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Chandrababu Naidu Hails Amaravati Bill as Defining Moment

Vijayawada, April 3, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has described the passage of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill, 2026 as a historic and defining moment for the state.



support of Members of Parliament across parties, emphasizing that cooperation was essential in passing the legislation.

Parliament, ensuring it received broad backing. Paying tribute to the farmers of Amaravati, Naidu said their trust and sacrifice in contributing land for the capital's development have now been vindicated.

will bring stability, strengthen governance, and accelerate infrastructure and development in the region.

The Chief Minister underscored that Amaravati's status as the capital is now "beyond doubt, beyond debate, and beyond change," marking an end to years of political contention over the city's future.

With Parliament's approval, Amaravati is set to receive statutory backing as the official capital, a move widely welcomed by the public and political leaders alike.

Pawan Kalyan Welcomes Amaravati as Sole Capital of Andhra Pradesh

Amaravati, April 3, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan has welcomed Parliament's decision to officially designate Amaravati as the sole and permanent capital of Andhra Pradesh, calling it a defining moment in the state's history.

sions of decentralised capitals. The recent amendment firmly establishes Amaravati as the single administrative hub, providing clarity for long-term governance and development planning.

Nara Lokesh Thanks Lok Sabha Speaker for Amaravati Bill Passage

New Delhi, April 2, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Shri Nara Lokesh, Andhra Pradesh Minister, led TDP MPs in a meeting with Lok Sabha Speaker Shri Om Birla at Parliament House today.

Bill, 2026, describing it as a significant milestone for the state's development.

Lokesh highlighted that the bill, which grants Amaravati statutory recognition as the sole and permanent capital of Andhra Pradesh, provides clarity after years of uncertainty.

projects, and economic growth in the state, marking a key achievement for both the government and the people of Andhra Pradesh.



MLA Controversies Raise Eyebrows in Andhra Ruling Alliance

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Senior leaders in the NDA alliance are grappling with a string of controversies involving MLAs, prompting questions over discipline and conduct among elected representatives.

The latest episode involves a TDP MLA from Nellore district. Two months ago, social media was abuzz with claims of his alleged close relationship with a young woman, along with photographs.

Now, fresh claims have

emerged that the woman attempted to meet the Chief Minister but was prevented by police allegedly at the instance of the MLA.

This comes even as the controversy surrounding Janaseena Party MLA Arava Sridhar from Railway Kodur in Chittoor district continues to simmer.

Senior alliance leaders express concern that such incidents are increasing after the NDA government assumed power.

and chasing quick gains is damaging the party's image," one senior leader remarked on condition of anonymity.

Many attribute the trend partly to the influx of a new generation of MLAs who may lack the traditional political discipline.

While the young woman in the Nellore case has not levelled direct allegations against the MLA recently, she has questioned why she is being stopped from meeting the Chief Minister.



Renuka Chowdhury Hails Amaravati Bill as Victory for Farmers

New Delhi, April 3, 2026 | TPN Bureau

The Rajya Sabha passed the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill, 2026, officially declaring Amaravati as the sole and permanent capital of Andhra Pradesh.

promises, noting that delays had caused significant frustration.

Her remarks received mixed responses across political circles. While her support for Amaravati as the capital was welcomed, some comments sparked debate and discussion in media and social platforms.

The bill received broad backing from the ruling National Democratic Alliance (NDA) and opposition parties like the Congress, who argued that legal recognition of Amaravati would restore clarity and drive development.

With both Houses of Parliament passing the bill, Amaravati is set to become the legally recognized capital of Andhra Pradesh.

Historic Day for Amaravati: BJP State President PVN Madhav Hails Farmers' Victory

Amaravati April 02 . TPN Bureau

BJP State President PVN Madhav addressed a large gathering of Amaravati farmers at Uddandarayunipalem in the capital region, describing the occasion as a historic day achieved through years of relentless struggle and determination.



their unity and determination ultimately led to this victory. He remarked that Amaravati has now earned a level of recognition and respect that no other capital city in the country has received.

and democratic strength. He further stated that, except for the party led by Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, all major political

parties across the nation extended their support to Amaravati, which reflects its national importance and acceptance.

Highlighting the future vision, Madhav said Amaravati is set to emerge as a comprehensive capital—excelling not only in governance but also in industrial growth, tourism development, and welfare initiatives, thereby becoming a model city for the entire country.

Rising Liquor Sales but Modest Revenue Growth: A Fiscal Paradox

The financial data for the fiscal year 2025-26 presents an interesting paradox in the state's liquor economy. While overall alcohol sales witnessed a notable surge, the corresponding growth in government revenue remained surprisingly modest. This divergence highlights the complex interplay between consumption patterns, pricing strategies, and revenue structures. According to official statistics covering the period from April 1 to March 31, the total value of liquor sales increased by 6.11%, rising from 29,440 crore to 31,237 crore. A significant driver of this growth was the sharp rise in beer sales, which jumped by an impressive 70.29%. Beer

sales volumes increased from 136 lakh cases to 232 lakh cases, indicating a strong shift in consumer preference, possibly due to changing lifestyle trends and seasonal demand. Similarly, Indian Made Liquor (IML) also recorded steady growth. Sales volumes rose from 362 lakh cases to 414 lakh cases, marking a 14.59% increase. These figures clearly indicate that overall consumption of alcohol in the state has grown substantially during the financial year. However, despite this robust growth in sales, the revenue figures tell a different story. Revenue generated from liquor sales increased by only 4.01%, from 24,734 crore to 25,727 crore. More strikingly, the total revenue

growth stood at a mere 0.68%, rising from 28,846 crore to 29,042 crore. This limited increase was primarily due to a sharp decline in the "LF and others" category, where revenue dropped by 19.37%, from 4,112 crore to 3,316 crore. One of the key reasons for this discrepancy is the increasing share of lower-priced liquor in total sales. The popularity of 99-priced 180 ml bottles significantly impacted revenue, leading to an estimated loss of around 442 crore. Additionally, price reductions on popular brands further contributed to a revenue decline of approximately 972 crore. The average price of a 180 ml bottle also decreased from 180 in the previous year to 160, reflect-

ing a broader trend toward affordability over premium consumption. Another major factor affecting revenue was the absence of nearly 1,900 crore in non-refundable fees that were collected in the previous financial year. Without this additional income stream, the overall revenue growth remained subdued despite higher sales volumes. In conclusion, the data clearly shows that while alcohol consumption is on the rise, the financial benefits to the state exchequer are not keeping pace. This trend underscores the need for a balanced pricing and taxation strategy to ensure sustainable revenue growth without encouraging excessive consumption.



Budget Awareness Must Reach Every Citizen: Kollu Ravindra

Amaravathi April 02 . TPN Bureau

Emphasizing the importance of transparency and public awareness, Minister Kollu Ravindra stated that every citizen should be informed about the state budget, including allocations made to various departments and districts. He made these remarks during the Budget Outreach Meeting held at the Anakapalli District Collectorate.



The meeting was conducted under the supervision of District Collector Vijaya Krishnan, Home Minister Vangalapati Anitha, and Finance Secretary Ronald Ross. Officials and public representatives gathered to discuss the detailed allocations made in the state's annual budget, focusing on both welfare and developmental schemes. The minister highlighted that the initiative to conduct budget outreach meetings in every district aims to ensure that people are aware of how funds are being distributed and utilized.

Addressing the media after the meeting, Ravindra noted that Andhra Pradesh is gradually recovering from the setbacks of the past five years and

is now moving towards a path of development. He explained that extensive discussions were held regarding funds received from the central government, allocations made by the state, and benefits under centrally sponsored schemes. Particular attention was given to constituency-wise allocations for welfare and development projects.

The minister also pointed out the financial challenges faced by the state since its bifurcation in 2014. He stated that Andhra Pradesh suffered certain disadvantages in the division of assets and liabilities, with a significant portion

of revenue going to Telangana while a larger share of debts remained with Andhra Pradesh. Despite these challenges, the state government is striving to overcome financial constraints and boost economic growth.

Ravindra revealed that nearly 99 percent of the state's revenue is currently being spent on salaries, pensions, and interest payments, leaving limited resources for development. However, the government is focusing on increasing revenue through investments and industrial growth. He mentioned that major companies like ArcelorMittal Steel Plant and

Google have been brought into the state, contributing to an investment inflow of approximately 13.5 lakh crore.

In terms of employment, the government has created around 6.5 lakh jobs in the past two years, including 16,800 positions through DSC recruitment and nearly 30,000 government jobs through constable and Group examinations.

Highlighting economic indicators, the minister noted that while Telangana's per capita income stands at 3.87 lakh, Andhra Pradesh's is 2.60 lakh. He stressed the need to improve income levels by strengthening the service sector, alongside agriculture, which currently dominates the state's economy.

Ravindra further added that Anakapalli district ranks 13th in per capita income within the state. He called for collective efforts by officials and public representatives to promote agro-based industries and food processing units, which hold significant potential in the district. He concluded by urging stakeholders to utilize available opportunities effectively to drive Andhra Pradesh towards sustained growth and prosperity.

AP GENCO Sets New Milestone: RTPP Achieves Record Power Generation

Amaravathi April 02 . TPN Bureau

A significant boost to Andhra Pradesh's power sector, AP GENCO has achieved a historic milestone with record-breaking electricity generation at the Rayalaseema Thermal Power Plant (RTPP). The achievement reflects the state's growing focus on energy efficiency and infrastructure development under the leadership of Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu.



The RTPP, with a total installed capacity of 1,650 MW, recorded an impressive generation of 1,643 MW on Wednesday. This remarkable output corresponds to a Plant Load Factor (PLF) of 99.58 percent, marking the highest efficiency level ever achieved in the plant's history. The milestone stands as a testament to the operational excellence and technical efficiency maintained by the plant's workforce.

Minister for Energy, Gotti Ravi Kumar, lauded the engineers and staff of RTPP for their dedication and commit-

ment. He congratulated the entire GENCO team, stating that such achievements are possible only through consistent effort, teamwork, and a clear vision for progress. The minister highlighted that the accomplishment aligns with the broader goal of ensuring uninterrupted and quality power supply across the state.

"The engineers at RTPP have set an exemplary standard with their commitment and hard work. Their performance

is a reflection of the state's determination to achieve energy security and operational excellence," the minister said. He further expressed confidence that the team would continue to maintain this momentum and strive for even greater milestones in the future.

The minister also stressed the importance of coordination among various power sector entities, including DISCOMs and TRANSCO. While record production is a major achievement, he noted that the ultimate objective is to deliver reliable and affordable electricity to consumers. He called upon all stakeholders in the power sector to work collaboratively to strengthen the transmission and distribution network. This achievement not only enhances the credibility of AP GENCO but also reinforces Andhra Pradesh's position in the power generation sector. With such milestones, the state continues to move forward in building a robust and efficient energy ecosystem, aimed at supporting industrial growth and improving the quality of life for its citizens.



