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Neradi to End Srikakulam's Irrigation Woes

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Despite having rivers flowing through the district, farmers in Srikakulam have long been able to cultivate only a single crop a year, relying heavily on monsoon rains for a second crop.

The Vamsadhara project, proposed over seven decades ago, remained incomplete due to objections from neighboring Odisha.

The Vamsadhara Water Disputes Tribunal has now given the green signal for the construction of the Neradi barrage, a crucial component of the project.

Originating in the Kalahandi hills of Odisha, the Vamsadhara river flows through Rayagada and Gajapati districts before entering Andhra Pradesh at Katragada and merging into the Bay of Bengal near Kalingapatnam.



nizing its potential, Andhra Pradesh proposed a major irrigation project in 1961 and entered into an agreement with Odisha in 1962 to avoid interstate conflicts.

Initially planned in two phases, the project faced setbacks when Odisha later objected to the Neradi barrage, citing submergence concerns.

The first phase, completed in 1977, included a barrage at Gotta near Hiramandalam and a 104-km left main canal up to Palasa, currently irrigating 1.48 lakh acres across 398 villages in 12 mandals.

The second phase was split further. Phase-1, comprising a 53-km right canal and distributary systems, now supplies water to over 63,000 acres in seven mandals.

reservoirs at Singidi, Parapuram, and a balancing reservoir at Hiramandalam. The Neradi barrage is essential to supply water to these structures.

Due to Odisha's objections, Andhra Pradesh had earlier adopted a temporary solution in 2005 by constructing a side weir and flood canal at Katragada to divert water.

After examining arguments from both states, the tribunal delivered a balanced verdict. As per the gazette notification, Andhra Pradesh can construct the Neradi barrage within its territory, equipped with two head sluices.

The total estimated water availability is 115 TMC, to be

shared equally between the two states at 57.5 TMC each. Both states must proportionately adjust usage in times of surplus or shortage.

Andhra Pradesh is permitted to draw its share between June 1 and November 30 annually. Odisha will acquire the required 106 acres for the barrage and hand it over to Andhra Pradesh, which will reimburse the land acquisition costs.

A four-member monitoring committee—comprising two members from the Central Water Commission and one each from Andhra Pradesh and Odisha—will oversee implementation and water sharing.

Until the barrage is completed, Andhra Pradesh is allowed to utilize up to 8 TMC of water through the side weir, after which it must be closed.

With hurdles finally cleared, the onus is now on the state government to complete the Neradi barrage on a war footing. Once finished, along with pending Phase-2 works, irrigation can reach up to Ichchapuram, stabilizing 2.56 lakh acres during Kharif and supporting nearly 2 lakh acres of commercial crops in Rabi.

Ambedkar Jayanti: Speaker, Home Minister Review Development Works

Narsipatnam, April 14 | TPN Bureau

Dr B.R. Ambedkar Jayanti celebrations were held at Narsipatnam in Anakapalli district, attended by Speaker Ayyannapathrudu and Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha.

reflects commitment to public welfare. Anitha said Ayyannapathrudu is her political mentor and praised his support. She termed Amaravati bill historic and credited his role in its legal backing.



Lokesh Calls for Strong Grassroots Drive to Strengthen TDP Ideology

Amaravati, April 14, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Telugu Desam Party national general secretary and Andhra Pradesh IT Minister Nara Lokesh on Tuesday called upon party cadres to strengthen the organisation by taking its ideology to the grassroots level across villages and wards.

pline as key factors for expansion. Party leaders said Lokesh's message aims to reinforce organisational discipline and strengthen the party at the grassroots ahead of upcoming political challenges in Andhra Pradesh.

Amaravati Becomes Launch Pad for Quantum Technology: CM Chandrababu

Amaravati, April 14 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh marked a historic milestone on World Quantum Day with the launch of India's first Quantum Reference Facilities in Amaravati.

The Chief Minister said the initiative will position Andhra Pradesh as a global hub for quantum research, innovation, and industrial applications.



security skills in collaboration with IIT Madras, IBM, and other institutions.

er institutions. He highlighted that the Amaravati Quantum Valley will support research in pharmaceuticals, agriculture, defence, logistics, and cryogenics.

Naidu thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi and central science agencies for their support, stating that the project strengthens India's self-reliance in deep-tech innovation.

Chandrababu Naidu Calls for Political Consensus on Women's Reservation Bill

Amaravati, April 15, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu has urged all political parties and Members of Parliament from the state to extend full support to the Women's Reservation Bill, also known as the 'Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam'.

stressing that the issue represents national pride and women's empowerment rather than political competition. The Chief Minister requested leaders to strengthen Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of implementing women's reservation from the 2029 general elections.

sion-making bodies. He said empowering women in legislatures would further accelerate social and economic progress. He also called upon MPs from Andhra Pradesh to be present in Parliament during the upcoming session.

Chandrababu Naidu Pays Tributes to Ambedkar on Jayanti

Amaravati, April 14, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu paid floral tributes to the portrait of B. R. Ambedkar at the camp office on the occasion of his birth anniversary.

He was joined by Minister Dola Bala Veeranjanya Swamy, Madiga Corporation Chairperson Undavalli Sridevi, LID-CAP Chairman Pilli Manikyarao, along with other senior leaders.

called Ambedkar's immense contribution in drafting the Indian Constitution and establishing the principles of equality, justice, and liberty.

They reaffirmed their commitment to uphold Ambedkar's ideals and work towards inclusive growth, social empowerment, and the upliftment of weaker sections.

AP Inter Results to Be Released Today

Amaravati, April 15, 2026 | TPN Bureau

The long wait of Intermediate students in Andhra Pradesh is set to end as the Intermediate Public Examination results for first and second year will be released today.

The Andhra Pradesh government has made arrangements for students to access their results through multiple platforms to ensure convenience and speed.

Through the "Mana Mitra" service, students can receive their results directly on WhatsApp by sending a simple "Hi" message to 9552300009.

Minister Nara Lokesh said the initiative aims to make result access simple, fast and stress-free for students.

couraged students to use the digital facility and avoid unnecessary queues or technical difficulties.

Extending his wishes to students, Lokesh said, "This is your moment—move forward and shine." Education officials stated that the initiative reflects the government's focus on digital governance and student-friendly services.



Intermediate Education Andhra Pradesh said all preparations have been completed for smooth and timely release of results across the state.



Godavari Pushkaralu to be Held on Kumbh Mela Lines

Amaravati/Mangalagiri, April 14, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Tourism Minister Kandula Durgesh said the 2027 Godavari Pushkaralu will be organised on the lines of the Kumbh Mela, following directions from Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan.

Durgesh noted that modernisation of ghats in Rajamahendravaram and across the Godavari belt has already begun. Special arrangements for drinking water, sanitation, accommodation, and crowd management are being planned.

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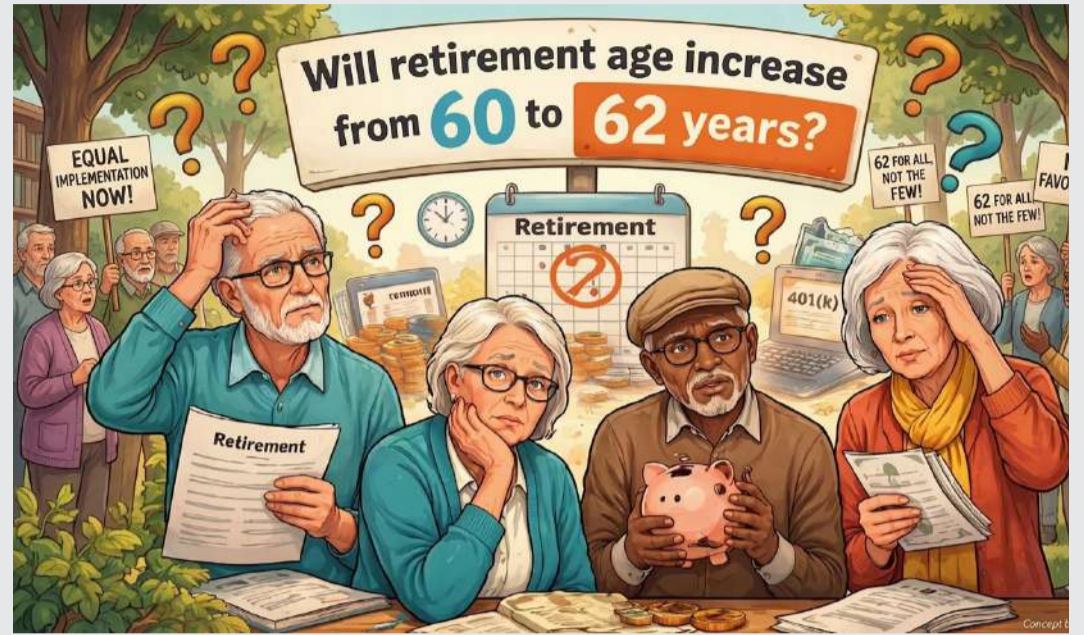
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## Follow Ambedkar Ideals: Minister Ravi Kumar

Addanki, April 14, 2026 | TPN Bureau

State Energy Minister Gottipati Ravi Kumar called upon people to follow the ideals of B. R. Ambedkar and strive for an equal society. Participating in Ambedkar's 135th birth anniversary celebrations at Santamaguluru in Addanki constituency, the minister paid floral tributes and highlighted that the Indian Constitution, drafted by Ambedkar, has inspired many nations. He noted that provisions ensuring equality and women's property rights reflect Ambedkar's vi-

sion. Emphasising the importance of education, he said knowledge is the key to progress and social transformation.

Later, the minister inaugurated rooftop solar units under the PM Surya Ghar scheme at Nehru Nagar SC Colony, benefiting 38 families. He said subsidies are being provided to various sections, reducing electricity costs while enabling sale of surplus power. He also inaugurated BT roads built at a cost of 1.80 crore and assured continued support to residents.

## Heatwave Grips Andhra Pradesh: Ontimitta Records 45°C, IMD Warns of More Heat

Amaravati, April 15 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh is reeling under an intense heatwave as soaring temperatures continue to sweep across the state, with Ontimitta in YSR Kadapa district recording a maximum of 45°C on Tuesday, officials said.

State Disaster Management Authority Managing Director Prakhar Jain stated that the heat intensity is expected to in-

crease further in the coming days. He noted that temperatures above 40°C were recorded in as many as 262 mandals across Andhra Pradesh, indicating widespread heatwave conditions.

Several regions reported extreme temperatures, including Laddagiri in Kurnool district and Sanjamala in Nandyal district at 44.2°C. Other hotspots included Varadaiahpalem in Tirupati district at 43.8°C, Anu-

## Priority to Public Issues, Says Minister Ravindra

Machilipatnam, April 14, 2026 | TPN Bureau

State Minister Kollu Ravindra said resolving public grievances remains his top priority, asserting that true satisfaction comes from addressing people's problems directly. On the fourth day of his ward inspection programme, he visited Ward 31 in Shardanagar, interacted with residents, and received petitions.

He said financial aid is being extended to those facing medical emergencies, with 6.46 crore distributed to 754 benefi-

ciaries under the Chief Minister's Relief Fund and 3.04 crore provided to 122 people through LOC. Welfare schemes are being implemented extensively, including pensions for 521 beneficiaries, "Thalliki Vandanam" support for 552 individuals, benefits for auto drivers, and housing under TIDCO. Highlighting development, Ravindra said an MSME park will be established near Shardanagar to create local employment. He criticised the previous government for neglecting Machilipatnam's growth, adding that 75 crore

has now been secured from the Centre for development works. Key infrastructure projects, including roads, bridges, and port development, are progressing.

He stated that the Bandaru Port will be completed by year-end, generating jobs for local youth. Welfare and development are being implemented simultaneously with central support. The minister also emphasised tourism development, skill training initiatives, and infrastructure expansion to transform Machilipatnam into a model constituency.

## Ambedkar: Beacon for the Marginalised, Says Minister

Machilipatnam, April 14, 2026 | TPN Bureau

State Minister Kollu Ravindra said that B. R. Ambedkar remains a guiding force for weaker sections, enabling their progress through the Constitution. Participating in the 135th birth anniversary celebrations at Lakshmi Talkies Centre in Machilipatnam, the minister paid floral tributes to Ambed-

kar's statue and addressed a gathering. He said Ambedkar rose from a humble background to become an extraordinary leader and gifted India one of the world's strongest constitutions. Emphasising equality, he noted that Ambedkar's vision ensured rights and dignity for all citizens, especially the underprivileged. Ravindra highlighted that

education was Ambedkar's greatest tool to eliminate social inequalities and empower society. He added that people have consistently upheld democracy by trusting the Constitution even during challenging times.

The minister called for collective efforts to remove disparities and realise Ambedkar's dream of an inclusive and just society.

## Strict Action Against Social Media Misuse: AP DGP

Amaravati, April 14, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Director General of Police Harish Kumar Gupta has issued a stern warning against the misuse of social media platforms, stating that strict action will be taken against offenders. Reviewing social media-related cases, the DGP revealed that individuals and organised groups are spreading abusive content, politically motivated posts, misinformation, and messages inciting social unrest through platforms like WhatsApp, Facebook, X, and Instagram. He termed such acts serious offences that threaten public order. Adopting a "zero tolerance" policy, the state police have registered 1,549 cases, arrested 1,344 individuals, and removed

4,529 unlawful posts so far. Legal action is being taken under the Information Technology Act, 2000 and Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, including stringent provisions such as Section 111 related to organised crime. Officials also stated that under the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, 'trial in absentia' will be enforced if accused persons evade investigation or court proceedings. Police warned that repeat offenders and organised groups will face harsher penalties. Even those hiding behind fake accounts will be identified using advanced technologies, including AI-based monitoring and digital forensics. Citizens were urged to verify information before sharing and act responsibly online.

