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Telangana Eyes Global Aerospace Leadership with Vikram-1 Milestone

Hyderabad, April 25 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy on Saturday flagged off the flight hardware of Skyroot Aerospace's Vikram-1, India's first privately developed orbital rocket, marking a significant step in the state's ambition to emerge as a global aerospace hub.

The rocket hardware was dispatched to the Satish Dhawan Space Centre for its upcoming launch, expected in the coming months. Vikram-1 has been entirely designed and developed in Hyderabad, highlighting the city's growing prominence in the space and aerospace ecosystem.

Congratulating the Skyroot team, the Chief Minister described the achievement as a matter of pride for Telangana and India. He noted that the



company's rapid progress—from launching its first rocket in 2022 to preparing for an orbital mission—demonstrates the strength of the state's innovation ecosystem.

Revanth Reddy stated that Telangana currently ranks among the top states in the aer-

ospace sector, with global giants such as Boeing, Airbus, and Safran already operating in the state. He reiterated the government's vision to make Telangana a global aerospace leader by 2047.

Highlighting economic growth, the Chief Minister

said Telangana recorded the highest growth in engineering exports in the country at 117.9% between 2023-24 and 2024-25, with aircraft components and defence equipment playing a key role.

He also emphasized large-scale skilling initiatives through the proposed Skills University, Advanced Technology Centres (ATCs), and polytechnic institutions. Plans are underway to bring ATCs and polytechnics under a unified framework to ensure industry-driven training.

Skyroot CEO Pawan Kumar Chandana expressed interest in partnering with the Skills University to address industry skill gaps.

Senior officials and industry representatives attended the event, underscoring Telangana's growing stature in the aerospace sector.

Telangana Delegation Attends Khelo India ChintanShivir

Srinagar, April 25 | TPN Bureau

A Telangana delegation led by State Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Vakiti Srihari is participating in the three-day Khelo India-ChintanShivir being held in Srinagar. The event is taking place at the Sher-i-Kashmir International Convention Centre. The delegation includes State Government Advisor A.P. Jitender Reddy, Sports Authority Chairman Shivasena Reddy, Special Chief Secretary JayeshRanjan, and Sports Authority MD Soni-Bala Devi.

The ChintanShivir, led by Union Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Mansukh L. Mandaviya, along with Minister of State for Defence Nikhil Khadse, focuses on sports development, Centre-State coordination, and future policy frameworks for strengthening

the sector. During the sessions, Minister Vakiti Srihari is expected to highlight Telangana's sports policy and initiatives aimed at transforming the state into a model for sports development. The delegation will also seek greater central support for expanding sports infrastructure and training facilities.

On the opening day, the minister participated in a yoga session along with Mandaviya, emphasizing the importance of incorporating yoga into daily life. He stated that yoga promotes both mental well-being and physical fitness and should be practiced by people of all age groups. The event has brought together ministers, coaches, athletes, and officials from various states and Union Territories, fostering collaboration and exchange of ideas to boost India's sports ecosystem.

Govt Decisions on RTC Workers Hailed as Historic

Hyderabad, April 25 | TPN Bureau

Transport Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar received praise from party leaders after the state government announced a series of key decisions addressing long-pending issues of RTC workers. MLAs Medipally Satyam and Kavvampalli Satyanarayana congratulated the minister, calling the move a "historic step" in resolving workers' concerns.

In a virtual meeting held with Congress party functionaries, including DCC presidents, MPs, MLAs, MLCs, corporation chairpersons, and official spokespersons, the minister urged leaders to celebrate the government's decisions along with RTC workers across the state.

Highlighting the develop-



ments, Ponnamp Prabhakar said the government held extensive discussions with RTC employees during the recent two-day strike. He noted that Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikra-

marka and a team of ministers spent nearly 15 hours negotiating with workers to reach a resolution and ensure withdrawal of the strike.

The minister announced

that the government has agreed to key demands of the employees, including the merger of RTC with the government, conduct of workers' union elections, and implementation of an 11 per cent Pay Revision Commission (PRC) hike. He added that other pending issues of RTC workers are also being addressed.

Calling RTC workers "part of the government family," the minister emphasized that the administration is committed to their welfare. He assured support to the family of Shankar Goud, an employee who reportedly died by suicide during the agitation.

Ponnamp Prabhakar criticized previous governments for failing to resolve workers' issues despite prolonged strikes, stating that over 30 lives were lost without any con-

crete outcomes. He also accused opposition parties like the BJP and BRS of politicizing the issue during the recent strike.

The minister directed party leaders to take these achievements to the public and highlight the government's commitment to fulfilling promises. He listed measures already implemented, including settlement of pending dues, DA announcements, recruitment drives, compassionate appointments, and procurement of new buses.

With nearly 65 lakh passengers relying on RTC services daily, the minister stressed that strengthening public transport remains a priority, as it serves as a lifeline for education, healthcare, and employment access for the common people.

Telangana Moves to Merge RTC with Government After Strike Talks

Hyderabad, April 25 | TPN Bureau

The Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TSRTC) is set to be merged with the state government following successful negotiations between RTC unions and the government led by Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy. The decision comes after three days of an intense strike by RTC employees.

Deputy Chief Minister Malu Bhatti Vikramarka, addressing the media in the early hours of Saturday, announced that a formal committee would be constituted to initiate the merger process. The panel will include government officials as well as representatives from RTC unions to ensure a smooth



transition.

The strike, led by the RTC Joint Action Committee (JAC), had severely disrupted public transport services, with em-

ployees staying away from duties and thousands of buses remaining off the roads. In Hyderabad, major bus stations such as Mahatma Gandhi Bus

Station and Jubilee Bus Station witnessed suspension of services, while police were deployed to maintain order.

To mitigate inconvenience to commuters, authorities arranged for nearly 1,000 buses, including around 450 electric buses, to operate on a temporary basis through outsourcing. On a normal day, approximately 3,000 RTC buses run in Hyderabad, serving nearly 26 lakh passengers. Across the state, the corporation operates over 9,300 buses, including a significant number of hired vehicles.

Union leaders confirmed that services would resume from April 25, following the government's assurance to address key demands, including pay revision, job security, and

clearance of pending salary dues. They also indicated that further issues would be resolved in a phased manner.

The development comes amid heightened emotions after the tragic death of RTC driver K. Shankar Goud from Narsampet, who died following a self-immolation attempt during the agitation. His death intensified pressure on the government to reach a resolution.

Officials stated that the government has agreed to recognize RTC unions and conduct union elections soon. With this move, Telangana is set to join other southern states where public transport corporations function under direct government control, marking a significant shift in the state's public transport administration.



Kavitha's New Party Sparks Debate Beyond Telangana

Hyderabad, April 25 | TPN Bureau

The launch of a new political outfit, Telangana RashtraSena, by K. Kavitha has triggered an unexpected political debate—not just in Telangana, but also in neighbouring Andhra Pradesh. While Kavitha's announcement was largely aimed at reshaping the political space in Telangana, reactions from Andhra Pradesh-based parties have drawn significant attention. Interestingly, supporters of the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) have largely expressed support for her move, viewing it as a development that could weaken the Bharat RashtraSamithi (BRS). On the other hand, sympathizers of the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) have been critical, questioning Kavitha's political intentions and leadership approach.

Political observers note that Kavitha's speech during the party launch focused primarily on Telangana issues, targeting both the ruling Congress government and the BRS lead-

ership, including her father K. Chandrashekar Rao and party leader K.T. Rama Rao. Notably, she made no reference to Andhra Pradesh politics.

Despite this, the ripple effect in Andhra Pradesh has been significant, with social media becoming a battleground for competing narratives. TDP supporters have suggested that Kavitha's entry could fragment BRS influence, while YSRCP supporters have drawn comparisons with other political figures and questioned her credibility.

Analysts say the reaction reflects lingering political tensions between leaders of both states, particularly following past electoral rivalries and controversies. The developments indicate that Kavitha's political move, though regionally focused, has broader implications in the Telugu political landscape.

As the new party takes shape, its actual impact on Telangana politics—and its indirect influence on Andhra Pradesh—remains to be seen.

47 Maoists Surrender Before Telangana Police, Weapons Seized

Hyderabad, April 25 | TPN Bureau

In a significant development, 47 underground cadres of the Communist Party of India (Maoist) surrendered before the Telangana Police on Saturday, along with 32 firearms, marking another milestone in the state's anti-Maoist efforts.

Addressing the media, Telangana Director General of Police B Shivadhar Reddy stated that the surrendered group included senior leader HemlaIytha alias Vijja, a member of the Dandakaranya Special Zonal Committee and

in-charge of the South Bastar Divisional Committee. All the surrendered cadres are reportedly from Chhattisgarh.

Police officials said the Maoists decided to give up arms following appeals from Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and were influenced by the state's Surrender and Rehabilitation Policy, as well as the supportive approach adopted by law enforcement agencies.

The surrendered weapons included four AK-47 rifles, one light machine gun (LMG), three self-loading rifles (SLRs), and around 100 kg of cordtex wire used for landmines. The DGP noted that

this could be among the last major surrender events, with only a few cadres still active.

Since March 2024, a total of 818 Maoists have laid down arms before Telangana Police. Over the past two years, authorities have recovered 334 weapons from Maoist groups, including advanced rifles such as AK-47s, LMGs, and even foreign-made firearms like a US-manufactured Colt rifle and an Israel-made Tavor CQB weapon. An investigation is underway into how these sophisticated weapons reached the insurgents.

Officials highlighted that Telangana has already been

declared Maoist-free, while Maoist influence in South Chhattisgarh has also significantly declined. Currently, only four active underground cadres from Telangana are believed to be operating outside the state, compared to 125 in 2023.

The DGP urged the remaining members, including senior leaders, to surrender and reintegrate into society. He also dismissed recent Maoist claims labeling surrendered cadres as "betrayers," stating that such rhetoric is routine and the authenticity of related communications is being verified.





BJP Sweeps Co-option Polls

Karimnagar, April 25 | TPN Bureau

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) secured a clean sweep in the Karimnagar Municipal Corporation co-option elections, winning all five available seats in a significant political development.

Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar played a key role in strategizing for the polls, with party leaders crediting him for the victory. Notably, four corporators from the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) reportedly extended support to BJP candidates, while the Congress stayed away from the contest.

A total of 38 members backed the BJP nominees, ensuring their comfortable victory. Party cadres celebrated the win, highlighting that tickets were given to grassroots workers who had long served the party.

Among those selected were individuals from diverse social backgrounds, including Mujib, a long-time party worker from the minority wing, Balbir Singh representing the Sikh community, and Nandan Kumar, a poor grassroots activist from Bommakal. The party also nominated Chiguru Venkatamma from the SC women's category and Kanne Krishna from the Arya Vysya community.

Leaders said the selections reflected a balanced social representation and recognition of dedicated cadre. BJP workers hailed the leadership for prioritizing loyal activists over influential figures.

The outcome has sparked political discussion in the city, with observers noting internal divisions within the BRS and the absence of Congress from the contest.



Minister Seethakka Reviews SERP Programmes, Focus on Women Empowerment

Hyderabad, April 25 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Minister for Rural Development and Women Welfare Seethakka held a review meeting at BRK Bhavan with SERP directors and district-level women federation presidents to review ongoing programmes and future plans aimed at empowering women.

The meeting focused on construction of women's community buildings, implementation of the "Ammaku Aksharamala" literacy initiative, and overall progress of Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty activities. The minister said the government is committed to ensuring that every woman becomes literate and gains access to education.

She announced plans to create educational profiles for women self-help group members to identify their qualifications and provide opportunities for higher education. Currently, construction of

women's buildings is under way in 5,239 villages, with several already completed. The minister appreciated officials for speeding up the works and revealed that another 5,000 buildings will be taken up next year.

Highlighting literacy efforts, Seethakka said that 6.5 lakh women have already been educated under "Ammaku Aksharamala," and another 6.5 lakh will soon receive training at the village level.

She also stressed the role of women's groups in preventing social issues like child marriages and encouraged them to focus on financial discipline and profitable livelihood activities. Additionally, the minister announced the "Sneha Summer Programme" for teenage girls, which will include life skills training, safety awareness, and cycle training. She urged young girls to actively participate and benefit from these initiatives.

BC Study Circle Theme Song Released to Motivate Civil Services Aspirants

Hyderabad, April 25 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Backward Classes Welfare Minister Ponnampet Prabhakar released the BC Study Circle theme song at the Minister's Quarters, aimed at motivating civil services aspirants across the state. The initiative follows the vision of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka to provide both financial assistance and quality training to students preparing for competitive exams under the Rajiv Abhaya Hastham scheme. More than 100 candidates appearing for the Civil Services Preliminary Examination scheduled on May 24 are being given special coaching at the BC Study Circle. The newly launched theme song is intended to boost morale and inspire aspirants to achieve success with confidence and determination.



The programme was organized under the leadership of BC Study Circle Director Mamidi Harikrishna, who played a key role in conceptualizing the motivational initiative.

Speaking on the occasion, the minister encouraged youth to work hard and make use of

the training facilities provided through the BC Study Circle, which offers coaching for Civil Services, Group exams, and other competitive tests. He urged aspirants to strive towards becoming future administrators and contribute to the development of Telangana.

Telangana Focuses on Skill Development in Aerospace Sector

Hyderabad, April 25 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy participated in the Skyroot Aerospace programme in Hyderabad, emphasizing the state government's strong focus on skill development and industry-oriented education, particularly in the aerospace sector.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister announced that a Skill University is being established with industrialist Anand Mahindra as Chairman of the Board. He stated that the university will cater to the growing demand for skilled manpower across multiple sectors, including aerospace.

Revanth Reddy highlighted that the Skill University will play a crucial role in supplying trained human resources required for the aerospace industry. He added that all skill-based disciplines would be brought under the ambit of the university to ensure a comprehensive and future-ready education system.



The Chief Minister also urged stakeholders to visit the ATC Centre at Mallepally, which is being developed as a model training facility. He noted that Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) are being transformed into Advanced Training Centres (ATCs) with the support of the Tata Group. The curriculum is also being updated to align with current industry needs.

Emphasizing education re-

forms, he said the government is working towards a complete overhaul of the education system by improving both academic standards and infrastructure. He revealed that the state is investing approximately 1.08 lakh per student to enhance the quality of education. The initiative reflects Telangana's commitment to building a skilled workforce and positioning itself as a hub for emerging industries like aerospace.

BJP Holds 'Deen Dayal Training Abhiyan' in Telangana

Hyderabad, April 25 | TPN Bureau

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) organized the 'Pandit Deen Dayal Prashiksha Abhiyan' programme at its Telangana state office, with party leaders and cadre participating in large numbers. Addressing the gathering, BJP Telangana State President N. Ramchander Rao outlined the importance of structured training for party workers. He said that following a key meeting held in Bengaluru, the party decided to expand training sessions to the district level to build on the experience gained at the mandal level. Ramchander Rao stated that providing ideological orientation, organizational discipline, political strategy, and a clear future roadmap to party



workers is a unique feature of the BJP. He noted that over 50,000 cadre members have already been trained at the mandal level, and the current programme aims to deepen understanding at the district level. He explained that the training covers seven key areas, including party structure, ideology, current political developments, and technological advancements. He expressed confidence that favourable political conditions exist for the BJP in Telangana and said that unity,

commitment, and hard work among workers could bring the party to power in the state. Commenting on the evolving political landscape, he said that while forming new parties has become easier, people are closely observing which parties genuinely work for public welfare. He asserted that the BJP remains committed to honest governance and highlighted the leadership of Narendra Modi, stating that the country has witnessed corruption-free administration over the past decade. He also criticized previous regimes, alleging that governance had not changed despite name changes, and called on party workers to strengthen efforts with the belief that the BJP would form the next government in Telangana.