Clearance for Neradi Barrage Marks Historic Boost for Srikakulam: Ram Mohan Naidu

Amaravathi April 02 . TPN Bureau

Union Civil Aviation Minister Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu announced that the long-pending Neradi Barrage project on the Vamsadhara River has received a major breakthrough, with the River Water Tribunal delivering its final verdict and the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti issuing the final gazette notification. He described the development as a historic turning point for the future of the agrarian Srikakulam district.

The minister stated that with the tribunal's decision, all obstacles to the construction of the Neradi Barrage and its associated infrastructure have been cleared. According to the tribunal, the water availability at the Gotta Barrage point on the Vamsadhara River has been fixed at 115 TMC, out of which a significant share will be utilized for the benefit of Andhra Pradesh. Highlighting the importance of the project, Ram Mohan Naidu said it would significantly enhance the agricultural potential of Srikakulam district. The barrage is expected to expand irrigation coverage, enabling farmers to improve cultivation and transform the region into

a more fertile and productive agricultural zone.

He further noted that resolving the issue, which involved sensitive and complex interstate water-sharing concerns, required sustained efforts. The minister said he had consistently raised the matter in Parliament and at various national forums, utilizing every opportunity to push for a resolution.

Recalling his earlier commitment, Ram Mohan Naidu mentioned that during the 69th birth anniversary of late leader Erram Naidu, he had assured the public that the Neradi Barrage project would be realized. He expressed satisfaction that the promise is now moving closer to fulfillment.

The minister expressed confidence that the project would bring significant economic and agricultural growth to the district. He assured that the construction would be carried out efficiently and transparently with the cooperation of the people. Ram Mohan Naidu also extended his gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu, Union ministers, and members of the tribunal for their support in resolving the long-standing issue.

Welfare and Development Balanced Amid Financial Challenges: Dr. Nimmala Rama Naidu

East Godavari, April 02 . TPN Bureau

Highlighting the state government's commitment to balancing welfare and development despite financial constraints, Minister for Water Resources, Dr. Nimmala Rama Naidu, stated that transparent governance is being ensured through the Budget Outreach Programme. He made these remarks after reviewing budget allocations with district officials at the Collectorate in East Godavari district.

Addressing the media, the minister revealed that a total of 3,832.08 crore has been allocated to East Godavari district for the financial year 2026-27, out of which 2,163.30 crore has been earmarked for welfare schemes. He emphasized that despite inheriting a challenging financial situation after coming to power in 2024, the government has been successfully implementing both welfare and development



programmes. Dr. Rama Naidu compared the state's financial condition to "a patient on a ventilator" when the government assumed office, stating that steady efforts are now bringing it back to stability. He pointed out that the burden of past debts, along with the responsibility of continuing welfare schemes, posed a significant challenge. However, under the leadership of Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu, with the support of Deputy Chief Minister

Pawan Kalyan and cooperation from the Central Government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the state is gradually overcoming these hurdles. The minister detailed several key welfare initiatives, including the NTR Bharosa pension scheme, under which pensions have been increased to 4,000, and 6,000 for persons with disabilities. Schemes like Thalliiki Vandanam are benefiting children in families, while farmers are receiving 20,000 as combined support

from the state and central governments. Additionally, Anna Canteens are serving food to lakhs of people daily.

Focusing on women empowerment, Dr. Rama Naidu highlighted initiatives such as free bus travel and free LPG cylinders under the Deepam scheme. He reiterated that the government is giving equal priority to both welfare and development. He also announced the target of completing the Polavaram Project by 2027 and dedicating it to the nation.

On the development front, the minister stated that efforts are underway to bring back industries that had left the state, with a focus on generating up to 20 lakh employment opportunities. Infrastructure development, including road construction and cement roads in rural areas, is also being actively pursued. District Collector Keerthi Chekuri provided a detailed breakdown of welfare allocations, stating that 1,423.48 crore has been allocated

for NTR Bharosa, 387.61 crore for Thalliiki Vandanam, 162.67 crore for Annadata Sukhibhava, and 123.41 crore for the Deepam scheme. Additional allocations include 46.43 crore for Stree Shakti and 19.70 crore for the Auto Driver Welfare Scheme. The Collector also noted that funds have been distributed across departments, including 416 crore for Panchayati Raj and Rural Development, 319 crore for Health, 162 crore for Education, and 152 crore for welfare of women, children, the elderly, and persons with disabilities. She emphasized the need to enhance revenue generation through improved tax collection, utilization of government assets, and promotion of solar energy usage in government buildings.

The meeting was attended by senior officials, public representatives, and department heads, reflecting a coordinated effort towards achieving inclusive growth in the district.

Atchannaidu Seeks Higher Chickpea Procurement to Protect Farmers

Amaravathi April 02 . TPN Bureau

State Agriculture Minister Kinjarapu Atchannaidu has taken proactive steps to protect farmers' interests amid a sharp increase in chickpea production, while also welcoming the passage of the Amaravati Legal Status Bill as a historic decision benefiting the people of Andhra Pradesh.

Addressing the issue of falling chickpea prices, the minister noted that the current procurement limit approved by the Centre is insufficient to meet the rising production levels. He brought the matter to the attention of Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu, following which the Chief Minister wrote to Union Agriculture



Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, requesting an increase in the procurement target.

So far, 72,000 metric tonnes of chickpeas have been procured through AP Markfed and 12,000 metric tonnes through NAFED, totaling 84,000 metric tonnes. With the existing procurement target of 94,500 metric tonnes nearing completion,

the state has urged the Centre to raise the limit significantly in line with production estimates.

According to the Agriculture Department, chickpea cultivation has expanded to 3,88,413 hectares this year, with total production expected to reach 4,57,365 metric tonnes. However, market prices have fallen below the Minimum Support Price (MSP), forcing farmers to rely on government procurement centers. The minister stressed that increasing procurement is essential to prevent financial losses for farmers and to ensure they receive fair prices for their produce.

Meanwhile, Atchannaidu also expressed happiness over the unanimous approval of the Amaravati Legal Status Bill in

both Houses of Parliament. He described it as a historic moment that delivers justice to thousands of farmers who contributed land for the capital city. He stated that around 29,000 farmers voluntarily gave nearly 33,000 acres of land for Amaravati, setting a unique example in the country. The minister paid tribute to the farmers and women who carried out a prolonged 1,600-day protest, demanding recognition of Amaravati as the state's capital. Criticizing the previous government's three-capital proposal, he said it created confusion and negatively impacted the state's development and investment climate. He credited Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu's vision for laying the foundation for a world-class

capital and acknowledged the support of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in strengthening Andhra Pradesh's growth under the "Viksit Bharat" vision. Atchannaidu emphasized that Amaravati is not just a capital city but a symbol of the aspirations and sacrifices of the people of Andhra Pradesh. He noted that celebrations were held in Amaravati villages such as Thullur, Venkatapalem, Mandadam, and Velagapudi, reflecting the public's joy over the bill's passage.

Reaffirming confidence in the government's vision, the minister stated that Amaravati will stand as a permanent capital while the state continues to work towards farmer welfare, economic growth, and a prosperous future.

Credit Theft in Kamalapuram, Nothing Else': YSRCP Leader Ravindranath Reddy Slams Minister

Amaravati April 02 . TPN Bureau

YSRCP Kadapa district president P. Ravindranath Reddy launched a sharp attack on Minister BC Janardhan Reddy, accusing the ruling coalition leaders of "credit theft" in the development of Kamalapuram constituency. He termed the minister's remarks against the previous YSRCP government as "shameful" and challenged him to an open debate on development.

Addressing a press conference at the YSRCP district office in Kadapa, Ravindranath Reddy criticized the minister for claiming credit during a visit for the railway bridge bhoomi puja. He alleged that the project had already been initiated during the YSRCP and that funds were sanctioned earlier itself. He said making false claims instead of acknowledging past efforts reflects political opportunism.

He strongly objected to the minister's comments that there was no development during the YSRCP tenure, stating that such statements were far from reality. Ravindranath Reddy listed several works un-



dertaken in Kamalapuram, including road widening in congested areas, improvements in drainage systems to prevent flooding, establishment of a polytechnic college and a government hospital, and enhancement of drinking water

facilities. The YSRCP leader also pointed out that the railway bridge project in Kamalapuram was one among 67 sanctioned across the country, and its approval was secured during the previous government's tenure.

He alleged that the present coalition leaders were only attempting to take undue credit for works already initiated.

Throwing an open challenge, Ravindranath Reddy asked Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu, his father Putha Narasimha Reddy,

and Minister BC Janardhan Reddy to come forward for a public discussion on development in the constituency. He further questioned the ruling leaders on alleged sand and mining activities, claiming that natural resources were being exploited for financial gains. He accused the minister of illegal sand transportation and large-scale mining operations, alleging that lakhs of rupees were being generated daily through such activities. He also made allegations regarding collection of money for various works and criticized the functioning of the ruling leadership. Ravindranath Reddy stated that he takes pride in being related to YSRCP chief Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy and defended the development carried out during the party's tenure. He also criticized Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu for not reviewing farmers' issues during his recent visit to the district, alleging that farmers are suffering due to lack of proper price support.

Former Deputy Chief Minister Amzath Basha and former Mayor Paka Suresh were also present at the press meet.



Chandrababu Naidu Commends Kadapa Collector for Prestigious SKOCH Award

Amaravati April 02 . TPN Bureau

Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu lauded Kadapa District Collector Dr. Sridhar Cherukuri for securing the prestigious SKOCH Award at the national level for the innovative "Smart Kitchen" initiative implemented in the district.

During his district tour, the Chief Minister reviewed the project at the TTD Guest House in Ontimitta on Thursday. Collector Dr. Sridhar Cherukuri presented the SKOCH Award memento and explained the implementation and functioning of the Smart Kitchen system in the district. Impressed by the initiative, the Chief Minister appreciated the collector and the entire administrative team for their efforts.

The Smart Kitchen model was introduced in YSR Kadapa district to provide government school students with hygienic, and nutritious meals under the Dokka Seethamma Mid-Day Meal Scheme. The project emphasizes the use of modern technology to ensure food safety, transparency, and efficiency in meal preparation and distribution.

The "SMART" model—Safe, Modern, Automated, Reliable, and Transparent—has significantly improved the quality of food being served to students. The SKOCH organization rec-

ognized the initiative for its excellence in governance, innovation, and public service delivery. The award is considered one of the highest independent honors given to government institutions for outstanding contributions in development and administration.

Speaking on the occasion, officials stated that the project has enhanced food safety standards and brought greater transparency through technology-driven processes. Currently, five Smart Kitchens are operational in the district, serving students with quality meals.