## Fire Services Vital in Disaster Response: AP DGP

Amaravati, April 14, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Director General of Police Harish Kumar Gupta emphasised that the Fire Services Department plays a crucial role in disaster management, responding first to emergencies such as cyclones, floods, building collapses, and industrial accidents. He said preventing fire accidents is a shared responsibility and stressed the need for coordinated efforts among fire, police, disaster management, and health departments. The Fire Services Week was formally inaugurated at the state headquarters in Vijayawada, where the DGP attended as chief guest along with Fire Services DG Venkata Ramana and other officials. Tributes were paid to firefighters who lost their lives in

the line of duty, followed by the flag hoisting and a display of modern firefighting equipment. Recalling the significance of Fire Service Day after the Bombay Dock Explosion 1944, Gupta said firefighters exhibit exceptional courage by risking their lives to save others. He noted that with rapid urbanisation and industrial growth, risks have increased, prompting the department to adopt advanced technology and data-driven preparedness.

Venkata Ramana said awareness programmes under the theme "Safe School, Safe Hospital" will be conducted statewide. He added that over 13,000 fire calls were attended in 2025-26, with mock drills held in 1,330 institutions to strengthen public safety awareness.

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S. Suresh Kumar Principal Secretary MA & UD along with Akhilesh Kumar Dixit, CEO EESL Under Ministry of Power, Delhi is unveiling a special Report, highlighting the impact of Energy Efficient Smart Street Lighting in AP (File Photo)



### Everyone Should Strive to Follow Ambedkar's Ideals: MLA Bojjala

Srikalahasti, April 14 | TPN Bureau
On the occasion of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's birth anniversary, MLA Bojjala Venkata Sudheer Reddy paid floral tributes to Ambedkar's portrait at the TDP office in Srikalahasti on Monday. Later, he along with BJP State Secretary Kola Anand and Jana Sena leaders offered tributes at the Ambedkar statue near the RTC bus stand. Speaking on the occasion, the MLA said every citi-

zen should follow the path shown by Ambedkar, stating that the Constitution given by him is a priceless gift to the nation. He noted that Ambedkar belongs to all sections of society and overcame several social barriers to become a global intellectual. He urged youth to draw inspiration from Ambedkar, avoid bad habits, and focus on personal development as a true tribute to the great leader. Party leaders and activists participated in the programme.



### Free Solar Power for SC, ST Families: MLA Vijayashri

Sullurupeta, April 14 | TPN Bureau
Ambedkar Jayanti celebrations were held grandly in Naidupeta under the Telugu Desam Party. Sullurupeta MLA Nelavala Vijayashri paid floral tributes to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and said Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu is implementing welfare schemes inspired by Ambedkar's ideals. She announced a major initiative to provide free solar power connections to 12,638 SC and ST families in the constitu-

ency. The government will spend Rs. 1.20 lakh per household to ensure uninterrupted electricity supply for the poor. She said true tribute to Ambedkar is ensuring food security and basic needs for the poor. Later, she participated in an Anna Canteen programme and served meals to beneficiaries. She urged people to follow Ambedkar's values of equality and fraternity and make use of welfare programmes. TDP leaders and local representatives participated in the event.

### Jan Sena Pays Tribute to Ambedkar in Naidupeta

Naidupeta, April 14 | TPN Bureau
Ambedkar Jayanti celebrations were held under the leadership of the Janasena Party in Naidupeta on Tuesday. Party leaders paid rich tributes to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar on his 135th birth anniversary. Uyyaala Praveen, Janasena Party in-charge for Sullurupeta constituency and Naidupeta chairman, offered floral tributes to

Ambedkar's statue and led the programme. He praised Ambedkar's services as the architect of the Indian Constitution and a champion of social justice. Speaking on the occasion, he said Ambedkar's ide-

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## Minister Kolusu Parthasarathy Slams YSRCP's "Ruthless Politics"

Sarajinidevi, April 15 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Housing and Information & Public Relations Minister Kolusu Parthasarathy has launched a sharp attack on the Yuvajana Sramika Rythu Congress Party (YSRCP), accusing the opposition party of pursuing "ruthless and destructive politics" in the state.

Addressing the media in Vijayawada, the minister alleged that the previous YSRCP regime had misused power, created financial instability, and obstructed key development projects in Andhra Pradesh. He claimed that the current coalition government is working to restore administrative efficiency and bring the state back on the path of growth.

Parthasarathy said that under Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu's leadership, the state government is focusing on attracting large-scale investments, generating employment, and improving governance standards. He contrasted this with what he described as "politically motivated decisions" taken during the YSRCP tenure, which, according to him, caused setbacks to major infrastructure and welfare initiatives.

The minister further alleged that YSRCP leaders are attempting to spread misinformation to mislead the public and damage the image of the ruling alliance. He asserted that the government is com-



mitted to transparency and will respond strongly to false propaganda.

Highlighting development efforts, Parthasarathy noted that Andhra Pradesh is witnessing renewed investor confidence, with several major projects being cleared and industrial interest rising across sectors such as IT, energy, and manufacturing.

He also reiterated that the government's priority is job creation and ensuring that welfare schemes reach eligible

beneficiaries without political bias.

The minister urged the opposition to engage in constructive criticism rather than "negative and disruptive politics," stating that the state's progress should not be hindered by political rivalry.

The remarks come amid continuing political exchanges between the ruling coalition and the YSRCP over governance, development claims, and administrative decisions in Andhra Pradesh.



## BJP Celebrates Ambedkar Jayanti with Tributes in Tirupati

Tirupati, April 14 | TPN Bureau

BJP leaders in Tirupati, led by district president Samanchi Srinivas, celebrated the 135th birth anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar with floral tributes at the statue located in front of Sri Venkateswara University. Party leaders and SC Morcha members paid homage and recalled Ambed-

kar's invaluable contribution as the architect of the Indian Constitution and a champion of social justice. Speaking on the occasion, leaders lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi for preserving Ambedkar's legacy by developing key memorial sites associated with his life, including Shiksha Bhoomi, Deeksha Bhoomi, Janma Bhoomi, Chaitan-

ya Bhoomi, and Mahaparinirvan Bhoomi. They stated that these initiatives have helped immortalize Ambedkar's vision and inspire future generations. The program concluded with leaders reaffirming their commitment to social equality and inclusive development inspired by Ambedkar's ideals.

## Amaravati Leads Quantum Leap with New Test Facility

Amaravati, April 14, 2026 | TPN Bureau

The Quantum Reference Test Facility was inaugurated in Amaravati, marking a major step in advancing quantum technology in India. Speaking virtually at the event, Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India, Ajay Kumar Sood, lauded Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu's visionary leadership in positioning Andhra Pradesh at the forefront of emerging technologies. He said the facility will play a crucial role in achieving

self-reliance in quantum technology and strengthening India's innovation ecosystem. Amaravati, he noted, is set to become a national hub for AI and quantum research.

Sood emphasized the need to rapidly develop skilled professionals and expand research in quantum hardware, cryogenic systems, and atomic-level technologies. He added that locally developed equipment will significantly boost self-sufficiency and urged further expansion of innovation across software, hardware, and applied research domains.

## Buddha Venkanna Writes Open Letter to Vijayasai Reddy on Amaravati

Amaravati, April 14, 2026 | TPN Bureau

TDP State General Secretary Buddha Venkanna has written an open letter to former MP Vijayasai Reddy responding to his comments on the development of Amaravati. He said cities like Bengaluru, Hyderabad, and Chennai became major urban hubs only after governments made large-scale investments with long-term vision. He cited Hyderabad as a key example, stating that the foundation of Hitech City under the leadership of N. Chandrababu Naidu transformed it into a global IT destination, generating employment and significantly increasing land value.

Venkanna argued that Amaravati also requires similar

strategic planning and should not be reduced to a limited administrative setup. He said that a world-class capital needs integrated infrastructure, modern design, and consistent investment to attract industries, global companies, and job opportunities. He further stated that borrowing for capital development is not a burden if it is used for productive long-term assets that benefit future generations. The letter criticised what he termed negative propaganda against Amaravati and urged all stakeholders to support its development. He concluded that with strong and visionary leadership, Amaravati can emerge as a global city that reflects the pride and aspirations of the state.

## YSRCP Pays Tributes to Ambedkar

Tadepalli, April 14 | TPN Bureau

YSRCP president Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy paid floral tributes to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar on his 135th birth anniversary at the party central office in Tadepalli. Senior leaders, former ministers and MLAs participated in the programme. Speaking on the occasion, former minister Adimulapu Suresh alleged that the present government policies are against Ambedkar's ideals and claimed that Dalit welfare ini-

tiatives were weakened. Party general secretary Jupudi Prabhakar Rao said YSRCP continues to follow Ambedkar's vision through welfare and decentralisation proposals. Leaders also recalled previous initiatives of Jagan including Ambedkar statues and welfare schemes. They criticised the current administration for neglecting Dalit rights and reducing development support. Reiterated their commitment to social justice and vowed to continue Ambedkar-inspired programmes across the state.

## YSRCP Alleges Corruption in Amaravati, Pushes Mavigun Model

Kurnool, April 14 | TPN Bureau

YSRCP leader and former minister Buggana Rajendranath Reddy alleged that the Amaravati capital project has become a "burden on future generations" and is marred by large-scale corruption. Speaking to media in Kurnool, he reiterated that party chief Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy has proposed the "Mavigun" alternative as a more practical and decentralised development model.

He said Amaravati contradicts expert opinions on soil

suitability and infrastructure viability, and accused the previous government of favouring real estate interests. He also questioned high construction costs and financial decisions linked to the project, claiming they are pushing the state into debt.

Buggana further stated that welfare schemes have been weakened and development is uneven under the current coalition government. He said YSRCP's decentralised vision reflects people's interests and accused the ruling alliance of diverting attention through political attacks.

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# Peace Rally in Vijayawada Calls for Global Harmony

Vijayawada, April 14 | TPN Bureau

Raising a strong voice against rising global conflicts, people from various sections of society came together in Vijayawada to participate in a peace rally, sending a clear message of unity and harmony. Organised by the Peace Forum Vijayawada, the rally highlighted growing concerns over war-like situations across the world and emphasised the urgent need for peace.

The rally gained significance in the backdrop of ongoing international tensions, including the Ukraine-Russia conflict and unrest in parts of the Middle East. Participants expressed deep concern over the impact of wars on humanity and appealed to global leaders to resolve conflicts through dialogue rather

than violence. People from diverse backgrounds, including intellectuals, students, social organisations, and religious leaders, joined the rally in large numbers. The streets echoed with slogans such as "No War - Peace is Precious," reflecting a collective aspiration for a peaceful world. Participants carried white flags and placards symbolising peace and unity, while also holding world maps to express solidarity with countries affected by war.

Speakers at the event stressed that wars result in immense loss of life and property, affecting not just the countries involved but humanity as a whole. They urged the international community to prioritise peaceful negotiations and diplomatic solutions.

Golla Narayana Rao, addressing the gathering, said that the consequences of war extend far beyond borders and called upon individuals to actively promote peace. Dr. Velaga Joshi highlighted that all religions fundamentally advocate peace, love, and tolerance, and following these principles can prevent conflicts.

Reverend Muvvala Prasad emphasised that humanity is the core of all religions and that mutual respect is essential for lasting peace. Representatives from the Andhra Pradesh State Federation of Telugu Christian Churches also stressed the importance of spreading the message of peace globally.

Other speakers, including Dr. Rahman, Abdul Mateen, and Kareemuddin, reiterated that war is not a solution and

that dialogue remains the only path to sustainable peace. Buddhist monks Ven. Joyissara and Ven. Aggama-masa spoke about non-violence and peace as central tenets of Buddhist philosophy and urged the world to follow these values.

Swarupa Rani from the Department of Buddhist Studies at Nagarjuna University underlined the need to inculcate values of peace and tolerance among students. Red Cross Society Chairman Rama Rao pointed out the devastating humanitarian consequences of wars, while former minister Vadde Sobhanadreeswara Rao stressed that resolving conflicts through dialogue is a hallmark of a civilised society.

A special highlight of the event was the interfaith prayer conducted by leaders



of different religions, reinforcing the message that peace and coexistence are the

only way forward. The rally ultimately delivered a powerful message —

for the survival and progress of humanity, peace must prevail over war.

## Nara Lokesh Flags Off Divyang Students' Everest Base Camp Expedition

Sarojini Devi, April 15 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Education Minister Nara Lokesh on Tuesday flagged off a unique expedition of Divyang (differently-abled) students who are set to embark on an Everest Base Camp trekking journey in Nepal, marking a landmark initiative under the state's inclusive education programme.

The expedition, organised under the Samagra Shiksha initiative, involves 21 students with special needs, including eight girls studying from Class 9 to intermediate in government schools. The 16-day trek will run from April 15 to April 30, during which the students will travel to Kathmandu before proceeding towards the Everest Base Camp located at an altitude of 5,364 metres.

At the launch event held at his residence in Undavalli, Minister Lokesh interacted with the students, encouraging them to overcome challenges with determination and confidence. He said that the initiative reflects the government's commitment to providing equal opportunities and build-



ing self-belief among students with disabilities.

Lokesh described the programme as a "historic and inspiring step" in Indian education, stating that it is the first time in the country that a government-supported expedition of differently-abled students is being conducted at such a scale. He assured full government support throughout the journey and urged the participants to become role models for society. Officials said the expedition aims to build physical endurance, mental strength, leadership skills, and confidence among students with

special needs, while also promoting inclusivity in education. The initiative is expected to highlight the capabilities of Divyang students and encourage wider participation in similar adventurous and experiential learning programmes in the future. The students will be accompanied by trained support staff and instructors to ensure safety and guidance throughout the high-altitude trek. The government has expressed confidence that the participants will successfully complete the expedition and return as symbols of inspiration for youth across the state.

## Call to Uphold Ambedkar Ideals: Rajendra Prasad

Uyyuru, April 14, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Former MLC Y. V. B. Rajendra Prasad called upon everyone to work selflessly for the ideals of B. R. Ambedkar on the occasion of his 135th birth anniversary. He participated in programmes held at the Uyyuru TDP office under

town president Jampana Gurunatha Rao and at the main centre organised by Dalit leaders, where he paid floral tributes to Ambedkar's portrait. Speaking on the occasion, he said Ambedkar played a key role in drafting the Indian Constitution and dedicated his life to social justice and equality. He stressed

the need to continue Ambedkar's mission for the upliftment of weaker sections.

He added that the government under Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu is implementing welfare schemes for the poor. Leaders from TDP, Jana Sena, and Dalit organisations attended the programme.

