all sectors.

Later, the couple also visited the temple of Goddess Padmavathi at Tiruchanoor and offered prayers

Municipal Workers Demand Pending Salaries

Vijayawada, April 20 | TPN Bureau

Sanitation, engineering, and park outsourcing workers staged a protest on Monday under the banner of the Vijayawada Municipal Workers Union (AITUC), demanding immediate payment of pending wages.

The dharna was held at the Circle One office of the Municipal Corporation in the Old City area. Union leaders warned that if salaries are not cleared by Tuesday, workers would be forced to launch a strike.

AITUC city president K.R. Anjaneyulu said sanitation workers, who depend entirely on their monthly wages, are facing severe hardships due to delays. He pointed out that workers are struggling to pay house rents, electricity bills, and meet daily expenses. He also alleged that many workers are being paid low wages without proper implementation of minimum wage norms.



Union city general secretary Budde Raja criticised the authorities, stating that strict rules are enforced on workers for even minor delays in duty, but salaries are not being paid on time. He said that even by the 20th of the month, workers had not received their wages, forcing them to depend on loans for survival.

Union president SVS

Chalam, honorary president Jakki James, and treasurer Tupakula Nageswara Rao warned that a work boycott would be inevitable if salaries are not released immediately.

After the protest, union representatives submitted a memorandum to Assistant Commissioner Sharma, urging immediate action to resolve the issue

TET Rule Review Hearing on April 24

New Delhi, April 20 | TPN Bureau

The Supreme Court is set to hear review petitions on April 24 challenging its order making the Teacher Eligibility Test (TET) mandatory. The petitions have been filed by the All India Primary Teachers' Federation (AIPTF) along with several State governments, including Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Meghalaya, Uttarakhand, Andhra Pradesh, and Kerala.

The September 1, 2025 ruling has posed a significant challenge to over 2.5 million teachers across the country. In re-

sponse, AIPTF has been actively pursuing the matter since September, seeking relief for affected educators. It is the first teachers' body in the country to file a review petition in the Supreme Court on this issue.

As part of its efforts, AIPTF has submitted representations to more than 150 Members of Parliament and led numerous protests from the district to the national level, highlighting the concerns of teachers regarding the mandatory TET requirement.

AIPTF leaders expressed optimism ahead of the hearing,

stating that they are confident of a favorable outcome. They reiterated their commitment to continue the struggle until justice is secured for teachers.

The federation emphasized that the outcome of the April 24 hearing will be crucial for lakhs of teachers nationwide and could have a far-reaching impact on recruitment and service conditions in the education sector.

AIPTF office-bearers reaffirmed their resolve to stand by teachers and pursue all legal and democratic avenues



MLA Urges Cancer Screening for All

Challapalli, April 20 | TPN Bureau

Avanigadda MLA Mandali Buddha Prasad on Monday urged people to undergo regular cancer screening to ensure early detection and timely treatment. He was speaking after inaugurating a free cancer screening camp at the Officers Recreation Club premises in Ramanagar, Lakshimpuram panchayat of Challapalli mandal. The camp was organised under the leadership of Yarlagadda Srinivasa Rao in association with Basavatarakam Indo American Cancer Hospital, Hyderabad. The event was

held as part of the centenary celebrations of former minister Mandali Venkata Krishna Rao. On the occasion, the MLA paid tributes to N. T. Rama Rao, Basavatarakam, and Mandali Venkata Krishna Rao. Addressing the gathering, he highlighted the importance of early diagnosis in combating cancer and said such screening camps would greatly benefit poor and middle-class families.

He recalled that Basavatarakam's vision inspired the establishment of the cancer hospital in Hyderabad, which has since grown into a major healthcare institution. He not-

ed that the hospital, with support from Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Hindupur MLA Nandamuri Balakrishna, has expanded services to reach wider sections of society.

The MLA also appreciated efforts to extend cancer screening services to rural areas through mobile diagnostic units. He said such initiatives help in identifying the disease at an early stage and enable timely medical intervention. Several public representatives and local leaders attended the programme.



Bomb Detection Block Work Launched in Vijayawada

Vijayawada, April 20 | TPN Bureau

City Police Commissioner S. V. Rajasekhara Babu on Monday performed the groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of a Bomb Detection Equipment Block at the City Armed Reserve grounds under the NTR District Police Commissionerate. The facility is aimed at strengthening security measures during visits of VIPs and VVIPs, bandobast duties, and in operations related to narcotics and criminal investigations. Specially trained bomb detection teams, led by CSW S.V.D. Prasad, are currently deployed to identify explosives and prevent untoward

incidents during high-security events.

Officials said the new block will house advanced bomb detection equipment and provide dedicated infrastructure for trained personnel, enhancing the efficiency of security operations across the commissionerate. Senior police officials, including Krishna Kant Patel, Shireen Begum, Tirumaleswara Reddy, K. G. V. Sarita, Lakshmi Narayana, and Krishna Prasanna, along with other officers and staff, attended the programme. The initiative is expected to significantly boost preparedness and ensure safer handling of security challenges in the region.

Civic Complaints to Get Lasting Solutions

Vijayawada, April 20 | TPN Bureau

Vijayawada Municipal Corporation (VMC) Additional Commissioner A. Ravindra Rao on Monday directed officials to ensure that every public grievance is examined at the field level and resolved with a permanent solution.

Speaking at the Public Grievance Redressal Forum held at the Command Control Room in the VMC head office, he stressed that officials must respond proactively to complaints and prevent recurrence of issues. He said authorities should clearly explain to citizens how their problems are being addressed and ensure transparency in the process.

Ravindra Rao emphasized that timely action and on-ground verification are key to preventing inconvenience to

the public. He instructed departments to coordinate effectively and adopt measures that offer long-term relief rather than temporary fixes.

During the session, a total of 15 complaints were received. Of these, three were related to town planning, four to public health, three to engineering, four to the revenue department, and one to the estates wing.

Senior officials including Chief Medical and Health Officer Dr. K. Arjuna Rao, Chief City Planner K. Sanjay Ratna Kumar, Engineer-in-Chief (in-charge) P. Satya Kumari, Deputy Commissioner (Revenue) G. Srujana, and other department heads were present. The civic body reiterated its commitment to strengthening grievance redressal and improving service delivery for residents.

Special Prayers for CM's Birthday at Indrakeeladri

Vijayawada, April 20 | TPN Bureau

Special prayers and Vedic blessings were conducted at the Sri Durga Malleswara Swamy Temple on Indrakeeladri on Monday to mark the birthday of Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu.

The rituals were organised under the supervision of Executive Officer Seena Nayak, with temple priests performing special prayers in the sanctum. Vedic scholars offered blessings, praying for the Chief Minister's long life, good health, and continued service to the State.

As part of the programme,

the Executive Officer performed rituals on behalf of the Chief Minister and later presented sacred offerings, holy water, ceremonial cloth, and a portrait of the presiding deity.

Speaking on the occasion, Seena Nayak said the arrangements were made with the intention that the Chief Minister celebrates many more birthdays and continues to provide good governance to the people with the blessings of Goddess Kanaka Durga.

Temple officials, priests, and members of the Vedic committee participated in the programme, which was held in a devotional atmosphere atop the Indrakeeladri hill shrine.



Collector Unveils ‘Badi Pilusthondi’ Posters

Eluru, April 20 | TPN Bureau

District Collector K. Vetriselvi on Monday launched the “Badi Pilusthondi” wall posters at the Godavari Conference Hall in the district Collectorate, initiating a major enrolment drive for the 2026-27 academic year.

Speaking on the occasion, the Collector said the campaign aims to increase admissions in government, MPP, and Zilla Parishad primary and high schools across the district. The enrolment process, which began on April 17, is expected to yield better results through coordinated efforts by officials. She directed authorities to focus on children aged five in Anganwadi centres, students completing Class V who

need to join Class VI, and those who have dropped out or never attended school. Special emphasis was laid on reaching children in slum areas and those living near model primary schools by creating awareness among parents.

Highlighting the benefits of government schools, the Collector said they offer improved infrastructure, qualified teachers, free textbooks and notebooks, uniforms, digital classrooms, English-medium education, and the mid-day meal scheme. Officials were also asked to motivate parents of children studying in private schools to consider government institutions.

Joint Collector Dr. M.J. Abhishek Goud and other senior officials were present.



Naidu Birthday Marked with Welfare Distribution

Tadipatri (Anantapur), April 20 | TPN Bureau

Celebrations were held in Tadipatri town on Monday to mark the 76th birthday of Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu. The event took place at the residence of Tadipatri MLA J.C. Asmith Reddy, where a cake was cut in the presence of Velugu self-help group animators and local leaders. On the occasion, the MLA distributed 144 mobile phones to Velugu animators to strengthen grassroots communication and improve coordination of women's self-help group activities. Additionally, a cheque worth 23 lakh was handed over, benefiting 23 self-help group members

as part of loan support.