Telangana Minister Joins Yoga Session at Chintan Shivir

Jammu & Kashmir, April 25 | TPN Bureau

As part of the ongoing Chintan Shivir in Jammu and Kashmir, Telangana State Youth Affairs and Sports Minister V. Sriramulu (Vakati Srihari) participated in a yoga session held on Saturday morning at the Taj Hotel. The session was attended alongside Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Mansukh L. Mandaviya, who actively took part in the programme promoting wellness and fitness. The yoga event was organized as part of the broader Chintan Shivir activities, focusing on physical and men-

tal well-being, leadership development among states and the Centre. Officials stated that such sessions highlight the importance of integrating fitness and mindfulness into daily routines, especially for policymakers and administrators handling demanding responsibilities.

The Chintan Shivir has brought together key leaders and ministers from across the country to deliberate on youth development, sports initiatives, and policy frameworks aimed at strengthening India's future generations.



Minister Jupally Launches Indiramma Housing Works in Kollapur

Kollapur, April 25 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Tourism, Culture and Excise Minister Jupally Krishna Rao on Saturday said the state government is committed to fulfilling the dream of owning a house for every poor family, emphasizing that welfare and development are being implemented simultaneously under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy.

During his visit to Kollapur constituency, the minister inaugurated multiple development initiatives. He performed groundbreaking ceremonies for houses sanctioned under the Indiramma housing scheme in Boda Banda Thanda and Ellur villages, marking the start of construction works for selected beneficiaries.

Jupally Krishna Rao stated that despite financial constraints, the government is prioritizing welfare schemes with sincerity to uplift weaker sec-

tions. He noted that under the Indiramma housing programme, the government aims to construct 4.5 lakh houses across the state with an estimated outlay of Rs 22,500 crore. An allocation of Rs 5,500 crore has already been made in the current budget.

Earlier, the minister distributed mobile phones to Anganwadi teachers at the camp office in Kollapur, stating that the initiative would strengthen service delivery through the use of modern technology.

He also handed over Kalyana Lakshmi and Shaadi Mubarak cheques to 70 beneficiaries from Pentlavelli, Vepanagandla, and Chinnambavi mandals. The schemes, he said, provide crucial financial support for the marriages of girls from economically weaker sections.

Local officials and public representatives attended the programme, highlighting the government's continued focus on welfare-driven governance.

Phone Tapping Case: SIT Issues Notice to K. Shivakumar

Hyderabad, April 25 | TPN Bureau

In a significant development in the ongoing phone tapping case in Telangana, the Special Investigation Team (SIT) has issued notices to K Shivakumar, chairman of Yuga Tulasi Foundation and former member of the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD).

As part of the investigation, officials have directed Shivakumar to appear for questioning on May 28 at the

Integrated Command and Control Centre in Banjara Hills. The notice has been served to gather crucial information related to the alleged phone tapping activities.

The case, which has created a political stir in the state, pertains to allegations that phones of political leaders, businesspersons, and celebrities were illegally monitored during the previous government led by K Chandrababoo Naidu. Several senior police officials have already been arrested in connection with

the case. Investigators are now focusing on collecting testimonies from key individuals to strengthen the evidence base. Shivakumar's role is being examined to determine whether he was among those targeted or if he possesses any relevant information linked to the case.

Sources indicate that SIT officials may question him on multiple aspects, including possible knowledge of surveillance activities and any connections to those involved. His statement is ex-

pected to provide further clarity and could potentially reveal new dimensions in the investigation.

The inquiry, being conducted at the high-security Command and Control Centre, is seen as a crucial step towards uncovering the full extent of the alleged surveillance network. With the probe intensifying, all eyes are now on the upcoming questioning, as Shivakumar's deposition may play a key role in identifying those responsible and advancing the investigation further.



Special Investigation Team



BRSV Calls Statewide Protests Over Fee Reimbursement Dues

Hyderabad, April 25 | TPN Bureau

The student wing of the Bharat RashtraSamithi, BRSV, has announced a series of statewide protests demanding the immediate release of pending fee reimbursement dues, which it claims have reached nearly 8,000 crore.

BRSV State President Gellu Srinivas Yadav stated that the delay has severely affected around 13 lakh students across Telangana. He alleged that students are unable to attend higher classes or apply for jobs due to colleges withholding original certificates over unpaid fees.

He criticized the government for prioritizing payments to large contractors while neglecting the educational future of students. Despite repeated protests, he said, there has been no response from the authorities.

Yadav also pointed out that before elections, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy had promised to clear all pending fee reimburse-

ments through a "green channel" system. However, even after more than two years, the dues remain unpaid, causing distress among students and impacting their academic progress.

He further noted that some college managements have approached the High Court over pending reimbursements. With the court reportedly allowing institutions to collect fees directly from students starting the 2026-27 academic year, there are concerns that many may be forced to discontinue their education due to financial burden.

As part of the agitation, BRSV has planned to submit complaints at district collectorates on April 27, send one lakh postcards to the Chief Justice of the Telangana High Court on April 28, and observe a statewide college bandh on April 29.

The organization urged students to participate actively in the protests to press for their demands.



MP Chamala Criticises Kavitha's New Party Move

Hyderabad, April 25 | TPN Bureau

Bhuvanagiri Member of Parliament Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy on Saturday reacted strongly to the announcement of a new political party by K. Kavitha, stating that the move has raised several questions among the public.

While extending formal greetings for launching the Telangana RashtraSena party, the MP criticized Kavitha's remarks and political positioning. He said her statements about governance, including claims that she would "govern by caring for people's welfare rather than wealth," come too late after a decade of association with the previous regime.

Chamala alleged that during the ten-year rule of the Bharat RashtraSamithi, governance was focused on financial gains rather than public welfare. He remarked that if Kavitha had chosen to form a separate party while the BRS was in power, it might have gained more pub-

lic support.

The MP further claimed that the Telangana movement's core promises—water, funds, and jobs—were not fulfilled as expected, and instead, the state witnessed exploitation during that period. He added that Kavitha remained silent throughout those years and is now stepping forward only due to internal differences, as perceived by the public.

Chamala also criticized Kavitha for her comments against Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, stating that such remarks would not gain public approval. He defended the Chief Minister, highlighting initiatives like loan waivers, employment generation, and development projects.

He said that while Kavitha has the right to form a party and take up political activities, her approach should be constructive. Chamala concluded that Telangana's people are aware of past governance and would not be misled by political narratives.



MP Arvind Targets Kavitha, Defends BJP's Role

Hyderabad, April 25 | TPN Bureau

Nizamabad MP Arvind Dharmapuri on Saturday launched a sharp attack on K. Kavitha, making strong remarks over her political stance and recent statements.

Addressing the media, Arvind alleged that Kavitha's political relevance has diminished and claimed that the BJP played a decisive role in shaping the current political landscape in Telangana. He asserted that the formation of the state was not possible without the support of the Bharatiya Janata Party.

Responding to criticism over his earlier remarks, the MP questioned what was wrong in

his statements and maintained that he stood by his comments. He also took a swipe at Kavitha and her father, former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao, alleging differences in values and political conduct.

Arvind emphasized that BJP leaders are committed to the nation and its ideals, contrasting it with what he described as the opposition's approach. His remarks come amid heightened political exchanges in Telangana, with leaders across parties engaging in strong verbal criticism ahead of evolving political developments.

The statements are expected to further intensify political debate in the state, particularly between BJP and BRS leaders.

BJP Leader Alleges 'Real Estate-Driven Governance' in Telangana

Hyderabad, April 25 | TPN Bureau

BJP Legislature Party leader Eleti Maheshwar Reddy on Saturday launched a sharp attack on the Congress-led Telangana government, alleging that it is being run through "real estate dealings" and land-related activities.

Addressing the media, Maheshwar Reddy claimed that the state administration is heavily dependent on land transactions and asset sales to manage finances. He alleged that the government is resorting to borrowing and selling assets instead of adopting sustainable economic policies.

Criticizing recent policy decisions, he said the government lacks clarity and account-



ability, questioning its ability to review key policies through mechanisms like House Committees. He further alleged that the administration is functioning irresponsibly by increasing debt while failing to address core public concerns.

Referring to the death of

RTC worker Shankar Goud, the BJP leader said the government was attempting to "close the issue" by announcing 10 lakh compensation, while showing greater generosity in other cases. He questioned whether equal importance is being given to the lives of ordinary citizens.

Maheshwar Reddy also raised concerns over the lack of action in major issues such as Kaleshwaram, Dharani, and other projects, alleging that no FIRs or arrests have been made so far.

He accused the government of ignoring repeated criticism from the BJP and called for greater transparency, accountability, and focus on public welfare in governance.

Mahesh Kumar Goud Slams BRS, Bats for Minority Strengthening

Hyderabad, April 25 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) president and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud on Saturday launched a strong attack on the Bharat RashtraSamithi (BRS), alleging that several RTC workers suffered during its tenure and questioning the party's credibility to speak on their welfare.

He held former Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao responsible for the hardships faced by RTC employees in the past. "Those who failed to protect workers earlier have no moral right to comment now," he remarked.

Speaking at a party interaction, Goud emphasized the need to strengthen the minority wing within the Congress. He announced that the party aims to provide greater representation to minority communities in the 2028 elections and called upon leaders to work actively at the grassroots level to build stronger outreach.

Highlighting the legacy of the Congress, he described it as a historic party committed to democratic governance and inclusive development. He also criticized the Central government led by Narendra Modi, alleging that unfulfilled promises had helped it come to power, while economic benefits were

largely concentrated among a few corporate groups.

Referring to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, Goud said initiatives like the Bharat Jodo Yatra helped connect with people across the country and understand their concerns.

He further stated that governance in Telangana is being carried out in a democratic manner, with special focus on improving education and healthcare sectors. Goud added that party leaders have been instructed to conduct district-level meetings and expand the minority base, urging coordinated efforts to strengthen the organization ahead of future political challenges.

KTR Warns of Statewide Stir Over Delay in Paddy Procurement

Rajanna-Sircilla, April 25 | TPN Bureau

KT Rama Rao, working president of the Bharat RashtraSamithi (BRS), on Saturday cautioned the Telangana government that his party would launch a statewide agitation if paddy procurement is not initiated immediately.

During his visit to a procurement centre in Baddenapalli village of Thangalapallimandal, Rama Rao interacted with farmers and assessed their concerns. He alleged that despite farmers bringing their produce to centres for nearly a month, the government had failed to purchase even a single grain in the district.

He accused the government of deliberately delaying procurement to avoid paying the Minimum Support Price (MSP) along with the promised Rs 500 bonus per quintal. According to him, procurement arrangements were inadequate, with no proper allocation of rice mills or weighing facilities, leaving farmers uncertain about selling their produce.

Rama Rao further claimed

that the delay was benefiting middlemen while farmers were left to suffer. He urged the government to immediately establish necessary infrastructure at procurement centres, including weighbridges and mill linkages, to ensure smooth purchasing.

Highlighting the risk of unseasonal rains linked to El Niño conditions, he warned that harvested paddy could be damaged if procurement does not begin promptly. Farmers, he noted, were forced to cover their produce with tarpaulins to protect it from potential rainfall.

The BRS leader also criticized the Congress government for failing to deliver on key promises, including timely RythuBandhu assistance, adequate power supply, and support for tenant farmers and agricultural labourers.

Warning of intensified protests, Rama Rao said the BRS would mobilise farmers across the state if immediate action is not taken. He expressed confidence that the party would return to power in the future and prioritise farmers' welfare.

INTUC Welcomes Govt Decision on RTC Unions, Strike Called Off

Hyderabad, April 25 | TPN Bureau

The Indian National Trade Union Congress (INTUC) has welcomed the Telangana government's decision to accept the demands of RTC employees, calling it a major step toward safeguarding workers' rights and restoring democratic practices within the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC).

Addressing a press conference, INTUC president Dr. G. Sanjeeva Reddy expressed gratitude to Chief Minister A.Revanth Reddy and the State Cabinet for responding positively to the demands raised by the RTC Staff and Workers' Union and the Telangana Joint Action Committee (TJAC). He described the revival of trade unions in TGSRTC as a long-awaited move that has renewed confidence among thousands of employees and reaffirmed the government's commitment to labour rights.

Dr. Reddy criticised the previous government led by K Chandrashekar Rao, alleging that anti-worker policies had

led to the ban on trade unions and delays in implementing Pay Revision Commissions of 2017 and 2021. He said these decisions had caused prolonged hardship to RTC workers.

Highlighting the current administration's approach, he stated that the Congress-led government has taken corrective steps to address past issues and uphold the dignity of workers. He termed the move as an example of "people-centric governance" focused on fairness and economic justice.

INTUC leaders, including Raj Reddy, Jakkula Malleshham, Abraham, and R.D. Chandrasekhar, also praised the government's intervention and reiterated their commitment to work alongside authorities to promote labour welfare, maintain industrial peace, and protect workers' rights.

Following three days of strike, RTC employees withdrew their protest after the government agreed to their key demands. Bus services resumed on Saturday morning, bringing relief to commuters across the state.

BRS Takes Dig at Kavitha's New Party Launch

Hyderabad, April 25 | TPN Bureau

The Bharat RashtraSamithi (BRS) on Saturday made an indirect remark following the launch of a new political party by former MLC K Kavitha. In a post on social media platform X, the party stated that "the original is always the original," hinting at the naming of the newly formed outfit.

Kavitha officially announced her party, Telangana RashtraSena (TRS), at a convention centre in Medchal district. The choice of name drew attention, as it closely resembles the former name of BRS, which was earlier known as Telangana RashtraSamithi before rebranding.

Reacting to the development, BRS shared a post that appeared to subtly criticise the move with-

out directly naming Kavitha. The post included images comparing original and duplicate versions of popular consumer products such as toothpaste and bottled water, implying a distinction between authenticity and imitation.

The message was widely interpreted as a political jab at the newly launched party, suggesting that BRS considers itself the original entity associated with the TRS identity. The development has sparked discussions in political circles, with observers noting the emerging tensions and competition following the entry of a new party in Telangana's political landscape.

While Kavitha has positioned her party as a fresh alternative, the response from BRS indicates that the political rivalry may intensify in the coming days.



ABVP-Led Student Protest Erupts Over Pending Scholarships



Hyderabad, April 25 | TPN Bureau

Students in Maisammaguda staged a protest by boycotting engineering colleges under the leadership of the AkhilBharatiyaVidyaarthiParishad (ABVP), demanding the immediate release of pending scholarships and fee reimbursement dues.

The agitation reflects a broader pattern seen across Telangana, where students have repeatedly protested delays in financial assistance, citing severe academic and financial stress. Recently, students at Osmania University also staged dem-

onstrations over similar issues, stating that delays in scholarships and fee reimbursements were causing hardship, particularly for those from economically weaker sections.

Speaking at the protest, Kukatpally division convenor Nagesh asserted that scholarships and fee reimbursements are fundamental rights of students and not acts of charity. He warned that continued delays would not be tolerated and demanded immediate clearance of all dues. Student leaders alleged that many are unable to pay col-

lege fees or continue their education due to pending reimbursements. They urged the government to ensure timely disbursement and prevent recurrence of such delays.

The protest witnessed participation from several ABVP leaders, including Medchal district convenor Mruthunjay and state executive members Ashish and Vishnu.

ABVP leaders cautioned that if the government fails to respond, the agitation would be intensified across the state in the coming days.



CBIT Hosts International Seminar on Design Thinking

Hyderabad, April 25 | TPN Bureau

Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT), Hyderabad, organized a one-day international seminar on "Industrial Applications of Design Thinking" at its Assembly Hall on April 25, 2026.

The seminar was conducted under the guidance of CBIT President Sri N. Subash. Principal Prof. C. V. Narasimhulu served as Patron, while Vice Principal Prof. P. V. R. Ravindra Reddy acted as Advisor. The event was convened by Prof. V. Barla, Advisor; IIC and Industry Professor, School of Management Studies (SMS), and organized by Dr. S. Saraswathi, Head of SMS.