## EO Reviews Development of Adopted Kolanukonda Temple

Guntur, April 14, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Executive Officer V. K. Sheena Nayak of the Sri Durga Malleswara Swamy Temple visited the Sri Pattabhirama Swamy Temple at Kolanukonda village in Tadepalli mandal of Guntur district on Tuesday. The temple has been adopted by the Indrakeeladri Devasthanam. During the visit, the

EO reviewed key aspects related to temple development and management. Along with temple priest Shiva Prasad Sharma, he inspected vacant spaces and surrounding areas, exploring opportunities for expansion and improved facilities. He also reviewed temple land records and enquired about their present status, stressing the need to safeguard temple prop-

erties. The EO examined sources of income, daily expenditures, and other financial transactions, directing staff to maintain proper records. He interacted with priests and staff, discussing salary details and their concerns. Assuring full support, the EO said steps would be taken to develop the temple and provide better facilities for devotees.

## Fire Service Week Inaugurated in Gannavaram by MLA Yarlagadda

Gannavaram, April 14, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Government Whip and Gannavaram MLA Yarlagadda Venkatrao inaugurated Fire Service Week at the Gannavaram Fire Station. He paid tributes to the 66 firefighters who died in the 1944 Mumbai Dockyard fire incident along with fire personnel.

The MLA inspected fire station facilities and fire engine, appreciating the services of the department. He said Fire Service Week is observed annually in memory of the martyrs and praised its continued tradition.

He announced that mock drills will be conducted in railway stations, bus stands, schools, and public places to

create awareness on fire and disaster safety. He stressed modernisation of fire stations and improved infrastructure for effective emergency response.

He thanked Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu for initiating the recruitment of 300 posts out of 600 vacancies in the fire department.

## Be Courteous to Devotees: Temple EO to Security Staff

Vijayawada, April 14, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Executive Officer V. K. Sheena Nayak of the Sri Durga Malleswara Swamy Temple has directed security personnel to treat devotees with utmost respect and compassion. Addressing a meeting at the temple premises on Tuesday, he emphasised that security duty in a spiritual centre is not merely about vigilance but a sacred service.

He stated that devotees visit with faith and expectations, and polite interaction enhances the temple's reputation. Ensuring smooth darshan and proper distribution of

prasadam would improve devotee satisfaction, he added.

The EO stressed maintaining temple sanctity and expressed concern over negligence in controlling mobile phone misuse. He urged staff to enforce rules firmly yet sensitively.

Highlighting crowd management, he advised preventing stampedes by guiding devotees patiently in queues, with special care for the elderly and differently-abled. Warning against mechanical behaviour, he said any lapse harming the temple's image would invite strict action.



## Ambedkar Statue Unveiled in Atkuru

Atkuru, April 14, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Government Whip and Gannavaram MLA Yarlagadda Venkatrao unveiled the statue of B. R. Ambedkar at Atkuru village in Unguturu mandal on the occasion of Ambedkar Jayanti. He later paid floral tributes and thanked villagers for their support in installing the statue. Speaking on the occasion, the MLA said Ambedkar was a great visionary and architect of

the Indian Constitution who ensured equality and justice for all sections of society. He highlighted Ambedkar's role in promoting women's rights through the Hindu Code Bill and noted his resignation from the post of Law Minister in 1951 as a mark of his commitment to principles. The MLA announced that he would request inclusion of Ambedkar's struggle for women's rights in school textbooks to inspire future generations.

## PAV, JSA Mourn Demise of Dr. S. Suresh

Vijayawada, April 14 | TPN Bureau

Praja Arogya Vedika (PAV) and Jan Swasthya Abhiyan (JSA) have expressed deep sorrow over the untimely demise of Dr. S. Suresh, former General Secretary of PAV.

Describing him as a committed public health activist, intellectual and humanitarian, the organisations said Dr. Suresh played a key role in strengthening the people's health movement in Andhra Pradesh. Along with his academic responsibilities as a dental college faculty member, he contributed significantly to the formation and expansion of

PAV as the state chapter of JSA.

Under his leadership, the organisation expanded its activities across multiple districts, strengthening grassroots public health initiatives. Even after moving abroad for professional reasons, he remained actively connected to public health advocacy.

PAV and JSA termed his passing an irreparable loss to the health movement and extended heartfelt condolences to his family. Leaders Dr. M.V. Ramanaiah and T. Kameshwar Rao paid tributes, recalling his lifelong commitment to public welfare and community health.

## TDP Celebrates Ambedkar Jayanti at NTR Bhavan

Vijayawada, April 14, 2026 | TPN Bureau

The 135th birth anniversary of B. R. Ambedkar was celebrated at NTR Bhavan in Vijayawada under the leadership of MP Kesineni Sivanath (Chinni). Party leaders and SC Cell members paid floral tributes to Ambedkar's portrait and recalled his contributions to social justice and equality.

Speaking on the occasion, leaders said the TDP government is committed to fulfilling Ambedkar's ideals

through welfare and development programmes. They highlighted initiatives inspired by the "Pay Back to Society" concept, focusing on social service and women's empowerment. They said Ambedkar ensured dignity and equal rights for all citizens through the Constitution. Leaders added that the vision of inclusive development was also promoted by TDP founder N. T. Rama Rao. The programme reflected the party's commitment to social justice and public welfare.



## Fire Safety Awareness Must Be Strengthened: Collector DK Balaji

Machilipatnam, April 14 | TPN Bureau

District Collector D.K. Balaji has directed officials to create widespread public awareness to prevent fire accidents in the district. He inaugurated the Fire Service Week celebrations at the fire station near Revathi Centre in Machilipatnam, which will be observed from April 14 to 20.

On the occasion, the Collector released pamphlets and wall posters highlighting fire safety measures and urged officials to educate the public on precautionary steps to avoid

fire incidents. He stressed that fire prevention awareness should reach every household.

He also highlighted the crucial role of fire service personnel in saving lives during emergencies and appreciated their dedication. The Collector inspected various fire safety equipment displayed at the station and reviewed preparedness measures.

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## Minister Anam Pays Tribute to Ambedkar in Atmakur

Atmakur, April 14, 2026 | TPN Bureau

State Endowments Minister Anam Ramanarayana Reddy paid rich tributes to B. R. Ambedkar on the occasion of his 135th birth anniversary at Atmakur. The minister participated in the celebrations held at the municipal bus stand centre and offered floral tributes to Ambedkar's statue. He remembered Ambedkar's services to the nation and his role in framing the Constitution that

ensured equality and justice for all sections of society.

Large numbers of public representatives, officials, and leaders from various political parties including TDP, Jana Sena, and BJP, along with SC, ST, and weaker section leaders, attended the programme and paid homage.

The event reflected a collective tribute to the architect of the Constitution, reaffirming respect for his ideals of social justice, empowerment, and equality.



## Ambedkar's Vision Changed Nation's Course: MLA Kotamreddy

Nellore Rural, April 14, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Nellore Rural MLA Kotamreddy Sridhar Reddy said that the initiatives of B. R. Ambedkar changed the direction of the nation. On the occasion of Ambedkar Jayanti, he paid floral tributes to Ambedkar's portrait in the constituency. He inaugurated an Ambedkar Community Hall built at a cost of 35 lakh in Vengalrao Nagar, 33rd Division, along with TDP leader Kotamreddy Giridhar Reddy. He said the

community hall fulfilled a long-pending demand of local residents and would benefit weaker sections. The MLA stated that Ambedkar worked for the upliftment of marginalized communities and ensured equality through the Constitution. He added that development works in the constituency have accelerated in the last two years and will continue further. Several local leaders and party representatives participated in the programme.



## Ambedkar Constitution is Protective Shield for Citizens: Minister Narayana

Nellore, April 14, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Municipal Administration and Urban Development Minister Dr. Ponguru Narayana, along with his wife Ramadevi, paid floral tributes to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar on his 135th birth anniversary. The homage was offered at his residence in Hyderabad. Speaking on the occasion, the Minister said that the Constitution drafted by Babasaheb Ambedkar acts as a protective shield for all citizens of the country, ensuring equal

rights, dignity, and justice. He praised Ambedkar's lifelong struggle for the empowerment of marginalized and weaker sections of society.

Narayana stated that the government is committed to fulfilling Ambedkar's ideals and urged everyone to follow his vision for social progress and equality. He called upon citizens to work collectively towards development by being inspired by Ambedkar's principles and contributions to nation-building.

## Allegations Against Hospital Are Baseless: Haripriya Hospital Chairman

Tirupati, April 14 | TPN Bureau

Allegations made by R.B.S. Ramu of Mangalam that his health condition worsened due to negligence at Haripriya Hospital are completely false, said hospital chairman Aditya on Tuesday. Speaking at the hospital near M.R. Palli, he said Ramu first approached the hospital in April last year with severe abdominal pain and was diagnosed with gallbladder stones and infection. He stated that treatment was provided

and later surgery was successfully performed in June, after which the patient was discharged in good health following nine days of care.

Aditya said the total bill was Rs. 3 lakh, of which Rs. 1.3 lakh was paid and Rs. 1.7 lakh remained pending. He alleged that despite repeated reminders, the patient avoided payment and later made false accusations. He added that the hospital is ready for any inquiry and may initiate defamation proceedings.

## Kabaddi Fever in Rajamahendravaram on Ambedkar Jayanti

Rajamahendravaram, April 14 | TPN Bureau

The spirit of sports blended with social celebration as a state-level kabaddi tournament was held at Arts College grounds in Rajamahendravaram on the occasion of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's birth anniversary. The event, organised under BJP SC Morcha, witnessed intense competition among teams in a vibrant atmosphere. BJP leader Kambala Srinivasa Rao inaugurated the tournament after paying tributes to Ambedkar's portrait and later presented prizes to the winners. He announced a financial support of Rs. 1.50 lakh for the conduct of the event and distributed special cash incentives of Rs. 1,000 each to 85 outstanding players. Winners were awarded trophies, medals, and



prize money amid loud cheers from the crowd. Organisers said the event aimed to promote sportsmanship and social awareness among youth. Leaders, physical education teachers, and sports enthusiasts participated, encouraging players throughout the competition. The tournament concluded with high enthusiasm and strong public response.

## Uddanam Launches First Biomarker Tests for Kidney Research

Amaravati, April 14 | TPN Bureau

For the first time, biomarker-based testing has begun in the Uddanam region to study the causes of chronic kidney disease. A special research team is collecting blood and urine samples from local residents and conducting field surveys using structured questionnaires. The initiative aims to identify individuals at risk of developing kidney disease within the next three to four years.

A dedicated laboratory has been set up at King George Hospital (KGH), Visakhapatnam, equipped with advanced instruments including centrifuges, deep freezers, and analytical systems. Around 1,500 samples have already been collected and stored at Palasa before being transferred to KGH.



The research, supported by an ICMR grant of 6.2 crore, is being led by senior nephrology experts. Health Minister Satyakumar Yadav reviewed the progress and urged timely completion to benefit affected communities and enable early diagnosis and prevention of kidney diseases in the region.

## Somireddy Pays Tributes to Ambedkar in Nellore

Nellore City, April 14 | TPN Bureau

On the occasion of the 135th birth anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Sarvepalli MLA Somireddy Chandramohan Reddy paid floral tributes at the Ambedkar statue at VRC Centre in Nellore and also offered respects at the TDP district office portrait. Several party leaders participated in the programme. Speaking on the occasion, he said Ambedkar's Constitution ensures equal justice where both the rich and poor are treated alike under a single law. He noted that India's global recognition is largely due to its strong constitutional framework and added that all citizens must be able to live with dignity and equal rights. He urged both Central and State governments to take stronger measures for the upliftment of the poor, including



formulation of new laws and allocation of special budget provisions. He expressed concern that BCs, Dalits and tribals still face social and economic injustice and land-related

exploitation. He also referred to past incidents during YSRCP rule and said justice was pursued through the National SC Commission, ensuring relief for affected families.

## Collector Kirthi Chekuri Calls for Active Participation in Census-2027 Self-Enumeration

East Godavari, April 14 | TPN Bureau

East Godavari District Collector Kirthi Chekuri has directed officials to make comprehensive arrangements for the successful implementation of Census-2027 self-enumeration process. She said the on-line self-enumeration facility, being introduced for the first time in India's census history, will be available from April 16 to 30, allowing citizens to submit their details from home.

The Collector urged all departments to coordinate effectively to ensure maximum public participation. A detailed awareness campaign will be conducted from April 15 to 30, engaging various groups including public representatives,



students, SHGs, workers, and government employees on designated days. She also instructed secretariat staff to facilitate at least 10-20 registrations per day and promote the initiative widely through media and so-

cial platforms. Emphasising that the process is voluntary, she appealed to citizens to actively participate, stating that Census-2027 is crucial for national development and data-driven governance.



## MEIL Adopts Gurukula School on Ambedkar Jayanti

Chittoor/Ramakuppam, April 14 | TPN Bureau

Marking the birth anniversary of B. R. Ambedkar, a new chapter began for the B.R. Ambedkar Gurukula School in Ramakuppam mandal as Megha Engineering & Infrastructures Limited (MEIL) adopted the institution for comprehensive development.

Chittoor MP Daggumalla Prasada Rao lauded the initia-

tive, calling it inspiring. District Collector Sumit Kumar, MEIL representative M. G. V. K. Bhanu, and other dignitaries attended the event and paid tributes. Speaking on the occasion, Bhanu said the focus extends beyond infrastructure to fostering behavioural change and holistic student development, ensuring long-term progress and empowering students to achieve higher goals in society.



## Jana Sena Pays Tribute to Dr. B. R. Ambedkar

Nellore, April 14, 2026 | TPN Bureau

On the occasion of the birth anniversary of B. R. Ambedkar, Jana Sena Party leaders paid rich tributes in Nellore City. District General Secretary Gunukula Kishore, along with party members, offered floral tributes to Ambedkar's statue at VRC Centre.

Speaking on the occasion, he said Ambedkar was not limited to any single community but was a global icon of equality, social justice, and constitution-

al values. He noted that Ambedkar's principles of liberty, equality, and fraternity laid the foundation of the Indian Constitution and must be passed on to future generations.

He added that Jana Sena Party, under the leadership of Pawan Kalyan, is committed to social justice and equal opportunities for all sections of society. The party aims to ensure dignity, rights, and equal opportunities for every citizen through continuous public service and efforts.