Speaking at the event, Asmith Reddy said the initiative would help enhance the efficiency of women's groups at the village level and ensure faster dissemination of information. He emphasised the importance of empowering women through better connectivity and financial assistance.

Officials from the District Rural Development Agency (DRDA), coalition leaders, and Velugu staff participated in the programme. The celebrations combined festivity with welfare initiatives, highlighting efforts to support rural livelihoods and women's empowerment in the constituency.



Housing Promise for Eligible Journalists

Eluru, April 20 | TPN Bureau

Eluru MLA Badeti Radha Krishnaiah (Chanti) has assured that efforts will be made to provide houses to eligible journalists, addressing a long-pending demand of the media community in the district.

Representatives of the Andhra Pradesh Working Journalists Federation (APWJF) and APBJA met the MLA at his office on Monday and submitted a memorandum highlighting their housing issues and other concerns. Responding to the request, MLA Chanti said he would take up the matter with the government and work towards ensuring housing support for eligible journalists. He assured that

he would remain accessible to address journalists' issues and would actively pursue solutions, particularly regarding housing. Journalists' leaders Jabeer and Harish said that the MLA has been responsive to their concerns and has been consistently supportive in resolving issues brought to his notice. They expressed confidence that positive developments would follow soon and welcomed his assurance on behalf of the journalist community in Eluru. APBJA district president Narayana, APWJF accreditation electronic media committee member Kalyan, along with journalists Subrahmanyam, Vasu, Sai, Pratap, Jayaram, Arjun and others participated in the meeting.

SMILE Centre Launched in Nellore

Nellore, April 20 | TPN Bureau

District Collector Himanshu Shukla on Monday inaugurated a SMILE (Support for Marginalized Individuals for Livelihood and Empowerment) centre in Nellore to rehabilitate people dependent on begging due to unavoidable circumstances.

The facility, set up in the 38th division with support from the Municipal Corporation and ARD organisation, aims to identify individuals engaged in begging and shift them to a structured rehabilitation system. The Collector said beneficiaries will be provided primary healthcare, food, shelter, and counselling, along with skill development training to help them lead independent and dignified lives.

He stated that this is the first such rehabilitation centre in the district headquarters and will play a key role in curbing beggary. Around Rs. 54 lakh



per year will be allocated by the Central government towards staff salaries, infrastructure, and food arrangements. State leader Kotam Reddy Giridhar Reddy termed the initiative commendable, stating it would help integrate marginalized individuals into

mainstream society and improve their quality of life. Earlier, officials inspected sanitation, dormitories, and kitchen facilities. Municipal Commissioner Nandan, ARD representative Basheer, local corporators, and others were present.

Surprise Drug Checks Intensified

Anantapur, April 20 | TPN Bureau

The Anantapur district police have intensified efforts to curb the illegal transport of ganja and other narcotic substances by conducting surprise inspections at key transit points. Acting on the directives of District Superintendent of Police P. Jagadeesh, IPS, special teams carried out extensive checks at the railway station and APSRTC bus stand under the supervision of Three Town Police. As part of a broader crackdown, trains, buses, and parcel services entering the district from other states and regions were thoroughly screened. The operations were monitored by Circle Inspector Rajendranath Yadav, with Sub-Inspector Narasimha leading coordinated efforts on the ground.

A narcotics detection dog, “Tiger,” was deployed to enhance the effectiveness of the



searches. Officials ensured that inspections were carried out without causing inconvenience to passengers, even as a close watch was maintained on suspicious individuals and unattended luggage. Police also conducted surprise checks at parcel offices and transit hubs, focusing on identifying poten-

tial smuggling activities. Authorities reiterated their commitment to eliminating drug trafficking in the district. The public has been urged to cooperate with the police and report any information related to narcotics through the Eagle toll-free number 1972 or the emergency helpline 112.

CBN Birthday Celebrations Held in Nandigama

Nandigama (NTR District), April 20 | TPN Bureau

Grand celebrations were held in Nandigama town on Monday to mark the 76th birthday of Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu. Government Whip and Nandigama MLA Tangirala Soumya participated in the programme held at a large cut-out set up at Gandhi Centre.

The MLA cut a cake along with party leaders and activists and distributed it among participants. Telugu Desam Party cadres raised slogans wishing “Happy Birthday CBN” and praising the leadership of Chandrababu Naidu.

As part of the celebrations, fruits were distributed to patients in the government hospital and to inmates at the sub-jail. A chali vendram (water kiosk) set up by the Farmer Foundation was inaugurated by MLA Soumya through ribbon cutting.



Later, free meals were served at an Anna Canteen for the poor. The MLA also joined the beneficiaries and had lunch with them. Speaking on the occasion, Tangirala Soumya extended birthday greetings to the Chief Minister and described Chandrababu Naidu as a visionary leader. She said

working under the leadership of Chandrababu Naidu and Nara Lokesh was a privilege. She also welcomed the party responsibilities entrusted to Lokesh.

TDP leaders, activists, and a large number of supporters participated in the programme.

Nellore Celebrates CBN Birthday Like a Festival

Nellore, April 20 | TPN Bureau

Nellore City witnessed grand celebrations on Monday marking the 76th birthday of Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, turning the city into a festive hub with large-scale events, cultural programmes, and service activities. As per the directions of Municipal Administration Minister Ponguru Narayana, the celebrations were organised across the city. State Waqf Board Chairman Abdul Aziz led the main pro-

gramme at Nartaki Centre, where a massive garland was offered to the statue of late N.T. Rama Rao, followed by tributes.

A 76-kg cake was cut amid loud fireworks and slogans of “Jai Ho Chandranna,” drawing large crowds of party workers and supporters. As part of the celebrations, sarees were distributed to the poor and community annadanam programmes were held. Another major event took place at Mulumudi Bus Stand under the leadership of State Warehousing Corporation Director Ka-

pira Srinivasulu and Parliament Women's Wing President Kapira Revathi. Speakers praised Chandrababu Naidu's governance, stating that his leadership continues the legacy of NTR and has attracted large-scale investments into Andhra Pradesh. They also lauded his commitment to public welfare and development despite his age. City Mayor Sujatha Ashok, Deputy Mayor Roop Kumar Yadav, former Municipal Chairperson Tallapaka Anuradha, and several TDP leaders and supporters participated in the celebrations.



Man Gets 20-Year Jail for Deceiving Minor Girl

Vizianagaram, April 20, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Vizianagaram POCSE Special Court Judge K. Nagamani sentenced 19-year-old Mudidana Hari Krishna from Terlam Mandal to 20 years of rigorous imprisonment and a Rs 3,000 fine for sexually assaulting a minor girl under false promises of love and marriage. The court also ordered Rs 5 lakh compensation for the victim.

District SP A.R.R. Damodar, IPS, confirmed the verdict in a POCSE case registered at Terlam Police Station in March 2025. The accused befriended the minor girl from the same mandal, lured her with sweet talk, repeatedly assaulted her at his home, took her to Vijayawada for further abuse,

and abandoned her. Following her complaint, SI B. Sagar Babu filed the case on May 3, 2025. Then Bobbili DSP G. Bhavyareddy investigated, arrested the accused, and submitted the chargesheet.

SP Damodar commended DSP G. Bhavyareddy, SI B. Sagar Babu, CMS HC S.H. Ramakrishna, Court Head Constable G. Janardhan Rao, and Special Public Prosecutor G. Satyam for their diligent work. He warned of strict action against crimes on minors and women, urging girls to stay cautious during summer vacations, focus on their future, and avoid deceivers posing as lovers to prevent life-ruining traps. The district police prioritize women's and children's safety, the SP emphasized.



Collector Urges Public to Take Precautions Amid Heatwave

Location, April 20 | TPN Bureau

With heatwave conditions intensifying across the district, District Collector Himanshu Shukla has urged people to avoid stepping out unless absolutely necessary and to stay hydrated by drinking water at regular intervals.

The Collector inaugurated a “Chalivendram” (public drinking water and buttermilk distribution centre) near the Gandhi statue on Monday. The facility was set up by the Agriculture Department in association with Fertilizers Associations as part of efforts to provide to the public during peak summer.

Speaking on the occasion, Shukla said the government, along with police and revenue departments, has already established several such centres

across the district. He also called upon private organisations and civil society groups to come forward and set up more chalivendrams over the next 60 days, stressing that public service is the highest form of service.

To encourage participation, the district administration will organise competitions for those setting up the maximum number of such centres and distributing buttermilk. Winners will be felicitated with prizes on Independence Day, August 15, 2026.

The Collector assured that there is no water shortage in the district, citing adequate availability in Kandaleru and Somasila reservoirs. District Agriculture Officer Satya Vani and association representatives attended the programme.