Addressing the gathering, Prof. Narasimhulu emphasized that design thinking is crucial in today's rapidly evolving industrial landscape, promoting innovation, creativity, and user-centric problem-solving. He noted that such

seminars help bridge the gap between academic learning and industry requirements.

Prof. V. Barla highlighted the importance of applying design thinking in industries to develop sustainable and practical solutions. He said the seminar aimed to equip participants with the mindset and tools needed to tackle real-world challenges.

The keynote address was delivered by Prof. M. Janakiran, a design thinking expert from Jaipur National University, Dubai, who explained the human-centered approach of design thinking and shared industry case studies. Prof. JagadishSatyavolu from the University of Louisville, USA, offered global insights on innovation practices.

Faculty, students, and researchers actively participated in the seminar, which concluded with interactive discussions and valuable knowledge sharing.



Rs 2 Crore Aid Distributed to Self-Help Groups

Kuthbullapur, April 25 | TPN Bureau

As part of the ongoing 99-day action plan under the Praja-PalanaPragathi programme, a bank linkage initiative for self-help groups (SHGs) was conducted at the Kuthbullapur Zonal Office in Chintal on Saturday. Under the programme, officials distributed financial assistance worth Rs 2 crore to women self-help groups in Cyberabad Municipal Corporation limits, covering Jeedimetla Circle-55 of Kuthbullapur Zone. The initiative aims to strengthen the financial independence of women through institutional credit support. According to officials, Rs 80 lakh was provided to four SHGs in Ganesh Nagar (Ward 284), Rs 40 lakh to two groups

in Padma Nagar (Ward 285), Rs 60 lakh to three groups in Kuthbullapur (Ward 286), and Rs 20 lakh to one group in Pet Basheerabad (Ward 287).

Speaking on the occasion, officials said such financial support would significantly enhance the economic self-reliance of women and encourage small-scale entrepreneurial activities among SHGs.

Kuthbullapur Zonal Commissioner Pinkesh Kumar Lalit Kumar, Deputy Commissioner Shankar Singh (Jeedimetla Circle-55), Deputy Commissioner KumariLavanya (Chintal Circle-54), and Project Officer Indrasena attended the event. Members of women self-help groups and UCD staff also participated in the programme.

BandaruDattatreya Visits Ailing Former MLA

Hyderabad, April 25 | TPN Bureau

Former Haryana Governor BandaruDattatreya visited AIG Hospital in Gachibowli on Saturday to inquire about the health condition of former Hanamkonda MLA M. Dharma Rao, who is undergoing treatment in the ICU.

Dharma Rao reportedly collapsed after suffering a sudden health complication during a protest held with the body of RTC driver Kola Shankar Goud, who died while undergoing treatment following a sui-

cide attempt amid the ongoing RTC workers' strike in Telangana.

During his visit, Dattatreya spoke with doctors to assess Dharma Rao's condition and expressed concern over his health. He also met family members and extended support, wishing for his speedy recovery. The incident has drawn attention amid the tense situation surrounding the RTC strike, with leaders and workers expressing grief over the driver's death and concern over the health of those involved in the protests.

Worker Injured on Duty, Alleges Negligence

Kuthbullapur, April 25 | TPN Bureau

A workplace accident was reported at an industrial unit in the TSIIC Colony limits of Jeedimetla police station, where a worker sustained injuries while on duty, raising allegations of management negligence.

The injured worker, RajkumarPaswan (35), a native of Bihar, was employed as a labourer at SR Bright Industries. According to his statement, the

incident occurred around 10 a.m. on April 25, 2026, while he was operating machinery at the unit. He suffered injuries to his chest during the course of work. Paswan alleged that the accident occurred due to lack of proper safety measures and failure to adhere to standard machinery safety protocols. He further claimed that immediate and adequate medical assistance was not provided following the incident.

The victim has lodged a for-

mal complaint with the police, seeking action against the company management for negligence. Authorities have registered a case and initiated an investigation into the matter.

Police officials stated that they are examining safety conditions at the industrial unit, including adherence to worker protection norms and machinery standards. Further inquiry is underway to determine responsibility and ensure accountability.

GHMC Clears 896 Encroachments in Citywide Drive

Hyderabad, April 25 | TPN Bureau

The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) intensified its crackdown on roadside encroachments, removing 896 unauthorized structures across all six zones of the city on Saturday. The operation was conducted in coordination with traffic and law and order police to ensure smooth execution.

Officials focused on clearing footpaths and road margins along major stretches, aiming to ease congestion and improve accessibility. Among the structures removed, 440 were permanent constructions, while 456 were temporary encroachments.

According to GHMC authorities, this effort is part of a series of special drives carried out on April 4, April 18, and April 25. So far, a total of 2,337 encroachments have been cleared during these operations, reflecting the civic



body's continued commitment to reclaiming public spaces.

Officials stated that such drives will be sustained in the coming weeks to keep roads free from obstructions and enhance urban mobility. The initiative is also aimed at ensuring safer movement for pedestrians and motorists alike.

The corporation has urged citizens, traders, and shopkeepers to refrain from occupying footpaths and road margins. It warned that strict action will be taken against violators, and any illegal encroachments will be removed without prior notice if cooperation is not extended.

Bandi Sanjay Visits Ailing BJP Leader Dharma Rao

Hyderabad, April 25 | TPN Bureau

Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar visited AIG Hospital in Gachibowli to inquire about the health of senior BJP leader and former MLA M. Dharma Rao, who is undergoing treatment in the ICU. Dharma Rao had participated in an RTC workers' protest in Narsampet along with Bandi Sanjay Kumar on Friday. During the agitation, tensions arose when police allegedly prevented the transportation of the body of RTC driver Shankar Goud to Narsampet. As a result, protesters remained under the scorching sun for nearly four hours, during which Dharma Rao reportedly suffered a heart attack.

He was immediately shifted to a hospital in Warangal, where doctors performed a stent procedure and provided emergency medical advice, he was later shifted to AIG Hospital in Hyderabad for advanced care.

During his visit, the Union Minister interacted with doctors to assess Dharma Rao's condition. Medical officials informed him that the leader is recovering steadily.

Several BJP leaders, including MLC C. Anji Reddy, senior leader Dr. Gangidi Manohar Reddy, chief spokesperson N.V. Subhash, spokesperson Sangappa, and Sangareddy district president Godavari Anji Reddy, also visited the hospital and extended their support.

TPCC Protocol Committee Members Meet Party Chief

Hyderabad, April 25 | TPN Bureau

Newly appointed members of the Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) Protocol and Coordination Committee met TPCC President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud at Gandhi Bhavan on Saturday.

The delegation, led by Committee Chairman H. Venugopal Rao, along with Vice Chairman Kishore Reddy and Convenor M.A. Faheem congratulated the TPCC chief and assured their commitment to strengthening coordination within the party.

Other members present during the meeting included N. Bhanu Prakash Reddy, K.V. Prasad, Suraj Tiwari, Sudini Mahender, and Allam Rakesh. The interaction focused on enhancing organizational efficiency and ensuring smooth

protocol arrangements for party programmes and leadership engagements.

Speaking on the occasion, Mahesh Kumar Goud emphasized the importance of effective coordination in party activities, stating that a strong organizational structure is key to implementing programmes successfully at all levels. He urged the committee members to work collectively to improve communication between various wings of the party.

The TPCC chief expressed confidence that the newly formed committee would play a crucial role in streamlining party operations and strengthening grassroots connectivity.

The meeting concluded on a positive note, with members reaffirming their dedication to the party's objectives and future initiatives in Telangana.



Two Arrested for Murder of AC Technician

Hyderabad, April 25 | TPN Bureau

Hyderabad police have arrested two individuals in connection with the murder of a 43-year-old air-conditioning technician in Chilkalguda. The accused have been identified as Najmuddin alias Jahangir (35) and Syed Ilyas (33), both residents of Mush-eerabad. According to police, the incident came to light on April 23 after Mohammed Aman lodged a complaint stating that his father, Aleem, was found lying in a pool of blood near a wine shop in Padmarao Nagar. The victim was immediately shifted to Gandhi Hospital, where doctors declared him brought dead. During the investigation, police found that the accused were ac-

quainted with the victim. The trio had reportedly consumed alcohol together before an argument broke out. Officials said the dispute stemmed from earlier tensions related to minor financial issues involving liquor and gambling. As the argument intensified, Syed Ilyas allegedly attacked Aleem with a knife, inflicting serious injuries on the left side of his face. The victim collapsed at the spot due to excessive bleeding. Confirming the details, Rakshitha Krishna Murthy stated that the accused fled the scene after the attack. Based on evidence and leads gathered during the probe, police tracked down and arrested both suspects. A case has been registered, and further investigation is underway.

Collector Stresses Nutrition and Electoral Preparedness

Mancherial, April 25 | TPN Bureau

Mancherial District Collector Kumar Deepak emphasized the importance of providing nutritious food to children and pregnant women to ensure a healthy future. He was speaking at the Collectorate during the eighth phase of the Poshan-Pakhwadaprogramme held by the Women and Child Welfare Department on Saturday.

The Collector highlighted that the first six years of a child's life are crucial for brain development and called for focused attention during this period. He said that proper nutrition for expectant mothers and young children plays a key role in building a strong and healthy society. He also noted that anganwadicentres are promoting play-based learning to support early childhood development.

As part of the programme, traditional "Srimantham" ceremonies were conducted for pregnant women, and "Aksharabhyasam" was organized for children to mark the beginning of their educational journey. Certificates were also distributed during the event.

District Welfare Officer Rauf Khan, District Medical and Health Officer Anita, and anganwadi staff participated in the programme.

In a separate review meeting held on Monday, the Collector directed officials to carry out the mapping process for the Special Summary Revision of electoral rolls in a systematic manner. He informed that voter lists for all Assembly constituencies are available on the Voter Service Portal.

Kumar Deepak instructed district and mandal-level officials to ensure that employees and their family members verify their details and complete the mapping process with the help of Booth Level Officers. He also asked authorities to thoroughly examine applications received through Forms 6, 7, and 8 and take appropriate action.

Additional Collector Ramulu, RDO Srinivasa Rao, and other officials attended the meeting, with the Collector stressing coordination among departments for successful implementation.

PrajaDarbars Launched to Resolve Public Issues

Hyderabad/Nelakondapalli, April 25 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Revenue, Housing and Information Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy on Saturday announced that the state government is organizing "PrajaDarbars" across Telangana to address public grievances on the spot, irrespective of political affiliations. Participating in a PrajaDarbar held in the Paleru constituency, the minister said the initiative aims to build public trust and ensure quick resolution of issues related to drinking water, electricity, land records, and housing. He stated that Paleru has been selected as a model constituency, with plans to replicate the programme statewide.

The interactive session was conducted in the Rayigudem cluster, where the minister directly engaged with residents from multiple village panchayats including Rayigudem, Ajay Thanda, Cheruvumadaram, MangapuramThanda, Appalanarasimhapuram, Buddaram, Kattukacharam, Kongara, Rajarampet, and Bhairavunipalli.

Addressing the gathering, Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy said



the programme was introduced under the vision of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy to bring governance closer to the people. He emphasized that solving public issues is the primary objective, and grievances will be addressed regardless of the complainant's political background. The minister noted that while some issues can be resolved immediately, others may require weeks or months, but all concerns are being identified and tracked systematically. He added that officials are being deployed directly to villages and habitations to ensure accessibility.

Unlike traditional public meetings, the PrajaDarbar is being conducted in a structured manner by assigning officials to specific panchayat-level groups, allowing detailed examination of complaints. Immediate solutions are being provided wherever possible.

The minister also announced that from April 27, special review meetings will be conducted statewide on revenue and housing issues. He assured that schemes like Indiramma housing and land-related grievances will be resolved transparently and efficiently.

SI Accused of Assaulting Barber

Karimnagar, April 25 | TPN Bureau

A Sub-Inspector has been accused of assaulting a barber in Khanpura area of Karimnagar district, triggering outrage among locals.

According to reports, Three Town SI Chander visited a local salon and asked barber Ramulu for a shave. When Ramulu requested him to wait for a

few minutes, the officer allegedly became angry for not being addressed as "sir" and instead being called "anna."

The SI reportedly abused and physically assaulted the barber. Locals claimed that similar allegations of misuse of authority have been made against the officer in the past.

No official statement has been issued yet.

Property Dispute Turns Violent, Man Set Ablaze

Karimnagar, April 25 | TPN Bureau

A family property dispute escalated into a shocking incident in Lakkepurvillage of Manthanmandal in Peddapalli district, where a man allegedly set his elder brother on fire while he was asleep.

The victim, Kotha Raghu (43), suffered severe burn injuries and was initially rushed to a nearby hospital before being shifted to Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Hospital for advanced treatment. Doctors stated that he sustained over 60 percent burns and remains in critical condition.

According to police, the accused, Kotha Anil (40), an auto driver, was reportedly angered after discovering that his mother and brother had leased out family agricultural land without informing him. In a fit of rage, he allegedly poured

petrol through a window onto Raghu while he was asleep and set him on fire before fleeing the scene.

Hearing the victim's cries, family members rushed in and managed to douse the flames before shifting him for medical care. As his condition worsened, doctors recommended transferring him to Warangal for specialized treatment.

Police have registered a case and initiated an investigation. Evidence has been collected from the spot, and statements from family members have been recorded. A manhunt has been launched to trace the accused, who is currently absconding.

The incident has left the village in shock, with residents expressing concern over the extreme violence stemming from what began as a family dispute

Focus on Child Welfare and Fast-Tracking IDOC Works

Karimnagar, April 25 | TPN Bureau

Karimnagar: District Collector Chitra Mishra has directed officials to intensify efforts to make the district a leader in child safety, protection, and welfare. She chaired a review meeting on Saturday at the Collectorate Conference Hall with officials from the Women and Child Welfare Department, along with staff from Sakhi, Swadhar, and Child Helpline services.

During the meeting, the Collector emphasized the need for widespread awareness campaigns on government schemes and child welfare programmes at the grassroots level. She instructed officials to ensure that information reaches every village so that beneficiaries can fully utilize the available services. Highlighting the importance of coordination among departments, she urged all stakeholders to work collectively for the well-being of children and women.

Additional Collector Ashwini Tanaji Wakhade, District Women Welfare Officer Saras-

wati, District Panchayat Officer Jagadishwar, Child Helpline Coordinator Sampath Yadav, and Sakhi Centre Administrator Lakshmi attended the review meeting.

In a separate session, Collector Chitra Mishra reviewed the progress of works related to the Integrated District Officers Complex (IDOC) in her chamber. She instructed officials to expedite the remaining construction and ensure that the complex is ready for inauguration by June 2.

Stressing urgency, she directed departments to complete pending works on a war footing to avoid delays. The Collector also reviewed timelines and resource allocation to ensure smooth completion of the project. Additional Collector (Revenue) D. Srinivas Reddy, RDO Maheshwar, Roads and Buildings Superintending Engineer Ram, and Executive Engineer Narasimhachari were present at the meeting. The administration aims to make the IDOC a fully functional and efficient hub for public services in the district.

New PHC Inaugurated to Boost Rural Healthcare

Karimnagar, April 25 | TPN Bureau

In a step aimed at strengthening healthcare services in rural areas, a newly built Primary Health Centre (PHC) was inaugurated in Ambaripeta village of Kathalapurmandal in Jagtial district on Saturday.

Government Whip and Vemulawada MLA Aadi Srinivas, along with District Collector B Satyaprasad, formally opened the facility. Speaking at the event, the MLA said the state government, under Chief Minister A.Revanth Reddy, is prioritizing public welfare through its PrajaPalana initiatives, with a focus on expanding healthcare infrastructure in

underserved regions.