## Ambedkar Jayanti Celebrated Grandly in Nellore

Nellore, April 14, 2026 | TPN Bureau

The 135th birth anniversary of B. R. Ambedkar was celebrated grandly in Nellore city. At the VRC Centre, district Collector Himanshu Shukla, MLA Beeda Ravichandra, MLA Somireddy Chandramohan Reddy, and State Waqf Board Chairman Abdul Azeem paid floral tributes to Ambedkar's statue. The leaders recalled Ambedkar's immense

contribution to nation-building and said his services to society would always be remembered. They highlighted his role in ensuring equality, justice, and rights for all sections of people through the Constitution. Several officials and public representatives participated in the programme and paid homage to the leader, reaffirming their commitment to uphold his ideals of social justice and empowerment.



## Chirala Celebrates Ambedkar Jayanti with Grand Processions

Chirala, April 14 | TPN Bureau

The 135th birth anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar was celebrated in Chirala constituency with festive atmosphere and large public participation. Mukkona Park turned into a massive gathering point as blue flags waved across the town and "Jai Bhim" slogans echoed loudly.

Leaders across parties participated in the celebrations, reaffirming commitment to social justice. Community services and programmes were also organised across Chirala constituency.

social justice. YSRCP leader Karanam Venkatesh also paid tributes, describing Ambedkar as a symbol of equality and constitutional empowerment. Former MLA Aamanchi Krishna Mohan said Ambedkar's vision must be followed in daily life to remove social inequalities.

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## Modern Sports Infrastructure Worth 10.10 Crore Coming Up in Tirupati

Tirupati, April 14 | TPN Bureau

State Sports Authority of Andhra Pradesh (SAAP) Chairman Ravi Naidu announced the development of major sports infrastructure projects in Tirupati district under CSR-PPP model. He said a modern sports stadium will be constructed at Gollavanigunta at a cost of 10.10 crore, aimed at promoting both professional training and public fitness activities. He informed that the stadium will include facilities for kabaddi, kho-kho, volleyball, ball badminton, and archery, along with a dedicated academy for athletes and a

public walking track. In addition, a 3.25 crore multipurpose indoor hall has been built at Chandragiri Boys High School and will be named "Sri Nara Ramamurthy Naidu Sports Complex." Ravi Naidu also said international-standard boxing rings are being set up in Tirupati, along with plans for a weightlifting academy named after Olympian Karanam Malleswari. Sports infrastructure is also being expanded in Gudur and Sullurupeta.

He added that Nara Lokesh will inaugurate several of these facilities, marking a major boost to sports development in the region.



## Tirupati Municipal Corporation Celebrates Ambedkar Jayanti

Tirupati, April 15 | TPN Bureau

The Tirupati Municipal Corporation office on Tuesday celebrated the 135th birth anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar with great reverence. Officials gathered at the portrait of Ambedkar and offered floral tributes.

Municipal Commissioner N. Maurya said Ambedkar is a beacon of hope for the oppressed and weaker sections of society. He praised Ambedkar's efforts in establishing equality, fraternity, education, and peace through the Indian Con-

stitution, which continues to serve as a guiding framework for the nation.

He called upon everyone to follow Ambedkar's ideals in their daily lives and contribute to building an inclusive society.

Additional Commissioner Sarada Devi, Municipal Engineer Tulasikumar, Health Officer Dr. Yuva Anvesh, and other departmental officials including revenue, veterinary, and administrative staff participated in the programme and paid their respects.

## MP Vemireddy Pays Tributes to Ambedkar

Nellore City, April 14 | TPN Bureau

Nellore MP Vemireddy Prabhakar Reddy paid tributes to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar on his 135th birth anniversary by offering floral respects to his portrait at his office in Nellore. He described Ambedkar as a visionary who envisioned an equal society free from untouchability and discrimination. He said the Constitution drafted by Ambedkar remains the strongest foundation of Indian democracy and ensures justice and equality for all citizens. The MP noted that Ambedkar dedicated his life to the upliftment of marginalized communities and fought for education rights and self-respect. Vemireddy called upon people



to follow Ambedkar's ideals and work towards building an inclusive society. He said Ambedkar's thoughts continue to inspire generations across the nation



## Development and Welfare Possible Only Under NDA Government: MLA Prashanthi Reddy

Nellore District, Kovur | April 14 | TPN Bureau

Kovur MLA Vemireddy Prashanthi Reddy said that comprehensive development and welfare are possible only under the coalition government. She inaugurated CC roads and drainage works worth 33 lakh in Pellakuru Ramachandra Reddy Colony under Kovur panchayat, where she was warmly welcomed by local leaders and residents. Speaking on the occasion, she said the coalition government is focused on providing welfare

to every household and development to every village. Despite financial challenges, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu is ensuring the continuation of welfare schemes like "Super Six" along with development funding, she added. She noted that infrastructure worth 11.10 crore has been taken up in Kovur panchayat within 22 months. She also appealed to leaders and activists to actively participate in the virtual inauguration of Anna Canteens by the Chief Minister and ensure its success.

## Modern Healthcare is Our Government's Priority: Minister TG Bharat

Kurnool, April 15 | TPN Bureau

Industries and Commerce Minister T.G. Bharat said the government is committed to providing modern and quality healthcare services to the public. He inaugurated the newly constructed VRDL (Virus Research and Diagnostic Laboratory) building at Kurnool Medical College, built at a cost of 66 lakh. Speaking on the occasion, the minister said the lab was completed quickly as part of the "Super Six" initiative and reflected the coalition government's focus on strengthening public health infrastructure. He appreciated the services of Kurnool Government General Hospital, calling it one of the best-performing public hospitals in the state. He announced further development plans including ventilators, ultrasound equipment



through CSR funds, strengthening of 21 structurally weak buildings, and establishment of a 50 crore digital knowledge centre and library for medical students. He said the goal is to transform Kurnool into a smart city with corporate-level healthcare facilities and improved medical education standards for future doctors.



## Inter-State Red Sanders Smuggler Arrested in Tirupati

Tirupati, April 14 | TPN Bureau

The Red Sanders Anti-Smuggling Task Force (RSASTF), Tirupati, arrested an inter-state red sanders smuggler and seized 10 logs worth about 20 lakh during a joint operation in Annamaiah district.

Acting on credible intelligence, RSASTF personnel along with Forest Department staff conducted a raid in the Picha Project forest area under T. Sundupalli mandal. During the operation, they intercepted a suspect on a motorcycle and recovered the smuggled red sanders logs from his

possession.

The accused was identified as Ramakrishna (26) of Erupuri village, Tirupattur district, Tamil Nadu. Officials said he was part of a smuggling network operating between Tamil Nadu and Karnataka, involving illegal felling in the Seshachalam forest region. Investigations revealed that he is involved in six previous cases and was also linked to a recent seizure of 72 logs in February. Authorities said further probe is underway to nab other members of the network and initiate PD Act proceedings.

## Panabaka Lakshmi Pays Tribute to Ambedkar in Tirupati

Tirupati, April 14 | TPN Bureau

On the occasion of the 135th birth anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Tirupati Parliament President Panabaka Lakshmi paid floral tributes to Ambedkar's statue at the Tirupati bus stand circle. Speaking on the occasion, she lauded Ambedkar's immense contribution as the architect of the Indian Constitution. She said his vision laid the foundation for equality, justice, and protection of rights for all citizens. She called upon everyone to follow his ideals and work towards building an inclusive and equitable society.

Party leaders, workers, and local residents participated in the programme and paid hom-



age to Ambedkar. Speakers recalled his lifelong struggle for social justice and emphasized the importance of upholding constitutional values in everyday life.

## JanaSena Celebrates Ambedkar Jayanti with Mass Participation in Rajamahendravaram

Rajamahendravaram, April 14 | TPN Bureau

JanaSena Party celebrated the 135th birth anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar with grand events at its party office in Rajamahendravaram. Party leaders paid floral tributes to Ambedkar's portrait, highlighting his role as the architect of the Indian Constitution and a champion of social justice. City in-charge Anu ri Satyanarayana urged party workers to follow the ideals of Pawan Kalyan and work for grassroots strengthening of party ideology. A major highlight of the event was the joining of around 200 youth into



rators, directors, and party cadres actively participated, making the celebrations a success and reinforcing Ambedkar's message of equality and empowerment.

## Ambedkar Tribute by Tirupati Police

Tirupati, April 14 | TPN Bureau

Tirupati District Police paid rich tributes to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar on his 135th birth anniversary. District Superintendent of Police L. Subbarayudu led the programme at the district police office on Monday.

He said upholding constitutional values is everyone's responsibility and Ambedkar's ideals of equality and social justice guide society. He highlighted Ambedkar's role in framing the Constitution and his fight against discrimination and untouchability. Police stations across the district also offered floral tributes. Senior officers and staff participated. The SP urged personnel to protect democratic values while serving with dedication and integrity. The event reflected respect for Ambedkar's legacy across the department. He called for unity and constitutional discipline in policing across all levels of service.



## Darsi Celebrates Ambedkar Jayanti with Grand "Jai Bhim" Rally

Darsi, April 14 | TPN Bureau

The 135th birth anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar was celebrated with grandeur in Darsi town, where blue flags and festive spirit marked the occasion. Under the leadership of the "Jai Bhim Army," a massive rally was held with DJ music and enthusiastic participation from youth and residents.

The rally passed through major streets of the town carrying Ambedkar portraits and blue flags, creating a vibrant atmosphere. People of all age groups joined the procession in large numbers, reflecting

strong public participation.

Later, participants paid floral tributes to Ambedkar's statue in the town and offered homage. Speakers on the occasion said that the Constitution drafted by Ambedkar is the foundation of equal rights for all citizens. They highlighted his contribution to the upliftment of marginalized communities and stressed that education is the key to social progress. They called upon the youth to follow Ambedkar's ideals and work towards building an equal and empowered society.



## Bapatla Police Observe Ambedkar Jayanti with Grandeur at District HQ

Bapatla, April 14 | TPN Bureau

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's 135th birth anniversary was celebrated with great respect at the Bapatla District Police Headquarters. District SP B. Uma Maheshwar, IPS, paid floral tributes to Ambedkar's portrait at the VC Hall and remembered his invaluable contribution as the architect of the Indian Constitution. He stated that the ideals of Ambedkar continue to guide the functioning of the police department, especially in protecting wom-

en, children, SC and ST communities, and ensuring equal justice for all.

The SP emphasized that every citizen has a responsibility to uphold Ambedkar's vision of equality and justice. As part of the celebrations, sweets were distributed among police personnel. Earlier, the SP also participated in tributes at the Ambedkar statue near Jammulapalem flyover along with district officials and public representatives. Senior police officers and staff actively participated in the event.



## Ambedkar Ideals Emphasized at APSPDCL Event

Tirupati, April 14 | TPN Bureau

APSPDCL Chairman and Managing Director Shivashankar Loteti has called upon everyone to work towards realizing the ideals of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the architect of the Indian Constitution. Speaking at the Ambedkar Jayanti celebrations held at the corporate office in Tirupati on Tuesday, he said Ambedkar's Constitution is among the finest in the world and highlighted his fight

against social discrimination. He noted Ambedkar's achievements as the first graduate from the Dalit community and earning 32 degrees, and his efforts for women and marginalized groups. An exhibition on Ambedkar's life attracted around 600 visitors. Employees, families attended. The program also included distribution of clothes to security and sanitation workers and inauguration of a water and buttermilk stall for pedestrians respectively noted.



## Buggana Slams Capital Spending, Regional Neglect

Kurnool, April 14 | TPN Bureau

Former minister Buggana Rajendranath Reddy criticised Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu over alleged misuse of funds and neglect of backward regions. He alleged Rs 400 crore corruption in design-related works and questioned priorities in capital development, comparing Amaravati costs with cheaper infrastructure projects. Speaking at a press conference in Kurnool on Tuesday, he said Rayalaseema

and North Andhra remain ignored, while pending employee dues are mounting and medical college works are delayed due to lack of funds. He urged government to consider Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy proposal of decentralised capitals including Machilipatnam Vijayawada and Guntur. He referred to past committee reports on capital planning and criticised he called "secret PPP" models and excessive spending on Secretariat buildings.

## Ambedkar Ideals Guide Welfare Development: Collector

Tirupati, April 14 | TPN Bureau

Tirupati District Collector S. Venkateshwar said that Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the architect of the Indian Constitution, remains a guiding force for governance and welfare development. He paid floral tributes to Ambedkar's statue at RTC Bus Stand in Tirupati on Tuesday during the 135th birth anniversary celebrations.

The Collector stated that the state government is implementing welfare and development programmes inspired by Ambedkar's constitutional vision, including the "Super Six" schemes and doorstep pension delivery system. He highlighted initiatives for SC and ST welfare, including a special grievance mechanism, infra-



structure improvements in hostels, and monthly civil rights monitoring meetings.

He also announced that land has been identified for construction of an Ambedkar

Bhavan in Tirupati, and proposals have been sent to the government. He said all efforts are being made to ensure social justice, equality, and inclusive development in the district.



## Ambedkar Jayanti Celebrated in Nagari

Nagari, April 14 | TPN Bureau

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's 135th birth anniversary was celebrated with grandeur at Karakanda Puram in Nagari municipality. Floral tributes were offered to Ambedkar's statue by Hastakala Chairman and State PAC member Dr. Pasupuleti Hariprasada, who participated in the programme on invitation of Shiva. Speaking on the occasion, he said Ambedkar was not only the architect of the Constitution but also a

champion of social justice for marginalized communities. He stressed that true equality can be achieved only by following Ambedkar's ideals. He urged youth to use education as a powerful tool and carry Ambedkar's message to every household. He also called for collective efforts to build the society envisioned by Ambedkar. Jana Sena leaders, party workers, Veeramahilas and a large number of local people participated in the programme.