The collector informed the Chief Minister that an additional 33 Smart Kitchens are under construction. Of these, seven are expected to be completed within a week, while the remaining 26 units are targeted for completion by the end of April.

The initiative has brought national recognition to Kadapa district and is being seen as a model for other regions to follow. The Chief Minister expressed satisfaction over the progress and encouraged officials to continue implementing innovative solutions for public welfare.

District Joint Collector Dr. Nidhi Meena and Rajampet Sub-Collector Bhavana were also present during the review.



Consumers' Issues Must Be Resolved Promptly: Minister Nadendla Manohar Reviews Call Center Operations

Amaravati April 02 . TPN Bureau

Amid growing public concerns over LPG supply disruptions influenced by international developments, Andhra Pradesh Minister for Food and Civil Supplies, Nadendla Manohar, conducted a detailed review of the state's consumer service operations on Thursday. The Minister personally inspected the Consumer Service Center located at the department's state office and assessed how complaints from citizens are being handled.

During his visit, the Minister closely examined the functioning of the toll-free helpline number 1967, which serves as a crucial link between consumers and the department. He interacted with call center coordinators to understand the nature of complaints being received, the number of issues resolved, and those still pending. He specifically sought clarity on the most frequent grievances raised by consumers and emphasized the importance of timely and effective resolution. Officials informed the Minister that on April 1st, a total of 465 calls were received at the service center, out of which only 144 were related to gas booking inquiries. This marked a significant decline compared to the volume of calls received during the sec-

ond week of March, indicating an improvement in the situation. The Minister noted that the reduction in complaints reflects better awareness among the public and gradual stabilization of the LPG supply chain at the grassroots level. Nadendla Manohar stressed that all consumer grievances, especially those related to OTP issues, irregular practices by gas agencies, and delays in booking and delivery, must be addressed with sensitivity and urgency. He instructed officials to ensure that consumers receive clear guidance and solutions when they reach out for help. He also observed the behavior of call center staff and directed them to interact with citizens in a patient, polite, and respectful manner.

Highlighting the importance of public satisfaction, the Minister stated that every consumer who contacts the helpline should feel reassured and confident that their issue will be resolved. He reiterated the government's commitment to continuously monitor complaints and improve service delivery mechanisms. The visit underscores the government's proactive approach in addressing consumer concerns and strengthening the public distribution system, ensuring that essential services like LPG supply remain uninterrupted and efficient.

Parliament Grants Legal Status to Amaravati: A Victory for Five Crore People, Says Kandula Durgesh

Amaravati April 02 . TPN Bureau

State Minister for Tourism, Culture, and Cinematography Kandula Durgesh expressed happiness over Parliament granting legal status to Amaravati as the sole capital of Andhra Pradesh, calling it a historic victory for five crore people of the state.

Currently on a visit to New Delhi, the minister issued a statement after the Amaravati Bill was unanimously passed in the Rajya Sabha through a voice vote. He described the development as a landmark moment that marks the end of uncertainty surrounding the state capital and the beginning of Andhra Pradesh's reconstruction.

Durgesh strongly criticized the previous government, alleging that the "three capitals" proposal had pushed the state into confusion and stagnation over the past five years. He re-

marked that while the previous leadership created disruption, the present coalition government is focused on development and stability. He also took a dig at recent proposals by the opposition, stating that such ideas reflect inconsistency in their approach.

The minister emphasized that despite opposition from certain quarters, more than 40 political parties across the country supported Amaravati, highlighting its significance. He credited the success to the sacrifices of farmers and women who contributed land without expecting compensation and sustained a prolonged 1,600-day movement demanding justice for Amaravati.

He stated that granting legal status through an amendment to the AP Reorganisation Act has laid a strong foundation for the state's future growth. Durgesh expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister

Amit Shah, Minister of State Nityanand Rai, Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, and all Members of Parliament who supported the bill. The minister further noted that the clarity on the capital issue will attract international investments and boost industrial and tourism development in Andhra Pradesh. He called upon people and party workers to celebrate the moment across the state, suggesting symbolic "Deepa Harathi" in every household to mark the occasion.

Reaffirming the government's vision, Durgesh stated that under the leadership of Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, Amaravati will be developed into a world-class capital city, contributing to the vision of a "Viksit Andhra Pradesh" aligned with the national goal of "Viksit Bharat."



Avoid Political Criticism on Amaravati Development: R. Krishnaiah

Amaravati April 02 . TPN Bureau

JP Rajya Sabha Member R. Krishnaiah has urged political parties to refrain from criticizing the development of Amaravati from a political perspective, emphasizing that the state capital's growth should be viewed beyond partisan interests. His remarks came during the discussion on the Amaravati Capital Legitimacy Bill in the Rajya Sabha. Krishnaiah stated that the development of Amaravati as the capital of Andhra Pradesh is essential and should receive collective support from all sections. He highlighted that Amaravati's central location within the state makes it administratively convenient and suitable for governance. Stressing unity, he appealed to leaders across parties to contribute constructively rather than engage in political criticism.

He also acknowledged the efforts of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu in advancing the capital project and expressed confidence that Amaravati can be developed into a world-class city. Krishnaiah noted that the Central Government is extending full support for the capital's development, including financial assistance, which will help accelerate infrastructure and administrative growth.

Drawing parallels with the development of Hyderabad during Naidu's earlier tenure, Krishnaiah said similar determination and vision could transform Amaravati into a modern global capital. He further expressed optimism that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is equally committed to the project's success.

Importantly, Krishnaiah described Amaravati as a "capital for the weaker sections," underlining its inclusive development vision. He encouraged stakeholders to offer suggestions and constructive inputs that can strengthen the project instead of politicizing it.

His comments come at a time when Amaravati has regained focus following legislative developments. Recently, the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill, 2026, was passed in the Lok Sabha, aiming to establish Amaravati as the sole capital of the state and bring clarity after years of uncertainty.

Krishnaiah reiterated that the development of a state capital is a long-term investment in governance, economy, and public welfare. He concluded by urging all political parties, leaders, and citizens to look at Amaravati's growth as a shared responsibility and a symbol of Andhra Pradesh's future, rather than a subject of political debate.

Centre's Green Signal to Amaravati Sparks Grand Celebrations in Nellore

Amaravati April 02 . TPN Bureau

Festive atmosphere gripped Nellore city after the Centre gave its approval to Amaravati as the capital, marking a significant milestone for Andhra Pradesh. Celebrations erupted across the Nellore City constituency, with a massive rally organized on Thursday evening from VRC Centre to Gandhi Bomma Centre under the leadership of TDP Parliament Women's Wing President Kapire Revathi.

Women participated in large numbers, carrying national flags and raising slogans like "Jai Chandrababu... Jai Jai Narayana," creating a charged and celebratory environment. The streets of Nellore echoed with voices supporting Amaravati, as supporters hailed the



development as a matter of pride for five crore people of Andhra Pradesh. Slogans such as "Devathala Rajadhani Vardhillali" further amplified the emotional connection people

expressed towards Amaravati. The rally witnessed vibrant scenes with fireworks lighting up the sky near Gandhi Bomma Centre. TDP leaders and local residents celebrated enthu-

siastically with cake cutting and distribution of sweets. Many expressed gratitude to the Central Government for clearing the path for Amaravati's development and described the decision as a positive sign for the state's future.

Speaking on the occasion, Kapire Revathi stated that Amaravati represents the self-respect of five crore Andhra people. She recalled that the foundation for Amaravati was laid jointly by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, and expressed confidence that the capital would be developed into a world-class city. She praised Minister Ponguru Narayana for his relentless efforts in advancing Amaravati's construction under the directions of the Chief Minister.

Revathi also criticized the previous YSRCP government,

alleging that the three-capital proposal had left the state without a clear capital vision. She further condemned the alleged attacks on women farmers who protested for Amaravati, calling them unjust and unacceptable. She assured that women across the state would continue to support Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and Minister Narayana, expressing strong belief that Amaravati would soon return to the path of development. The event was attended by Mayor Devarakonda Sujatha Ashok, Deputy Mayors Roop Kumar Yadav and Tahseen Intiyaz, City President Mamidala Madhu, BC Cell Vice President Dharmavarapu Subbarao, along with division presidents, in-charges, unit leaders, and a large number of local residents, making it a grand and impactful celebration.

Amaravati Declared Official Capital: A Milestone Moment for Andhra Pradesh

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In a historic development, Amaravati has officially received legal recognition as the capital of Andhra Pradesh, marking a significant milestone in the state's political and administrative journey. This long-awaited decision has brought a sense of pride, relief, and renewed hope among the people, symbolizing not just administrative clarity but also the realization of a collective aspiration.

Self-Help Groups (SHGs) from urban areas have extended their heartfelt congratulations to both the Central Government and the State Government for achieving this landmark decision. They also conveyed warm wishes to the people of Andhra Pradesh, emphasizing that Amaravati stands as a symbol of self-respect, unity, and progress for the state.

For years, Amaravati has been at the center of political debates and public sentiment. The granting of legal status now removes uncertainty and paves the way for planned development, infrastruc-

tural growth, and increased investment opportunities. This decision is expected to accelerate economic activities and create employment, benefiting various sections of society, including women's groups and marginalized communities.

The Mission for Elimination of Poverty in Municipal Areas (MEPMA), headquartered in Tadepalli, Andhra Pradesh, expressed its solidarity with this momentous achievement. As an organization that works closely with urban SHGs, MEPMA recognizes the transformative potential

this decision holds for grassroots development. Strengthening urban livelihoods, empowering women, and enhancing community participation are likely to gain further momentum in the wake of this development. Amaravati's recognition as the official capital is not just a political declaration—it is an emotional victory for millions of people who have believed in its vision. As celebrations echo across towns and cities, this moment stands as a reminder of perseverance, unity, and the power of collective will in shaping the future of Andhra Pradesh.



Grand Celebrations Mark Amaravati Capital Bill Approval in NTR District

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A wave of jubilation swept across NTR district as the Amaravati Capital Bill received approval from both Houses of Parliament, marking a historic milestone for Andhra Pradesh. The announcement triggered spontaneous celebrations in towns and villages, where people gathered voluntarily to express their happiness and pride.



From early hours, the festive spirit was visible across the district. Residents burst crackers, raised slogans, and shared sweets, reflecting their emotional connection to Amaravati as the people's capital. In many areas, locals organized cake-cutting programmes, turning the occasion into a grand public celebration. The atmosphere resonated with enthusiasm, unity, and a renewed sense of hope for the future.

The celebrations were not limited to public spaces alone. At the District Collectorate, a special programme was organized to commemorate the occasion. District Collector Dr. G. Lakshminisha, along with offi-

cialists from various departments, participated in a cake-cutting ceremony, symbolizing collective joy and administrative solidarity. The officials exchanged greetings and congratulated one another, acknowledging the significance of the moment.