He noted that the PHC will offer essential medical services, including outpatient care, maternal health services, immunisation programmes, and emergency first aid. Emphasizing patient care, he urged medical staff to treat patients with compassion and called on officials to ensure the availability of doctors, especially during emergencies. He also highlighted the need for awareness campaigns on nutrition and hygiene in rural communities. Collector Satyaprasad stated that the new facility would significantly benefit pregnant women, nursing mothers, children, and elderly residents in

Ambaripeta and nearby villages. He instructed health officials to maintain adequate supplies of medicines and ensure sufficient staffing for uninterrupted services.

Local residents expressed relief over the establishment of the PHC, noting that they previously had to travel long distances even for basic medical treatment. The inauguration ceremony was attended by Kotrutla RDO Jivakar Reddy, District Medical and Health Officer Sujatha, Deputy DMHO Jaipal Reddy, Tahsildar Ramesh, MPDO Shankar, village sarpanch Vemula Lakshmi, ASHA workers, and other officials.

Singareni Super Bazaars Fall into Decline, Workers Seek Revival

Mancherial, April 25 | TPN Bureau

Once a lifeline for coal workers' families, the Singareni Super Bazaars that supplied subsidised essential commodities are now struggling due to poor maintenance and neglect. Stores that once bustled with activity are today witnessing empty shelves and limited stock, forcing families to return without purchasing basic goods. These outlets were originally established by the Singareni management to provide affordable groceries and household items to employees through cooperative societies. Workers could buy monthly provisions at prices lower than private markets, with the added convenience of payment through salary deductions in

the following month. This system ensured uninterrupted access to essentials even without immediate cash in hand.

However, over time, the situation has deteriorated. Workers allege that many stores are being shut down citing staff shortages, while authorities have failed to intervene effectively. The declining workforce in Singareni—from over one lakh employees in the past to around 40,000 now—has further contributed to the gradual closure of these outlets.

In districts like Mancherial, only a couple of stores remain functional in areas such as Mandamarri and Jaipur's Singareni Thermal Power Plant, and even these are operating with minimal stock. Earlier, areas like Srirampur, Ramakrishnapur, and Bellampalli

had well-equipped super bazaars comparable to modern retail chains, catering to all household needs, including appliances like refrigerators and televisions on installment basis.

Workers say that privatisation of operations and lack of regular elections to cooperative societies have weakened the system. Even the few existing outlets may soon shut down if corrective steps are not taken.

Retired worker Gudoori Yadreddy recalled how these bazaars once supported families by ensuring easy access to essential goods. Employees are now urging the Singareni management to revive the super bazaars, restore subsidies, and ease the financial burden on workers' households.

Nalgonda, April 25 | TPN Bureau

A minor argument over liquor turned fatal in Medipally village of Bommalararammandal in Yadadri-Bhongir district, where a young man was allegedly killed by his friends.

The victim, Ragir Madhu (24), a lorry driver, had reportedly gone out with his friends Gandhari Charan (27) and Ootla Naveen (26) on Tuesday night. Police said the trio consumed alcohol near a real estate layout close to the Shaameerpet stream.

According to investigators, a dispute erupted when Madhu asked for the last drink, which the other two refused. The disagreement escalated into a violent confrontation, during which Charan and Naveen al-

legedly attacked Madhu with an iron rod, inflicting severe head injuries that led to his death.

After the incident, the accused reportedly disposed of the body in nearby bushes and kept the matter hidden for three days. Later, they informed their family members and surrendered before the Bommalararam police.

Police recovered the body and shifted it to the Bhongir Area Hospital for post-mortem examination. A case has been registered, and further investigation is underway to establish the sequence of events.

The incident has caused shock in the local community, highlighting how a trivial dispute escalated into a gruesome crime.



Youth Killed by Friends Over Liquor Dispute



Actor Adivi Sesh is offering special prayers at the Goddess Durga temple after the global success of his film Decoit.

Tyagaraja Jayanti Festivities Enchant Audience with Soulful Carnatic Concert

Vijayawada, April 25 | TPN Bureau

The 259th birth anniversary celebrations of Saint Tyagaraja Swamy continued in a spiritually uplifting atmosphere at the Ramakoti Mandapam near Sarada College in Durgapuram, Vijayawada. As part of the festivities held on Friday evening, a Carnatic vocal concert by Bengaluru-based artistes Suravarapu Vidya and

Suravarapu Uma captivated the audience with their soulful renditions of Tyagaraja kritis.

The duo rendered several classical compositions with rich melody and devotional fervour. Suravarapu Uma performed kritis including Chalamela Ra (Margha Hindolam), Shobhillu Saptaswara (Jaganmohini), Makelara (Ravi Chandrika), and Narayana Hari (Yamuna Kalyani). Suravarapu

Vidya presented compositions such as Evarikai (Deva Manohari), I (Poorvi Kalyani), Ora Joppu (Kannada Gaula), and Dorukuna (Bilahari), earning wide appreciation from the gathered music lovers. A large number of devotees across from the city and classical music enthusiasts attended the programme and listened with devotion and reverence, immersed in the spiritual

ambience created by the performances. The event concluded with felicitation of the artists by the organisers and guests of honour. Noted Ayurvedic physician Dr. Challa Harikumar and several prominent cultural figures participated in the celebrations, which continue to attract devotees daily as part of the ongoing Tyagaraja Swamy Jayanti festival.



A Diplomatic Exit to the US-Iran Conflict Lies in Strategic Restraint

The prolonged US-Iran confrontation has entered a dangerous phase where neither side appears ready for full peace, yet neither can afford total war. After weeks of military escalation, a fragile ceasefire hangs over the Gulf like a suspended storm cloud. The Strait of Hormuz remains tense, naval confrontations continue, and every small provocation risks triggering a wider regional catastrophe. Yet, hidden within this uncertainty is a practical path to ending the conflict—if both Washington and Tehran are willing to recognize it.

The United States has already achieved its central strategic objective: Iran's nuclear ambitions have been pushed back significantly. Reports indicate that Tehran's enrichment capabilities and infrastructure have suffered major setbacks, delaying any immediate nuclear threat by years, perhaps even decades. From Washington's perspective, this allows the White House to claim success without pursuing a prolonged military occupation or regime-change campaign. America can present the operation as a punitive strike that denied Iran the bomb while avoiding the burden of rebuilding or governing the country.

This creates an important opening. Rather than staying trapped in a costly Gulf confrontation, the US could shift from military dominance to strategic deterrence. Any future Iranian attempt to restart large-scale nuclear enrichment could be met with targeted airstrikes, preserving pressure without permanent escalation. Such a move

would let Washington declare "mission accomplished" while stepping away from a conflict that threatens global oil routes and regional stability.

For Iran, accepting this arrangement would not necessarily mean surrender. Tehran can still maintain its domestic narrative of resistance by arguing that it survived a direct confrontation with the United States without capitulating politically. It can continue to insist that it did not bow to foreign pressure, even while avoiding a larger war that could devastate its economy and internal stability.

This distinction matters deeply. In Middle Eastern geopolitics, symbolism is often as important as battlefield outcomes. Iran's leadership cannot be seen as publicly yielding to American demands, especially after decades of framing resistance as a pillar of national identity. But if the US quietly reduces military pressure while maintaining deterrence, Tehran can preserve face while also securing breathing room.

The real danger lies in the Strait of Hormuz. This narrow waterway has become the symbolic and economic center of the crisis. America's seizure of Iranian vessels and Tehran's calibrated retaliation have turned the strait into a geopolitical pressure cooker. Even during the ceasefire, incidents at sea continue to threaten escalation. A single naval miscalculation could ignite a conflict far larger than either side intends.

The economic consequenc-



es of such escalation would be global. Hormuz is one of the world's most vital energy corridors. Disruption there would drive oil prices sharply upward, destabilize markets, and hurt both Western and Asian economies. Europe and Asia are already feeling the effects of prolonged uncertainty, while countries dependent on Gulf energy exports fear long-term instability. This makes an indefinite military standoff strategically irrational for both Washington and Tehran.

However, diplomacy remains complicated because both sides continue to negotiate from incompatible politi-

cal positions. Washington seeks visible concessions on nuclear development and regional influence. Tehran demands sovereignty, security guarantees, and recognition that it cannot be treated as a defeated state. Recent mediation attempts in Islamabad have shown how difficult it is to bridge that gap. Talks have stalled, and both governments continue preparing for the possibility of renewed confrontation.

Still, a formal grand bargain may not be necessary. The more realistic solution may be a managed ambiguity: no dramatic peace treaty, no symbolic surrender, but a stable understanding that both

sides step back. The US reduces active military pressure while retaining strike capability. Iran refrains from rebuilding its nuclear program aggressively and avoids further maritime escalation. Neither side gets everything it wants, but both avoid the far greater cost of uncontrolled war.

This is not idealism—it is strategic realism.

History shows that prolonged US military entanglements in the Middle East rarely produce lasting political victories. Iraq and Afghanistan remain warnings against open-ended intervention. A direct ground war with Iran would be far more

costly, given Iran's geography, military depth, and ability to wage asymmetric warfare across the region. Even American policymakers who favor pressure understand that "forever war" is politically and economically unsustainable.

At the same time, Iran knows that it cannot indefinitely sustain isolation while also confronting internal economic strain and international sanctions. It may project defiance, but long-term survival depends on preventing total regional isolation. Managing conflict, rather than winning it outright, becomes the rational choice.

The challenge, therefore, is

not finding peace—it is recognizing that peace may already be structurally available. Both sides can claim partial victory. The US can say it neutralized the nuclear threat. Iran can say it preserved sovereignty and refused humiliation. The ceasefire can evolve into an uneasy but durable equilibrium.

The problem is political psychology. Leaders often struggle to accept imperfect victories because domestic audiences demand total triumph. In Washington, restraint can be portrayed as weakness. In Tehran, compromise can be framed as betrayal. This is why wars often continue long after strategic logic says they should end.

Yet the most successful diplomacy is often invisible. It does not arrive through dramatic summits or grand declarations, but through quiet acceptance of limits. The path out of the US-Iran war may not be a peace agreement signed before cameras—it may simply be both sides deciding not to take the next fatal step.

That option is hiding in plain sight.

America has already made its point. Iran has already demonstrated resilience. Continuing the confrontation risks destroying global energy stability, expanding regional war, and trapping both nations in a conflict neither truly wants.

The smarter victory is the one both sides can survive.

Strategic withdrawal, calibrated deterrence, and mutual ambiguity may not look like triumph—but in the Gulf today, they may be the only form of peace available.

From Protest Origins to Political Rebellion

AAP's journey from protest movement to governance, balancing rebellion with power

The rise of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) is one of the most remarkable political stories in modern India. What began as a citizens' movement against corruption transformed into a full-fledged political force that challenged traditional parties, captured Delhi's political imagination, and eventually expanded its footprint across India. AAP's journey is not merely about elections; it is about rebellion against established politics, the promise of clean governance, and the struggle to remain true to its founding ideals.

The roots of AAP lie in the anti-corruption movement of 2011 led by social activist Anna Hazare. At the time, public anger against corruption was intense, fueled by major scams and growing distrust in the political establishment. The Jan Lokpal movement became a national wave, with thousands of people gathering at Ramlila Maidan and across cities demanding stronger anti-corruption laws. Arvind Kejriwal, then a former Indian Revenue Service officer and RTI activist, emerged as one of the key faces of the movement.

Initially, the movement insisted it would remain outside electoral politics. Anna Hazare believed social pressure could force change without entering the political arena. Kejriwal, however, argued that protests alone were not enough. He believed systemic reform required direct political participation. This disagreement eventually led to a split, and in November 2012, Kejriwal and his associates formally launched the Aam Aadmi Party. The name itself—"Aam Aadmi," or common man—reflected its promise to represent ordinary citizens rather than political elites.

AAP entered politics with a message that resonated widely: honesty, transparency, and governance centered on citizens. The party rejected the culture of VIP politics, emphasizing

simplicity and accessibility. Leaders traveled in ordinary cars, spoke directly to voters, and projected themselves as political outsiders fighting an entrenched system.

Its first major test came in the 2013 Delhi Assembly elections. Many dismissed AAP as an inexperienced protest group with little chance against established giants like the Congress and the BJP. Yet the party shocked everyone. Arvind Kejriwal defeated then Chief Minister Sheila Dikshit, and AAP emerged as a major force. Though it did not win a full majority, it formed a government with outside support from the Congress.

This was the moment when protest became power.

However, governance proved more complicated than activism. Kejriwal's government lasted only 49 days. He resigned in 2014 after failing to pass the Jan Lokpal Bill in the Delhi Assembly. Critics called it political immaturity and accused him of abandoning responsibility for symbolic politics. Supporters, however, saw it as proof that AAP was unwilling to compromise on principles.

The same period also revealed AAP's unusual style of politics—governing while protesting. In January 2014, Chief Minister Kejriwal famously staged a dharna near Rail Bhavan, demanding action against Delhi Police officers and arguing that Delhi's elected government lacked control over the police force. He even described himself as an "anarchist" in defense of his protest politics. This image of a Chief Minister acting like an activist symbolized both AAP's strength and its controversy.

The party then made an ambitious but unsuccessful leap into national politics during the 2014 Lok Sabha elections. AAP contested widely across India, hoping to convert movement energy into national influence. The results were disappointing. The BJP wave



under Narendra Modi swept the country, and AAP won only a few seats, mostly in Punjab.

But setbacks did not end the experiment.

In 2015, AAP returned stronger than ever in Delhi. It won an extraordinary 67 out of 70 seats, delivering one of the biggest electoral mandates in Indian political history. This victory changed the perception of AAP from a temporary protest outfit to a serious governing force.

Its second term focused heavily on governance—education reform, mohalla clinics, subsidized electricity, improved water access, and local welfare schemes. The party carefully shifted from pure anti-corruption rhetoric to a governance-based model. It sought to prove that clean politics could also mean effective administration.

Yet internal challenges persisted. Some founding mem-

bers, including Yogendra Yadav and Prashant Bhusan, left after sharp disagreements over leadership style and internal democracy. Critics argued that AAP, born as a movement for transparency, was becoming increasingly centralized around Kejriwal. Party insiders insisted these were growing pains rather than ideological collapse. Former leader Ashutosh later argued that disagreement within AAP reflected democratic churn, not rebellion, and that the party remained united in purpose.

AAP's political identity also evolved. What started as a broad anti-corruption platform increasingly became a regional governance model centered in Delhi. The party balanced confrontation with the Centre and practical governance. Frequent clashes with the Lieutenant Governor and the Union Government reinforced its outsider image,

while policy delivery strengthened voter trust.

Its biggest expansion beyond Delhi came in Punjab, where AAP formed the government in 2022. This was a major milestone—it proved the party could move beyond being a Delhi phenomenon. Punjab gave AAP national relevance and renewed its ambition of becoming a broader alternative in Indian politics.

At the same time, legal and political controversies intensified. Investigations linked to the Delhi excise policy case placed senior leaders, including Arvind Kejriwal, under serious scrutiny. His arrest in 2024 triggered nationwide protests by party workers and supporters, who framed it as political targeting ahead of elections. Demonstrations erupted across states, with the party presenting the moment as another battle between establishment power and politi-

cal resistance. Supporters described it as proof that "the revolution will not stop."

This brought AAP full circle, from protest movement to ruling party and back to protest politics. That dual identity remains its greatest strength and biggest contradiction. AAP wants to be both the system and the rebellion against it. It governs like an institution while campaigning like a movement. This creates energy but also tension. Can a party remain anti-establishment after becoming the establishment? Can protest politics survive long-term governance?

The answer may define AAP's future.

Its success has shown that Indian voters are willing to support alternatives when they believe those alternatives are credible. It also proved that urban governance, education, healthcare, and local services can become central political is-

sues rather than side topics.

Yet survival requires more than symbolism. AAP must continue balancing idealism with administration, expansion with discipline, and leadership charisma with institutional depth. It must show that it is not merely the party of Arvind Kejriwal, but a durable political force with national relevance. From Anna Hazare's protest tents to Delhi's Secretariat, from street slogans to state power, AAP's journey has been dramatic and disruptive. It challenged the assumption that politics belongs only to traditional parties and dynastic power. Whether it becomes a long-term national alternative or remains a powerful regional force, one thing is certain: AAP changed the language of Indian politics.