## Micro Art on Pencil Tip Impresses Police Chief

Bapatla, April 14 | TPN Bureau

Bapatla District Superintendent of Police B. Umamaheswar appreciated a rare micro-art creation by student Annam Mahita from Chirala on Monday, on the occasion of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's 135th birth anniversary. Mahita met the SP at the district police headquarters and presented an intricate artwork depicting Ambedkar's life history carved on pencil leads. The artwork, created on nearly 50 pencil leads, highlights key moments of Ambedkar's life and his contribution to the Indian Constitution. The SP praised her ex-



ceptional creativity and encouraged students to develop artistic skills along with academic studies. He said youth should explore hidden talents and strive for excellence beyond textbooks. Mahita earlier created similar mi-

cro-artworks on Mahatma Gandhi's biography. The SP wished her success in achieving national and international recognition, including potential entry into world record platforms for her extraordinary talent and dedication.

## 25-Year Dream Fulfilled: 63 SC Families Get House Site Pattas

Nellore, April 14 | TPN Bureau

A 25-year-long wait ended for residents of Mudivarthi village in Vidavalur mandal as 63 SC families received house site pattas under Kovur constituency. The distribution programme was held on Monday, coinciding with Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's 135th birth anniversary, and the area was officially named "Jai Bheem Nagar." Nellore MP Vemireddy Prabhakar Reddy, MLA Vemireddy Prashanthi Reddy, and TDP district president Beeda Ravichandra participated in the event and paid tributes to Ambedkar. Leaders said the long-pending issue was resolved through the initiative of



the MLA with government support. Speaking on the occasion, the MLA said Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu resolved long-standing housing issues and assured pattas for all eligible beneficiaries. She

highlighted development works worth over Rs. 2.29 crore in the village and said welfare and development are being implemented in equal measure. Officials and locals welcomed the initiative with joy.

## CMRF Aid of 1 Lakh for Child's Treatment

Kajuluru, April 14 | TPN Bureau

A family from Ramachandrapuram constituency received financial support through the Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) with the initiative of Minister Vasamshetty Subhash. An LOC of Rs. 1 lakh was sanctioned for the medical treatment of a two-year-old child, Yalla Daya Veera Shanmukh, from Uppu Milli village in Kajuluru mandal.

The amount will be utilized for treatment at KIMS Kona-seema Hospital. The minister said the government is committed to supporting poor families during medical emergencies and ensuring timely



assistance through CMRF. He added that hospital bills must be submitted within 90 days for reimbursement after verification.

The child's parents expressed gratitude to Chief Minister N. Chandrababu

Naidu and the minister for the timely help. TDP leaders and local representatives participated in the programme and appreciated the humanitarian initiative aimed at supporting needy families in critical health situations.

## Fire Service Week Launched in Ramachandrapuram

Ramachandrapuram, April 14 | TPN Bureau

Fire Service Week celebrations were inaugurated in Ramachandrapuram town under the Andhra Pradesh Disaster Response and Fire Services Department. The programme will be conducted from April 14 to 20 with awareness activities on fire safety and emergency response. Senior coalition leader Vasamshetty Satyam and Municipal Commissioner K.V.R.R.

Raju jointly released the campaign poster and flagged off a fire service awareness rally. Fire Officer K. Venkata Reddy also participated in the event.

Officials said the main objective of the rally is to educate the public on fire safety precautions and emergency response measures. Awareness programmes will be conducted in schools, hospitals, and public places, along with demonstrations of modern fire safety equipment. Leaders said the



initiative aims to build a safety-conscious society and reduce fire accidents through timely awareness and preparedness. Local TDP leaders, fire staff, and residents participated in the programme.

## MEIL Adopts Gurukula School in Ramakuppam on Ambedkar Jayanti

Chittoor, April 14 | TPN Bureau

On the occasion of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's 135th birth anniversary, a new chapter began for the B.R. Ambedkar Gurukula School at Ramakuppam mandal in Chittoor district, as Megha Engineering & Infrastructures Limited adopted the institution for holistic development under its CSR initiative. District Collector S. Sumit Kumar, MP Daggumalla Prasada Rao, and other officials participated in the programme and paid tributes to Ambedkar's portrait. MEIL representative

M.G.V.K. Bhanu (retired IAS) said the focus is not only on infrastructure development but also on bringing behavioural change among students through discipline and value-based education. He emphasized that long-term progress can be achieved only by shaping students' mindset and preparing them for higher responsibilities in society. Officials appreciated the initiative, stating that the project would ensure comprehensive development of students beyond basic facilities, marking a significant step in educational upliftment.



## Ambedkar's Services Remain Everlasting: Chittoor SP

Chittoor, April 14 | TPN Bureau

Chittoor District Superintendent of Police Tushar Dudi paid floral tributes to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar at the SP camp office on Monday, marking his 135th birth anniversary. District police officials also participated in the programme. Speaking on the occasion, the SP said Ambedkar's services as a lawyer, economist, politician, Constitution maker, and above all a social reformer are unforgettable. He noted Ambedkar's relentless fight

against untouchability and his efforts for the rights of Dalits, tribals, women, and workers. He said Ambedkar ensured constitutional equality and sovereignty for all sections of society. The SP highlighted that Ambedkar's life journey from social discrimination to becoming a Bharat Ratna continues to inspire millions. He added that Ambedkar's words encourage people to fight for their rights and follow the path of justice and equality. Senior police officials and staff attended the programme.

# BJP's SamratChoudhary Named New Bihar Chief Minister, Oath Likely Tomorrow

In a major political development, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader SamratChoudhary has been named the new Chief Minister of Bihar. His appointment marks a historic moment, as he becomes the first BJP leader to occupy the top post in the state. The oath-taking ceremony is expected to take place tomorrow, with top party leadership likely to attend the event.

**Historic Shift In Bihar Politics**  
SamratChoudhary's elevation signals a significant political shift in Bihar, where the BJP had previously shared power but never led the government directly. The decision follows the resignation of Nitish Kumar, who stepped down from the Chief Minister's post after moving to the Rajya Sabha. His departure paved the way for the BJP to take control of the state

leadership. The BJP already holds Chief Minister positions across several Hindi heartland states, including Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Uttarakhand and Haryana. Bihar had remained a notable exception — until now. With Choudhary's appointment, the BJP expands its leadership footprint in the region.

**Unanimous Selection By BJP Legislature Party**  
SamratChoudhary was unanimously elected as leader of the BJP legislature party during a meeting held in Patna. The meeting was attended by senior party leaders and central observers, who finalized his name for the Chief Minister's post. The decision reflects strong backing from the party leadership and signals confidence in Choudhary's

leadership abilities. Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, who was appointed as central observer, announced that Choudhary had been unanimously chosen by party lawmakers. This formal endorsement cleared the way for him to take oath as the new Chief Minister.

**Who Is SamratChoudhary?**  
SamratChoudhary is a senior BJP leader and has played a key role in Bihar politics for several years. He previously served as Deputy Chief Minister and has been seen as a prominent face of the BJP in the state. His elevation is also viewed as a strategic move aimed at strengthening the party's coalition ahead of future elections.

Political observers believe his appointment reflects the BJP's intention to bring fresh leadership and

consolidate its position in Bihar. The move also marks a generational shift in the state's political landscape after decades of Nitish Kumar's leadership.

**What Happens Next**  
Sources indicate that the oath ceremony is expected tomorrow, and senior BJP leaders, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, may attend the event. Following the swearing-in, Choudhary is expected to announce his cabinet and outline priorities for governance.

**A New Political Chapter**  
SamratChoudhary's appointment marks the beginning of a new chapter in Bihar politics. With the BJP now directly leading the government, all eyes will be on how the new administration shapes policy and governance in the coming months.



## 10-Time Chief Minister Nitish Kumar Resigns, Successor May Take Oath Tomorrow

In a major political development, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar resigned from his post, marking the end of one of the longest political tenures in the state's history. Kumar, who served as Chief Minister 10 times, stepped down after chairing his final cabinet meeting and submitting his resignation to the Governor. The move signals a major transition in Bihar politics, with a successor expected to take oath as early as tomorrow.



**End Of A Two-Decade Era**  
Nitish Kumar has been one of Bihar's most influential leaders, serving multiple terms since 2005. During his tenure, he became synonymous with governance reforms, infrastructure development, and political stability in the state. His resignation effectively brings an end to an era that shaped Bihar's modern political landscape.

Before stepping down, Kumar chaired his final cabinet meeting, after which the cabinet recommended dissolution — a procedural step to pave the way for a new government formation. This marked the final administrative move before his exit from the Chief Minister's office.

**Move Linked To Rajya Sabha Role**  
Reports indicate that Nitish Kumar's resignation follows his transition to national politics after becoming a Rajya

Sabha member. His move to Parliament created the need for leadership change in Bihar, triggering consultations within the ruling alliance to decide his successor.

The development had been anticipated for days, with political discussions intensifying ahead of his resignation. The ruling alliance held meetings to finalise the next Chief Minister, and the swearing-in ceremony is expected to take place soon after the announcement.

**SamratChoudhary Likely Successor**

Following Nitish Kumar's resignation, BJP leader SamratChoudhary emerged as the frontrunner for the Chief Minister's post. He has already been elected leader of the BJP legislative party, clearing the path for him to take over lead-

ership in Bihar. If sworn in, Choudhary would become the first BJP leader to serve as Chief Minister of Bihar, marking a significant political shift in the state.

**Major Political Shift In Bihar**

Nitish Kumar's resignation represents a turning point in Bihar politics. After more than two decades of leadership, the transition signals a generational shift and potentially a new governance approach under the next administration.

Political observers say the coming days will be crucial as the new leadership prepares to take charge and form a cabinet. With the oath ceremony expected tomorrow, Bihar is set to enter a new political chapter following the end of the Nitish Kumar era.

## 'Failed State' vs 'Pakistan Conspiracy': Noida Workers' Protest Triggers Political Storm

A massive workers' protest in Noida has sparked a major political confrontation between the opposition and the Uttar Pradesh government, with both sides trading sharp accusations. While opposition leaders termed the unrest a sign of governance failure, authorities claimed the violence was part of a pre-planned conspiracy, even hinting at possible foreign links.

**Massive Protest By Over 40,000 Workers**

The unrest began after more than 40,000 factory workers across Noida protested against low wages, poor working conditions, and rising cost of living. Demonstrations quickly escalated into clashes with police across nearly 80 locations in the city, leading to violence, traffic disruptions, and damage to public property.

Reports indicated that protesters threw stones, blocked roads, and set vehicles on fire as tensions escalated. Police were deployed in large numbers to bring the situation under control. The protest entered its second day, highlighting the seriousness of the unrest.

Workers said their monthly salaries, often around 12,000, were insufficient to meet basic expenses like rent, food, and education. Many demanded higher wages, citing rising inflation and better pay offered in neighbouring states.

**Government Claims Conspiracy**

The Uttar Pradesh government



rejected the opposition's claims and suggested that the violence may have been pre-planned.

**Officials pointed to:**  
• WhatsApp groups allegedly coordinating protests  
• Inflammatory messages circulating online  
• Suspicious activity linked to organised groups  
Authorities also hinted at possible foreign links, including claims of a Pakistan connection, although investigations are still ongoing.

Police officials said these developments indicated a criminal conspiracy behind the violence rather than spontaneous protests.

**Political Impact Ahead Of Elections**

The timing of the protest is politically significant. Uttar Pradesh is heading into local polls soon and assembly elections in 2027, making the unrest politically sensitive. Analysts say the protests could become a major political issue, as opposition parties try to

challenge the BJP's dominance in the state.

**Situation Still Developing**

The state government has urged calm and warned against spreading rumours. Meanwhile, negotiations with workers are ongoing, and authorities are investigating the cause of the violence. The Noida protest has now evolved from a labour issue into a major political battle, with both sides using the incident to strengthen their positions ahead of future elections.

## "Final Cry Of Workers": Rahul Gandhi Backs Noida Wage Protest Amid Rising Inflation

Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi has voiced strong support for factory workers protesting in Noida, calling the unrest the "final cry of the nation's workers whose every voice was ignored." His remarks came a day after violent protests erupted across industrial areas of Noida over low wages and rising living costs.

**Rahul Gandhi Highlights Workers' Financial Struggles**

In a social media post, Rahul Gandhi highlighted the difficult financial conditions faced by factory workers in Noida. According to him, many labourers earn around 12,000 per month, while rent alone costs 4,000 to 7,000, leaving very little for basic expenses. He also pointed out that annual salary increments are often as low as 300, while rents increase by around 500, worsening financial pressure on workers.

Gandhi said inflation has made survival even harder, noting that workers sometimes pay 5,000 for a cooking gas cylinder, which adds to mounting debt and economic distress. He described this situation as the harsh reality behind India's growth narrative, arguing that labourers are being "choked" by rising prices and stagnant wages.

He further emphasised that workers demanding 20,000 monthly salary are not being



people and deployed additional security personnel to control the situation. Authorities also initiated discussions between workers and industrial units to ease tensions.

**Government Announces Wage Hike**

In response to the unrest, the Uttar Pradesh government announced an interim hike in minimum wages, with officials setting up a high-level committee to resolve the dispute. However, many workers said the increase was insufficient and continued to demand higher pay and improved working conditions.

**Political Debate Intensifies**

Rahul Gandhi's comments have intensified the political debate over labour rights, inflation, and economic inequality. Opposition leaders argue that rising living costs and stagnant wages have pushed workers to the brink, while the government maintains that steps are being taken to address concerns.

As protests continue, the situation in Noida has evolved into a larger national discussion on wages, labour reforms, and economic disparity. Gandhi's intervention has placed the spotlight firmly on the struggles of industrial workers, turning the Noida unrest into a broader debate about the condition of India's workforce.

## "You Argued Well, Can Become A Lawyer": Judge Tells Arvind Kejriwal During Court Hearing

Delhi High Court judge made an unusual and light-hearted remark to Aam Aadmi Party chief Arvind Kejriwal during a court hearing, telling him that he argued his case so effectively that he could consider becoming a lawyer. The comment came after Kejriwal personally presented arguments in court while seeking the judge's recusal in connection with the Delhi excise policy case.

**Kejriwal Argues His Own Case**

Arvind Kejriwal appeared before the Delhi High Court and personally argued for Justice SwaranaKanta Sharma to step aside from hearing the matter. The case relates to a petition filed by the Central Bureau of Investigation challenging the discharge of Kejriwal and others in the Delhi excise policy case. Instead of relying solely on legal counsel, Kejriwal addressed the court himself and laid out his arguments regarding why he believed the judge should recuse herself.