The approval of the Amaravati Capital Bill has been widely seen as a turning point, bringing clarity and direction to the state's capital development. For many, it represents not just a political decision but the fulfillment of a long-

standing aspiration. The large-scale participation of people in celebrations highlights the emotional and cultural importance attached to Amaravati.

As the district echoed with cheer and festivity, the occasion stood as a testament to public sentiment and shared vision. The celebrations in NTR district captured the essence of this historic achievement—one that is expected to shape the future of Andhra Pradesh and strengthen the belief of its people in progress and development.

KDCC Bank on a Growth Path; Farmer Welfare Remains Top Priority

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The Krishna District Cooperative Central Bank (KDCC Bank) is progressing steadily on a growth path and has emerged as one of the leading cooperative banks in the state, said Chairman Nettem Sri Raghuram (former minister). Addressing a media conference held at the bank's conference hall in Machilipatnam on Thursday, he emphasized that farmer welfare remains the bank's primary objective.

Raghuram stated that the bank is committed to supporting small and marginal farmers by providing timely financial assistance. Reviewing the financial performance for the year 2025-26, he noted that it has been one year since he assumed charge as Chairman, and he expressed gratitude to the CEO and staff for their dedicated efforts in strengthening the bank's performance.

He explained that the bank's financial position has improved significantly. The share



capital stands at 453.94 crore, while the reserve fund is 443.95 crore, taking the total owned funds to 897.88 crore, reflecting a growth of 12.2%. Total deposits have reached 3,850.76 crore, while loans and advances stand at 8,618.63 crore, bringing the total business to 12,469.39 crore, registering a growth of 7.17%.

Borrowings have increased to 6,646.38 crore with a growth

of 1.54%, while investments rose to 2,008.63 crore, marking a 13.36% increase. Interest income stood at 948.17 crore, showing a growth of 4.76%, while miscellaneous income was recorded at 19.48 crore. Establishment expenses were 91.26 crore and operating expenses 52.78 crore. The profit before tax reached 105.99 crore, registering a growth of 4.88%. Raghuram appreciated

the staff of Chatrai, Thotlavaluru, and Katur branches for achieving 100% loan recoveries, calling it a commendable achievement. He stated that farmers who repay their loans on time can avail fresh loans within a week. He also advised farmers to claim crop loan waivers before June 30. Additionally, he highlighted that the bank is ensuring timely settlement of death claims and is providing life insurance benefits. In case of the death of small and marginal farmers due to illness or other reasons, financial assistance of up to 10,000 is being provided for funeral expenses. Farmers were also advised to renew their insurance policies regularly.

The Chairman expressed confidence that KDCC Bank will continue to grow further and strengthen its position. He also noted that the bank has achieved a top position in deposit mobilization. CEO Shyam Manohar, GM Chandrasekhar, Rangababu, and other officials and staff were present at the event.



Jana Sena Party Celebrates Amaravati Capital Bill Approval in Vijayawada

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Marking the historic occasion of the Amaravati Capital Bill being approved by both Houses of Parliament, members of the Jana Sena Party organized celebrations at the party office in Vijayawada on Thursday evening. The event was held to express gratitude to the leaders who played a key role in the passage of the bill.

As part of the programme, party members extended their heartfelt thanks to Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan for their support and contribution towards securing legal status for Amaravati as the permanent capital of Andhra Pradesh.

The celebrations included lighting of lamps at the party office, symbolizing respect and appreciation. Party leaders and cadre gathered in large numbers, creating a festive atmosphere filled with enthusiasm and pride. To mark the oc-

casional, sweets were distributed among the public, celebrating Amaravati being declared the permanent capital of the state.

Several prominent leaders from Vijayawada East, Central, and West constituencies, along with division presidents, city committee members, women representatives (Veera Mahilas), division committee members, and other party functionaries participated in the programme. Religious committee members and official spokespersons were also present. Participants raised slogans supporting Amaravati as the permanent capital and expressed their hope for continued unity within the alliance. The event reflected strong public sentiment and collective joy over the long-awaited decision, which is seen as a major step towards the development and stability of Andhra Pradesh.

The celebrations concluded with a message of unity and progress, as party members reaffirmed their commitment to work towards the growth of the state under the leadership of the alliance.

SRR College NSS Volunteers Participate in National Integration Camp 2026

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NSS volunteers from SRR & CVR Government Degree College actively participated in the National Integration Camp (NIC) 2026, representing Krishna University, as informed by College Principal Dr. K. Bhagyalakshmi. The camp was held from March 10 to 16, 2026, in Kolkata, bringing together youth from across the country.

Volunteers Tulasi, Gnaneswari, and Harshavardhan from NSS Unit 3 (First B.Com) took part in the camp, which was organized at Neotia University in South 24 Parganas district of West Bengal. The event was conducted under the



aegis of the NSS Regional Directorate, Kolkata, with the inspiring theme of "Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat," promoting

unity in diversity and youth leadership.

The camp aimed at fostering cultural exchange, social en-

gagement, team building, and intellectual interaction among participants representing various states of India. It provided a unique platform for NSS volunteers from diverse backgrounds to come together, share experiences, and develop a deeper understanding of national integration.

One of the core objectives of the camp was to strengthen the spirit of unity and harmony among youth, while promoting the NSS motto "Not Me, But You." Through various activities, discussions, and cultural programs, participants were encouraged to build leadership qualities and a sense of responsibility towards society.

On this occasion, Principal

Dr. K. Bhagyalakshmi, NSS District Programme Officer Dr. Kolleti Ramesh, and NSS Programme Officer Naveen congratulated the volunteers for their active participation and representing the institution at a national-level platform. They appreciated the students for their commitment, discipline, and enthusiasm, stating that such exposure would greatly contribute to their personal and social development.

The participation of SRR College NSS volunteers in the National Integration Camp stands as a proud moment for the institution, reflecting its dedication to nurturing socially responsible and nationally aware youth.

City Police Commissioner Felicitates Young Swimming Prodigy Baby Tamoghna

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The City Police Commissioner of NTR District, S.V. Rajasekhara Babu, IPS, felicitated Baby Tamoghna, daughter of Head Constable Tulasi Chaitanya (Police Swimmer), for her remarkable achievement in receiving the Andhra Pradesh Government's Ugadi Award.

The felicitation took place at the Commissioner's office in Vijayawada, where the Commissioner personally met Head Constable Tulasi Chaitanya and his five-year-old daughter Tamoghna. He

appreciated the young achiever for winning medals at such a tender age and enquired about her accomplishments.

Baby Tamoghna has created a record by becoming the youngest swimmer in the world to swim across the Bodensee Lake, covering a distance of 6.3 kilometers from Germany to Austria. Her extraordinary feat at such a young age has brought immense pride to both Andhra Pradesh and NTR District.

Recognizing her achievement, she was selected for the prestigious Ugadi Awards 2026 and received the honor at the

hands of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on the occasion of Ugadi. The Police Commissioner congratulated Tamoghna and encouraged her to participate in more competitions, win additional medals, and achieve new records in the future. He expressed hope that she would continue to bring laurels to the state and the district.

The event highlighted the pride and encouragement extended by the police department towards the achievements of their personnel's families, especially young talents who bring recognition at national and international levels.



Master Plan Proposed for Development of Sri Kodandarama Swamy Temple in Ontimitta

Kadapa, 02 April 2026 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu reviewed a comprehensive master plan for the development of Sri Kodandarama Swamy Temple in Ontimitta during his district visit on Thursday. Prepared by Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD), the plan aims to enhance temple precincts and position the area as a major temple tourism destination.

At the TTD Guest House in Ontimitta, the Chief Minister examined the detailed map outlining infrastructure improvements, visitor facilities, and development strategies. District Collector Dr. Sridhar Cherukuri and TTD JEVO V. Veerabrahmam presented the



plan and explained measures to transform the temple area into a prominent religious and cultural hub.

Chief Minister Naidu offered specific guidance on improving accessibility, amenities, and visitor experience

while preserving the heritage of the temple. He emphasized phased implementation and careful planning to ensure that

devotees enjoy a spiritually enriching experience, while tourism growth supports the local economy.

The master plan includes crowd management strategies for festivals, upgraded sanitation and water facilities, landscaping, organized parking, and enhanced amenities for visitors. Officials noted that these measures are aimed at making Ontimitta a model temple tourism site in the region.

The review highlights the government's commitment to heritage conservation coupled with modern development, ensuring that Sri Kodandarama Swamy Temple emerges as a key spiritual and cultural landmark in Kadapa district, attracting devotees and tourists alike.



Janasena Provides Financial Support to Families of Party Workers

Mangalagiri, 02 April 2026 | TPN Bureau

The Janasena Party has extended financial support to families of its dedicated workers who recently lost their lives in various accidents, reaffirming the party's commitment to its cadre. In a ceremony held at the party headquarters in Mangalagiri, insurance cheques worth 1.30 crore were distributed among 26 families, with each family receiving 5 lakh.

Over the past three days, the party has distributed a total of 2.65 crore in insurance cheques to 53 families across the state, ensuring that the families of active Janasena members receive timely support. Party Chief Secretary Ram Talluri emphasized that Janasena considers its volunteers and "Veeramahilas" (women warriors) as part of the leader Pawan Kalyan's extended family and will stand by them in times of need.

Speaking at the event, Talluri highlighted that the initiative reflects the party's longstanding commitment to providing financial security to members' families who selflessly serve the organization. "The decision taken by our party president, Shri Pawan

Kalyan, ensures that families of our active members feel supported and reassured in times of adversity," he said.

He further added that the initiative is part of the party's ongoing efforts to recognize and support grassroots-level workers and their families. "Janasena Party will always stand as a pillar of support for families of members who dedicate themselves to the party's mission," Talluri noted.

The distribution ceremony in Mangalagiri was marked by a sense of solidarity, as party leaders personally handed over the insurance cheques to bereaved families, assuring them that their sacrifices are recognized and honored. Party officials also stressed that the financial aid is intended not only as compensation but also as a means to empower families and provide them with stability during challenging times. Over the last three days, the party has successfully extended support to families across the regions of Uttaraandhra and Rayalaseema, reflecting its focus on welfare for those who contribute to its growth. With this initiative, Janasena reaffirms its pledge to stand by the families of active members, providing both moral and financial support.

Tirumala Education Institutions to Host Awareness Seminar on JEE & NEET

East Godavari, 02 April 2026 | TPN Bureau

Tirumala Education Institutions, situated in Kateeru village of Rajahmundry Rural constituency, is all set to organize a comprehensive awareness seminar for students completing their 10th grade and their parents. The seminar will be held on 4 April 2026 at the institution's Rajahmundry campus.