Nellore Sees Large-Scale Service Activities on CBN Birthday

Nellore, April 20 | TPN Bureau

Nellore city witnessed extensive service activities on Monday following a call by Municipal Administration Minister Ponguru Narayana, marking the 76th birthday of Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu. As part of the celebrations, Andhra Pradesh State government programmes saw participation across Anna Canteens, where leaders and public representatives joined beneficiaries for community meals. Nuda Chairman Kotamreddy Srinivasulu Reddy, Mayor Devarakonda Sujatha Ashok, and Deputy Mayor Roop Kumar Yadav participated in the main event held at the Anna Canteen near Stonehousepet RSR School area. They also joined the queue along with the general public and had meals together, highlighting the

spirit of inclusiveness. Speaking to the media, leaders said that Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu's vision has always focused on eliminating hunger among the poor, and the large-scale Anna Daanam programmes across the state reflect that commitment. They also lauded Nara Bhuvaneshwari for contributing 76 lakh towards statewide Anna Daanam programmes on the occasion of the Chief Minister's birthday. Following Minister Narayana's appeal, Telugu Desam Party leaders actively participated in Anna Canteen food distribution programmes across the city. State Inland Waterways Authority Chairman Dr. Z. Sivaprasad, city TDP president Mamidala Madhu, district spokesperson Balaji, corporator Kinnera Malyadri, and several party leaders attended the programme.

Lost in Translation: Rahul Gandhi's Ranipet Rally Speech Gets a Dramatic Makeover on Stage

In what has quickly become one of the most talked-about moments of the Tamil Nadu Assembly election campaign, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's hard-hitting speech at a rally in Ranipet took an unexpected and rather dramatic detour — thanks to a series of puzzling translation errors that significantly altered the tone and meaning of his original remarks.

With Tamil Nadu heading to the polls on April 23, 2026, Rahul Gandhi was in full campaign mode, addressing rallies across the state

and launching a sharp attack on the BJP-AIADMK alliance. Speaking at Ranipet, Gandhi framed the election as a fight to protect Tamil Nadu's political and cultural identity from what he called "Delhi's control." He alleged that Prime Minister Narendra Modi was being steered by external influences, particularly US President Donald Trump, and accused the BJP of attempting to install a "puppet" Chief Minister in the state through the AIADMK.

However, the Tamil translation delivered on

stage by Congress leader K. Selvaperunthagai bore little resemblance to what Gandhi had actually said. What Gandhi described as the BJP telling "the nation a lie" was apparently rendered in Tamil to suggest the nation was thriving. His claim that the Prime Minister lacked confidence was flipped entirely to suggest Modi was brimming with full confidence. His allegation of "selling out India" was softened considerably, and his pointed remarks about US influence were translated in a way that

instead conveyed a sense of national unity. While some portions of the speech, including Gandhi's colourful analogy about Modi jumping and lying down at Trump's command, did survive the translation process relatively intact, the overall tone of the speech was noticeably diluted. The incident caused considerable buzz on social media, with many users finding the contrast between Gandhi's fiery original words and their tame Tamil equivalents both baffling and amusing.

This is not the first time Rahul Gandhi has faced a translation controversy during Tamil Nadu campaigns. A similar situation had unfolded during the 2019 elections, when a Congress translator significantly deviated from Gandhi's original speech, turning compliments into criticisms and causing widespread ridicule. As Tamil Nadu gears up for a high-stakes single-phase election, this episode has added an unexpected layer of colour to what is already a fiercely contested political battle.



Guwahati Drowns in Record April Rains: Flash Floods Paralyse City, Schools Shut as More Downpour Looms

Guwahati woke up to a waterlogged nightmare on Monday after the city recorded its heaviest April rainfall in recent memory, with intense overnight showers bringing large parts of the Assam capital to a complete standstill. The unprecedented downpour has triggered flash flooding across multiple neighbourhoods, forced the closure of all schools, and prompted state authorities to urge residents to exercise extreme caution.

The city received a staggering 117 mm of rainfall in just 24 hours — the heaviest the season has seen so far — as relentless rain lashed Guwahati from Sunday evening through the night for approximately seven to eight continuous hours. The deluge caused severe waterlogging across several areas including Chandmari, Nabin Nagar, Rukmini Nagar, Zoo Road, Ganeshguri, Hatigaon, Beltola Survey, and Anil Nagar. Many of these localities remained submerged well into Monday morning, with residents wading through knee-deep water just to step outside their homes.

Commuters bore the brunt of the chaos, as key roads went under water, vehicles were left stranded, and heavy traffic congestion paralysed movement across the city. The shortage of available transport options added to the misery of those trying to get to work. Low-lying areas were among the worst affected, once again exposing Guwahati's long-standing and inadequately ad-



ressed drainage infrastructure problems. One city resident summed up the frustration felt by many, noting that even ten minutes of rain is enough to submerge entire localities — a problem the city has been battling for years without a lasting solution.

The Assam government responded swiftly by ordering the closure of all government and private educational institutions within the Guwahati Municipal Corporation area for Monday. Assam Minister Jayanta Malla Baruah ap-

pealed for public cooperation and called on citizens to remain alert, acknowledging the gravity of the situation and confirming that authorities were working round the clock to bring things under control.

Other parts of Assam also received rainfall, with Dhubri, Goalpara, Mohanbari, and Golaghat recording moderate showers. Weather forecasters have warned that the situation is far from over. Heavy rain activity is expected to continue over Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, and Na-

galand through the week and well into late April, with conditions intensifying again from April 24 onwards. Cities including Kokrajhar, Bongaigaon, Barpeta, Nalbari, Shillong, and Cherrapunji are among the locations likely to experience strong thunderstorm activity in the coming days.

With no immediate relief in sight, residents across Northeast India are being urged to stay prepared as the pre-monsoon weather season continues to flex its force.

Tragedy on the Hills: 15 Dead, 20 Injured as Bus Plunges Down Steep Slope in Udhampur

A horrific road accident in Jammu and Kashmir's Udhampur district has claimed at least 15 lives and left 20 others injured, sending shockwaves across the region. The tragic incident took place on Monday morning, turning an ordinary journey into an unimaginable nightmare for the passengers on board.

The accident occurred around 10 am near Kagort village in the Ram Nagar area, as a passenger bus was making its way from a remote village to Udhampur. The vehicle was navigating a blind curve on the steep and winding hill road when disaster struck. According to reports, the bus lost control following a tyre burst while attempting a sharp turn, causing it to roll down a rocky slope approximately 100 feet before landing overturned on a lower stretch of the same road. Visuals from the accident site painted a grim picture, with the bus completely crushed

from the impact. Eyewitnesses at the scene told reporters that the bus appeared to be both overloaded and speeding at the time of the accident — factors that may have compounded the severity of the tragedy. The precarious nature of the mountain roads in the region, combined with these conditions, proved fatal.

It was the local residents who first rushed to the scene and began pulling survivors from the wreckage, even before emergency services could arrive. Their swift response helped save several lives. Police and other emergency response teams subsequently joined the rescue operation, working to evacuate the injured and manage the accident site. A total of 15 bodies were recovered from the mangled remains of the vehicle, while 20 injured passengers were rushed to hospital for treatment.

Union Minister Jitendra Sin-

gh swiftly responded to the emergency, reaching out to the local Deputy Commissioner and making arrangements to airlift the most critically injured victims for urgent medical care. The minister confirmed he remained in constant contact with both the local administration and BJP workers on the ground assisting with rescue efforts, adding that heavy casualties were feared and that all possible assistance was being mobilised.

Officials have warned that the death toll could rise further as rescue operations continue. The incident has once again brought the spotlight on the dangerous condition of hilly roads in the region and the urgent need for stricter enforcement of vehicle safety and overloading regulations.

The nation mourns the lives lost in this devastating accident and stands in solidarity with the families of the victims.



Election Eve Shock: I-PAC Halts Bengal Operations, TMC Scrambles to Contain Fallout

Just days before West Bengal heads to the polls, a dramatic and politically explosive development has rocked the Trinamool Congress campaign. The Indian Political Action Committee — better known as I-PAC, the influential political consultancy that has been a key strategic force behind Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's electoral machine — has abruptly suspended all its operations in the state and asked its entire staff to go on a 20-day leave, with immediate effect.

The bombshell was delivered via an internal email sent by I-PAC's human resources department late on Saturday night, informing employees that the decision had been made in view of certain legal issues. The email asked all staff members to proceed on temporary leave until May 11, after which the management would regroup, review the situation, and decide the way forward. The communication went viral by Sunday morning, triggering a political storm across the

state. The move comes in the wake of mounting pressure from central investigative agencies on I-PAC. The Enforcement Directorate had arrested Vinesh Chandel, one of I-PAC's co-founders and directors, in connection with an alleged money-laundering case linked to a coal smuggling scam. Additionally, two family members of I-PAC director Pratik Jain were summoned to New Delhi for questioning. Earlier, in January, the ED had conducted search operations at I-PAC's Kolkata office and at Pratik Jain's residence — an episode that had already stirred enormous controversy when Mamata Banerjee arrived at the premises during the raid and removed certain documents.