It began as a protest. It became a rebellion. And its story is still being written.

High Voter Turnout Signals Public Mood in Bengal Polls: Rajnath Singh

The high voter turnout in the ongoing assembly elections in West Bengal has sparked strong political reactions, with senior leaders interpreting it as a decisive indicator of public sentiment. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, speaking to TPN, said the enthusiastic participation of voters sends a "clear message" about the direction in which the electorate is leaning.

According to Singh, large-scale voter participation often reflects a desire for change or affirmation of governance. He suggested that the turnout in Bengal is not just a routine democratic exercise but a sign that people are actively engaging with the political future of the state. While he did not explicitly predict outcomes, his remarks hinted that the electorate is making its voice heard strongly.

The contest in Bengal remains primarily between the ruling Trinamool Congress (TMC) and the opposition Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). Both parties have been campaigning aggressively, framing



the election as a crucial battle for governance, development, and political direction. The BJP has been positioning itself

as a strong alternative to the incumbent government, while the TMC is emphasizing its track record and regional

leadership. Political observers note that turnout levels can sometimes indicate voter motivation,

whether it is driven by support for the ruling party or a push for change. In previous elections, Bengal has witnessed intense political competition, and this cycle appears no different. The high participation suggests that voters are deeply invested in the outcome.

Singh also highlighted that democratic engagement is a positive sign for the country as a whole. He emphasized that elections are not merely about political parties but about the people's mandate and their aspirations. High turnout, he said, strengthens the democratic fabric and ensures that governance reflects the will of the majority.

As voting continues across phases, all eyes remain on the final results, which will determine whether the TMC retains its hold or the BJP manages to make significant inroads. For now, the numbers at polling booths indicate one clear trend: the people of Bengal are turning out in large numbers, making this election one of the most closely watched political contests in the country.



Sheesh Mahal 2Row Sparks BJP-AAP Clash

A fresh political showdown has erupted between the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) over allegations surrounding a new residence linked to Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, which the BJP has dubbed "Sheesh Mahal 2".

The controversy began after BJP leader Parvesh Verma released images and layouts claiming to show Kejriwal's newly allotted bungalow. He alleged that the property featured luxurious amenities funded by private money, raising questions about the source of funds and the scale of spending.

The BJP intensified its criticism by portraying the residence as a symbol of extravagance, accusing Kejriwal of abandoning his image of simplicity. Verma questioned how much money had been spent on the bungalow and demanded transparency regarding its funding.

The AAP, however, strongly rejected these allegations. Party leader Atishi dismissed the images as fake, claiming they were sourced from the internet platform Pinterest and had no connection to Kejriwal's actual residence. The party accused the BJP of spreading misinformation.

to malign its leader's image, especially in the absence of concrete evidence.

Amid the escalating war of words, former AAP leader Raghav Chadha, who recently joined the BJP, added a new dimension to the controversy. Taking a dig at his former party, Chadha referred to the Sheesh Mahal issue and questioned how AAP's remaining "few good workers" would respond to public scrutiny on the matter.

Chadha's remarks are being seen as a significant political attack, especially given his previous close association with Kejriwal and the AAP leadership. His comments also come at a time when internal challenges and defections have put the party under pressure.

The Sheesh Mahal 2 controversy has once again brought the issue of political accountability and public spending into focus. While the BJP continues to press for answers, the AAP maintains that the allegations are baseless and politically motivated.

As the political rhetoric sharpens, the row highlights the ongoing rivalry between the two parties, with both sides using the issue to target each other ahead of future electoral battles.



RaGa Calls RSS Rashtriya Surrender Sangh

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has launched a sharp attack on the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), branding it "Rashtriya Surrender Sangh" following controversial remarks made by BJP leader Ram Madhav during a visit to the United States. The controversy stems from comments made by Ram Madhav regarding India's foreign policy, particularly its stance on oil imports and relations with countries like Russia and Iran. His remarks, delivered during an interaction in the US, triggered political backlash in India, with opposition leaders accusing the ruling establishment of compromising national interests. Reacting strongly, Rahul Gandhi alleged that Madhav's statements exposed the "true nature" of the RSS and its ideological positioning. In a social media post, Gandhi accused the organization of promoting "fake nationalism" domestically while showing "servility" on the global stage. He argued that the remarks contradicted the government's projected image of strong and independent foreign policy. The BJP and leaders associated with the RSS, however, have defended Madhav's comments,

maintaining that they were taken out of context. They argue that India's foreign policy decisions are guided by strategic and economic interests, and not ideological compromises. The party also dismissed Gandhi's criticism as politically motivated. The row has added a fresh dimension to the ongoing political debate over India's international positioning, especially in the context of balancing relations with Western nations and energy partnerships with countries like Russia and Iran. Political analysts note that such statements often become flashpoints in domestic politics, particularly when they touch upon sensitive issues like national interest and foreign policy autonomy. Gandhi's remarks are seen as part of a broader opposition strategy to question the ideological consistency of the BJP and its affiliated organizations. As the war of words continues, the episode underscores the deep ideological divide between the Congress and the BJP-RSS combine. With both sides standing firm, the controversy is likely to remain a talking point in the larger political discourse on nationalism, diplomacy, and India's global role.

Raghav Chadha's Exit Triggers Punjab Political Storm

The political fallout from Raghav Chadha's move from the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) to the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has sparked sharp reactions in Punjab, with protests, allegations, and counter-allegations dominating the political landscape.

Soon after Chadha's switch, reportedly along with several other Rajya Sabha MPs, protests erupted in parts of Punjab. Demonstrators gathered outside the homes of leaders linked to the political shift, expressing anger over what AAP leaders described as a "betrayal" of the state's mandate.

AAP has strongly criticized the move, accusing the BJP of attempting to weaken its government in Punjab through inducements and pressure tactics. Party leaders alleged that

central agencies were being used to force defections, calling the development part of a larger strategy to destabilize non-BJP governments.

On the other hand, the BJP has dismissed these allegations, maintaining that the leaders who left AAP did so voluntarily. BJP leaders have argued that the defections reflect growing dissatisfaction within AAP over governance issues and internal functioning.

The political shift is being seen as significant because Chadha and some of the departing MPs were key strategists behind AAP's sweeping victory in Punjab in 2022. Their exit has raised questions about the party's internal stability and its preparedness for future elections, including the crucial 2027 assembly polls.

At the same time, the devel-

opment has altered the broader political arithmetic. The BJP stands to gain strength in the Rajya Sabha, while analysts suggest that the turmoil within AAP could open space for other parties, including the Congress, to regain ground in Punjab.

Despite the high-voltage political drama, it remains unclear how deeply the shift will impact voters on the ground. While protests indicate strong emotions among party workers, electoral outcomes will depend on whether this leadership churn translates into a loss of public support for AAP or a gain for the BJP.

For now, Punjab's political scene remains tense and fluid, with both parties gearing up for a prolonged battle, on the streets as well as in the electoral arena.



₹95 Crore Foreign Funding Trail Unearthed

A major financial investigation has uncovered a ₹95 crore foreign funding trail allegedly routed into India through a sophisticated network, with agencies now probing possible links to Maoist activities.

According to investigators, the funds were brought into the country using foreign-issued debit cards in a carefully designed system meant to bypass India's financial regulations. Large sums of cash were reportedly withdrawn from ATMs across multiple locations, raising red flags about the scale and coordination of the operation. Preliminary findings suggest that the network functioned over several months, allowing money to flow in without triggering standard monitoring mechanisms. Authorities believe the method was deliberately structured to avoid scrutiny, indicating a high level of planning and execution. The case gained momentum after a key suspect was intercepted at Bengaluru airport. Officials reportedly recovered multiple foreign debit cards from the individual, which are now central to the investigation. These cards are believed to have been used to withdraw funds systematically, forming the backbone of the alleged operation. Enforcement agencies, including the Enforcement Directorate (ED), are now examining whether the funds were diverted to sup-

port unlawful activities, including those linked to Maoist groups. While no definitive conclusions have been announced yet, the possibility of extremist financing has made the probe particularly sensitive. Investigators are also looking into the origin of the funds and the international connections behind the network. The involvement of foreign-issued cards suggests cross-border coordination, prompting authorities to explore links beyond India. Officials are expected to collaborate with international agencies if required to trace the complete money trail. The discovery has once again highlighted concerns about financial loopholes that can be exploited for illegal activities. Experts note that while India has tightened regulations in recent years, evolving methods such as the use of foreign banking instruments pose new challenges for enforcement agencies. Authorities have indicated that further arrests and disclosures may follow as the probe deepens. The focus remains on identifying all individuals and entities involved, as well as determining the ultimate destination and purpose of the funds. The case underscores the growing complexity of financial crimes in the digital era, where unconventional channels can be used to move large sums across borders while evading detection.

Centre Clears American India Foundation for Foreign Funding Under FCRA

The Union government has granted approval to the American India Foundation (AIF) to receive foreign contributions, enabling the organisation to expand its development initiatives across India. The clearance was given under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

This registration allows AIF, a well-known non-profit working in sectors like education, public health, and livelihoods, to legally receive funds from overseas donors. The move is significant because FCRA approval is mandatory for any Indian organisation that wants to access foreign funding for its activities.

Founded in 2001 in the aftermath of the Gujarat earthquake, AIF has grown into a



major development organisation, impacting over 21 million people through its programs focused on underserved communities. Its work spans multiple sectors, including digital education, skilling, and health-

care, often in collaboration with government agencies and grassroots partners.

Officials said that AIF is among a number of organisations that have received FCRA clearance this year. As of April

25, a total of 53 NGOs have been granted permission to receive foreign funds in 2026, reflecting continued processing of applications despite tighter regulatory scrutiny in recent years.

The government has maintained stricter oversight of foreign funding under FCRA, requiring organisations to meet compliance norms and demonstrate clear objectives in areas such as cultural, social, educational, or economic development. Only entities with defined programmes and transparent operations are eligible for such approvals.

Earlier this month, several other organisations, including religious and charitable trusts, were also granted similar permissions, indicating a steady pace of approvals. In 2025

alone, over 400 organisations received FCRA registration, suggesting that while regulations have tightened, approvals continue for eligible applicants.

The decision to grant AIF this status is expected to strengthen its ability to mobilise global resources for social impact projects in India. As a bridge between Indian communities and international donors, the organisation plays a key role in channeling philanthropic efforts into areas like education access, livelihood generation, and public health interventions.

Overall, the move highlights the government's approach of balancing regulatory control with enabling credible non-profits to access foreign funding for development work.

Trump Signals Fresh Iran Peace Push Ahead of Islamabad Talks

US President Donald Trump has indicated that Iran may soon present a proposal aimed at satisfying Washington's demands as diplomatic efforts to revive peace talks gain momentum in Islamabad. The development comes amid heightened tensions over Iran's nuclear programme, the Strait of Hormuz, and the ongoing US naval blockade of Iranian ports.

Speaking in a phone interview with Reuters, Trump said, "They're making an offer and we'll have to see," though he admitted he was still unaware of the details of Tehran's possible proposal. His remarks suggest a possible breakthrough as

US negotiators prepare to travel to Pakistan for another round of indirect discussions with Iranian officials.

Trump has remained firm on Washington's key conditions for any agreement. He insisted that Iran must give up its enriched uranium and ensure the free movement of oil tankers through the Strait of Hormuz, one of the world's most critical energy routes. The strait has become a major flashpoint in the conflict, with disruptions affecting global oil markets and raising fears of wider regional instability.

Special envoy Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner are expected to leave for Islamabad to lead the US side in the

talks. Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi has also arrived in Pakistan's capital to discuss proposals for restarting negotiations. However, Tehran has made it clear that it is not planning direct talks with the United States. Iranian officials said Pakistani mediators would instead convey messages between both sides.

Trump also expressed concern about Iran's internal leadership situation, saying US officials believe the country's leadership is fragmented. When asked who exactly Washington was negotiating with, he avoided naming individuals, saying only that the US

was dealing with "the people that are in charge now."

Meanwhile, the US military blockade on Iranian ports will remain in place until a satisfactory agreement is reached. Trump refused to specify what would be needed to lift the blockade, saying he would first need to evaluate Iran's offer. The blockade has added pressure on Tehran and has become a key bargaining tool in the negotiations.

With both sides holding firm but diplomatic channels still open, the Islamabad talks are being seen as a crucial opportunity to prevent renewed conflict and move toward a broader peace deal in the region.



Coordinated Gunmen Assault Rocks Mali, Explosions Shake Bamako and Northern Cities

Gunmen launched a wave of attacks across Mali early Saturday, targeting the capital Bamako and several northern and central cities in what authorities described as a suspected coordinated assault. Heavy gunfire, loud explosions, and military deployments created panic across the country as security forces battled unidentified armed groups.

Mali's army confirmed that "unidentified armed terrorist groups" had attacked several locations and military barracks in Bamako. In a statement, the military said soldiers were "currently engaged in eliminating the attackers" and urged citizens to remain calm as fighting continued. Reports suggested the assault may have involved multiple armed factions operating simultaneously.

In Bamako, two powerful explosions were heard near the Kati military base, one of the country's most important security installations and the residence of military ruler Colonel AssimiGoita. Witnesses said



the blasts occurred shortly before 6 a.m., followed by intense gunfire. Soldiers quickly sealed roads around the area while helicopters flew overhead. Similar gunfire was also reported near ModiboKeita International Airport, close to an air base used by Mali's air force. Residents in the central

town of Sevare and the northern cities of Gao and Kidal also reported simultaneous unrest, reinforcing fears of a nationwide coordinated attack. In Kidal, armed men reportedly entered parts of the city and seized control of some neighborhoods, leading to clashes with the army. A Tuareg-led re-

bel alliance known as the Azawad Liberation Front (FLA) claimed it had taken positions in Gao and Kidal, though this could not be independently verified.

No group had officially claimed responsibility at the time, but suspicion fell on Jama'atNusrat al-Islam wal-

Muslimin (JNIM), an al Qaeda-linked militant group active across the Sahel region. Mali has long struggled with insurgencies involving al Qaeda and Islamic State affiliates, along with separatist rebellions in the north. Security conditions have worsened since military coups in 2020 and 2021 brought the junta to power. The attacks come despite the junta's repeated promises to restore national security with support from Russian mercenaries after distancing itself from Western allies, especially France. The government has recently been exploring closer security ties with the United States, including talks on restoring American aerial surveillance over Malian airspace. As gunfire continued and authorities assessed casualties and damage, the scale of the assault highlighted the persistent instability gripping Mali. The latest violence has once again raised concerns about the country's fragile security situation and the growing reach of armed groups across the region.



Sam Altman Apologises After OpenAI Link to Canada School Shooting Raises AI Safety Concerns

OpenAI CEO Sam Altman has issued a public apology to the residents of Tumbler Ridge, a small town in British Columbia, Canada, after the company failed to alert law enforcement about a ChatGPT account linked to a deadly school shooting earlier this year. The incident has triggered serious debate over the responsibilities of artificial intelligence companies in preventing violence.

April 23 to the Tumbler Ridge community. In it, he said, "I am deeply sorry that we did not alert law enforcement to the account that was banned in June." He added that the suffering faced by the town was "unimaginable" and said he had been thinking about the victims and their families for months. The letter was later shared publicly by British Columbia Premier David Eby.

Premier Eby acknowledged that the apology was necessary but described it as "grossly insufficient" considering the scale of the tragedy. He said it appeared OpenAI may have had a chance to prevent the attack and called for stronger safeguards and accountability from the company. Canadian AI Minister Evan Solomon also sought assurances from OpenAI regarding future safety protocols.

OpenAI has since promised to strengthen its systems for identifying dangerous users and reporting serious threats to authorities. The company said that under its updated guidelines, the shooter's account likely would have been reported.