Chairman Nunn Tirumala Rao said the initiative is aimed at providing students with clear guidance on competitive exams like JEE Advanced, JEE Main, and NEET, which serve as gateways to top universities and professional courses across the country. "The seminar will offer detailed insights into exam preparation strategies, how to manage time effectively, and ways to approach different subjects to maximize performance," he stated.



In addition to academic guidance, the seminar will also focus on the role of parents in shaping their children's future. Rao emphasized the importance of parental support and guidance in creating a conducive environment for learning and growth. "We aim to equip parents with knowledge on how to mentor their children, help them set realistic goals, and nurture es-



sential values such as discipline, perseverance, and integrity," he added.

The awareness seminar is expected to attract a large number of students and parents from the surrounding regions, highlighting the growing demand for structured guidance in competitive exam preparation. Tirumala Rao explained that the seminar is part of the institution's broad-

er efforts to create awareness among students about the opportunities available at premier universities and the preparation needed to excel in these highly competitive exams.

Students and parents interested in attending the seminar are requested to register in advance through the institution's official website, www.tirumal-edu.com. For those unable to

register online, on-the-spot registration will be available on the morning of the event, with the campus opening at 9:00 AM for this purpose.

For further inquiries, Tirumala Education Institutions have provided contact numbers: 7997989322 and 7997989323. The institution urges students and parents to take advantage of this opportunity to gain practical insights, prepare effectively for exams, and understand the holistic approach needed to secure admission in prestigious universities while developing strong personal values.

The seminar underscores Tirumala Education Institutions' commitment to guiding students and parents alike in making informed decisions about education and career pathways, ensuring that the next generation is equipped to achieve academic success and personal growth.

Foundation Laid for Renovation of Sri Markandeya Swamy Temple in Ramachandrapuram

Ramachandrapuram, 03 April 2026 | TPN Bureau

State Labour Minister Vasamsetti Subhash laid the foundation stone for the renovation of the historic Sri Markandeya Swamy Temple in Unduru village, Ramachandrapuram constituency, on Friday. The 1.35 crore project aims to modernize the temple while preserving its traditional architectural and cultural heritage.

During the ceremony, Minister Subhash performed rituals and offered prayers, highlighting the coalition government's commitment to the development and upkeep of Hindu temples across Andhra Pradesh. He noted that ahead of the upcoming Pushkaram festival, additional funds would be allocated to enhance temple facilities and promote religious heritage.

The minister also stressed the role of the Endowments Department in ensuring essential amenities for devotees, assuring that worshippers would face no inconvenience during



visits. "We aim to combine modern facilities with traditional design, providing a comfortable and safe spiritual environment," he said. The event saw participation from senior coalition leaders, including Vasamsetti Satyam, AMC Chairman Akkala Rishwanth Rai, Janasena in-charge Polishetty Chandrashekhar, Vice MPP Narala Rajyalakshmi, local leaders, temple committee members, and devotees. Special

Vedic rituals were conducted to sanctify the start of renovation works. The project reflects strong community involvement and underscores the temple's significance as a center for faith, culture, and social gatherings. Minister Subhash reaffirmed the government's long-term commitment to temple development, promising timely completion of the works while maintaining the shrine's sanctity.

JanaSena Celebrates Parliamentary Approval of Amaravati

Tirupati, 02 April 2026 | TPN Bureau

Following the historic parliamentary approval of Amaravati as the permanent capital of Andhra Pradesh, the JanaSena Party held grand celebrations in Tirupati on Thursday. Acting on directives from the party's central office, Tirupati MLA Arani Srinivasulu led party leaders, workers, and women activists in festivities at the NGO Colony Party Office, illuminating lamps in a Diwali-style celebration and expressing collective joy. Participants enthusiastically chanted "Jai Ho Amaravati", highlighting the community's pride and relief at the long-awaited legislative recognition of the capital. During the event, MLA Srinivasulu, along with JanaSena joint district presidents, Dr. Pasupuleti Hariprasad (Chairman, State Handicrafts Development Corporation), and city president Rajareddy, extended gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for supporting the passage of the Amaravati amend-

ment bill in Parliament. Speakers also lauded the combined efforts of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, and IT Minister Nara Lokesh, emphasizing their dedication to making Amaravati a model capital. They expressed confidence that, under this leadership, Andhra Pradesh would serve as a role model for governance and development nationally. Key attendees included Konda Rajamohan, Cricket Vijay, Suman Babu, Anand, Ramesh Naidu, Amudala Venkatesh, Jeevan, Manju, Arkat Krishna Prasad, Neeladri, Alwar Murali, Subrahmanyam, Prabhakar Reddy, Balaji, Sudhakar, Shrivani, along with women leaders Keerthana, Shireesha, Madhulatha, Divya, and Sudha, who actively participated in the celebrations, reflecting strong grassroots support for the capital project. The event underscored JanaSena's commitment to Amaravati's development and demonstrated widespread public enthusiasm for the capital's legal recognition.



Grand Rathotsavam Celebrated at Sri Kodandarama Swamy Temple in Ontimitta

Kadapa, 03 April 2026 | TPN Bureau

The annual Rathotsavam of Sri Kodandarama Swamy Temple in Ontimitta was celebrated with grandeur on Thursday, attracting devotees from across Kadapa district. Part of the Brahmotsavam festivities, the event began at 10:30 AM with a ceremonial procession of Sri Kodandarama, along with Sri Seeta and Lakshmana, through the village streets, blessing devotees along the way.

Devotional performances, including Chekka Bhajanas and Kolata dances, added to the festive ambiance, while devotees pulled the chariot with devotion, offering camphor and other ritualistic offerings. The Rathotsavam symbolizes spiritual teachings, where the human body is likened to a chariot, the soul as the rider, intellect as the charioteer, mind as reins, and senses as horses—reminding devotees to discern between the material

and spiritual realms.

Local devotees Guruvayya and Subbamma distributed bananas and prasadam, fostering community participation and devotion. Officials from the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD), including Additional Executive Officer CH Venkayya Choudhary, JEVO V. Veerabrahmam, Deputy EO Prashanthi, and Temple Inspector Naveen, supervised rituals and crowd management to ensure smooth coordination. The festival drew large numbers of devotees, reflecting the temple's cultural and spiritual significance in Kadapa district. The Rathotsavam concluded with final rituals in the temple premises, leaving participants spiritually uplifted and reaffirming their faith. The event showcased the harmonious blend of tradition, devotion, and community involvement that defines Ontimitta's temple celebrations, reinforcing its status as a key pilgrimage site.

YSRCP Criticized for Credit Theft, Kadapa Leaders Challenge Minister BC Janardhan Reddy

Kadapa, 03 April 2026 | TPN Bureau

Kadapa YSRCP district president P. Ravindranath Reddy strongly condemned remarks by BC Minister Janardhan Reddy claiming a lack of development in Kamalapur constituency, calling them "shameful and misleading." Speaking at the YSRCP district office, Ravindranath accused the minister and coalition opposition leaders of attempting to take credit for projects initiated under the YSRCP government.

He noted that Minister Janardhan Reddy had recently performed a groundbreaking

ceremony for the railway overbridge in Kamalapur, yet publicly claimed the area lacked development. "It is shameful to make such statements without knowing the facts," Ravindranath said, emphasizing that government achievements should not be misrepresented.

Ravindranath outlined ongoing and completed projects, including road widening on Ammaarishala Street, construction of a polytechnic college and government medical facilities, and improvements to water supply and drainage systems. He highlighted that funds for the railway overbridge were sanctioned under

the YSRCP government alongside 67 similar projects nationwide. The leader also criticized opposition leaders for allegedly profiting from sand and soil extraction and illegally operating crushers. He questioned whether Minister Janardhan Reddy, MLA Chaitanya Reddy, or Putha Narasimha Reddy were willing to discuss these allegations openly. Ravindranath reaffirmed his support for YSRCP Chief YS Jagannathan Reddy, describing him as a "true leader" committed to Kamalapur's development. The briefing was attended by senior YSRCP figures, including former Deputy Chief Minister Anjad Basha



and ex-Mayor Paka Suresh, underscoring the party's engage-

ment with local governance and accountability.

Chandrababu Naidu Congratulates Kadapa Collector for National SCOCH Award

Kadapa, 02 April 2026 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu personally congratulated Kadapa District Collector Dr. Sridhar Cherukuri for receiving the prestigious SCOCH (Standing Conference of Public Enterprises) Award in recognition of the Smart Kitchen initiative under the Dokka Seetamma Mid-Day Meal Scheme. The award honors excellence in governance, innovation, and transparency at the national level.

During his district tour, the Chief Minister visited the TTD Guest House in Ontimitta, where Dr. Cheruku-

ri briefed him on the project and presented the award memento. Naidu praised the Collector and the administrative team for their dedication to improving public services and student welfare.

The Smart Kitchen project is designed as SAFE, MODERN, AUTOMATED, RELIABLE, and TRANSPARENT, ensuring students receive hygienic, nutritious, and flavorful meals through technology-driven operations. Currently, five kitchens are operational across Kadapa, with 33 more under construction—seven expected to be completed within the week and the remaining 26 by the end of April. The SCOCH Award high-

lights Kadapa district's exemplary integration of technology and transparency in government schemes, setting a benchmark for other regions. During the visit, the Chief Minister also met district officials, including Joint Collector Dr. Nidhi Meena and Rajampet Sub-Collector Bhavana, to review ongoing developmental projects.

Kadapa's Smart Kitchen initiative demonstrates how innovation, efficiency, and accountability can transform public services, ensuring timely delivery of mid-day meals to students while earning national recognition for governance excellence.



Special Boat Patrolling Task Force Strengthens Coastal Security in Kadapa District

Nellore, 02 April 2026 | TPN Bureau

In a decisive move to curb illegal fishing and protect local fishermen, Andhra Pradesh authorities have strengthened coastal patrols along the state's territorial waters. Mechanized fishing boats from Tamil Nadu and Puducherry have repeatedly entered AP waters illegally, causing damage to nets and intimidating fishermen.

A Special Boat Patrolling Task Force has been established under Kadapa District Collector Himanshu Shukla IAS and District SP Dr. Ajit Vajjandla IPS, working jointly with AP Fisheries, Coastal Security Police, Forest Department, and local fishermen. Daily patrols are launched from Juwvaladinne Fishing Harbour, supported by Marine Inspectors, Sub-Inspectors, and volunteers.

On Thursday, two patrolling boats were deployed along key stretches, including Juwval adinne-Tummalapenta and K r i s h n a Patnam Port-Kothu-Vakadu. Boat - 1 (I N D .