The Trinamool Congress moved swiftly to downplay the crisis, issuing an official statement dismissing reports of the operational pause as completely baseless and calling them a deliberate attempt to create confusion on the ground. The

party insisted that I-PAC's team remained fully engaged with the campaign. However, Mamata Banerjee's own remarks at a public rally told a different story. The Chief Minister launched a fierce attack on the BJP and central agencies, accusing them of weaponising investigative bodies during election season to intimidate I-PAC. She went further, offering to absorb all I-PAC staff into the Trinamool Congress, declaring that no one would lose their jobs.

The operational pause primarily affects associate-level staff deployed across constituencies for booth management and voter outreach — the very grassroots machinery that drives last-mile campaign efforts. West Bengal votes on April 23 and April 29, with counting of votes scheduled for May 4. With I-PAC effectively sidelined at this critical juncture, the Trinamool Congress finds itself navigating a significant strategic disruption at the worst possible time.

Flames Before the Fanfare: Fire Breaks Out at Rajasthan's Pachpadra Refinery on the Eve of PM Modi's Inauguration

In a major setback that has sent shockwaves across the country, a fire broke out at the Pachpadra refinery in Rajasthan's Balotra district on Monday — just one day before Prime Minister Narendra Modi was scheduled to formally inaugurate the facility. The incident has forced a postponement of the high-profile inauguration event, casting a shadow over what was meant to be a landmark moment for India's energy sector.

According to officials, the blaze erupted in the CDU — Crude Distillation Unit — section of the refinery on Monday morning. Fire tenders were immediately rushed to the site, and emergency response teams worked urgently to bring the flames under control. Fortunately, no casualties were reported in the initial hours following the outbreak, though authorities confirmed that a thorough assessment of the damage was underway.

The timing of the fire could not have been more dramatic.



With a high-profile inauguration ceremony planned for Tuesday, the incident triggered considerable chaos within the refinery premises as teams scrambled to tackle the blaze alongside the ongoing preparations for the Prime Minister's visit. The fire has also raised serious questions about the safety arrangements in place

at the facility on the eve of such a significant national event. Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma was scheduled to visit the refinery on Monday itself, around 4 pm, to review the situation on the ground. The state administration has been placed on high alert, with officials awaiting a full damage report before mak-

ing further announcements. The Pachpadra refinery is no ordinary project — it is India's first greenfield integrated refinery-cum-petrochemical complex, representing a massive investment of over Rs 79,450 crore. The facility has been long in the making and was widely seen as a transformative development for Rajasthan's economy and India's energy infrastructure. Its inauguration by the Prime Minister was expected to be a landmark occasion, drawing national attention and celebrating years of planning and construction.

With the inauguration now postponed, all eyes are on the investigation into the cause of the fire and the extent of the damage sustained. Authorities have assured that all possible steps are being taken to assess the situation and restore normalcy at the site as swiftly as possible. The incident serves as a sobering reminder of the importance of rigorous safety protocols at critical industrial installations, particularly in the final stages before commissioning.

Explained: The 60-Day Clock That Could Halt Trump’s Iran War

A key legal deadline in the United States may soon determine the future of the ongoing conflict with Iran. Often referred to as the “60-day clock,” this provision comes from the War Powers Resolution of 1973, a law designed to limit a president’s ability to engage in prolonged military action without approval from Congress.

The clock began ticking on March 2, when President Donald Trump formally notified Congress about US military strikes against Iran. Under the law, the president can deploy armed forces without congressional authorization for up to 60 days. After that period, continued military operations require explicit approval from lawmakers.

This sets up a critical deadline around April 28, though some US lawmakers view May 1 as a decisive “inflection point” for the conflict. If Congress does not authorize the war by then, the law technically requires the administration to withdraw US forces or halt operations.

The rule exists to ensure a balance of power between the executive and legislative branches. While the president acts as commander-in-chief, only Congress has the authority to formally declare war. The 60-day provision is meant to prevent prolonged military engagements without democratic oversight.

However, the situation is not



entirely straightforward. There are several ways a president can continue military action even after the deadline. One option is to reinterpret the nature of the conflict—arguing it does not constitute “hostilities” under the law. Another is to rely on past congressional authorizations or claim inherent constitutional powers as commander-in-chief.

Historically, US presidents from both parties have stretched or bypassed the War Powers Resolution. In some cases, administrations have continued military operations by citing national security interests or by avoiding formal definitions that would trigger the law’s limits. In the current scenario, political dynamics also play a crucial role. While some lawmakers have ex-

pressed concern about the lack of congressional approval, others have backed the president’s actions or blocked efforts to restrict his authority. This divide reduces the likelihood of immediate legislative intervention. As the deadline approaches, the 60-day clock represents both a legal constraint and a political test. It could force a debate in Congress on whether to formally support or oppose continued military engagement with Iran. At the same time, it highlights the broader tension between presidential power and legislative oversight in times of conflict.

Ultimately, whether the clock actually stops the war depends less on the law itself and more on how it is interpreted—and whether Congress chooses to enforce it.

Iran Rejects Second Round of Talks with US, Cites “Excessive Demands” and Trust Deficit

Iran has declined to participate in a second round of negotiations with the United States, sharply escalating tensions at a sensitive moment in ongoing diplomatic efforts to extend a fragile ceasefire.

According to Iranian state media, Tehran said it would not proceed with further talks due to what it described as Washington’s “excessive demands,” shifting positions, and repeated contradictions. Iranian officials also accused the US of engaging in a “blame game” and using media statements to pressure Tehran rather than pursuing genuine diplomacy.

A major point of contention remains Iran’s accusation that the US is negotiating in bad faith while simultaneously maintaining military and naval pressure in the region. Tehran has specifically pointed to continued maritime restrictions and recent naval incidents as evidence that Washington is not committed to de-escalation.

Iranian authorities further argued that the memory of recent attacks and ongoing hostilities has made trust-building extremely difficult. They emphasized that these actions cannot be ignored, suggesting



that the current environment is not suitable for meaningful negotiations.

On the US side, officials had indicated expectations for a second round of talks, reportedly to be held in Pakistan, as part of efforts to stabilize the situation and extend the ceasefire. However, Iran’s rejection has now cast doubt on the immediate future of diplomatic engagement. The breakdown comes just days after earlier indirect discussions failed to produce a breakthrough on key

issues, including Iran’s nuclear program, sanctions relief, and maritime security in strategic waterways. Both sides had left those talks without agreement, despite lengthy discussions. The Strait of Hormuz also remains a critical flashpoint. Any disruption in the region continues to raise global concerns due to its importance in international oil trade. Analysts warn that continued tension could have wider consequences for energy markets and regional stability.

While Iran has not fully ruled out future dialogue, its current stance signals deep frustration with the negotiating process. Officials insist that unless core grievances—particularly sanctions and security concerns—are addressed, further talks are unlikely to move forward. For now, diplomacy between the two sides remains stalled, with both countries trading accusations and maintaining firm positions, leaving the future of negotiations uncertain.

Why Trump Was Kept Out of Control Room During Iran Rescue Mission

During a high-risk US military operation to rescue two airmen from Iran, President Donald Trump was reportedly kept out of the main control room, highlighting internal tensions during a critical phase of the mission.

The episode followed the downing of a US F-15E Strike Eagle over Iranian territory in early April 2026. While one crew member was rescued soon after the crash, the second remained stranded for nearly 48 hours, prompting an urgent and complex recovery effort involving special forces and extensive air support.

According to reports, Trump was not allowed to stay inside the central command room where real-time operational decisions were being made. Instead, he was briefed separately by senior officials at regular intervals. The decision was reportedly taken to ensure that the mission environment remained focused and free from potential disruptions during a highly sensitive and time-critical operation. Behind the scenes, the situation was tense. The possibility of US personnel being captured inside Iran raised serious concerns within the administration. Such an outcome could have triggered a major political and diplomatic crisis, adding pressure on leadership during an already volatile conflict.



Despite not being physically present in the control room, Trump remained involved at a broader level. He was continuously updated on developments and later publicly stated that he had directed the mission. The rescue operation ultimately concluded successfully, with both airmen safely extracted from hostile territory after an intense and carefully coordinated effort. The mission itself was one of the most complex in recent military operations, involving coordination between intelligence agencies, air support units, and ground forces. Conducting such an operation inside adversary territory required precision, secrecy, and

rapid decision-making to avoid further escalation. Trump’s exclusion from the control room underscores the balance between political authority and military execution. While the president serves as commander-in-chief, real-time tactical decisions in high-risk missions are typically handled by experienced military professionals who operate in tightly controlled environments.

Overall, the incident highlights how, during critical operations, maintaining operational discipline and clarity often takes precedence, even when it means limiting direct involvement from the highest levels of political leadership.