According to OpenAI, the company had identified and banned Van Rootselaar's ChatGPT account in June 2025 after automated abuse detection systems and human investigators flagged it for possible violent misuse. Staff considered whether to report the account to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), but decided the activity did not meet the threshold for an "imminent and credible risk of serious physical harm," and therefore no alert was sent to police.

The case has sparked wider concerns about how AI platforms should respond when users show signs of violent intent. As governments and tech firms debate new rules, the Tumbler Ridge tragedy remains a painful example of the real-world consequences of delayed action.

Following public criticism, Altman wrote a letter dated

Ukraine Removes Commander After Photos Reveal Soldiers Starving at Frontline

Ukraine's Defence Ministry has removed a senior military commander after shocking photos of severely malnourished soldiers on the frontline exposed serious failures in food and water supply. The images, showing troops with visible ribs, sunken faces, and extreme weight loss, sparked public outrage and raised concerns about conditions for soldiers fighting near the northeastern city of Kupiansk.

The controversy began when AnastasiaSilchuk, wife of one of the soldiers, shared photographs of the men on social media. She said the troops had been stationed for nearly eight months on the left bank of the Oskil River, defending a small and dangerous frontline position close to Russian forces. Due to constant attacks and disrupted supply routes, food, water, and medicines could only be delivered by drones.



Silchuk revealed that when the soldiers first went to the front, they weighed around 80 to 90 kilograms. Now, many had dropped to nearly 50 kilograms because of severe short-

ages. She said that after one supply drop, no food arrived for ten days, forcing the men to survive by drinking rainwater and melting snow. In the worst case, they reportedly went 17

days without food. She added that repeated calls for help over military radio were either ignored or unanswered.

Another relative, Ivanna Poberezhnyuk, said some soldiers were fainting from hunger, while others remained trapped at positions with little hope of immediate evacuation. Families claimed this was not an isolated case and demanded urgent action from military authorities. Following the public backlash, Ukraine's General Staff dismissed the commander of the 14th Separate Mechanized Brigade, who was responsible for supplying the troops. Reports also said the commander of the 10th Army Corps was removed and demoted. Military officials admitted there had been serious logistical problems and said Russian attacks on supply routes and crossings over the Oskil River had made deliveries extremely

difficult.

The army stated that supplies were often intercepted by Russian drones and artillery, making normal transport nearly impossible. Officials said new commanders had been appointed and immediate steps were being taken to restore food supply, rotate exhausted troops, and provide medical treatment where needed. An internal investigation has also been launched into the failures of the previous command.

The incident has highlighted the harsh realities faced by Ukrainian soldiers as the war continues. While the frontline remains one of the most dangerous areas in the conflict, the viral images have forced military leaders to confront serious questions about leadership, supply systems, and the basic survival of troops defending the country.

Iran Executes Two Men Amid Rising Crackdown on Protesters

Iran has executed two men in separate cases, intensifying criticism from human rights groups over what they describe as harsh repression, secretive trials, and forced confessions. The executions of Mehdi Farid and ErfanKiani are the latest in a broader crackdown by Iranian authorities on alleged Israeli spies and anti-government protesters.

Mehdi Farid, a former employee of Iran's Atomic Energy Organisation, was executed after being convicted of spying for Israel's intelligence agency, Mossad. Iranian authorities claimed that Farid had maintained contact with Mossad officers online and passed sensitive information related to organisational

structures, security systems, and infrastructure. Officials said he worked in a "sensitive organisation" and had leaked classified details connected to Iran's nuclear establishment. Farid reportedly denied the charges, but Iran's Supreme Court upheld the death sentence, leading to his execution.

In a separate case, ErfanKiani was hanged after being accused of working with Mossad during recent nationwide anti-government protests. According to Iran's judiciary and state-linked Tasnim news agency, Kiani was involved in acts of sabotage, vandalism, arson, and violent attacks in the city of Isfahan. Authorities alleged he spread fear among the public and at-

tacked people using a machete during the unrest. His death sentence was also confirmed by the Supreme Court before the execution was carried out.

These executions come as Iran faces growing internal unrest and external pressure linked to regional tensions and its conflict with Israel. The government has repeatedly accused foreign intelligence agencies, especially Mossad, of fueling domestic instability and encouraging protests.

Human rights organisations, however, have strongly condemned the executions. Activists argue that many such cases involve unfair trials, lack of legal transparency, and confessions allegedly obtained under pressure or

torture. Groups monitoring Iran's justice system say several prisoners linked to protests and political dissent have been sentenced to death in recent months under vague national security charges such as "enmity against God."

The latest executions have renewed international concern over Iran's use of capital punishment as a political tool. Critics believe the government is using fear and swift punishment to suppress dissent while presenting opposition movements as foreign-backed conspiracies.

As tensions continue both inside and outside the country, the executions of Farid and Kiani have once again placed Iran's human rights record under global scrutiny.



Nifty Near Make-or-Break Zone, 23,600 Key Support in Focus

Indian equity markets ended another weak session as selling pressure continued across sectors, raising concerns about whether the correction could extend into the coming week. According to technical analysts, the Nifty's ability to hold crucial support levels—especially around 23,600, will determine whether bulls can regain control or if further downside is likely.

Market Weakness Deepens After Three-Day Fall

The benchmark indices, Sensex and Nifty, extended losses for a third straight session, falling over 1% amid heavy selling in IT stocks and weak global cues. Rising crude oil prices and persistent foreign fund outflows further added to the negative sentiment in the market.

The Nifty slipped below the important psychological and technical level of 23,900, which also aligns with its 20-day exponential moving average. This breakdown is being interpreted as a sign of weakening short-term momentum.

23,600 Becomes the Critical Support Zone

Market experts say the immediate focus is now on the 23,600–23,550 range, which is emerging as a crucial support zone for the index.

Analysts believe that if the Nifty manages to hold above this level, it could attempt a recovery



and stabilize in the short term. However, a sustained breakdown below 23,600 may open the door for deeper corrections. Some technical projections suggest that if selling pressure intensifies, the index could drift further toward lower levels such as 23,350 and even 23,150 in the near term.

Why the Market Is Under Pressure

Several factors are contributing to the current weakness:

- Rising crude oil prices, which increase inflation concerns and impact corporate margins
- Weak earnings guidance from IT heavyweights, particularly Infosys, which triggered sector-wide selling
- Foreign institutional investor (FII) outflows, which continue to weigh on sentiment
- Global uncertainty, including

geopolitical tensions affecting risk appetite

These combined factors have created a “sell-on-rise” environment, where rallies are being used by traders to exit positions.

Resistance Levels Remain Strong Above

On the upside, analysts say the Nifty faces immediate resistance in the 24,200–24,250 range. Any recovery attempt is likely

to face selling pressure unless global conditions improve and crude prices stabilize.

For bulls to regain firm control, the index would need to reclaim and sustain above the 23,900–24,200 zone, which has now turned into a short-term resistance band.

What Traders Should Watch Next Week

The market is expected to remain volatile, with a strong focus on:

- The 23,600 support level (key battleground for bulls and bears)
- Global cues, especially crude oil movement
- Institutional flow trends
- IT sector performance, which is currently dragging indices lower

If support holds, a consolidation phase may follow. If it breaks decisively, the correction could deepen further.

Outlook: Cautious Tone Dominates

Overall, analysts maintain a cautious near-term outlook. While long-term trends may still remain intact, the short-term structure has weakened due to recent breakdowns below key technical levels.

In simple terms, the market is at a make-or-break zone. Holding 23,600 could stabilise sentiment, but losing it may confirm that bears still have control going into the next trading week.

SEBI Plans Uniform Dynamic Price Bands for F&O Stocks to Curb Market Distortions

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) is working on a new reform aimed at improving fairness and consistency in the derivatives market. The regulator is planning to introduce a dynamic price band mechanism for all F&O (Futures and Options) stocks across exchanges, in an effort to eliminate short-term price distortions that arise during stock transitions.

What SEBI wants to change

Currently, there is inconsistency in how F&O stocks are treated across exchanges such as NSE and BSE. A stock may enter or exit the derivatives segment at different times on different exchanges. This leads to a situation where the same stock is governed by different price band rules simultaneously.

SEBI's proposal aims to ensure that once a stock is classified as an F&O stock, it will follow a uniform dynamic price band system across all exchanges without any mismatch in rules.

The problem in the current system

At present, when a stock is introduced into or removed from the F&O segment:

- One exchange may apply dynamic price bands immediately
- Another may continue using fixed price bands (often capped at 20%)
- This creates temporary inconsistency in price movement

Such differences can result in distorted price signals, sudden volatility on one exchange, and trading confusion for investors.

These mismatches are especially visible during high volatility periods or expiry-related adjustments, when derivatives activity is intense.

Why dynamic price bands matter

Dynamic price bands are designed to allow prices to move in a controlled but flexible manner. Instead of being stuck at a fixed upper or lower circuit, the band adjusts based on market conditions, enabling

smoother price discovery. SEBI believes that using a uniform system will help:

- Prevent artificial price freezes or spikes
- Improve consistency in trading behaviour
- Reduce arbitrage opportunities between exchanges
- Strengthen overall market stability

SEBI's proposed solution The regulator is considering a framework where:

- All F&O stocks will be placed under dynamic price bands across exchanges simultaneously
- Entry and exit from the derivatives segment will be fully synchronised
- Price movement rules will remain consistent, regardless of trading platform

This is expected to remove the current “dual system” problem where one exchange reflects smooth price movement while another shows restricted trading.

Expected impact on markets

If implemented, the reform could lead to:

- More transparent price discovery
- Reduced short-term volatility distortions
- Better alignment between NSE and BSE trading behaviour
- Improved confidence among institutional and retail investors

However, traders may also see slightly different intraday behaviour as artificial price caps are reduced and markets adjust more freely.

SEBI's move towards a uniform dynamic price band system is a technical but important reform. It aims to ensure that F&O stocks behave consistently across exchanges and that price signals reflect real market demand rather than structural differences.



Oil Prices End Volatile Session Mixed, but Log Weekly Gains on Supply Fears

Global crude oil markets witnessed a highly volatile trading session, ending mixed on the day but registering strong weekly gains as supply concerns dominated sentiment. Despite fluctuations during intraday trade, prices were supported by fears of disruption in global oil flows and ongoing geopolitical tensions.

Prices end mixed after sharp swings

Brent crude futures settled at around \$105.33 per barrel, edging higher by a small margin, while West Texas Intermediate (WTI) ended lower at about \$94.40 per barrel. The contrasting movement highlighted uncertainty in the market, with traders reacting to shifting news around supply and geopolitical developments.

During the session, prices moved sharply in both directions as markets tried to balance supply risks against signs of possible diplomatic engagement between the United States and Iran.

Weekly performance shows strong gains

Even though the final session was mixed, oil prices posted a strong weekly rise:

- Brent crude gained around 16% for the week
- WTI rose nearly 13% over the same period

This marks one of the strongest weekly performances in recent times, driven primarily by supply disruption fears.

Supply worries dominate market sentiment

The main driver of price strength has been ongoing concerns over global oil supply disruptions, especially linked to geopolitical tensions in the Middle East. Traders are particularly focused on potential risks to shipping routes and production stability, which continue to keep a “risk premium” built into crude prices. One of the key pressure points remains uncertainty around whether diplomatic talks be-

tween the US and Iran will resume successfully. Any breakdown in negotiations could further tighten supply expectations and push prices higher.

Volatility driven by geopolitical headlines

Throughout the trading week, oil markets reacted strongly to headlines related to:

- Potential peace talks between the US and Iran
- Military tensions affecting key oil transit routes
- Uncertainty over crude shipment stability

At one point, optimism about renewed diplomatic discussions briefly pulled prices lower, but concerns over supply disruptions quickly reversed sentiment. The result was a “whipsaw” pattern—sharp rises followed by quick pullbacks—typical of markets driven by geopolitical risk.

Straits of Hormuz remains key focus

A major factor behind the volatility is continued uncertainty around the Strait of Hormuz, one of the world's most important oil shipping routes. Any disruption in this region has a direct impact on global supply flows, making traders highly sensitive to developments in the area. Even small signals of instability tend to push prices higher due to fears of restricted crude movement.

Outlook: volatility likely to continue

Market analysts expect oil prices to remain highly sensitive to news flow in the coming weeks. As long as geopolitical tensions persist and supply risks remain unresolved, crude oil is likely to trade with sharp intraday swings. In simple terms, while the daily session ended without a clear direction, the bigger picture remains bullish for oil due to ongoing supply concerns. The strong weekly gains underline how deeply geopolitical uncertainty is shaping energy markets right now.

Infosys Shares Slip After Q4 Results as Weak Outlook and Broker Views Weigh

Infosys shares came under heavy selling pressure after the company's Q4 FY26 earnings announcement, making it one of the biggest laggards on the Nifty index. Despite posting decent quarterly numbers, the stock declined sharply as investors focused more on the company's cautious future guidance and mixed brokerage reactions.

Stock falls despite profit growth

Infosys reported its Q4 results with healthy profit growth, but the market reaction was negative. The stock fell over 3% in early trade and later extended losses, reflecting strong investor disappointment over the company's forward outlook rather than its past performance.

At one point, the stock emerged as the top loser on the Nifty 50 index, showing that sentiment around large-cap IT stocks remains fragile.

Weak guidance triggers concern

The main trigger for the fall was Infosys' FY27 revenue growth guidance of 1.5%–3.5% in constant currency terms. This outlook signaled continued demand uncertainty in the global IT environment, especially in discretionary tech spending.

Market participants interpreted the guidance as a sign that

growth momentum may remain muted in the near term, even if short-term earnings appear stable.

Brokerages divided on outlook

Brokerage firms responded with mixed opinions after the results:

- Some analysts maintained a positive long-term view, citing Infosys' strong balance sheet and stable margins
- Others turned cautious, cutting target prices due to weaker-than-expected growth visibility
- A few brokerages highlighted that while earnings were largely in line, the growth trajectory remains “subdued”

This divergence added to investor confusion, contributing further to stock volatility.

IT sector pressure adds to decline

Infosys' fall was also influenced by broader weakness in the IT sector. Global tech spending has been uneven, and companies are facing:

- Slower client budgets
- Delayed technology projects
- Concerns over AI-driven disruption
- Weak global macroeconomic signals

As a result, other major IT stocks also faced selling pressure, dragging the entire sector lower along with Infosys.

Market reaction vs financial performance

Interestingly, Infosys' underlying financial performance was not weak. The company reported solid profit growth in its quarterly results. However, markets reacted more strongly to future expectations rather than current earnings, a common trend in IT stocks where forward guidance drives valuation.

What this means for investors

The sharp fall highlights a key theme in today's market: growth visibility matters more than past performance. Even strong earnings cannot support valuations if future demand appears uncertain. For investors, this creates a cautious environment:

- Short-term volatility may continue
- IT stocks may remain under pressure until growth visibility improves
- Long-term fundamentals remain intact, but sentiment is weak

Conclusion

Infosys' post-results decline is less about its quarterly performance and more about concerns over future growth. Weak guidance, mixed brokerage commentary, and sector-wide headwinds combined to trigger a sharp sell-off. In simple terms, the market is rewarding certainty—and punishing caution.



Pramodini Medicare Files IPO Papers to Raise Funds for Expansion

Andhra Pradesh-based diagnostic services provider Pramodini Medicare has taken a key step toward entering the stock market by filing its Draft Red Herring Prospectus (DRHP) for an Initial Public Offering (IPO). The company plans to raise funds primarily to support capital expenditure and expand its healthcare infrastructure.

IPO structure and size

According to the draft filings, Pramodini Medicare will issue a total of 58.51 lakh equity shares through its IPO. This includes a fresh issue of 53.5 lakh shares and an offer-for-sale (OFS) of 5 lakh shares by existing promoters.

The fresh issue portion will be used to raise capital for the company's expansion plans, while the OFS component allows existing shareholders to partially exit their holdings.