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AP.N.4.MM.789): Staffed by Coastal Security personnel, a Fisheries officer, local volunteers, and operated by Konduru Narasimham with fisherman Sanjeevayya assisting; drone surveillance by D. Harshavardhan. Boat-2 (FKKD1107M): Crew included Coastal Security Police, Fisheries officers,

and a Forest official; assisted by local fishermen Raja, Suresh, and Ravi. During operations, a Puducherry boat attempted illegal entry but escaped offshore. Drone footage identified it as IND.PY.PK.MMI1786, with tampered registration numbers. A Tamil Nadu vessel IND-TN-02-MM-32, carrying 11 personnel, was in-

tercepted and brought to Juwvaladinne for investigation. Authorities stressed ongoing vigilance and urged the public to report suspicious activity at 112. The task force highlights Andhra Pradesh's commitment to safeguarding fishermen, ensuring coastal security, and preventing illegal exploitation of marine resources.

Development in Andhra Pradesh Possible with Amaravati, Says Kovuru MLA Prashanthi Reddy

Nellore, 02 April 2026 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh's development is closely linked to the establishment of Amaravati as its capital, stated Kovuru MLA Vemireddy Prashanthi Reddy on Thursday. Speaking at a cheque distribution program organized at the VIPR office, she emphasized the pride that farmers who contributed land for Amaravati should feel and thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his pivotal role in the legal recognition of the capital. As part of the event, MLA Prashanthi Reddy distributed CMRF (Chief Minister's Relief Fund) cheques worth approximately 66 lakh to 67 beneficiaries across Kovuru constituency and Nellore Parliament area. She noted that the financial support would assist families in distress, demonstrating the coalition government's commitment to welfare initiatives for the underprivileged. Addressing media reports, the MLA condemned false claims by Sakshi Channel, warning that deliberate misinformation would not be tolerated and in-



structing district authorities to take strict action against irregularities. Highlighting ongoing development work, she cited projects such as the 48 crore Kanigiri Reservoir repair and 10 crore allocation to Upputera, as well as road construction, gravel works, and community facilities across villages. She contrasted these achievements with the lack of tangible progress under her predecessor. Concluding her

address, MLA Prashanthi Reddy reaffirmed the government's commitment to transparent and accountable development, ensuring citizens directly benefit from state initiatives. The program underscored the dual focus on honoring Amaravati contributors and supporting economically disadvantaged families, reinforcing public confidence in the administration's welfare and development agenda.



Ex-Mayor Flags Issues in Kadapa Ward Reorganization Plan

Kadapa, 03 April 2026 | TPN Bureau

Former Kadapa Municipal Corporation Mayor Suresh has raised concerns over the state government's recent notification proposing the reorganization of wards in Kadapa city. The notification suggests increasing the number of wards from 50 to 66, creating 16 new wards by splitting larger ones into smaller units. Suresh criticized the move, pointing out that the authorities are relying on outdated 2011 census data, nearly 16 years old, rather than the forthcoming 2027 population census, which will include updated demographic and caste information. He warned that this could result in large disparities in voter distribution—some wards with 2,500-3,000 voters, while others could have 7,000-8,000 voters—undermining administrative efficiency, fair representation, and equitable resource allocation. He also noted that municipal regulations stipulate ward re-

organization should occur once every ten years, yet Kadapa last underwent reorganization in January 2020. Implementing another restructuring just six years later would violate these guidelines.

Suresh formally requested the Municipal Commissioner to halt the current or proposed ward reorganization, refrain from initiating new changes until after the 2027 census results, and ensure that future restructuring adheres to the ten-year interval rule. The appeal received support from former corporators Bala Swamy Reddy, Shafi, and Sriranjana Reddy, who joined Suresh in urging the authorities to consider the process to prevent unnecessary administrative burdens and public inconvenience. The ex-mayor emphasized that using outdated data could lead to disputes and additional costs, making postponement until accurate, updated census figures a prudent step for the city's governance.

Kurnool District to Get Five Veterinary Generic Medicine Outlets: Collector Orders Action

Kurnool, 03 April 2026 | TPN Bureau

The Kurnool district administration has initiated steps to set up five generic medicine outlets for livestock across the district, taking into account the high population of cattle, goats, and sheep. District Collector Dr. A. Siri issued directions to relevant committee members to establish these outlets in areas with the highest livestock density.

On Thursday, a committee meeting was held under the chairmanship of Collector Dr. A. Siri at the Collectorate, with participation from the Sheep Federation and officials from the Animal Husbandry Department. Dr. Siri instructed that generic medicine outlets should be established in Kurnool, Adoni, Pattikonda, Kodu-



mur, and Holagunda using government veterinary hospitals or other government-owned properties, in compliance with state government guidelines. Committee members were asked to provide full cooperation in implementing the initiative.

To facilitate the outlets, the Roads & Buildings SE will provide rent proposals for government properties, and revenue officials will assist with lease proposals and site estimations. The Drug Control Officer will be responsible for granting li-

censes to the outlets. Four of the outlets will be managed under the supervision of Sheep Cooperative Societies, while one will be set up through a Self-Help Group (SHG).

During the meeting, JD of Animal Husbandry Hemant Kumar explained that the cost of establishing each Sheep Federation outlet has been fixed at 3.61 lakh. Four of the outlets have already been progressed, while the Holagunda outlet will be set up by a SHG with a central government subsidy of 1.5 lakh under the Operation Block Program. The remaining four outlets will be partially subsidized with 1.5 lakh each by the Andhra Pradesh Sheep Federation.

Committee members present included JD Animal Husbandry Hemant Kumar, R&B SE Maheshwar Reddy, AD Drugs Con-

trol Hari Har Teja, DCO Shireesh, and AD Sheep Development Ravi Prakash Reddy, among others.

The initiative aims to provide affordable, accessible medicines to farmers and livestock owners, improving veterinary care in the district and ensuring the health and productivity of livestock. By utilizing both cooperative society frameworks and self-help groups, the administration seeks to balance community participation with effective service delivery.

Collector Dr. Siri emphasized that timely establishment of these outlets is critical for the welfare of livestock and local farmers and urged all departments to coordinate closely to ensure smooth implementation.

Amaravati Gains Legal Status as Capital, Celebrations Across State

Tirupati, 02 April 2026 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh MLA Arani Srinivasulu expressed delight over Parliament's approval of Amaravati as the state's permanent capital. He described it as a historic victory fulfilling the aspirations of five crore Telugu people. On Thursday, MLA Srinivasulu, along with NDA coalition leaders, performed rituals at Panchamukha Anjaneya Swamy Temple in Krishnapuramthana, followed by cake-cutting and celebratory fireworks. Leaders exchanged cakes and shared their joy, marking the culmination of long-standing public demand for a single capital.

Srinivasulu acknowledged the pivotal role of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in ensuring parliamentary approval, as



well as the support of farmers, women, and Pawan Kalyan, President of the Jana Sena Party, in achieving legal recog-

nition for Amaravati. He expressed confidence that under the experienced leadership of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, Amaravati will develop over the next decade into a modern city comparable to Singapore.

The MLA also emphasized that alongside Amaravati, the Polavaram project will be completed under the NDA coalition government, driving comprehensive development across the state. He criticized the previous five-year rule under former CM Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, accusing him of delaying state progress through the "three-capitals drama" and the newly proposed "Mavigan" scheme. The celebratory event was attended by several prominent leaders including TDP in-charge Sugunamma, Green & Beautification Corporation Chairperson, Dr. Pasupulati Hariprasad, state Yadava Corporation Chairman Narasimha Yadav, BJP district president Samanchi Srinivas, TDP cluster in-charges Jebi Srinivas, Dampuri Bhaskar, and Jana Sena city president Raja Reddy among others.

Amaravati Legal Recognition Celebrated Across Andhra Pradesh

Tirupati, 02 April 2026 | TPN Bureau

The Parliament's approval of Amaravati as the permanent capital of Andhra Pradesh was hailed as a historic moment by coalition leaders and citizens across the state. Chandragiri MLA Pulivarthi Nani described the move as a long-awaited fulfillment of the aspirations of five crore Telugu people. He criticized the previous YSRCP government for running the state without a designated capital and emphasized that only the current coalition government could realize the vision of a unified state capital. In Chandragiri, MLA Nani organized a grand celebration at Cherlopalli Koodali, where coalition leaders and workers performed palabhishekam on portraits of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, and IT Minister Nara Lokesh, expressing gratitude for their efforts in establishing Amaravati. The event featured large-scale cake-cutting and



fireworks, with citizens and party workers participating enthusiastically. MLA Nani also highlighted that alongside Amaravati, the Polavaram project will be completed with central government support, en-

suring comprehensive development for the state. Similarly, Tirupati MLA Arani Srinivasulu celebrated the Parliamentary approval at Krishna Puram Thana, emphasizing that Amaravati's recog-

inition fulfills the long-standing dreams of the Telugu people. Alongside coalition leaders, MLA Srinivasulu conducted special prayers at Panchamukha Anjaneya Swamy temple and participated in ceremo-

nial cake-cutting and fireworks. He credited the leadership of CM Naidu and Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan, along with the support of Minister Nara Lokesh, for successfully pushing the Amaravati amendment bill through Parliament.

Both leaders underscored the contribution of local farmers and women who offered land and supported the capital project. MLA Srinivasulu expressed confidence that under CM Naidu's guidance, Amaravati would develop over the next decade into a modern, world-class city comparable to Singapore, bringing prosperity to the region. The celebrations across Tirupati and Chandragiri reflected the excitement among coalition leaders, party workers, and local citizens, marking a symbolic moment of unity and progress. The successful passage of the Amaravati amendment bill is being seen as a turning point for Andhra Pradesh's governance and development trajectory, combining administrative vision with grassroots support.



Historic Amaravati Bill Gains Legal Recognition in Parliament

Srikulam, 02 April 2026 | True Point Bureau

The Rajya Sabha's approval of Amaravati as the permanent capital of Andhra Pradesh has been hailed as a historic achievement by Central Civil Aviation Minister Kinjirapu Rammohan Naidu. Speaking in the Upper House, he emphasized the significance of the bill for five crore Telugu people and recalled the hardships endured by Amaravati farmers during the state's bifurcation.

Minister Naidu noted that despite attempts to obstruct the project, over 30,000 acres of land were voluntarily contributed by farmers, ensuring that the city remained ready for development. He praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan for their leadership in realizing the long-standing dream of a unified state capital.

Recalling the post-bifur-

cation turmoil, Naidu condemned the violence faced by women and farmers, including baton charges against pregnant women, and offered sashtang namaskaram to honor their courage. He criticized the previous government for abandoning Amaravati in favor of a three-capital plan, calling it a betrayal of public trust.

The minister described the bill's passage as a milestone in governance, transforming past struggles into opportunities for development. He thanked every individual and leader who contributed to the bill, emphasizing that Amaravati would now serve as Andhra Pradesh's administrative and symbolic heart.