Tensions in the Strait of Hormuz escalated sharply after the United States Navy fired upon and seized an Iranian-flagged cargo vessel that attempted to move through the strategic waterway despite a declared blockade.

According to reports, the vessel ignored repeated warnings from US forces to stop and comply with inspection orders. After several hours of non-compliance, a US Navy destroyer opened fire on the ship’s engine section, disabling its propulsion system. Following this, American Marines boarded the vessel from helicopters and took control of the ship. The ship, identified as a sanctioned cargo vessel, was reportedly traveling through the Gulf of Oman toward Iranian waters when it was intercepted. US officials claimed the vessel was attempting to evade a naval blockade imposed in the region and was suspected of carrying restricted cargo linked to prior violations.

The operation marks one of the most direct confrontations at sea between the US and Iran in recent years and is the first confirmed seizure since heightened naval tensions began in the region. The Strait of Hormuz, through which a significant portion of global oil trade flows, has become a major flashpoint amid the broader US-Iran conflict. US authorities stated that the action was taken after multiple warnings



were ignored, and described the boarding as a necessary enforcement step to maintain maritime security and uphold sanctions. The seized vessel is now under US control for inspection. Iran, however, strongly condemned the operation, calling it an act of aggression and “armed piracy.” Iranian officials argued that the seizure

violates international maritime norms and further escalates an already fragile situation in the Gulf. Tehran has warned of possible retaliation and accused Washington of deliberately provoking conflict.

The incident has also intensified fears about global energy stability. With the Strait of Hormuz being a critical route

for oil shipments, any disruption in the area can quickly impact international oil prices and shipping routes. As both sides exchange accusations, the situation in the region remains highly volatile, with concerns growing that continued naval confrontations could further widen the conflict beyond diplomatic control.

UAE Seeks Financial Safety Net as Iran War Raises Dollar and Oil Risks

The ongoing US-Iran conflict is not just a military crisis—it is rapidly turning into a financial and energy shock, with the United Arab Emirates (UAE) emerging as one of the most affected economies in the Gulf.

According to reports, the UAE has initiated discussions with the United States to secure a financial “backstop” or emergency support mechanism. This includes the possibility of a currency swap line, which would allow the UAE to access US dollars quickly in case liquidity tightens due to prolonged conflict. The move is largely precautionary but highlights growing concern over financial stability in the region.

The urgency stems from disruptions caused by the war, particularly in oil flows and trade routes. The Strait of Hormuz—a critical global energy artery—has been repeatedly blocked or threatened, severely affecting oil exports and shipping. Nearly 20% of the world’s oil supply passes through this narrow route, making any disruption a major global concern.

As tensions escalate, oil prices have surged and supply chains have been strained, creating ripple effects across global markets. The conflict has already triggered what analysts describe as one of the largest energy disruptions in modern history, comparable to the 1970s oil crisis.

For the UAE, the risks are twofold. First, physical damage to oil and gas infrastructure from attacks has raised reconstruction costs. Second, reduced oil exports and capital outflows could lead to a shortage of dollar liquidity, which is crucial since the UAE’s currency is pegged to the US dollar.

There is also a broader geopolitical dimension. Reports suggest that UAE officials have hinted at exploring alternatives—such as conducting oil trade in Chinese yuan—if dollar access becomes constrained. While not an immediate shift, this signals potential cracks in the long-standing “petrodollar” system that underpins global energy trade.

Meanwhile, the financial burden of the war is mounting across the region. Reconstruction costs for damaged infrastructure in Gulf countries are expected to run into tens of billions of dollars, further straining economies already dealing with disrupted revenues.

In essence, the conflict is evolving into a three-layered crisis: a military confrontation, an energy supply shock, and a financial stability risk. The UAE’s move to seek a dollar backstop reflects growing anxiety that if the war drags on, the economic fallout could spread far beyond the Middle East—potentially reshaping global energy markets and currency dynamics.



Markets End Flat as Geopolitical Uncertainty Keeps Investors on Edge

Indian equity markets closed on a flat note after a volatile trading session, as uncertainty surrounding the US–Iran ceasefire weighed heavily on investor sentiment. Despite extending gains for a second consecutive session, benchmark indices failed to hold intraday momentum due to persistent global concerns and profit booking.

The day began on a mildly positive note, with indices showing early strength supported by selective buying. However, volatility dominated the session as investors reacted cautiously to mixed global cues. Concerns over the fragile ceasefire between the United States and Iran kept market participants wary, limiting upside potential.

As trading progressed, markets witnessed intermittent buying, especially during the late morning session. This helped indices recover from early fluctuations. However, the optimism proved short-lived. By the afternoon, profit booking set in across key stocks, erasing earlier gains and dragging the benchmarks back to unchanged levels by the close.

Broader markets underperformed the benchmarks. The Nifty Midcap index declined around 0.2 percent, while the Smallcap index slipped approximately 0.4 percent, reflecting cautious sentiment among investors in riskier segments.

Sectoral performance remained mixed. Selling pressure was visible in information technology, telecom, and realty stocks, each declining 0.5 percent. On the other hand, sectors such as capital goods, media, power, energy, and PSU banks saw modest gains ranging between 0.5 percent and 1 percent, offering some support to the indices.

Market breadth showed resilience despite the flat closing. A notable number of stocks—nearly 200 on the BSE—touched their 52-week highs, indicating underlying strength in select pockets of the market. Additionally, individual stocks like Sterling and Wilson Renewable Energy stood out, rallying sharply



SIP Investors Stay the Course Despite Decline in Mutual Fund Returns

Retail investors in India are continuing to invest steadily through systematic investment plans (SIPs), even as equity mutual funds have witnessed a noticeable drop in returns. Recent data indicates that while market performance has weakened, investor commitment to disciplined, long-term investing remains strong.

According to an analysis by Kotak Institutional Equities, the average net asset value (NAV) of equity mutual funds has declined by around 14 percent from its peak in September 2024. This downturn reflects a broader correction in equity markets between mid-2024 and early 2026, which has impacted returns across most fund categories.

As a result, many investors who started SIPs between 2022 and 2025 are now experiencing lower or even negative returns, measured through internal rates of return (XIRR). This marks a reversal from the strong double-digit gains seen during the post-pandemic market rally.

Despite this, SIP inflows have remained resilient. Retail investors continue to allocate



funds regularly, signaling confidence in long-term wealth creation rather than reacting to short-term volatility. This steady participation has helped cushion markets against external pressures, including significant foreign investor outflows, which have totaled nearly \$19 billion.

The decline in returns has been more pronounced in certain segments of the market. Small-cap and sectoral or thematic funds have seen sharper corrections compared to diversified or large-cap-oriented schemes. These categories had previously delivered strong gains but are now more vulnerable to market fluctuations.

Overall, the current trend highlights a shift in investor

behavior. Instead of withdrawing investments during downturns, many individuals are sticking to SIPs, reflecting a growing awareness of the benefits of disciplined investing and rupee-cost averaging. This approach allows investors to accumulate units at different price levels, potentially improving long-term returns when markets recover.

In essence, while short-term performance of equity mutual funds has weakened, investor confidence remains intact. The continued flow of SIP investments underscores a maturing retail investor base that is increasingly focused on long-term financial goals rather than short-term market movements.

RBI Relaxes Rupee Trading Curbs, Signals Return to Normalcy in Forex Markets

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has eased some of the stringent restrictions imposed earlier on rupee trading, offering relief to market participants and signaling a gradual return to normalcy in the foreign exchange market. The move comes weeks after the central bank introduced emergency measures to curb excessive volatility in the currency.

Earlier this month, the RBI had implemented a series of strict controls to stabilize the rupee, which had fallen sharply amid global uncertainties and geopolitical tensions. These measures included banning banks from offering non-deliverable forward (NDF) contracts, restricting the rebooking of forex derivatives, and limiting transactions involving related parties. The objective was to curb speculative trading and reduce arbitrage opportunities that were putting pressure on the currency.

In its latest decision, the central bank has rolled back some of these curbs. Banks are now allowed to resume offering certain derivative contracts, and restrictions on rebooking forex deals have been withdrawn. Additionally, the RBI has relaxed rules around offshore derivative transactions, making it easier for market participants to manage their currency exposures.

However, the easing is only partial. The RBI continues to maintain safeguards to prevent excessive speculation. For



instance, transactions involving related parties remain restricted, except in specific cases such as cancellation or rollover of existing contracts on a back-to-back basis with non-resident entities. This ensures that the market remains stable while allowing genuine hedging activities to resume.

The rollback reflects the central bank's confidence that its earlier measures have achieved their intended purpose. The rupee, which had touched record lows near 95 per dollar in March, has since recovered

and stabilized within a narrower range. The unwinding of large arbitrage positions and reduced speculative activity have contributed to this improvement.