During the proceedings, Kejriwal reportedly expressed concerns about impartiality and fairness. He presented multiple reasons supporting his request and argued that certain developments in the case had raised apprehensions about receiving a fair hearing. His arguments drew attention in court, particularly because it is uncommon for senior po-



litical leaders to personally argue such complex legal matters.

**Judge's Remark Draws Attention**

As the hearing concluded, Justice SwaranaKanta Sharma appreciated Kejriwal's presentation, telling him he had argued well and could think about becoming a lawyer. The remark was made in a light-hearted tone but quickly caught public attention due to the unusual courtroom exchange. The comment highlighted Kejriwal's courtroom performance and his ability to present legal arguments despite not being a trained lawyer. Such moments are rare in high-profile legal proceedings,

particularly in politically sensitive cases like the Delhi excise policy matter.

**Government Lawyer Opposes Recusal Plea**

During the hearing, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta opposed Kejriwal's request for recusal. He reportedly described the plea as "motivated" and questioned the basis for seeking the judge's withdrawal from the case. The government's legal team argued that the request lacked merit and should not be entertained.

Despite the arguments from both sides, the judge reserved the order on whether she would step aside from the case. The decision is expected to play a key role in determining

the next phase of the legal proceedings.

**High-Profile Case Continues**

The Delhi excise policy case remains politically significant, involving allegations of irregularities in the now-scrapped liquor policy. The case has attracted national attention due to the involvement of senior political leaders and multiple investigative agencies. Kejriwal's decision to argue his own case and the judge's subsequent remark added an unusual dimension to the proceedings. The exchange has since drawn widespread attention, highlighting both the seriousness of the case and a rare lighter moment inside the courtroom.

# Saudi Arabia Urges US to Drop Iran Port Blockade Amid Escalation Fears

Saudi Arabia is reportedly urging the United States to abandon its plan to blockade Iranian ports, warning that the move could significantly escalate tensions in the Middle East and disrupt global energy supplies. The development comes amid rising geopolitical uncertainty following Washington's decision to pressure Iran through maritime restrictions.

According to reports citing Arab officials, Riyadh has expressed concern that the blockade could provoke Iran into retaliatory measures. One of the key fears is that Tehran might attempt

to close the Bab al-Mandeb strait — a crucial shipping route connecting the Red Sea to global markets — which is vital for Saudi Arabia's remaining oil exports. Such a move could severely impact global oil flows and further destabilize energy markets.

The United States' proposed blockade is aimed at restricting all shipments entering or leaving Iranian ports through the Strait of Hormuz. Washington believes this would increase economic pressure on Iran, whose economy is already strained by sanctions and ongoing conflict. However, regional allies like Saudi

Arabia are worried that tightening restrictions could backfire and lead to wider regional disruptions.

Saudi Arabia has reportedly urged the US administration to return to diplomatic negotiations instead of pursuing military or economic escalation. Riyadh fears that any further confrontation could lead to broader instability across the Gulf region, potentially affecting oil exports, shipping routes, and regional security.

The Strait of Hormuz is one of the world's most important energy chokepoints, with a significant

portion of global oil supply passing through it. Any disruption in this region typically results in immediate volatility in oil prices and financial markets. A blockade or retaliatory closure of nearby routes like Bab al-Mandeb could worsen supply shortages and increase global inflationary pressures.

The reported Saudi intervention highlights growing unease among US allies in the Middle East. Many countries in the region fear that heightened tensions between Washington and Tehran could spill over into broader conflict, affecting regional trade and energy

security. Saudi Arabia's call for de-escalation reflects concerns about long-term stability and economic consequences.

The situation remains fluid, with diplomatic efforts continuing behind the scenes. While the United States has not officially responded to Saudi Arabia's request, the development underscores the complex geopolitical dynamics shaping the ongoing US-Iran standoff. The outcome of these discussions could play a key role in determining the direction of global energy markets and regional security in the coming weeks.



## US, Iran Considering Fresh Talks This Week; Islamabad or Geneva Likely Venues

The United States and Iran are weighing a fresh round of negotiations that could take place as early as Thursday, with Islamabad and Geneva emerging as the two most likely venues. The potential talks come after recent high-level discussions between the two countries ended without a breakthrough, leaving the future of the fragile ceasefire uncertain.

According to reports, both Washington and Tehran are exploring the possibility of resuming in-person talks in an effort to reach an agreement before the current ceasefire expires on April 21. Sources indicated that discussions about timing and venue are ongoing, although officials suggested the meeting could take place later this week.

US President Donald Trump signaled openness to renewed negotiations, telling reporters that Iran had reached out and expressed interest in working toward a deal. This development has raised hopes that diplomatic efforts may still prevent further escalation in the ongoing conflict.

US Vice President JD Vance, who led the American delegation in earlier talks, said there had been some progress despite the lack of a final agreement. He noted that Iran had moved closer to US positions during negotiations but emphasized that Tehran needed to take further steps for discussions to advance.



The previous round of talks in Islamabad lasted about 21 hours and marked one of the most significant face-to-face meetings between the two countries in decades. Despite initial optimism, the discussions ended without a deal due to deep disagreements over key issues, including Iran's nuclear program, sanctions, and regional security concerns.

Another major point of contention is the Strait of Hormuz, a crucial global energy route that has been affected by tensions. The US has pushed to reopen the route, while Iran has maintained its strategic leverage in the region. These disagreements have complicated efforts to reach a lasting ceasefire agreement.

Diplomatic sources said there was strong optimism midway through the Islamabad talks that a breakthrough

could be achieved, but negotiations stalled due to unresolved differences. Nevertheless, both sides have kept communication channels open, signaling willingness to continue dialogue.

The proposed new round of negotiations highlights the urgency of finding a diplomatic solution before the ceasefire deadline. A successful agreement could help ease geopolitical tensions, stabilize oil markets, and reduce global economic uncertainty.

Overall, the potential talks in Islamabad or Geneva represent another opportunity for the US and Iran to resolve key disputes and avoid further escalation. While significant challenges remain, the willingness of both sides to return to the negotiating table has offered cautious optimism for diplomatic progress.

## US-Iran Deal Was "80% Done" Before Nuclear Dispute Stalled Talks

Negotiations between the United States and Iran were reportedly close to a breakthrough, with officials saying a potential agreement was "80 percent done" before talks collapsed over disagreements regarding Tehran's nuclear programme. The discussions took place in Islamabad and lasted more than 20 hours, marking one of the most significant direct engagements between the two countries in over a decade.

### Nuclear Freeze Dispute Became Major Roadblock

The central issue that stalled the negotiations was the duration of Iran's uranium enrichment freeze. Washington proposed a 20-year suspension of Iran's uranium enrichment programme, while Tehran countered with a much shorter timeline of up to five years. The gap between the two positions ultimately prevented the deal from being finalized.

The disagreement represented a shift from earlier US demands that Iran permanently halt uranium enrichment. However, despite some flexibility, the United States maintained that a long-term freeze was essential to ensure Iran could not develop nuclear weapons.

### Talks Came Close to Breakthrough

Sources involved in the negotiations said the two sides were "very close" to reaching an agreement, with discussions progressing positively midway through the talks. However, tensions rose when negotiations moved to key issues such as nuclear guarantees, sanc-



tions relief, and non-aggression commitments.

The negotiations were held in a tightly controlled environment at Islamabad's Serena Hotel, with the US and Iranian delegations stationed in separate wings. Pakistani mediators facilitated communication between the two sides, and phones were reportedly restricted during meetings, forcing delegates to step outside to relay messages to their governments.

### Other Key Issues in Negotiations

Apart from Iran's nuclear programme, discussions also covered reopening the Strait of Hormuz, a critical route for global energy supplies, which Iran had effectively blocked.

The United States pushed for reopening the waterway, while Iran sought broader guarantees and sanctions relief.

Sanctions relief, non-aggression assurances, and broader regional security arrangements also formed part of the negotiations. However, differences over the scope of the deal further complicated the talks, with Washington focusing primarily on nuclear issues and Tehran seeking a more comprehensive agreement.

### Dialogue Still Open Despite Deadlock

Although the Islamabad talks ended without a final agreement, both sides indicated that negotiations could continue. Officials said discussions for a second round of

face-to-face talks were underway, signaling that diplomatic channels remain open.

US President Donald Trump also indicated that Iran had expressed interest in continuing negotiations, suggesting there may still be momentum toward a potential deal.

### Outlook Remains Uncertain

While the failure to reach an agreement has raised concerns, analysts believe the fact that talks progressed significantly indicates both sides are willing to negotiate. The coming days are expected to be crucial, as further discussions could determine whether a diplomatic breakthrough is still possible or tensions escalate further.

## Iran Steps Up Meme War, Calls Trump "Miserable Pirate of the Persian Gulf"

Iran has intensified its online propaganda campaign against U.S. President Donald Trump, launching a fresh wave of memes and satirical posts that mock his actions amid rising tensions over the Strait of Hormuz blockade. The move highlights how the conflict between Washington and Tehran is now being fought not only militarily and diplomatically, but also across social media platforms.



One of the most widely circulated posts came from an Iranian diplomatic account, which portrayed Trump as a pirate stranded in the sea. The image included the caption calling him a "miserable pirate of the Persian Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz." The meme depicted Trump stuck in the middle of the water, symbolizing Iran's criticism of the U.S. blockade strategy.

The meme campaign followed Washington's decision to block Iranian maritime traffic, a move that sharply escalated tensions between the two countries. In response, Iranian officials and diplomatic missions began sharing satirical content, including videos and music-style posts mocking Trump's policies. One viral clip even featured a musical-style parody referencing the blockade, further amplifying the messaging online.

Iran's social media push is part of a broader strategy to project defiance and shape public opinion during the conflict. Analysts say such "meme diplomacy" allows countries to influence global audiences quickly, especially during fast-moving geopolitical crises. By using humor, satire, and pop culture references, Iran aims to undermine Washington's narrative while boosting domestic morale. This is not the first time Iran has used memes during the ongoing tensions. Over recent weeks, Iranian diplomatic accounts across the world have shared satirical posts targeting U.S. actions and leadership. These posts often combine humor with political messaging, turning social media into another front in the broader geopolitical confrontation. The online exchanges come amid heightened tensions in the Middle East follow-

ing U.S. efforts to pressure Iran over its nuclear program and control of strategic waterways. The Strait of Hormuz remains a key flashpoint, as it handles a significant portion of global oil shipments. Any escalation in rhetoric or military activity in the region typically impacts global markets and energy prices. Despite the humorous tone of the memes, analysts warn that the messaging reflects serious geopolitical tensions. The use of satire underscores how modern conflicts increasingly extend beyond traditional battlefields into information and digital spaces. Overall, Iran's latest meme campaign — branding Trump a "miserable pirate of the Persian Gulf" — highlights how both sides are using communication strategies to shape narratives while diplomatic and military tensions continue to evolve.

## Iran Could Lose \$435 Million Daily Due to US Hormuz Blockade

Iran could suffer economic losses of up to \$435 million (around 4,081 crore) per day following the United States' blockade of Iranian ports in the strategic Strait of Hormuz, according to estimates cited in a report. The development comes amid escalating tensions between Washington and Tehran after diplomatic talks failed to produce a breakthrough. The blockade, announced by US President Donald Trump, aims to restrict maritime traffic to and from Iranian ports. Analysts warn that the move could significantly disrupt Iran's economy by limiting exports of oil, fertilizer, food, and other essential goods. Such disruptions may also trigger inflation within Iran due to shortages and reduced revenue.

### Oil Exports Face Major Hit

A large portion of Iran's economy depends on oil exports, most of which pass through the Strait of Hormuz. The blockade could sharply reduce these exports, leading to substantial revenue losses. According to estimates, a significant part of the daily loss stems from restricted crude oil and petrochemical shipments.

However, analysts note that the exact financial impact re-



mains uncertain. The scale of losses will depend on how strictly the blockade is enforced and whether Iran can redirect shipments through alternative routes such as the Jask terminal, which lies outside the Strait of Hormuz.

### Some Relief From Floating Oil Stocks

Despite the potential losses, Iran may cushion short-term damage through existing oil inventories. As of late March, Iran reportedly had around 154 million barrels of oil already at sea outside the blockade-affected region. These supplies could help offset immediate revenue losses, at least

### Strategic Importance of Strait of Hormuz

The Strait of Hormuz is one of the world's most critical energy routes, with a substantial portion of global oil shipments passing through it. Any disruption in this corridor can significantly impact global energy markets and fuel prices. The US blockade has already heightened geopolitical tensions and increased uncertainty in global trade flows.

### Rising Geopolitical Risks

The blockade follows failed negotiations between the United States and Iran and has intensified fears of further esca-

lation. Iran has criticized the move as a violation of sovereignty, while global powers continue to push for diplomatic solutions. The situation remains fluid, with markets closely watching developments in the region.

### Outlook

While the estimated \$435 million daily loss highlights the potential economic impact on Iran, the long-term consequences will depend on how long the blockade lasts and whether diplomatic efforts succeed. A prolonged standoff could deepen economic strain on Iran and further destabilize global energy markets.

# Wall Street Futures Rise Ahead of Second Round of US-Iran Peace Talks

Wall Street futures edged higher on Tuesday, rising by as much as 0.4 percent, as investors grew optimistic about a possible second round of peace talks between the United States and Iran later this week. The positive movement in futures signaled a potentially firm opening for U.S. markets, following gains recorded in the previous trading session.

The upward momentum in futures came after reports suggested that negotiating teams from the United States and Iran could reconvene for further discussions. The first

round of high-level talks concluded without a final agreement, but the possibility of it. Investors have been closely monitoring developments in the geopolitical standoff, as tensions between the two nations have significantly impacted global markets, particularly oil prices. Hopes for diplomatic progress have eased concerns about supply disruptions, leading to a slight decline in crude oil prices. Lower oil prices often support equities by reducing inflationary pressures and easing concerns over corporate costs.

The geopolitical situation has been one of the key drivers of global financial markets in recent weeks. Escalating tensions previously pushed oil prices higher and weighed on equity markets, as investors worried about potential disruptions to energy supply routes, especially through critical shipping lanes. However, renewed diplomatic efforts have temporarily improved risk appetite among investors.

Market participants are also focusing on how the outcome of the talks could influence broader economic conditions.