Purpose of fundraising

The primary objective of the IPO is to fund capital expenditure (capex), especially for upgrading and expanding diagnostic infrastructure.

The company plans to invest in:

- Purchase of advanced medical equipment
- Expansion of existing diagnostic centres
- Setup of new diagnostic facilities across locations

Business model and

operations

Pramodini Medicare operates in the diagnostics space, offering services such as:

- Radiology
- Clinical laboratory testing
- Nuclear medicine services

The company serves a wide range of clients, including:

- Public hospitals
- Private hospitals
- Government institutions and PSUs
- Medical colleges

It operates through multiple business models, including public-private partnerships and standalone diagnostic centres.

Expansion and footprint

The company currently operates diagnostic centres across multiple states, with a network of around 15 centres across six states. Its business model focuses on both urban and semi-urban healthcare markets, where demand for diagnostic services is steadily rising. The IPO proceeds are expected to help the company scale operations and improve diagnostic capabilities through modern medical technology.

Lead managers and listing platform

The IPO will be listed on the NSE Emerge platform, which is designed for small and medium enterprises (SMEs). The issue is being managed by a merchant banking firm appointed as the book-running lead manager, while a registrar has been assigned to handle allotment and investor services. Sector outlook

Bengaluru Couple's Journey to Their First Home

Buying a home in a city like Bengaluru is often seen as a distant dream for many young couples. High property prices, financial uncertainty, and the complicated process of home loans make it a difficult goal to achieve. But for one Bengaluru couple, that dream became a reality after months of hard work, stress, and determination.

Zenith Roy Chakraborty recently shared on Instagram the emotional story of how she and her partner bought their first home. Her post quickly gained attention because it reflected the struggles many young professionals face while trying to own a house in an expensive city.

She explained that their journey began nearly 18 months ago when they decid-

ed to take a bold step and book an under-construction home in a prime location. It was a decision filled with excitement but also fear. Since they had no prior knowledge about real estate, they had to learn everything from scratch.

From researching the property market to understanding legal formalities and loan procedures, every step required patience and careful planning. They spent countless hours visiting construction sites, comparing options, and trying to make the right financial decisions. There were sleepless nights, stressful days, and moments of self-doubt when the dream felt too big to handle.

Zenith admitted that there were times when they questioned whether they were

making the right choice. Buying a home without clear guidance was overwhelming. However, the support of their family gave them the strength to continue. Their loved ones stood by them during uncertain times and helped them stay focused on their goal.

As construction slowly progressed, the couple began to see their dream taking shape. For Zenith, the house was not just about property ownership—it was a symbol of their effort, sacrifices, and growth. She described it as “more than a house,” saying it represented their first real step toward building a future together.

In her post, she shared that the process taught them patience, resilience, and trust in themselves. Every challenge

made them stronger, and every small step brought them closer to their goal.

Her story touched many people online. Social media users praised the couple for their honesty and determination, saying their journey was inspiring and relatable. In a city where homeownership often feels impossible for young people, their experience gave hope to many others.

For this couple, buying their first home was not simply a financial achievement. It was the result of courage, belief, and perseverance. Their story proves that behind every house, there is often a powerful journey of dreams, sacrifices, and the desire to create a place truly called home.



Little Girl's Heartfelt Salute to CISF Personnel Wins Hearts Online

A simple yet deeply touching moment at a public place has captured the attention of social media users across India. A video showing a young girl saluting Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) personnel has gone viral, earning widespread appreciation for its innocence, respect, and emotional impact.

The clip shows the little girl standing confidently as CISF officers pass by in uniform. As they walk past, she suddenly raises her hand in a crisp salute. What makes the moment special is not just the gesture itself, but the sincerity behind it. The officers are visibly surprised, and one of them returns the salute with a warm smile, acknowledging the child's heartfelt respect.

The interaction lasts only a few seconds, but it leaves a lasting impression. For many viewers, the video is a reminder that respect for those who serve the nation often begins at a young age, shaped by observation, admiration, and simple



acts of gratitude.

The CISF personnel, part of India's paramilitary forces responsible for securing critical infrastructure such as airports, metro systems, and government buildings, are often seen in demanding and high-pressure roles. The child's gesture highlights how even the youngest citizens recognize their contribution to public safety.

Social media users quickly reacted to the video, calling it “adorable,” “pure,” and “heartwarming.” Many praised the girl's upbringing, saying her gesture reflects values of respect and patriotism being instilled early in life. Others appreciated the CISF personnel for responding warmly, noting that such interactions strengthen the bond between security forces and the public.

Some users also pointed out that moments like these help humanize uniformed personnel, who are often only seen in formal or enforcement roles. A simple exchange of salutes, smiles, and acknowledgment helps bridge the gap between citizens and those who protect them daily.

While the exact location of the incident has not been widely highlighted, the video continues to circulate across platforms, gathering thousands of views and comments. It stands out not because of grand events or dramatic scenes, but because of its simplicity and emotional sincerity.

Experts on social media behavior often note that such videos go viral because they reflect genuine human emotion. In a digital world filled with fast-moving content, authentic moments of kindness and respect tend to resonate deeply with audiences.

The little girl's gesture also sparked conversations about how children learn values.

Many viewers emphasized the importance of teaching respect for national services, discipline, and civic responsibility from an early age. Her spontaneous salute became a symbol of innocence meeting duty in a brief but meaningful encounter.

In a time when viral content is often driven by entertainment or controversy, this video stood apart for its simplicity. It required no dialogue, no staging, and no elaborate setting—just a child's sincere gesture and a soldier's warm response.

Ultimately, the moment serves as a reminder that respect does not need to be taught through grand speeches. Sometimes, it is expressed naturally through a child's small but powerful act of acknowledgment.

And in those few seconds, a simple salute became something far greater—an expression of gratitude that touched thousands of hearts online.

Woman Returns to India After 17 Years in the US

After spending 17 years in the United States, moving back to India can feel like beginning life all over again. For one woman, this transition was not just about changing countries but also about rebuilding identity, adjusting expectations, and finding a sense of belonging in a place that once felt like home.

A woman recently shared her emotional experience of returning to India after nearly two decades in the US. Her honest reflections quickly gained attention online, as many people related to the challenges of reverse migration and the emotional complexity of coming back home after living abroad for so long.

In her post, she explained that while India was always home in her heart, returning after 17 years felt surprisingly unfamiliar. Life in the US had shaped her habits, routines, and way of thinking. Coming back meant adjusting not only to a different environment but also to a different pace of life.

Simple everyday things such as traffic, crowded public spaces, and social expectations felt overwhelming at first. She admitted that even small tasks required mental adjustment. What once felt normal now seemed new again. It was not easy to fit back into a system she had left behind many years ago.

She described the experience as “starting over,” because she had to rebuild everything from daily routines to professional networks and personal comfort zones. While many people assumed returning home would be easy, she found that reverse culture shock was real and of-

ten more difficult than expected.

At the same time, there were positive emotions too. Being closer to family, reconnecting with old memories, and experiencing familiar festivals and traditions brought a deep sense of comfort. The warmth of relationships and emotional closeness reminded her why she had chosen to return despite the uncertainty.

She also shared that moving back made her reflect on the idea of home. After living abroad for so long, she realized home is not just a place but a feeling of connection and acceptance. India still held that emotional space for her, even if adjusting to daily life took time.

Her story resonated with many social media users, especially Indians living abroad who often think about returning someday. Many commented that they had similar fears about reverse culture shock and the challenge of balancing emotional belonging with practical realities.

Others appreciated her honesty in talking about the less glamorous side of returning home. People often focus on success stories abroad, but few discuss how difficult it can be to come back and begin again.

Her experience is a reminder that returning home is not always simple. It requires patience, flexibility, and emotional strength. But sometimes, starting over is also a chance to rediscover yourself.

For her, moving back to India was not just a return—it was the beginning of a new chapter.



Foreign Woman Traveller Shares Surprising Reality of India

India often leaves first-time visitors with a mix of awe, confusion, and unexpected delight. In a viral social media post, a foreign woman traveller recently shared a list of 10 things she did not expect to experience during her journey across the country. Her observations, light-hearted and honest, have resonated widely with audiences online for capturing both the charm and surprises of India. She described her trip as eye-opening, noting that India was very different from what she had imagined before arriving. While she expected cultural differences, what stood out most were the everyday realities that challenged her assumptions in both positive and surprising ways. One of her first surprises was seeing a large number of Indian tourists exploring their own country. She had not expected domestic travel to be so widespread and vibrant. This made her realise how deeply Indians value internal tourism and cultural exploration. Food habits also caught her atten-



tion. She noticed that many restaurants provide sinks and soap even though eating with hands is common in Indian culture. This combination of tradition and hygiene systems struck her as unusual and thoughtful. Language was another pleasant surprise. She found that English is widely spoken, even in casual conversations, which made communication easier than she had expected. This helped her connect

with locals more naturally during her journey. Transportation and digital convenience also impressed her. She observed that services like ride-hailing apps and food delivery platforms work smoothly even in many busy or semi-urban areas, making travel more accessible for foreigners. At the same time, she encountered cultural elements that initially puzzled her. For example, she learned about Indian tradi-

tions such as applying kajal (kohl) to babies, which she first misunderstood before learning its cultural significance. She also mentioned food variety as a surprise, especially the availability of international cuisines like Middle Eastern and Israeli dishes in different parts of the country. This diversity in food options made her feel more at home than expected. However, not all surprises were positive. She highlighted con-

cerns such as being cautious about food quality and water safety, something many travellers to India often learn quickly. She also noted the importance of being aware of travel logistics like train bookings, which can fill up quickly due to high demand. Despite these contrasts, her overall impression of India remained deeply positive. She shared that the country was not just a travel destination but an experience that stayed with her emotionally. The warmth of people, ease of connection, and cultural richness left a strong impression on her. She concluded that India is a place that constantly challenges expectations. It is not always predictable, but it is deeply engaging. For her, the journey was not just about sightseeing—it was about understanding a country that is complex, vibrant, and full of surprises. Her reflections struck a chord online because they mirrored what many travellers feel: India is not a place you simply visit—it is a place that changes how you see the world.

This Umbrella Talks, Shows Screen, Gives GPS Directions and Notifications

Imagine an umbrella that does more than just protect you from rain—it talks to you, shows information on a screen, guides you with GPS directions, and even sends notifications like a smartphone. That is exactly the futuristic idea a tech company has recently showcased, turning an everyday object into a smart digital device.

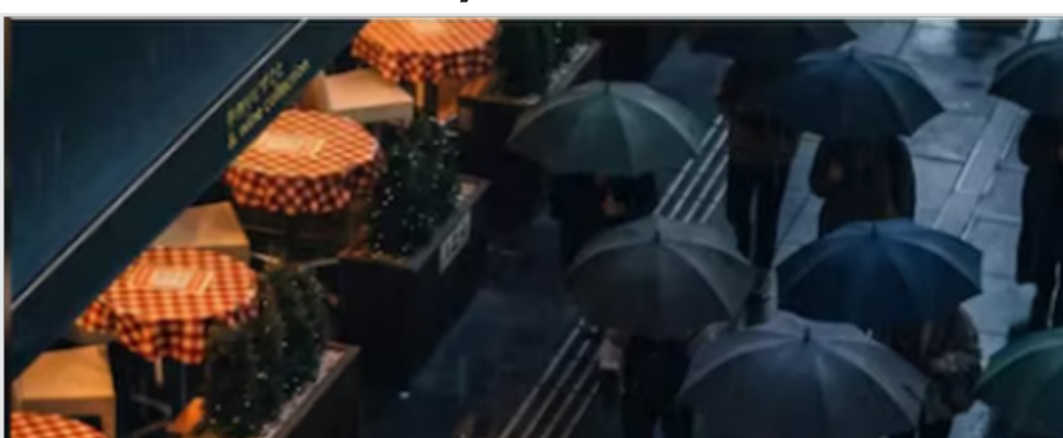
Chinese tech company OPPO has introduced a concept umbrella that comes with an integrated display built directly into its canopy. The idea is part of the company's experimental vision of how ordinary items could evolve in the future with advanced technology embedded into them.

At first glance, it looks like a regular umbrella, but inside its

structure lies a hidden digital layer. The canopy itself can display visuals, meaning users could potentially see navigation arrows, weather alerts, notifications, or other digital content while walking outdoors. Instead of checking a phone in the rain, a person could simply glance at their umbrella for updates.

The concept is designed to merge convenience with connectivity. For example, if someone is walking in an unfamiliar city, the umbrella could show GPS directions directly on its surface. If weather conditions suddenly change, it could alert the user in real time. It could even display messages or reminders synced from a smartphone.

OPPO has clarified that this



umbrella is not a product for sale but a prototype meant to explore future possibilities in smart design. The company showcased it on its innovation platform as part of a broader effort to imagine how technol-

ogy can blend into everyday life beyond traditional devices like phones, watches, or laptops.

This idea reflects a growing trend in the tech industry where companies are experi-

menting with “ambient technology”—smart features embedded into everyday objects. Instead of relying only on handheld devices, future gadgets could be woven into clothing, accessories, and house-

hold items, making digital interaction more seamless.

The smart umbrella concept also highlights how artificial intelligence and connectivity are expanding into unexpected areas. What was once just a simple weather shield is now being reimagined as a communication and navigation tool. It shows how boundaries between physical objects and digital systems are slowly disappearing.

While the idea is exciting, experts believe it is still far from becoming a mainstream product. Challenges such as durability, battery life, weather resistance, and cost need to be addressed before such technology can be widely used. For now, it remains a glimpse into what future consumer gadgets

might look like.

Still, the concept has sparked curiosity and imagination online. Many users are fascinated by the idea of everyday items becoming “smart companions” that assist in daily life without needing constant interaction with a phone.

In essence, this talking, screen-enabled umbrella is less about immediate practicality and more about vision. It represents a future where technology is not something we hold in our hands—but something that surrounds us in everything we use.

From rain protection to real-time digital assistant, the humble umbrella may one day become a symbol of how far innovation can go when imagination meets engineering.

SRH Edge RR in Run-Fest Thriller

Sunrisers Hyderabad pulled off a sensational chase to defeat Rajasthan Royals by five wickets in a high-scoring IPL thriller at the Sawai Man Singh Stadium, Jaipur, on Saturday. Despite a breathtaking century from young Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, Hyderabad's explosive batting unit ensured the massive target was chased down with nine balls remaining.

Put in to bat, Rajasthan Royals rode on Sooryavanshi's remarkable 103 off just 37 deliveries, marking his second IPL hundred. The young batter dominated the SRH bowlers with fearless strokeplay, anchoring the innings with authority. He found solid support in Dhruv Jurel, who struck a brisk 51 off 35 balls, as the duo stitched together a crucial 112-run partnership for the second wicket. Late fireworks from Donovan Ferreira (33) further boosted the total, helping RR post an imposing 228 for six.

In reply, Sunrisers Hyderabad launched an aggressive counterattack from the outset. Ishan Kishan spearheaded the chase with a scin-

tillating 74 off 31 balls, setting the tone with his attacking approach. Abhishek Sharma complemented him brilliantly, smashing 57 off 29 deliveries as SRH maintained a strong run rate throughout the innings.

Though Rajasthan attempted to fight back with timely breakthroughs, including a spirited spell from Jofra Archer, Hyderabad's batting depth proved decisive. The middle order held firm under pressure, rotating strike effectively while punishing loose deliveries.

As the game entered the final phase, SRH shifted gears seamlessly, accelerating in the death overs. Boundaries flowed freely, and the required runs were chased down comfortably, with Hyderabad finishing at 229 for five in just 18.3 overs.

The contest turned out to be a batting spectacle, highlighting the dominance of power-hitters on a flat Jaipur track. While Rajasthan Royals will reflect on missed opportunities with the ball, Sunrisers Hyderabad will draw confidence from a composed and clinical chase that underlined their title credentials.