Importantly, the RBI has reiterated that these restrictions were temporary in nature. By easing them, the central bank aims to strike a balance between maintaining currency stability and ensuring sufficient market liquidity. The move is also expected to improve sentiment among foreign investors, who were impacted

by higher hedging costs and tighter regulations in recent weeks.

Overall, the decision marks a shift from crisis-driven intervention toward a more normalized policy stance. While risks from global developments remain, the RBI's calibrated approach suggests it is prepared to act flexibly—tightening or loosening measures as needed—to keep the rupee stable and markets functioning smoothly.

RBI Eases Rupee Trading Curbs, Signals Gradual Return to Forex Stability

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has rolled back several restrictions on rupee trading that were introduced earlier this month to curb sharp volatility in the currency market. The move indicates a shift from emergency intervention toward restoring normal market functioning, while still maintaining safeguards against excessive speculation.

At the start of April, the RBI had imposed strict controls after the rupee weakened to record lows. These measures included banning banks from offering non-deliverable forward (NDF) contracts to clients, prohibiting the rebooking of cancelled forward trades, and restricting foreign exchange derivative transactions involving related parties. The objective was to limit arbitrage opportunities and speculative activity that were adding pressure on the currency.

In its latest decision, the central bank has withdrawn some of these curbs. Banks are now allowed to resume offering certain derivative products, and the restriction on rebooking cancelled forward contracts has been lifted. Additionally, rules related to offshore derivative trades have been partially relaxed, allowing the cancellation and rollover of existing contracts with non-resident entities on a back-to-back basis.

However, the easing is not a complete rollback. The RBI has retained key safeguards to ensure that speculative trades do



not resurface. Certain restrictions on related-party transactions continue, and limits such as caps on banks' open currency positions remain in place to control excessive risk-taking.

The decision reflects confidence that earlier measures have achieved their intended purpose. The rupee, which had come under intense pressure due to global uncertainties and geopolitical tensions, has since stabilized and recovered mod-

estly from its lows. Improved liquidity and reduced arbitrage activity have helped calm the forex market.

Market participants view the move as a positive step toward improving trading conditions. The easing of restrictions is expected to enhance liquidity, narrow bid-ask spreads, and make hedging easier for businesses and investors. At the same time, the RBI's calibrated approach suggests it will con-

tinue to intervene if volatility resurfaces. Overall, the RBI's action highlights a balanced strategy—tightening rules during periods of stress and gradually relaxing them once stability returns. While global risks remain, especially from geopolitical developments and capital flows, the central bank's measured approach aims to ensure both currency stability and efficient market functioning in the long run.



Vedanta Demerger to Take Effect May 1; Shareholders to Receive 1:1 Allotment

Vedanta Ltd has announced that its long-awaited demerger plan will come into effect on May 1, marking a significant step in the company's restructuring journey. The move is aimed at simplifying its business structure and unlocking value by creating independent, sector-focused entities.

The company has set May 1, 2026, as both the effective date and the record date for the demerger. Shareholders holding Vedanta stock as of that date will be eligible to receive shares in the newly created companies.

Under the restructuring plan, Vedanta will split its operations into multiple entities, each focused on a specific business vertical. The parent company will continue as Vedanta Ltd, primarily housing its core metals operations, while new companies will be formed to handle businesses such as aluminium, power, iron and steel,

and energy.

A major highlight of the demerger is the share distribution structure. Existing shareholders will receive one share in each of the new companies for every one share they hold in Vedanta Ltd. This 1:1 allotment ensures that investors maintain proportional ownership across all the newly formed entities without needing to make additional investments.

The restructuring also involves realigning assets within the group. Key business units and investments will be transferred to their respective verticals to ensure that each new entity operates with greater clarity and focus. This is expected to improve efficiency and enable better decision-making at the business level.

The demerger plan was originally proposed as part of Vedanta's broader strategy to streamline operations and ad-

dress the challenges associated with running a diversified conglomerate. By creating pure-play companies, the group aims to attract more targeted investors and improve valuation transparency.

Market participants view this move as an effort to eliminate the "conglomerate discount," which often affects companies operating across multiple sectors. With clearer structures and focused strategies, each entity is expected to pursue growth opportunities more effectively and independently.

Overall, the implementation of the demerger marks the beginning of a new phase for Vedanta. The move is expected to enhance operational efficiency, boost investor confidence, and potentially lead to better market valuations in the long term as each business unlocks its individual potential.

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.

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.

Tilak Varma’s Century Powers MI to Dominant Win Over GT

Mumbai Indians finally re-discovered their winning touch in IPL-19, registering a massive 99-run victory over Gujarat Titans at Ahmedabad on Monday, powered by a sensational maiden IPL century from Tilak Varma.

After a poor start to the season with four consecutive defeats, MI looked in deep trouble at 103/4 in 14 overs and were seemingly heading for another loss. However, Tilak Varma produced a stunning turnaround, scoring an unbeaten 101 off just 45 balls, smashing 8 fours and 7 sixes. His explosive finish lifted Mumbai to a commanding total of 199/5 in 20 overs. Namam Dheer also contributed a crucial 45 off 32 balls, while Gujarat’s Kagiso Rabada picked up 3 wickets for 33 runs and Mohammed Siraj reclaimed one wicket. Chasing 200, Gujarat Titans collapsed dramatically for just 100 runs in 15.5 overs. MI’s bowling unit delivered a clinical performance, led by Ashwani Kumar’s brilliant spell of 4/24. Mitchell Santner (2/16), Ghazafar (2/17), and Jasprit Bumrah (1/15) provided strong support as the Titans batting lineup crumbled.



The chase began on a disastrous note for Gujarat when Bumrah struck on the very first ball, dismissing Sai Sudharsan. Hardik Pandya removed Jos Buttler early, while impact player Ashwani Kumar sent back Shubman Gill for 14, breaking the backbone of the innings. Santner further dented Gujarat’s hopes by removing key middle-order batters in quick succession.

Tilak Varma’s innings, however, was the turning point of the match. Coming in under

pressure at 103/4, he initially struggled but then unleashed a brutal counterattack, dismantling Gujarat’s bowling attack. His final 23 balls yielded 82 runs, completely shifting the momentum in Mumbai’s favor.

With this emphatic win, Mumbai Indians not only broke their losing streak but also made a strong statement in the tournament, while Tilak Varma’s maiden IPL century will be remembered as one of the standout performances of the season.

Vijayawada Skater Kaivalya Wins Double Gold at National Championship



Vijayawada’s young skating talent Kopparapu Kaivalya (17) delivered a remarkable performance at the India Skate Games 2026 National Championship, organised by the Roller Skating Federation of India (RSFI), held in Chennai from April 18 to 20.

Competing in the artistic skating category, Kaivalya dominated the junior division by securing two gold medals—one in inline skating and another in solo dance—emerging as the top performer at the national level. His consistent excellence across both events

placed him at the number one position in the country in his category.

The championship witnessed participation from top skaters across India, making Kaivalya’s achievement significant in a highly competitive field. Judges appreciated his technical precision, balance, and artistic expression, which stood out during both routines.

With this double gold victory, Kaivalya has also earned a place in the selection trials for the World Skate Games 2026, scheduled to be held in South



America in October. His selection marks a crucial step toward representing India on the global stage in artistic skating.

Kaivalya, who has been training rigorously over the past several years, is considered one of the promising young athletes in India’s skating circuit. Coaches credited his discipline, dedication, and focus for his consistent improvement and national-level success.

Officials from RSFI congratulated the young skater for his outstanding performance and expressed confidence that he

could make a strong impact in international competitions if selected for the final squad.

Sports enthusiasts in Vijayawada and Andhra Pradesh have also welcomed his achievement, noting that his success brings recognition to emerging talent from the region in non-mainstream sports.

Kaivalya’s performance at the national championship is being seen as a major milestone in his sporting career, and all eyes are now on his upcoming international selection prospects for the World Skate Games 2026.



India Flagged ‘Extremely High Risk’ for Doping: Athletics Integrity Unit Report Raises Concern

India has been classified as an “extremely high risk” country for doping violations by the Athletics Integrity Unit, raising serious concerns over the state of clean sport in the country.

According to the latest assessment by the AIU, India continues to feature among the nations with the highest number of doping-related cases in athletics. The report highlights persistent issues in testing, monitoring, and athlete awareness, placing India in the most critical risk category globally.

The World Athletics-backed AIU evaluates countries based on factors such as the number of positive doping cases, testing frequency, and the effectiveness of anti-doping programmes. India’s placement in the “extremely high risk” bracket indicates systemic challenges that need urgent attention.

One of the key concerns flagged is the high incidence of athletes testing positive for banned substances, particularly at the domestic level. Experts believe that lack of education, easy availability of performance-enhancing drugs, and inadequate supervision contribute significantly to the problem. The findings put pressure on national bodies like the Athletics Federation of India and the National Anti-Doping

Agency to strengthen their anti-doping mechanisms. Measures such as increased testing, stricter enforcement, and comprehensive awareness programmes are being seen as essential steps to address the issue.