A successful agreement could ease supply concerns, stabilize oil prices, and support equity markets. On the other hand, failure in negotiations could reignite volatility, push crude prices higher, and weigh on global equities.

Recent geopolitical tensions have already led to increased volatility in global markets. Oil prices surged earlier amid fears of supply disruptions, while equities reacted with caution. However, any progress toward de-escalation is expected to bring relief to investors and improve risk

sentiment. Traders are also watching upcoming economic data releases and corporate earnings, which could further influence market direction. Despite these factors, geopolitical developments remain the primary driver for now, with investors awaiting clarity from the upcoming talks.

Overall, the rise in Wall Street futures reflects cautious optimism among investors. While uncertainties remain, hopes of diplomatic progress between the United States and Iran have improved sentiment



and supported global markets. The outcome of the second round of talks later this week is likely to play a crucial role in shaping market direction in the near term.

## OFFBEAT

# Flavours, Family & a Highway Dream: The Story of Rayudu Gari Military Hotel

On a busy highway stretch between Rajahmundry and Visakhapatnam, there's a place where the aroma alone is enough to slow down speeding cars. It isn't just a restaurant—it's a story simmered in emotion, resilience, and the unmistakable taste of home.

Welcome to Rayudu Gari Military Hotel, where every dish carries a name, a memory, and a bond.

### When Crisis Cooked Up an Idea

The COVID-19 pandemic disrupted lives across the globe, but for Munna, it sparked something unexpected. During lockdown, as he relished meals prepared by his mother Rajeshwari and wife Uma, a thought struck him: why should such soulful food remain confined to home?

That simple idea turned into a culinary venture near Mallepalli—today known as one of the largest and most talked-about highway eateries in Andhra Pradesh.

### Branding with Bonds, Not Budgets

In an era where branding often demands massive investment, Munna chose a different path—he turned relationships into identity. Instead of fancy names, the



menu reads like a family album. Dishes such as "Uma Chicken Nalla Vepudu" and "Rajamma Mutton" are not just food items—they're tributes. This emotional branding struck a chord online, quickly going viral and creating a loyal customer base.

along the national highway, the hotel offers more than just food—it offers pause. Travelers find a rare blend of comfort and calm, making it a preferred stopover.

Within just two years, its fame has crossed state borders, attracting food lovers from far and wide.

### The Reluctant Entrepreneur Turned Role Model

Munna's journey is anything but conventional. With no massive capital or aggressive advertising, he relied purely on taste and the power of social media. Starting with just four friends, he now provides employment to nearly 200 people.

What sets him apart is his hands-on approach. He isn't just the owner—he's often seen as the chef, promoter, and storyteller, inspiring many young entrepreneurs to believe in grassroots ideas.

### What Makes It Special?

A Non-Veg Paradise: Rich mutton dum biryani, fiery chicken curries, and rustic Andhra-style preparations.

Family-Friendly Veg Thali: A wholesome option for those seeking traditional vegetarian meals.

Atmosphere: Spacious, relaxed, and ideal for highway travelers looking to unwind.

### More Than a Meal

At its heart, Rayudu Gari

Military Hotel is not about luxury—it's about love. It proves that when food carries emotion, it becomes unforgettable.

Munna's story is a reminder that sometimes, the most powerful brands aren't built in boardrooms—but in kitchens filled with warmth, laughter, and the timeless magic of a mother's cooking.

So the next time you're on that highway, follow the aroma. Chances are, it will lead you to a plate of Rajamma Mutton—and a story worth tasting.



## BNP Paribas Cuts Nifty 2026 Target to 25,500 Amid Crude Oil Shock; Recommends Defensive Bets

Global brokerage firm BNP Paribas has turned cautious on Indian equities, lowering its 2026 target for the Nifty 50 amid rising crude oil prices and growing macroeconomic risks. The brokerage reduced its Nifty target by 11 percent to 25,500, citing concerns over elevated oil prices, weaker corporate earnings outlook, and subdued foreign investor inflows.

The downgrade reflects the firm's growing caution following the recent crude oil surge triggered by geopolitical tensions in the Middle East. According to BNP Paribas, even if tensions ease, the after-effects of an oil shock typically linger for several quarters, impacting growth, inflation, and market sentiment. As a result, the brokerage believes the upside potential for Indian equities remains limited, estimating only about 7 percent upside from current levels despite recent valuation corrections.

A key concern highlighted in the report is crude oil sustaining in the \$85-90 per barrel range. BNP Paribas warned that such levels could strain India's macroeconomic fundamentals, widen fiscal and current account deficits, and weigh on corporate profitability. The brokerage also noted that consensus earnings estimates have not yet fully factored in the impact of higher input costs and weaker demand conditions. Historically, similar oil shocks have led to broad-based earnings downgrades across sectors. In addition to higher crude prices, the brokerage flagged inflationary pressures and potential demand slowdown as major risks for the market. Rising commodity costs could compress margins across industries, while higher bond yields may limit valuation expansion.

Overall, BNP Paribas' revised outlook signals a shift from broad market optimism to a more selective strategy. While India's long-term growth story remains intact, rising crude oil prices, weaker earnings expectations, and cautious foreign inflows may limit near-term upside for Indian equities heading into 2026.

These factors together could delay the expected recovery in corporate earnings and keep equity markets range-bound in the near term.

BNP Paribas also pointed to weak foreign institutional investor (FII) sentiment as another headwind for Indian equities. According to the firm, global investors have turned cautious toward emerging markets, including India, due to macro uncertainties and rising global risks. Furthermore, India's relatively limited participation in the global artificial intelligence-driven market rally has contributed to slower earnings growth expectations.

The report also highlighted structural concerns, including the potential disruption from artificial intelligence in services employment and discretionary consumption. These long-term risks, combined with near-term oil price volatility, could weigh on market sentiment and earnings outlook for several quarters.

Despite the cautious outlook, BNP Paribas continues to recommend a selective investment approach. The brokerage prefers defensive sectors that can better withstand macroeconomic volatility and earnings pressure. At the same time, it remains cautious on cyclical sectors such as automobiles and infrastructure, which are more sensitive to input costs and economic growth fluctuations.

# CSK Crush KKR by 32 Runs at Chepauk in IPL 2026 Clash



**C**hennai Super Kings (CSK) produced a commanding all-round performance at the M.A. Chidambaram Stadium on Tuesday to defeat Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) by 32 runs in an IPL 2026 encounter, extending their winning momentum at home and climbing further up the points table. After posting a competitive total of 192 for 5, CSK's bowlers delivered a disciplined and clinical performance to restrict KKR to 160 for 7 in 20 overs. The victory marked CSK's second consecutive win at Chepauk, where the home crowd once again played a crucial role in energising the team. KKR's chase of 193 never gained momentum on a slowing surface. They lost both openers—Finn Allen and Sunil Narine—inside the powerplay, leaving them under pressure early. The innings never recovered, as the visitors struggled to rotate strike and

find boundaries consistently. They reached only 50 runs in 7.3 overs, highlighting their difficulties against CSK's tight bowling attack. Afghan spinner Noor Ahmad emerged as the standout performer, delivering a match-winning spell of 4-0-21-3. His crucial breakthroughs in the middle overs broke the backbone of KKR's chase, including a double strike that left the visitors reeling at 85 for 5 in just 11 overs. His control and variation ensured that KKR were always behind the required rate. CSK's bowling unit, despite dropping three catches, maintained pressure throughout the innings. The bowlers kept KKR batters on a tight leash, forcing errors and building scoreboard pressure. The chase further collapsed as KKR failed to accelerate in the death overs, ultimately finishing well short of the target. Earlier in the day, CSK

had looked set for a 200-plus total after a strong start, reaching 72 for 2 in the powerplay—their best of the season. However, the innings slowed dramatically as the pitch became more sluggish and KKR bowlers, led by Kartik Tyagi (2/35) and Sunil Narine (1/21), pulled things back effectively. From a strong position of 162 for 3 in the 16th over, CSK managed only 30 runs in the final four overs, losing momentum due to disciplined bowling and 27 dot balls in the latter phase. Dewald Brevis top-scored with a fluent 41 off 29 balls, while other batters contributed useful starts without converting them into big scores. Despite a brief surge in the middle overs, CSK's total proved more than enough on a tricky Chepauk surface, as their bowlers sealed a comprehensive victory and continued their strong home dominance in IPL 2026.



## Amelia Kerr Wins ICC Women's Player Of The Month Award For March

New Zealand all-rounder Amelia Kerr has been named the ICC Women's Player of the Month for March following an outstanding run of performances with both bat and ball. The award recognizes her match-winning contributions across international fixtures, where she played a key role in New Zealand's dominant performances.



Kerr beat stiff competition from Australia's Beth Mooney and South Africa's AyabongaKhaka to secure the honour, after producing consistent performances throughout the month. Her all-round brilliance helped New Zealand maintain momentum across multiple series.

### Dominant All-Round Performances

The 25-year-old showcased her class in March with impressive contributions across formats. Kerr scored 276 runs during the T20I series against South Africa while also making a significant impact with the ball. She picked up crucial wickets and maintained a strong streak of consistent scores, including a remarkable run of 30-plus totals in consecutive T20I innings.

Her influence extended beyond the T20I format as well. Kerr delivered standout performances in the ODI series against Zimbabwe and South Africa, contributing with both bat and ball. Her all-round display helped New Zealand dominate opposition sides and strengthen their position in international cricket.

### Record-Breaking Month

March turned out to be a record-breaking period for Kerr. She not only contributed heavily in terms of runs and wickets but also played match-winning innings under pressure. One of her standout moments came when she registered a massive unbeaten knock of 179 against South Africa in an ODI, helping New Zealand complete a historic run chase.

Kerr also impressed with her bowling performances, including multiple wicket hauls that helped dismantle opposition batting line-ups. Her ability to contribute in both departments made her the standout performer of the month.

### Rising Influence As Leader

Kerr's performances have become even more significant following her appointment as New Zealand captain earlier this year. Since taking over leadership responsibilities, she has delivered consistent performances and led the team from the front. Her ability to balance captaincy with individual brilliance has strengthened New Zealand's position in international cricket.

### Recognition For Consistency

The ICC Player of the Month award recognises the best performers in international cricket, and Kerr's selection highlights her growing influence in the women's game. Her performances in March demonstrated not just skill but also consistency, adaptability, and leadership.

With this award, Kerr continues to cement her status as one of the world's leading all-rounders. Her recent form will be a major boost for New Zealand as they prepare for upcoming international tournaments and series.

## BCCI Looks Beyond Suryakumar Yadav Despite T20 World Cup Triumph: Report

India's T20 World Cup-winning captain Suryakumar Yadav is reportedly facing scrutiny from the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) despite leading the team to title glory, with concerns raised over his inconsistent batting form. According to a report, selectors are already evaluating long-term leadership options for India's T20I side.

### Captaincy Under Review Despite World Cup Win

While Suryakumar guided India to a successful T20 World Cup campaign, his performances with the bat were not entirely convincing. The report states that despite the team's success, the BCCI is looking at the bigger picture, especially with the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics in mind, where cricket is set to feature in the T20 format.

This has prompted discussions within Indian cricket circles about whether Suryakumar should continue as captain in the long term or if the team should transition to a younger leadership group ahead of the Olympic cycle.

### Patchy Batting Form Raises Concerns

Although Suryakumar's leadership was widely praised during the tournament, his individual performances with the bat were inconsistent. Reports indicate that his lack of big scores has raised concerns among selectors, especially considering the importance of captain-batters delivering consistently in the shortest format.

In the T20 World Cup 2026, Suryakumar had a relatively quiet tournament compared to some of his teammates. He scored 242 runs in nine innings at an average of just over 30, which was seen as underwhelming for a player of his caliber.

### Long-Term Planning Ahead



### Of Olympics

The BCCI is reportedly focusing on long-term planning, particularly with cricket's return to the Olympics. Selectors are believed to be assessing leadership options who can lead the team over the next two-year cycle leading into the Los Angeles Games.

This doesn't necessarily mean Suryakumar will immediately lose the captaincy, but it does indicate that the board is keeping alternatives ready in case his form does not improve.

### Strong Leadership Still A Positive

Despite the scrutiny, Suryakumar's leadership has been widely appreciated. He played a key role in maintaining team balance and guiding India through high-pressure matches during the World Cup. His calm approach and aggressive tactics earned praise from

experts and fans alike.

However, in modern cricket, captaincy often depends heavily on personal performance. With several younger players emerging and competition increasing, selectors are keen to ensure stability and consistency moving forward.

### What Happens Next?

The coming bilateral series and upcoming tournaments will likely play a crucial role in determining Suryakumar's future as India's T20 captain. If he returns to form with the bat, he could strengthen his position. Otherwise, India may begin transitioning toward a new leadership option ahead of major global events.

For now, despite winning the T20 World Cup, Suryakumar Yadav faces an unexpected challenge—proving that he remains the best long-term leader for India in the shortest format.

## 15-Year-Old Vaibhav Sooryavanshi Set For India Debut After IPL 2026 Heroics

**T**eenage cricket sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi is reportedly set to make his senior India debut following his explosive start in the Indian Premier League 2026 season. The 15-year-old prodigy has caught the attention of selectors after delivering a string of match-winning performances for Rajasthan Royals.

### Ireland Tour Could Mark Historic Debut

According to reports, Sooryavanshi has been short-listed for India's upcoming tour of Ireland, where India are scheduled to play a T20I series. If selected, the youngster could become one of the youngest players ever to represent India at the international level. He is also expected to be considered for the tour of Zimbabwe later this year, reflecting growing confidence in his abilities.

The selection buzz comes after Sooryavanshi's impressive performances in IPL 2026, where his aggressive batting style and fearless approach have earned praise from fans and cricket experts alike. His ability to take on world-class bowlers at such a young age has made him one of the most talked-about players of the tournament.

### Sensational IPL Performances Turn Heads

The teenage batter has been in sensational form, producing explosive knocks that have helped Rajasthan Royals secure important victories. In one of the standout performances, Sooryavanshi smashed 78 runs off just 26 balls, leading his team to a memorable win and showcasing his remarkable hitting ability. He also accumulated 200 runs in four innings at a blistering strike rate above 260, making him one of the leading run-scorers early in the season.