Celebrations erupted across the state, with coalition leaders, MLAs, and citizens participating in prayers, cake-cutting ceremonies, and public gatherings, marking the culmination of a decades-long struggle for the state's permanent capital.



Nellore Rural Sees Major Development Projects Launched

Nellore Rural, 02 April 2026 | TPN Bureau

Early on Thursday morning, development works worth 1.15 crore were inaugurated in the Nellore Rural constituency, covering divisions 1, 2, 12, 17, and 19 at Mutyalapalem. The event was attended by Udayagiri MLA Kakarla Suresh, Nellore Rural MLA Kotamreddy Sridhar Reddy, and prominent TDP leaders including Kotamreddy Giridhar Reddy. Speaking at the event, MLA Sridhar Reddy emphasized, "My sole aim is the development of Nellore Rural. We will remain among the people at all times and bring the welfare initiatives of the coalition government directly to the citizens." He also highlighted the unity among Telugu Desam Party leaders in the district, stating that all party members are committed to the constituency's progress.

The leaders criticized the previous government, noting that even children laugh at the

recent statements made by former CM Jagan Mohan Reddy, underscoring the contrast in governance.

MLA Sridhar Reddy organized the inauguration by inviting all local legislators, establishing a collaborative and traditional approach to development initiatives. Udayagiri MLA Kakarla Suresh praised Sridhar Reddy for his approachable and people-centric style, highlighting that he embodies all qualities expected of a good leader.

The event saw active participation from cluster in-charges, co-cluster in-charges, corporators, division presidents, affiliated association heads, and local leaders from TDP, Jana Sena, and BJP, along with a large number of party workers. The launch marks a significant step toward strengthening infrastructure and public welfare in the Nellore Rural constituency, reflecting the coalition government's commitment to grassroots development.

Historic Approval of Amaravati as Andhra Pradesh Capital Celebrated in Chittoor

Chittoor, 02 April 2026 | TPN Bureau

Following the Parliament's approval of Amaravati as the permanent capital of Andhra Pradesh, coalition leaders and Telugu Desam Party (TDP) officials in Chittoor organized jubilant celebrations on Thursday evening. Under the guidance of MLA Gurjala Jagan Mohan, TDP leaders gathered at the Gandhi Statue Junction, decorating it with flowers and colors while chanting slogans of "Our Capital, Our Amaravati." The celebrations included cake-cutting and lighting lamps, symbolizing the public's joy at the long-awaited legislative recognition.

Speakers emphasized the pivotal role of Chief Minister

N. Chandrababu Naidu, who, along with Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan and IT Minister Nara Lokesh, coordinated with the central coalition government to ensure cross-party support for the Amaravati amendment bill in both Houses of Parliament. They noted that the bill's passage marks a significant milestone for Andhra Pradesh, securing a permanent capital for the state after years of uncertainty.

Leaders also criticized the YSRCP for opposing the bill and attempting to undermine Amaravati's status, accusing the party of public-opposed policies and conspiracies against the capital. They demanded that YSRCP MPs apologize to the people of Andhra

Pradesh for their actions.

The event saw participation from key coalition figures, including TDP district president Shanmukham Reddy, Chuda Chairperson Katari Hemalatha, JJGM Charitable Foundation Director Gurjala Chennakesavulu Naidu, Molyar Corporation Chairman Tyagarajan, former MLC BN Rajasimha, city TDP president Naresh, former MLA AS Manohar, and a large number of party workers, women leaders, and local committee members from clusters, divisions, and booths.

The celebrations reflected widespread public pride and enthusiasm as Amaravati officially became the sole legislative capital of Andhra Pradesh.



Mega Health Checkup Camp for Journalists a Success in Chittoor

Chittoor, 02 April 2026 | TPN Bureau

A special Master Health Checkup Camp for journalists received an overwhelming response at the District Headquarters Government Hospital (GH) in Chittoor on Thursday. Organized under the supervision of District Collector Sumit Kumar, in coordination with the District Administration and I&PR Department and with support from Apollo Hospitals, the camp saw media representatives attend along with their family members for comprehensive health assessments. The camp, which began at 8 a.m., offered expert consultations in General Medicine, General Surgery, Orthopedics, Dermatology, ENT, and Ophthalmology. Special services included Gynecology for women and Pediatrics for children. Diagnostic tests conducted included Complete Blood Count (CBC), urine tests, blood sugar, kidney and liver function tests, cholesterol, and where neces-

sary, X-ray, Ultrasound, ECG, and Echo examinations. Additionally, mammogram and Pap smear tests were available for women. Based on the results, specialists provided personalized medical advice and suggested follow-up treatment as needed. The camp was efficiently coordinated by AIMSR and GHH officials, ensuring seamless delivery of medical services and free assistance for those requiring urgent care.

Key attendees included Apollo Knowledge City Unit Head Balaraj S, Medical Superintendent Dr. Ranganath B.G., Hospital Administrative Officer Ramagopal Reddy N., I&PR DD Velayudam, department heads, and medical experts.

Journalists praised the initiative, noting that it encouraged them to pay closer attention to their health. Officials confirmed that similar health camps will be organized in the future to promote preventive healthcare among media professionals and their families.

Statewide Celebrations in Andhra Pradesh as Amaravati Gains Legal Status

Tirupati, 02 April 2026 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh celebrated the legal recognition of Amaravati as its permanent capital, with events organized across districts under the directives of the state government, said District Collector Dr. S. Venkateshwar. On Thursday night, a ceremonial lamp-lighting (Jyoti Prajwalana) was held at the Tirupati Collectorate, attended by JC R. Govindaraju, DRO G. Narasimha, Sri Kalahasti RDO Bhanu Prakash Reddy, and other district officials. The collector highlighted that under the leadership of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, the state assembly took a historic decision to designate Amaravati as the permanent capital, subse-



quently receiving approval from both the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha. He described the move as a proud moment for the state and a fulfillment of

the aspirations of Andhra Pradesh citizens. In keeping with government directives, the Tirupati Collectorate and various offices were

decorated with colors and electric lights. Departments such as ICDS, R&B, MEPMA, and other government offices participated in festive lighting.

Women's Quota Bill: Congress vs BJP Clash Over 'Hurry' in Parliament

A sharp political confrontation has erupted in Parliament between the Indian National Congress and the Bharatiya Janata Party over the government's push to fast-track steps related to the women's reservation law.

At the centre of the debate is the implementation of the 33% reservation for women in the Lok Sabha and state assemblies under the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam passed in 2023. While both parties support women's reservation in principle, they are divided over the timing and process.

Congress questions the urgency

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge has raised concerns about the government's urgency, questioning why such major changes are being rushed. He argued that there is no immediate need to fast-track the process since the law is expected to come into effect from the 2029 general elections.

The Congress has also demanded broader consultations, including an all-party meeting, to ensure transparency and consensus before moving



ahead with any amendments or implementation steps. The party believes that such an important reform should not be handled hastily.

BJP pushes for faster implementation

The BJP-led government,

however, is exploring ways to speed up the rollout of the quota. It is considering options to overcome delays linked to the Census and the delimitation process, which are currently prerequisites for implementation.

The government's stance is that quicker action will help ensure that women's representation in legislatures becomes a reality without unnecessary delays. It has also been examining structural changes, including the possibility of increas-

ing the number of parliamentary seats to accommodate the quota.

Core issue behind the clash

The disagreement is not about the idea of reservation itself but about how and when it should be implemented:

- Congress view: No urgency, need for wider consultation and clarity
- BJP view: Act quickly, remove procedural hurdles, and ensure timely rollout

Broader political context

The issue is linked to several larger factors, including the pending Census, constituency delimitation, and potential expansion of Parliament seats. These elements make the implementation process more complex and politically sensitive.

Conclusion

Although there is broad political agreement on enhancing women's representation, the current clash highlights differences in approach between the two major parties. The final outcome will determine how soon and in what manner one of India's most significant electoral reforms is put into practice.



India's Defence Exports Hit Record 38,424 Crore in FY 2025-26: Rajnath Singh

India's defence exports have reached an all-time high of 38,424 crore in the financial year 2025-26, marking a major milestone for the country's growing defence manufacturing sector.

Announcing the achievement, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said exports recorded a sharp growth of over 62% compared to the previous financial year, reflecting rising global demand for India's indigenous defence products and technologies.

The previous year's defence exports stood at 23,622 crore, indicating a substantial increase within a short span. Officials described the surge as a landmark achievement that highlights the steady progress of India's defence ecosystem.

A notable aspect of this growth is the balanced contribution from both public and private sectors. Defence Public Sector Undertakings accounted for a significant share, while private companies also played a crucial role, underlining the expanding participation of industry players in the sector.

India's defence exports have nearly tripled over the past five years, showcasing sustained

momentum and increasing international confidence in Indian-made military equipment. The country is now supplying defence products to over 80 nations, strengthening its position in the global market.

Government initiatives aimed at promoting domestic manufacturing, easing export regulations, and encouraging innovation have been key drivers behind this growth. Policy reforms and streamlined procedures have enabled Indian firms to become more competitive globally.

The achievement is also aligned with India's broader vision of self-reliance under the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative, which focuses on boosting indigenous production and reducing dependence on imports.

Officials believe that with continued policy support and industry participation, India's defence exports are likely to grow further in the coming years. Overall, the record-breaking figures signal a strong upward trajectory for India's defence sector, positioning the country as an emerging global player while reinforcing its push toward self-sufficiency.



Judicial Officers 'Held Hostage' in Bengal: Supreme Court Raps State, Mamata Reacts

A major controversy has erupted in poll-bound West Bengal after judicial officers were allegedly held "hostage" by a mob, prompting strong remarks from the Supreme Court and a sharp political response from Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee.

The incident took place in Malda district, where seven judicial officers—engaged in an election-related verification exercise—were surrounded and detained by a group of people for several hours. The protest was reportedly triggered by anger over deletion of names from the electoral rolls ahead of the Assembly elections.

The situation escalated to such an extent that security forces had to intervene late at night to safely rescue the officials. The episode raised serious concerns about the safety of judicial personnel and the conduct of election-related processes.

Taking serious note of the incident, the Supreme Court strongly criticized the situation, calling it a grave challenge to the rule of law and judicial authority. The court sought explanations from top state officials and indicated that such incidents cannot be

tolerated in a democratic system.

Reacting to the controversy, Mamata Banerjee said she was unaware of the incident when it happened and claimed that she had not been informed by the administration. She also alleged that the Election Commission had taken control of key administrative functions in the state, limiting her government's authority over law and order.

The Chief Minister further criticized the Election Commission, accusing it of failing to maintain law and order during the election period. She suggested that recent administrative changes ahead of the polls had weakened the state government's control.