The report comes at a crucial time when India is aiming to establish itself as a strong contender in global athletics competitions, including the Olympics and World Championships. Repeated doping violations not only tarnish the country’s reputation but also impact the morale of clean athletes striving for excellence.

Officials have acknowledged the challenge and indicated that steps are being taken to improve the situation. These include expanding testing networks, enhancing education campaigns, and ensuring stricter penalties for offenders.

However, experts caution that meaningful change will require sustained efforts, transparency, and accountability at all levels of the sport. Without systemic reforms, India risks continued scrutiny and possible sanctions in international athletics. The AIU’s classification serves as a wake-up call for Indian athletics, underlining the urgent need to rebuild credibility and promote a culture of clean sport.

“Quit Afghanistan, Play Here”: Rashid Khan Reveals Shocking Offer from Indian Cricket Figure

Afghanistan star spinner Rashid Khan has made a sensational revelation, claiming that he once received an offer from an Indian cricket figure urging him to leave Afghanistan and pursue his career in India.

Speaking in a recent interaction, Rashid said he was told, “Live here, play here,” in what appeared to be a serious proposal to shift base and represent Indian cricket. The leg-spinner, however, made it clear that he turned down the offer without hesitation, choosing loyalty to his home country over personal gain.

Rashid, widely regarded as one of the finest T20 bowlers in the world, has been a key figure in Afghanistan’s rise in international cricket. From humble beginnings to becoming a global T20 superstar, his journey has inspired many young cricketers in the war-affected

nation.

Despite the lucrative nature of the offer, Rashid emphasized that representing Afghanistan has always been his top priority. He stated that playing for his country gives him pride and purpose, something that no other opportunity could replace.

The revelation has sparked discussions in cricketing circles, especially considering the growing influence of franchise leagues like the Indian Premier League, where Rashid has been a consistent performer over the years. His exploits in the IPL have made him a household name in India, further underlining why such an offer may have been made.

While Rashid did not disclose the identity of the individual who approached him, his statement sheds light on the kind of opportunities that

elite players from emerging cricket nations sometimes encounter. It also highlights the ethical and emotional dilemmas they may face when balancing career prospects with national allegiance.

Afghanistan cricket has made remarkable progress in the past decade, with players like Rashid leading the charge on the global stage. His decision to stay committed has not only strengthened the team but also boosted the sport’s popularity back home.

As franchise cricket continues to expand, such stories underline the importance of national identity in the game. Rashid’s stance serves as a reminder that, for many players, wearing their country’s jersey remains the ultimate honour—far above financial incentives or global fame.



“When Was Your Last Match-Winning Knock?”: Hardik Pandya Under Fire Amid MI Struggles

Hardik Pandya is facing mounting criticism during the ongoing Indian Premier League 2026, with former India cricketer Aakash Chopra questioning his impact as a match-winner for the Mumbai Indians.

Ahead of Mumbai’s clash against Gujarat Titans, Chopra made a sharp remark, asking when Pandya last played a decisive, match-winning innings for his team. The comment comes at a time when both the captain and the franchise are struggling to find form this season. Mumbai Indians have endured a poor campaign so far, languishing near the bottom of the points table. The five-time champions have failed to build momentum, losing multiple matches early in the tournament. Pandya’s individual performance has also come under scrutiny, with the all-rounder managing just modest contributions with both bat and ball.

Chopra, speaking on his YouTube channel, acknowledged that Pandya has played useful cameos but stressed the absence of a defining innings—the kind where he single-handedly leads the team to victory. He pointed out that while small contributions are valuable, teams expect their senior players to deliver big, game-changing

performances, especially during difficult phases.

The former opener also hinted that Pandya, given his ability and experience, should step up and take more responsibility. He suggested that Mumbai needs fresh ideas and a fearless approach to revive their campaign. Among tactical changes, Chopra proposed adjustments in the batting order, including promoting players like Sherfane Rutherford to inject momentum into the innings.

Questions have also been raised over Pandya’s captaincy, particularly regarding team combinations and the utilisation of key players like Jasprit Bumrah. Critics believe Mumbai have not been able to extract the best from their star performers this season.

Despite the criticism, Pandya’s credentials as a proven match-winner remain intact, having delivered several impactful performances in the past. However, with Mumbai Indians struggling and expectations high, the spotlight is firmly on the skipper to produce a standout performance and turn the team’s fortunes around. As the tournament progresses, all eyes will be on whether Pandya can silence his critics with a defining knock and lead Mumbai back into contention.

Josh Inglis Set to Join LSG Ahead of MI Clash in IPL 2026

In a timely boost for the Lucknow Super Giants, Australian wicketkeeper-batter Josh Inglis is set to join the squad ahead of their crucial clash against the Mumbai Indians in the ongoing Indian Premier League 2026.

According to reports, Inglis is expected to link up with the LSG camp shortly, providing much-needed reinforcement as the team navigates a competitive phase in the tournament. His arrival comes at a critical juncture, with LSG aiming to

strengthen their batting lineup and maintain momentum in the points table.

Inglis, known for his aggressive stroke play and versatility, has built a reputation as a dependable performer in T20 cricket. His ability to accelerate in the middle and death overs, along with his wicketkeeping skills, makes him a valuable addition to the squad. The Australian has previously impressed in various franchise leagues around the world, and LSG will

be hoping he can replicate that form in the IPL.

Lucknow Super Giants have shown flashes of brilliance this season but have also struggled with consistency. Injuries and availability issues have forced the team management to look for reinforcements, and Inglis’ inclusion is seen as a strategic move to address those concerns.

The upcoming match against Mumbai Indians is expected to be a high-stakes encounter.

Mumbai, despite their own struggles this season, remain a formidable side with experienced players capable of turning games around. For LSG, having a player of Inglis’ calibre could prove decisive in such a contest.

Team management is likely to assess Inglis’ readiness before finalising the playing XI. If included, he could slot into the middle order, providing stability as well as firepower depending on the match situation.

The move also reflects the increasing reliance of IPL franchises on international talent to plug gaps during the long and demanding tournament. With the playoff race heating up, timely additions like Inglis could make a significant difference.

As fans await his debut in LSG colours, all eyes will be on how quickly Inglis adapts and whether he can deliver impactful performances in one of the world’s most competitive T20 leagues.



26 Years of Badri: The Untold Story of Pawan Kalyan's Game-Changing Classic and Its Nearly Different Ending

Two and a half decades have passed since Badri first lit up Telugu cinema screens, and yet the film continues to hold a cherished place in the hearts of fans. Released in 2000, the romantic action entertainer marked a defining moment — not just for Power Star Pawan Kalyan, but also for its debutant director Puri Jagannadh. As the film celebrates 26 glorious years, an intriguing behind-the-scenes story about its climax has resurfaced, reminding us how a single creative decision can shape cinematic history.Badri was

written and directed by Puri Jagannadh in his directorial debut, starring Pawan Kalyan, Amisha Patel, and Renu Desai. The film played a crucial role in expanding Pawan Kalyan's appeal from class audiences, who admired his earlier hits, to a much broader mass audience.The story follows Badri, an ad agency director, whose childhood sweetheart Vennela challenges him to woo another girl — Sarayu — to prove his charm. After winning Sarayu's love, Badri finds himself torn between his two lady-loves, while Sarayu's

fiercely protective brother Nanda (Prakash Raj) threatens to settle scores with him. The film builds towards a beautifully emotional climax that became one of the most talked-about endings in Telugu cinema. But here's the fascinating twist — the climax we all know and love almost never happened. Puri Jagannadh has revealed on multiple occasions that Pawan Kalyan once asked him to change the climax of Badri. When Pawan made this request, Puri asked for some time to think it over. After a couple of

days, when Puri visited Pawan again, Pawan asked whether any changes had been made. Puri said no, explaining that no matter how much he thought about it, the original climax best suited the story. Pawan then revealed that he had simply been testing Puri — and that he actually loved the original ending.It was a classic creative mind game between actor and director, and the outcome was a climax that has moved audiences for generations. Beyond the storyline, the film was a cultural milestone. Its iconic dia-

logue and superhit songs continued to be popular even after two decades, with the soundtrack still featuring on many listeners' playlists today. Music director Ramana Gogula received widespread praise for his work on the film.On a personal note, Pawan Kalyan met Renu Desai on the sets of Badri, and the two eventually got married, though they later parted ways.Badri was more than just a film — it was the birth of an iconic screen persona and a landmark in Telugu cinema that continues to be celebrated 26 years on.