In another impressive outing, he hammered 39 runs off just 14 balls against Jasprit Bumrah and other top bowlers, demonstrating his fearless approach and ability to perform under pressure. His aggressive batting helped Rajasthan Royals maintain strong momentum in the tournament.

### Rapid Rise Of A Young Prodigy

Sooryavanshi's rise in cricket has been nothing short of extraordinary. Born in Samastipur, he made headlines early by debuting in domestic cricket at a very young age. He later became the youngest player to secure an IPL contract when Rajasthan Royals signed him during the mega auction.

His performances at youth level have also been remarkable. The left-handed batter scored a record-breaking 175 runs in the ICC Under-19 World Cup final, further establishing his credentials as a future star of Indian cricket.

### Selectors Monitoring Closely

With India set to play multiple white-ball series after IPL 2026, selectors are reportedly keen to test young talent. Sooryavanshi's explosive performances have accelerated discussions about handing him an international debut sooner rather than later.

### A Historic Moment In The Making

If selected, Sooryavanshi's debut would mark a significant milestone in Indian cricket, highlighting the arrival of a new generation of young players. At just 15, he has already demonstrated the temperament, skill, and confidence required to compete at the highest level.

With IPL 2026 still underway, all eyes will now be on whether the teenage sensation can continue his red-hot form and secure a historic India debut in the coming months.

## Ishan Kishan Hints At Big Change In Sunrisers Hyderabad Despite Win Over Rajasthan Royals

Ishan Kishan has hinted at a potential tactical change for Sunrisers Hyderabad after their convincing win over Rajasthan Royals in Indian Premier League 2026. Despite the victory, the stand-in skipper admitted that a "miscommunication" during the match forced him to rethink his role, particularly regarding wicket-keeping duties.

### Kishan May Give Up Wicketkeeping Role

During the match, Kishan did not keep wickets—a move

that caught attention. After the game, he revealed that the decision was partly due to a miscommunication but hinted that the team could consider continuing with this approach in future matches.

Kishan explained that not keeping wickets allowed him to stay more involved in field placements and bowling strategies. This helped him communicate better with bowlers and maintain tactical clarity during crucial phases of the game.

The move appeared to work in Sunrisers Hyderabad's favour, as their bowlers delivered a dominant performance to secure a comprehensive victory. Tactical Flexibility For SRH: The decision to move Kishan away from wicketkeeping could mark a tactical shift for Sunrisers Hyderabad. As captain, staying in the field rather than behind the stumps gives Kishan greater flexibility to adjust field placements and motivate bowlers directly. This is especially signifi-

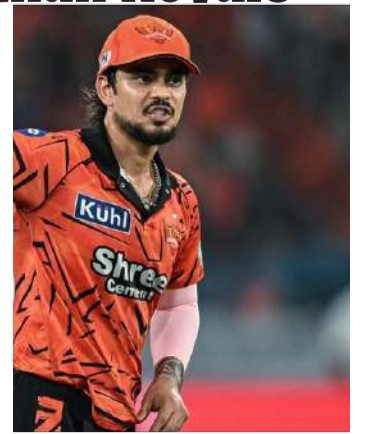
cant given that Kishan is currently leading the side in the absence of regular captain Pat Cummins. With added leadership responsibilities, the team management may prefer him to focus more on captaincy and batting rather than juggling multiple roles. Bowlers Step Up In Big Win: Sunrisers Hyderabad delivered a commanding performance with the ball to defeat Rajasthan Royals. The bowling unit stepped up impressively, with new faces making a strong im-

pact and dismantling the opposition batting lineup. The win helped Sunrisers Hyderabad gain valuable momentum in IPL 2026 and strengthen their position in the points table. The match also showcased improved team coordination and tactical clarity under Kishan's leadership.

### What This Means Going Forward

Kishan's comments suggest that Sunrisers Hyderabad may experiment with their team

combination in upcoming matches. If the change proves successful, the franchise could continue with Kishan as a non-keeping captain—a strategy used successfully by several teams in modern T20 cricket. With IPL 2026 heating up, such tactical adjustments could play a crucial role in Sunrisers Hyderabad's campaign. For now, Kishan's leadership experiment appears to have paid off, and it may signal a new approach for the team in the remainder of the season.



# Ram Charan Reviews AdiviSesh's 'Dacoit'; Praises Performances and Technical Quality

Tollywood star Ram Charan has shared his review of Dacoit: A Love Story, starring AdiviSesh and Mrunal Thakur. The actor took to social media after watching the film and expressed his appreciation for the performances and the overall technical quality of the movie.

Ram Charan revealed that he thoroughly enjoyed the film and particularly praised AdiviSesh's performance. He described Sesh's portrayal of the character Hari as solid and

memorable, highlighting the actor's strong screen presence and emotional depth. The praise from a leading star like Ram Charan has further boosted the buzz around the film, which has already been receiving positive word-of-mouth from audiences.

The RRR star also lauded Mrunal Thakur for her performance, noting that she brought great depth to her role. He appreciated her ability to handle emotional scenes effectively and contribute meaningfully to the story. In addition to the lead pair, Ram Charan also praised Anurag Kashyap and the supporting cast, stating that the entire team delivered strong performances.

Ram Charan further appreciated the film's production quality and technical standards. He specifically mentioned producer SupriyaYarlagadda and Annapurna Studios for backing the film with conviction and presenting it with high production values. He congratulated the entire team for their efforts and wished them success.

The actor's tweet quickly went viral on social media, with fans sharing his comments widely. His review added to the growing list of celebrities who have appreciated the film since its release. The movie has been attracting attention for its blend of romance and action, along with strong performances from the

cast.

'Dacoit: A Love Story' is directed by ShaneilDeo and features a mix of action, romance, and emotional drama. The film, released on April 10, 2026, follows a gripping narrative involving love, betrayal, and revenge. It has generated solid buzz at the box office and continues to perform steadily after a strong opening weekend. Ram Charan's endorsement is expected to further strengthen the film's momentum, as celebrity reviews often play a key role in influencing audience interest. With positive responses coming from both fans and industry personalities, 'Dacoit' appears to be maintaining its strong run in theatres.



## NivethaPethuraj Plans Fresh Start in Career After Personal Setback

Actress NivethaPethuraj is reportedly preparing for a fresh start in her acting career after facing setbacks in her personal life. The actress, who had earlier stepped away from films to focus on marriage plans, is now said to be returning to the industry with renewed focus and determination.

### Personal Plans Took Priority

According to reports, NivethaPethuraj had decided to slow down her acting career when she received good film offers, as she planned to move towards married life. She reportedly got engaged last August to Dubai-based businessman Rajhithbran. Initially, the actress kept the relationship private but later shared engagement photos on social media, which received congratulatory messages from fans and industry colleagues.

However, the situation reportedly changed unexpectedly. News surfaced that Rajhithbran got engaged to someone else, after which NivethaPethuraj unfollowed him on social media and deleted her engagement photos. Although the actress has not officially commented on the matter, the development is believed to have deeply affected her personal plans.

### Focus Shifts Back to Acting

Following the personal setback, NivethaPethuraj is now reportedly planning to concentrate fully on her acting career. Sources suggest that she wants to put aside thoughts about relationships and marriage for the time

being and instead focus on building her professional journey.

As part of this fresh start, the actress is said to be reconnecting with directors, producers, and co-actors she has worked with previously. She is reportedly exploring opportunities that suit her acting style and is open to taking up diverse roles to regain momentum in the industry.

### Known for Versatile Roles

NivethaPethuraj has never restricted herself to traditional heroine roles. She has appeared in supporting characters as well as performance-oriented roles in films such as Ala Vaikunthapurramuloo and other Telugu and Tamil projects. Even though she has worked in a limited number of films, she has managed to carve out a distinct identity with her performances.

Her willingness to experiment with different kinds of roles is expected to help her during this second phase of her career. Industry insiders believe that the actress may now choose more impactful and performance-driven characters as she attempts a strong comeback.

### Second Innings Begins

With renewed focus and determination, NivethaPethuraj appears ready to begin a new chapter in her career. After navigating personal challenges, the actress is now keen to stay busy with films and rebuild her momentum in the industry.

Fans and industry observers are now watching closely to see what kind of roles she takes up in this second innings and whether this fresh start helps her reclaim a stronger position in Telugu and Tamil cinema.

## Spider-Man Returns with Emotional New Chapter

The excitement around Spider-Man: Brand New Day has reached new heights as Sony Pictures unveiled two striking new posters at CinemaCon 2026. The fresh visuals offer fans a glimpse into what promises to be one of the most intense and emotional journeys for the beloved superhero.

Studio chief Tom Rothman introduced the posters, describing the film as something entirely unique, despite the long legacy of Spider-Man stories. He praised Tom Holland's performance, calling it his finest portrayal yet. Holland later appeared virtually and shared that the film is "the most emotional Spider-Man story we've ever made," adding that it explores a more mature and grown-up side of the character.

The film has already generated massive buzz with its trailer, which has shattered viewing records and become one of the most talked-about releases in recent times. Fans across the globe have responded enthusiastically, signaling strong anticipation for a story that blends high-stakes action with deeper emotional storytelling.

Directed by Destin Daniel Cretton, the movie brings back a stellar cast. Alongside Holland, Zendaya and Jacob Batalon reprise their roles, while new and returning faces like Sadie Sink, Jon Bernthal, Mark Ruffalo, Michael Mando, and Trameil Tillman are set to play key roles. The ensemble hints at a layered narrative that could expand the Spider-Man universe in exciting ways. With its blend of action, emotion, and character-driven storytelling, Spider-Man: Brand New Day is shaping up to be a defining entry in the franchise. The newly released



posters further tease an epic showdown, suggesting that Peter Parker's journey will be more challenging than ever before. Sony Pictures Entertainment India has confirmed that the film will hit theatres on July 31, 2026. It will be released in multiple languages including English, Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, and Malayalam, ensuring a wide reach among audiences across India. As anticipation continues to build, fans are eagerly counting down to witness Spider-Man swing back onto the big screen with a story that promises both spectacle and heart.

## Jr NTR-Trivikram Mythological Film Likely To Be Announced On May 20

A highly anticipated collaboration between Jr NTR and director Trivikram Srinivas is once again making headlines, with fresh buzz suggesting that their much-talked-about mythological project could be officially announced on May 20, coinciding with the actor's birthday. The film, which has generated considerable excitement among fans and industry circles, is expected to be mounted on a grand scale as a pan-Indian mythological spectacle.

The project has been in discussion for quite some time, with speculation surrounding the lead cast, storyline, and production details. According to the latest reports, Jr NTR is likely to headline the film, although an official confirmation is still awaited. The potential announcement date of May 20 has further fueled anticipation, as fans often expect major updates from the actor on his birthday.

The film is reportedly based on Lord Kartikeya (also known as Kumara Swamy or Subrahmanya), making it one of the rare large-scale mythological films in Telugu cinema. If confirmed, the project is expected to combine Trivikram Srinivas' storytelling style with high-end production values, positioning it as a major cinematic venture. Mythological dramas have seen renewed



interest in recent years, and this film is expected to capitalize on that trend with a visually grand presentation and powerful narrative.

Adding to the buzz, industry chatter also suggests that the film's title may have already been locked as Shanmukudu. However, these details remain speculative, and the makers have not issued any official confirmation yet. Such rumors are common for big-ticket projects, and fans are waiting eagerly for an official announcement from the production team.

The film is expected to be produced by Naga Vamsi under Sithara Entertainments in collaboration with Fortune 4 Cinemas. With experienced producers backing the project, expectations are high that the film will be mounted on a grand scale with significant in-

vestment in visuals and production design.

Meanwhile, Jr NTR is currently busy with his ongoing project directed by Prashanth Neel, which is also being made on a large scale. Once that project progresses further, the actor is expected to shift focus to the Trivikram Srinivas film. This scheduling also explains why the announcement may still be some time away despite growing buzz.

If confirmed, the Jr NTR-Trivikram collaboration will mark one of the biggest upcoming Telugu film projects. With mythology, star power, and large-scale production coming together, the film is already being viewed as a potential blockbuster. Fans are now eagerly waiting for May 20 to see whether the much-anticipated announcement becomes official.

## Janhvi Kapoor Stunned By Jr NTR's Makeover; 'Devara 2' Buzz Gains Momentum

Bollywood actress Janhvi Kapoor is reportedly impressed with the latest transformation of Jr NTR, sparking fresh buzz around their upcoming collaboration. The actress reacted to the actor's newly surfaced workout look and called it "Unbelievable," drawing attention from fans and industry circles.

### NTR's New Look Goes Viral

A recent still of Jr NTR from his preparation for his upcoming film with director Prashanth Neel surfaced online, showcasing the actor in a heavily transformed, muscular avatar. The image quickly went viral, with fans praising the actor's intense physical transformation and dedication.

Among those impressed was Janhvi Kapoor, who shared the image and appreciated the makeover, adding to the growing excitement among fans. Her reaction gained significant traction, as actors rarely publicly praise co-stars unless there is a professional connection.

### 'Devara 2' Speculation Intensifies

Janhvi Kapoor made her Telugu debut alongside Jr NTR in Devara: Part 1, which reportedly crossed 500 crore at the box office. Despite the film's massive

success, the makers have yet to announce a clear timeline for the sequel, Devara: Part 2, leading to speculation about its progress.

However, Janhvi's recent reaction to NTR's makeover has sparked fresh discussions among fans, with many believing that work on the sequel could begin soon. Some industry observers suggest that her appreciation may hint at her continued involvement in the second installment.

### Busy Line-Up For Janhvi Kapoor

Even before the release of Devara, Janhvi Kapoor had reportedly signed another Telugu project opposite Ram Charan in the film Peddi. The film, which features her in a rural-based character, has faced delays due to production schedules.

Meanwhile, Jr NTR continues to prepare for multiple big-ticket projects, including his collaboration with Prashanth Neel, which is expected to be mounted on a large scale. His new physical transformation is believed to be part of preparation for that film.

Fans Excited Over Reunion While there is no official confirmation yet regarding Devara 2, Janhvi Kapoor's public praise for Jr NTR's transformation has

fueled speculation about their reunion. Regardless of the rumors, one thing is clear — Jr NTR's new look has impressed fans and celebrities alike, and expectations around his upcoming films continue to grow.