SRH won by 5 wickets					
RecapScorecardCommentaryRuns					
Top Batters	R	B	4s	6s	SR
Vaibhav Suryavanshi(RR)	103	37	5	12	278.38
Ishan Kishan(SRH)	74	31	11	3	238.71
Top Bowlers	O	M	R	W	Econ
Jofra Archer(RR)	4	0	34	2	8.5
Eshan Malinga(SRH)	4	0	38	2	9.5



GT Coach Vijay Dahiya Explains What Sets ViratKohli Apart

Gujarat Titans assistant coach Vijay Dahiya has shed light on what makes ViratKohli one of the most consistent performers in modern cricket, pointing to his relentless drive and uncompromising mindset.

Speaking after Royal Challengers Bengaluru's win over Gujarat Titans in IPL 2026, Dahiya highlighted Kohli's defining trait as his "zid" — a stubborn determination to constantly improve. According to him, Kohli is not driven by external validation but by an internal desire to be better than he was the previous day.

Kohli's match-winning knock of 81 off 44 balls once again underlined his class, but Dahiya revealed that the batter was still not fully satisfied. Even after being named Player of the Match, Kohli reportedly expressed disappointment at not converting his innings into a century — a reflection of the high standards he sets for himself.

Beyond skill, the coach also pointed to Kohli's energy, awareness, and ability to control the game. He noted that Kohli can dictate terms even against top-quality bowling attacks, making difficult pitches look easy through his command at the crease.

Another aspect Dahiya highlighted was Kohli's intensity on the field. His running between the wickets, constant engagement, and willingness to push limits set an example for younger players. This level of commitment, Dahiya suggested, is not easy to replicate but offers valuable lessons for aspiring cricketers.

Importantly, Dahiya dismissed the idea that experience alone defines greatness. Instead, he stressed that players — whether young or seasoned — must find their own motivation. In Kohli's case, that motivation comes from within, fueling a career marked by consistency and excellence.

Dahiya emphasized that this mindset is what separates Kohli from others. Rather than playing to prove a point to critics or relying on his reputation, Kohli focuses on self-assessment — "the man in the mirror" — and continuous improvement.

As the IPL season progresses, Kohli's performances continue to reinforce why he remains a benchmark in international cricket. According to Dahiya, it is not just talent but mindset — that relentless "zid" to do well — that truly defines his greatness.

Punjab Kings Stun Delhi Capitals in Record Chase Despite Rahul's Heroics

In one of the most thrilling encounters of the Indian Premier League 2026 season, Punjab Kings pulled off a sensational six-wicket victory over Delhi Capitals, successfully chasing down a massive target in a high-scoring contest.

Batting first, Delhi Capitals posted a formidable total of 264/2, riding on a historic innings by KL Rahul. The star batter played an extraordinary knock of 152 not out, marking one of the highest individual scores in IPL history by an Indian. His innings was a perfect blend of timing and power, as he dominated the opposition bowlers with ease. He found strong support from Nitish Rana, who contributed a brisk 91, helping Delhi build a daunting total that appeared almost unassailable.

However, Punjab Kings came out with aggressive intent right from the start of their chase. Opener Prabhsimran Singh set the tone with a blistering 76 off just 26 balls, putting the Delhi bowlers under immediate pressure. His explosive start ensured that the required run rate never spiraled



out of control. The momentum was carried forward by captain Shreyas Iyer, who anchored the innings with remarkable composure. Playing a captain's knock, Iyer remained unbeaten and guided his team through crucial phases of the chase. His ability to rotate strike and find bounda-

ries at key moments proved decisive. Despite having a massive total on the board, Delhi Capitals struggled with the ball, failing to contain Punjab's relentless batting attack. Their bowlers were unable to break partnerships at crucial junctures, which allowed Punjab to main-

tain control throughout the innings. Punjab Kings eventually chased down the target with seven balls to spare, registering one of the highest successful run chases in T20 history. The victory highlighted their strong batting depth and fearless approach.

The match will be remembered as a run-fest that showcased the evolving nature of T20 cricket, where even towering totals are no longer safe. While KL Rahul's record-breaking innings stood out, it was Punjab Kings' collective batting effort that ultimately stole the show.



Sreesanth Reopens Slapgate Chapter, Cuts Ties with Harbhajan

Nearly two decades after one of cricket's most infamous on-field incidents, former India pacer S Sreesanth has once again spoken about the 2008 "slapgate" controversy involving Harbhajan Singh, saying he has chosen to forgive but cannot forget.

The controversy resurfaced after Harbhajan featured in a recent advertisement inspired by the slapgate episode. According to Sreesanth, this triggered fresh hurt, especially as the incident — long considered buried — was being revisited commercially. Recalling the episode, Sreesanth said his stance is rooted in a simple principle: forgive mistakes, but never forget them. He explained that forgetting such incidents could allow similar behaviour to repeat, underlining why the memory still holds significance for him. The original incident dates back to the inaugural season of the Indian Premier League in 2008, when Harbhajan, then leading Mumbai Indians, slapped Sreesanth during a post-match handshake after a game against Kings XI Punjab. The moment, captured on camera, became one of the most controversial episodes in IPL history and led

to Harbhajan being banned for the remainder of the season. Over the years, both players appeared to have moved on, even sharing public platforms and speaking positively about each other at times. Harbhajan had repeatedly apologised for the incident, calling it a mistake he wished he could erase from his career.

However, the recent advertisement seems to have reopened old wounds. Sreesanth revealed that Harbhajan had asked him to promote the ad on social media — something he refused. He also stated that he has now cut off all personal ties, even blocking Harbhajan on Instagram.

Despite the bitterness, Sreesanth maintained a measured tone, acknowledging that the incident may not have been intentional and calling it a "learning experience." Still, he made it clear that their relationship has changed irreversibly. The renewed war of words highlights how deeply the slapgate episode continues to resonate, even 18 years later. What was once seen as a moment of on-field aggression has evolved into a lasting personal and emotional divide — one that neither time nor apologies have fully healed.

KL Rahul's Classical Masterclass Redefines T20 Batting in DC vs PBKS Clash

KL Rahul delivered a stunning reminder that elegance and effectiveness can go hand in hand in T20 cricket, producing a record-breaking innings for Delhi Capitals against Punjab Kings in IPL 2026. Rahul smashed an unbeaten 152 off just 67 balls — now the highest individual score by an Indian in IPL history — anchoring Delhi to a massive total. But beyond the numbers, what stood out was his method: a throwback to "textbook" cricketing shots executed with precision and timing rather than brute force. In an era increasingly dominated by unconventional strokeplay — scoops, ramps, and baseball-style swings — Rahul's innings highlighted the enduring value of classical batting. His drives, flicks, and cuts were not just aesthetically pleasing but also highly productive, finding boundaries with remarkable consistency. The knock also came as a statement amid the rise of younger, aggressive players in the league. While names like emerging Indian batters have captured attention with power-hitting, Rahul showcased a more complete

repertoire. His ability to pace the innings, accelerate when needed, and maintain control throughout the 20 overs demonstrated his experience and adaptability. Earlier in the season, Rahul had faced criticism for not finishing a chase despite a strong individual score. This time, however, he left no room for doubt. Batting through the innings in challenging heat, he combined consistency with aggression, finishing with a strike rate above 220 — proof that orthodox cricket can still dominate the shortest format. His partnership with Nitish Rana further underlined the dominance of Delhi's batting, helping the team post one of the highest totals of the season. Rahul's innings wasn't just about breaking records — it was a subtle lesson in T20 evolution. It showed that while the game continues to innovate, the fundamentals of cricket remain just as potent when executed with intent and skill. In a format often defined by power, Rahul proved that timing, placement, and classical technique can still steal the spotlight — and win matches.



Industry Points to New Theatrical Arrival Window

Ram Charan's upcoming sports action drama Peddi continues to remain one of the most talked-about Telugu films, and the latest industry buzz suggests a fresh update on its release timeline. After multiple changes earlier, reports now indicate that the film is likely targeting a June 25, 2026 release window, though an official confirmation is still awaited.

Initially, Peddi was planned for a March 2026 release, later shifted to April 30, 2026 due to pending production work. However, even that schedule could not be maintained as the team required additional time for post-production and finishing touches.

Recent updates suggest the release has now been pushed once again to June 2026, with the exact date expected to be officially announced by the makers soon.

The delay has disappointed fans who were eagerly waiting for the film's theatrical arrival, but the production team has assured that the extended timeline is aimed at ensuring a high-quality final output.

According to reports, the principal shooting of Peddi is almost finished, with only a minor portion—mainly a song sequence—yet to be completed. Once that is wrapped up, the film will move fully into post-



production stages such as editing, sound design, and visual effects polishing.

The makers have also emphasized that the film is in its final phase and the delay is purely to enhance technical quality rather than due to production issues.

Directed by Buchi Babu Sana, Peddi features Ram Charan in a rugged, intense role in this sports-based action drama. Janhvi Kapoor plays the female lead, while the film also includes notable actors like Shiva Rajkumar, Jagapathi Babu, Divyendu Sharma, and Boman Irani in key roles.

Music is composed by A.R. Rahman, adding significant hype around the film's soundtrack and emotional depth.

The constant shifting of release dates has kept Peddi in

the headlines for months. Each update triggers fresh discussion among fans and trade circles, making it one of the most closely tracked Indian films currently in production.

Industry trackers believe the June window is now the most realistic timeline, especially considering the remaining post-production workload and promotional planning.

While Peddi has faced multiple delays, the current buzz points toward a June 2026 theatrical release, giving the team additional time to refine the film. Though fans have had to wait longer than expected, the makers insist the final product will justify the delay.

For now, all eyes remain on the official announcement that will lock the final release date of this highly anticipated Ram Charan starrer.

RS Infotainment Wraps Shoot of Soori's Sports Action Drama MANDAADI

RS Infotainment, headed by producer Elred Kumar, has officially completed the shooting of its upcoming sports action drama MANDAADI. Directed by Mathimaran-Pugazhendhi, the film was shot over a long and demanding schedule, with a major portion filmed across the coastal regions of Ramanathapuram. The team worked under challenging conditions to bring authenticity and realism to the story, capturing intense action blocks, emotional moments, and visually striking sailboat race sequences with great detail and effort.

With the shoot now wrapped up, MANDAADI has entered the post-production phase, and work is progressing rapidly. The film is set against a unique sports backdrop and tells a story deeply rooted in the lives of coastal fishing communities. The title MANDAADI refers to a skilled leader who guides fishing expeditions using deep knowledge of the sea, winds, and waves. This powerful concept of leadership, survival, and experience forms the emotional core of the film.

Actor Soori plays the lead role and is said to have undergone significant physical preparation for the character. His intense performance is expected to be one of the film's major highlights. The film also marks the Tamil debut of actor Suhas, who takes on a negative-shaded role with a complete makeover. He dedicated nearly 100 days of call sheets to the project and is expected to make a strong impact with this unique character.

Mahima Nambiar stars as the female lead, while veteran actors Sathyaraj, Ravindra Vijay, Mithun, and Bala Saravanan play important supporting roles, strengthening the ensemble cast. The technical team includes music composer GV Prakash Kumar, cinematographer SR Kathir, production designer DRK Kiran, editor Pradeep E Ragav, and action choreographers Peter Hein, Dilip Subbarayan, and Mahesh Mathew.

Following the positive response to its first look, MANDAADI is now moving steadily toward release, with more exciting updates expected soon.



RISING STAR

Naina Ganguly



Dhanush's Kara Telugu Teaser Out Now

The much-awaited Telugu teaser of Dhanush's upcoming action thriller Kara has been released, and it is already creating strong buzz among fans. Directed by Vignesh Raja, the film is gearing up for a grand pan-India theatrical release on April 30, 2026, and the teaser offers a dark, intense, and highly intriguing preview of what's to come.

The teaser presents Dhanush in a restrained yet powerful avatar, focusing more on mood and emotion than flashy action. He appears as a character named Karasaami (Kara), surrounded by danger, mystery, and a sense of being hunted.

One of the most striking visuals shows him standing alone in a dense forest during heavy rain, while torch-bearing men search for him. This instantly sets a tense and atmospheric tone for the film.

The teaser strongly hints that the story is driven by themes of karma, consequence, and inner conflict. A powerful voiceover suggests that the protagonist's journey is not just external but deeply emotional and psychological.

Rather than presenting a straightforward action narrative, the film seems to explore a character trapped in his past and facing the outcomes of his actions.

Kara is directed by Vignesh Raja, known for his work in PorThozhil. The film features a strong ensemble cast including Mamitha Baiju, KS Ravikumar, Jayaram, Karunas, Suraj Venjaramoodu, and others in key roles.

Music is composed by GV Prakash Kumar, adding further weight to the film's emotional and suspenseful tone.

The film is being produced by Vels Film International and is planned as a multi-language release including Telugu, Tamil, and Hindi versions.

The makers have already locked the release date as April 30, 2026, and the film has received censor clearance, indicating that it is ready for theatrical launch.

With the teaser now out, expectations are high, especially among Telugu audiences who are known to strongly support Dhanush's films.

Early reactions suggest that viewers are impressed with the teaser's minimalistic storytelling, intense visuals, and dark tone. Fans are appreciating the shift from conventional commercial presentation to a more grounded and mysterious narrative style.

Social media discussions highlight curiosity around Dhanush's character and how the story will unfold, especially given the teaser's decision to reveal very little about the plot. The Telugu teaser of Kara successfully builds intrigue without revealing too much, relying instead on atmosphere, emotion, and mystery. With Dhanush in a raw and intense role, strong technical backing, and a suspense-driven narrative, the film is shaping up to be one of the most anticipated releases of 2026.

For now, the teaser achieves exactly what it sets out to do—raise curiosity and leave audiences wanting more.

Lavanya Tripathi and Dev Mohan's 'Sathi Leelavathi' Set for Grand Release on May 8

Anandi Art Creations is all set to bring an entertaining romantic drama to audiences with its upcoming film Sathi Leelavathi, starring Lavanya Tripathi and Dev Mohan in the lead roles. Presented by the well-known production house Anandi Arts Creations, the film is being produced by Nagaa Mohan (MNM) under the Durga Devi Pictures banner. Directed by Tatineni Satya, who is known for his successful films Bheemili Kabaddi Jattu and SMS, the movie is scheduled for a grand theatrical release on May 8, 2026.

The film has already completed its censor formalities and has been awarded a clean U certificate, making it suitable for family audiences and viewers of all age groups. With all release preparations currently in full swing, the makers are planning a wide and grand release across theatres.

Sathi Leelavathi features Lavanya Tripathi and Dev Mohan as a married couple, and the story revolves around their relationship dynamics in a refreshing and entertaining way. The film is positioned as a romantic and relationship-based drama with a strong dose of humor and emotional depth. The central plot focuses on the wife-husband bond, where the leading lady's character holds the power to control her husband, leading to a series of fun-filled situations, conflicts, and emotional moments.

The makers describe the film as a "popcorn entertainer" that blends romance, comedy, and relatable marital situations. The conflicts between the couple are presented in a lighthearted yet emotionally engaging manner, making the film appealing to a wide audience. It promises to showcase the ups and downs of married life with warmth, laughter, and heartfelt emotions.

Producer Nagaa Mohan expressed confidence in the film, stating that the emotional bond and the humorous conflicts between the lead pair have been narrated beautifully. According to him, Sathi Leelavathi has been carefully crafted as a feel-good entertainer that will connect with all sections of the audience, especially family viewers and young couples.

He also mentioned that the promotional content released so far, including the two songs and the teaser, has received a very positive response from the audience. This encouraging feedback has boosted the team's confidence ahead of the release. The makers are now gearing up for full-fledged promotions, and the film's official trailer is expected to be released soon.

With a talented cast, an experienced director, and a relatable storyline packed with humor and emotions, Sathi Leelavathi is shaping up to be one of the most awaited family entertainers of the summer season.