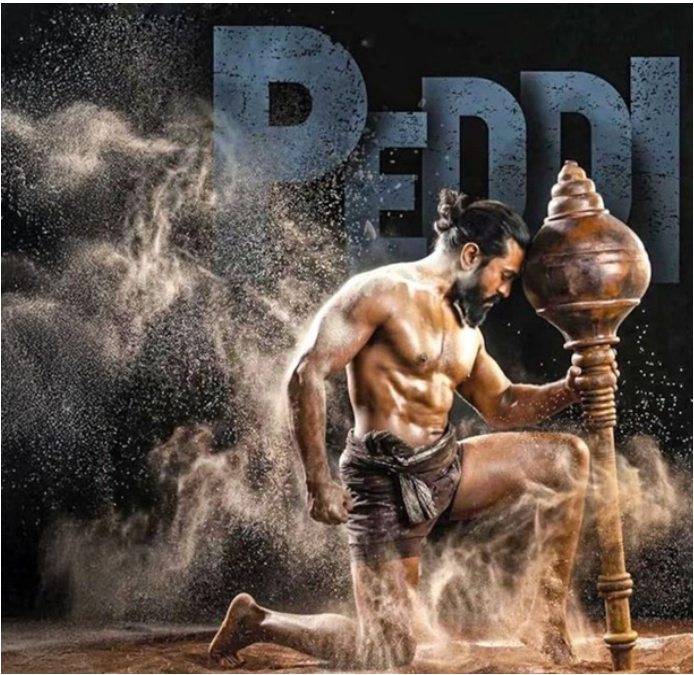
Peddi Postponed: The Staggering VFX Effort Behind Ram Charan's Most Ambitious Film Yet

Ram Charan's highly anticipated sports action drama Peddi has been pushed back from its originally planned April 30 release to June 2026. While the delay may have disappointed eager fans, the reason behind it offers a fascinating glimpse into the extraordinary level of effort being poured into this project — particularly on the visual effects front.

The production team has confirmed that the shoot is yet to be fully wrapped, and pending post-production work left them with no choice but to reschedule the release. However, rather than seeing this as a setback, the makers are treating it as a commitment to quality — and the VFX revelations make that clear.

Frame X VFX, the studio handling the visual effects for Peddi, recently shared an eye-opening detail about the scale of their work. Despite handling only around 4 to 5 minutes of footage from the film's wrestling sequences, the team spent a remarkable three full months completing it. The numbers speak volumes about the painstaking precision that goes into crafting world-class VFX.

Nilesh, the head of Frame X VFX, shed light on why even a short stretch of footage demands so much time and effort. He explained that VFX work is calculated frame by frame, with every single min-



ute of footage containing 1,440 individual frames. The cost and time involved therefore depend entirely on the level of enhancement applied to each of those frames — meaning even a few minutes of action-packed wrestling content can require months of meticulous work.For fans of Ram Charan, this level of dedication should be reassuring. It signals that the makers are leaving no stone unturned to deliver a visually spectacular experience. Rather than rushing the film to meet a deadline, the team is clearly prioritizing the overall

quality of the final product.

Peddi is produced by Vriddhi Cinemas and features Janhvi Kapoor as the female lead. The film's music is being composed by the legendary AR Rahman, adding another layer of excitement for audiences. With a powerhouse cast, a top-tier music director, and a production team willing to invest months into just minutes of footage, Peddi is shaping up to be one of the most ambitious Telugu films in recent memory. The wait, it seems, will absolutely be worth it.

A New Chapter Begins: Director Atlee and Wife Priya Welcome Baby Girl with a Heartwarming Announcement

The Indian film industry is celebrating some wonderful personal news as acclaimed director Atlee and his wife Priya have welcomed their second child — a precious baby girl. The joyful arrival has sent waves of happiness across the film fraternity, with celebrities from across the industry rushing to congratulate the couple.

The couple had first shared their pregnancy news back in January 2026, and ever since, fans and colleagues alike had been eagerly looking forward to this moment. True to his creative instincts, Atlee chose a truly heartwarming and distinctive way to announce the birth of his daughter — sharing the news from the perspective of his firstborn son, Meer. The announcement beautifully conveyed that little Meer now has a baby sister, adding an emotional and endearing touch to what could have been a simple social media post.

Interestingly, this sweet style



of announcement mirrors how Bollywood star Deepika Padukone — who had announced her own second pregnancy just a day before — had shared her news as well. The timing of both announcements, coming so close together, has made for a delightful coincidence that fans across social media have been buzzing about.

The congratulatory messages came pouring in from prominent names in the industry. Celebrities including Samantha, Kajal Aggarwal, Ananya Panday, and Nisha Aggarwal were among those who warmly wished the couple on the newest and most precious addition to their family.

While personally this is a

time of immense joy for Atlee and Priya, the director is also riding high on the professional front. He is currently in the midst of shooting his ambitious upcoming project Raaka, starring Pan-India sensation Allu Arjun in the lead role. The film is being shot in Mumbai and has already generated massive excitement following the release of its first look, which set social media ablaze and raised expectations to a fever pitch.With a blockbuster in the making and a beautiful new life joining the family, Atlee has every reason to be on top of the world right now. Fans and well-wishers from across the country have flooded social media with love for the couple, making this a truly unforgettable milestone in the director's personal and professional journey.

Here's wishing Atlee, Priya, little Meer, and their newborn baby girl a lifetime filled with health, happiness, and love.

Beyond the Silver Screen: Megastar Chiranjeevi's Generosity Touches Lives in Tollywood

Megastar Chiranjeevi has always been celebrated for his towering presence in Telugu cinema, but it is his warmth and compassion off-screen that continue to win hearts across the industry. True to his reputation as a generous and caring personality, Chiranjeevi has once again stepped forward in a big way to support those around him, proving that his stardom is matched only by the goodness of his heart.

In a recent act of kindness that has moved the Telugu film fraternity, Chiranjeevi extended financial help to makeup artist Sivanath, who was in need of critical heart surgery. The Megastar generously contributed Rs. 10.5 lakh to cover the medical expenses and went a step further by personally visiting Sivanath in the hospital — a gesture that spoke volumes about the genuine bond he shares with the people who work alongside him.

His compassion did not stop there. Chiranjeevi also came to the aid of his former manager KV Narasaiah's wife, who required a bypass surgery. He donated Rs. 9.5 lakh to ensure that the medical treatment could be carried out without financial strain on the family. Such personal attention to those who have served him over the years reflects the deep



sense of loyalty and gratitude that defines Chiranjeevi's character.

Looking beyond individual cases, the Megastar also made broader contributions to the film community. He donated Rs. 10 lakh to charitable trusts associated with the Telugu film industry and an additional Rs. 5 lakh to the Telugu Film Journalists' Association — recognising the role that journalists and industry workers play in keeping the ecosystem alive and thriving.What makes these acts particularly remarkable is their consistency. This is not an isolated gesture or a one-time display of generosity —

Chiranjeevi has a long-standing history of standing by the Telugu film fraternity in times of need. Whether it is a daily wage worker facing a medical emergency or a long-time associate in distress, he has always shown up.

In a world where stardom often comes with a distance from reality, Chiranjeevi remains a grounded and deeply humane figure. His actions serve as a reminder that true greatness lies not just in the roles one plays on screen, but in the lives one touches off it. The Megastar continues to be an inspiration — not just as an actor, but as a human being.

Jyoti Biswas: The Rising Star Lighting Up Ramps, Screens, and Award Stages

In the vibrant world of Indian entertainment, few personalities manage to shine across multiple domains simultaneously — but Jyoti Biswas is doing exactly that. From glamorous brand shoots to show-stopping ramp walks, from Bengali cinema to music albums and short series, this multi-talented actress and model is steadily carving out a name for herself that reaches far beyond regional boundaries.

Jyoti first made her mark in the world of fashion, participating in numerous brand shoots that showcased her striking screen presence and versatile appeal. Over time, she became a sought-after name on the ramp circuit, eventually earning the coveted role of showstopper — a position reserved for those who can command an audience's undivided attention the moment they step onto the runway. Her repeated appearances as a showstopper speak volumes about her growing stature in the fashion world.

On the acting front, Jyoti has made a notable entry into the Bengali film industry, having worked alongside popular star Ankush Hazra — a collaboration that introduced her to a wide and enthusiastic audience. Beyond cinema, she has also been actively building her portfolio through short series and music albums, demonstrating a willingness to explore every creative avenue available to her.

Her journey has not gone unrecognised. Jyoti was recently invited to a prestigious award show held in Vijayawada, where she received an award that acknowledged her growing contributions to the entertainment industry. This recognition adds to a collection of honours she has received over the course of her career, cementing her reputation as a performer who delivers results.

What makes this moment particularly exciting for her fans is the buzz surrounding her entry into Telugu cinema. There is growing talk about Jyoti featuring in an upcoming Telugu film, a development that could open an entirely new chapter in her already promising career and introduce her to one of India's most passionate film-loving audiences.

With talent, determination, and a rapidly expanding body of work, Jyoti Biswas is undoubtedly a name to watch.