The incident has triggered a political storm, with opposition parties alleging a breakdown of governance in the state. Meanwhile, the Election Commission has sought a detailed report from state authorities on how the situation unfolded.

Overall, the episode has raised serious questions about law and order, institutional authority, and election management in West Bengal, with the Supreme Court's intervention underscoring the gravity of the situation.

Delhi Court Dismisses Defamation Case Against Nirmala Sitharaman, Uses Rare Word

Delhi court has dismissed a criminal defamation complaint against Nirmala Sitharaman, drawing attention for its unusual use of the 29-letter word "flocinaucinilipilification" in the judgment.

The complaint was filed by Lipika Mitra, wife of Somnath Bharti, alleging that remarks made by Sitharaman during the 2024 Lok Sabha election campaign were defamatory.

However, the Rouse Avenue Court refused to proceed with the case, stating that there was no sufficient ground to establish a prima facie offence of criminal defamation. The judge observed that the allegations lacked substance and did not meet the legal requirements

necessary to continue the proceedings.

In a notable observation, the court described the complaint as "flocinaucinilipilification"—a rare English term meaning something that is worthless or of no value. The judge indicated that the case amounted to a baseless claim that did not merit further legal consideration. The court also emphasized that the statements in question were made in a political context. It held that such remarks are part of political discourse between rival parties and do not automatically amount to criminal defamation. Additionally, the court pointed out that the alleged statements did not directly target the complainant in a defam-

atory manner. It noted that the complaint largely revolved around the reputation of her husband rather than demonstrating personal harm, which weakened the legal standing of the case. After reviewing the arguments and evidence, the court concluded that the essential elements required to prove defamation were not present and dismissed the complaint.

The use of the rare word in the judgment quickly drew public attention, with many people discussing its meaning and significance. Overall, the ruling brings an end to the legal challenge against Nirmala Sitharaman and reinforces the distinction between political criticism and criminal defamation in the judicial process.

Nashik 'Godman' Arrested in Rape Case Also Faced Abetment to Suicide Charge

Self-styled astrologer Ashok Kharat, who was recently arrested in a rape case, had earlier been accused in a separate case of abetment to suicide, further deepening the controversy surrounding him.

According to investigators, a 37-year-old man named Vikas Ramdas Divate died by suicide in Shirdi in 2022 and left behind a note allegedly blaming Kharat for his death. This revelation has added another serious dimension to the ongoing probe into the astrologer's activities.

Kharat, a former Merchant Navy officer who styled himself as a spiritual figure, is currently facing multiple criminal cases, including several allegations of sexual assault and exploitation. Police have regis-

tered numerous FIRs, with several women accusing him of abusing them under the guise of religious rituals and spiritual guidance.

Investigations have revealed a disturbing pattern in which Kharat allegedly manipulated victims by instilling fear and claiming supernatural powers. In some cases, he is accused of using substances to disorient victims before assaulting them. Authorities have also recovered digital evidence, including video recordings, which are now part of the probe. The case has sparked widespread outrage, with more victims coming forward and exposing what appears to be a larger network of exploitation. Officials are now examining financial transactions and possible links to in-

fluential individuals as part of a broader investigation.

The earlier abetment-to-suicide allegation, combined with the current rape charges, has intensified scrutiny on Kharat's activities and raised questions about how he was able to operate for years without intervention. Police have assured that all aspects of the case are being thoroughly investigated, and strict action will be taken based on evidence. The case continues to unfold, with authorities expecting more revelations as the probe progresses. Overall, the developments highlight serious concerns about exploitation under the guise of spirituality and the need for stronger oversight to prevent such incidents in the future.



Gen Z Voters Signal Big Shift in Tamil Nadu Polls

The upcoming 2026 Assembly elections in Tamil Nadu are witnessing a notable shift, with Gen Z voters emerging as a crucial force that could influence the outcome.

Young voters across the state are expressing clear expectations from political parties. Their priorities include reducing dynasty politics, improving infrastructure, boosting economic opportunities, and ensuring stronger safety measures for women. These demands indicate a move away from traditional political narratives toward more performance-driven governance.

Unlike older voting patterns that often relied on party loyalty, caste alignments, or long-standing political affiliations, Gen Z voters appear more issue-focused. Many in this demographic are evaluating parties based on development, job prospects, and transparency rather than legacy or identity politics. Despite this shift, established parties like the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam are still seen as strong con-

tenders due to their alliance strength and welfare schemes. However, analysts believe that a significant turnout of young voters could alter traditional equations.

Gen Z voters are also highly connected through social media and digital platforms, making them more aware and vocal about governance issues. Their engagement is influencing campaign strategies, with political parties increasingly focusing on youth-centric messaging and outreach.

A key question remains whether this large and dynamic voter group will turn out in significant numbers on polling day. Experts suggest that if participation is high, Gen Z could play a decisive role in determining who forms the next government in the state.

Overall, the 2026 Tamil Nadu elections are shaping up to be more than just a contest between major parties—they may mark a generational shift in voting behaviour, driven by young, informed, and aspirational voters.

AAP Drops Raghav Chadha as Rajya Sabha Deputy Leader, Sparks Buzz Over Internal Rift

The Aam Aadmi Party has removed Raghav Chadha from his position as Deputy Leader in the Rajya Sabha, marking a significant shift in the party's parliamentary leadership.

The decision was formally communicated to the Rajya Sabha Secretariat, with the party also requesting that Chadha should no longer be allotted time to speak in the House. This move effectively sidelines him from a key parliamentary role.

Chadha has been replaced by Ashok Mittal, a Punjab-based Member of Parliament, indicating a reshuffle in the party's strategy within the Upper



House.

While the party has not officially stated the reasons behind the decision, the develop-

ment has triggered widespread speculation about internal dynamics within the AAP. Sources suggest the move could be

linked to differences within the leadership or a broader restructuring of responsibilities. Some reports indicate that the removal may have been intended to limit Chadha's role in parliamentary proceedings, though this has not been confirmed publicly by the party.

Others describe it as part of a routine internal adjustment. The development is particularly notable because Chadha has long been seen as one of AAP's prominent national faces and a close associate of party chief Arvind Kejriwal. His sudden removal from such a key position has therefore raised questions about his cur-

rent standing within the party.

The change also comes at a time when AAP is navigating important political challenges, making leadership decisions in Parliament even more significant.

Despite the buzz, there has been no official reaction from Chadha so far. Party leaders have also downplayed the issue, describing it as an internal matter. Overall, the move signals a notable shift within AAP's parliamentary setup, with observers closely watching whether it reflects a temporary adjustment or a deeper change in the party's internal dynamics.

Iran Issues Strong Warning Amid Fears of US Ground Invasion

Tensions in the Middle East have escalated further as Iran's top military leadership issued a stern warning against any potential ground invasion by the United States, signaling a dangerous turn in the ongoing conflict.

Iran's army chief has reportedly instructed military commanders to remain on high alert and be fully prepared for any possible attack. In a strong message, he warned that if US forces initiate a ground invasion, they would face severe retaliation, indicating that Iran is ready to respond with full military force.

The warning comes amid

increasing concerns over a broader regional conflict. The United States has reportedly strengthened its military presence in the region, raising speculation about the possibility of further escalation. In response, Iranian officials have intensified their rhetoric, emphasizing preparedness and vigilance across their armed forces.

Military units in Iran have been directed to closely monitor developments and be ready to counter any aggressive move. The leadership has stressed that the country will not hesitate to defend its sovereignty and respond decisively to any form of invasion.

In addition to preparing for direct confrontation, Iran has also warned of wider retaliation targeting US interests in the region. Officials have indicated that any escalation could trigger broader consequences, potentially affecting multiple countries and regions.

The ongoing conflict has already witnessed significant military activity, including airstrikes, missile attacks, and proxy engagements. These developments have led to rising casualties and growing concerns about the humanitarian impact of the crisis.

Experts warn that a ground invasion would mark a major

escalation, potentially leading to prolonged conflict and severe instability across the Middle East. Such a move could draw in multiple nations and further complicate efforts to de-escalate tensions. Despite the rising hostility, there are indications that diplomatic channels remain open, although progress appears limited. Both sides continue to prepare for worst-case scenarios even as calls for restraint grow louder from the international community.

Overall, the situation remains highly volatile, with strong warnings, military build-up, and ongoing clashes pointing to an uncertain and potentially dangerous future.



US Deploys 'George H.W. Bush' Carrier to Middle East Amid Escalating Iran War

The United States has significantly stepped up its military presence in the Middle East by deploying the USS George H.W. Bush aircraft carrier strike group, as tensions with Iran continue to intensify.

The nuclear-powered super-carrier, one of the largest warships in the world, departed from Naval Station Norfolk in Virginia as part of what officials described as a scheduled deployment. However, the timing of the move highlights growing concerns over the escalating conflict in the region.

The USS George H.W. Bush is not operating alone. It is leading a powerful strike group that includes multiple guided-missile destroyers and thousands of personnel. The carrier itself is equipped with advanced fighter jets such as F/A-18 Hornets and Super Hornets, along with F-35C stealth aircraft, electronic warfare systems, and surveillance aircraft. Its accompanying destroyers provide additional protection with missile defense systems, anti-submarine capabilities, and long-range strike

options.

This deployment comes as the United States increases its military buildup in response to ongoing hostilities involving Iran. The addition of the George H.W. Bush would make it one of multiple US carrier strike groups positioned in or near the region, signaling a major show of force.

The move also follows technical issues with another advanced US carrier, the USS Gerald R. Ford, which has been sidelined for repairs after a fire incident. The George H.W. Bush is expected to help fill that operational gap and maintain US naval strength in the region.

Meanwhile, US President Donald Trump has issued strong warnings to Iran, reportedly threatening severe consequences if tensions escalate further. His remarks have added to already heightened rhetoric between the two nations, raising fears of a broader and more intense conflict.

Military analysts suggest that deploying multiple carrier strike groups gives the US significant strategic flexibility.

These floating bases can launch airstrikes, enforce blockades, and support ground operations if required. The presence of such forces also acts as a deterrent, signaling readiness for large-scale military engagement.

The ongoing conflict has already seen extensive airstrikes, missile exchanges, and disruptions to global oil supply routes, particularly around the Strait of Hormuz. With additional US forces moving into the region, concerns are growing about the possibility of further escalation, including a potential ground conflict.

Despite the show of strength, uncertainty remains over the next phase of the conflict. While diplomatic channels have not been completely shut, both sides appear to be preparing for prolonged confrontation.

Overall, the deployment of the USS George H.W. Bush underscores the seriousness of the situation, marking a significant escalation in military readiness as tensions between the United States and Iran continue to rise.

Trump Downplays Hormuz Importance, But Global Markets Signal Serious Risks

US President Donald Trump has sparked fresh debate after claiming that the United States does not depend on the Strait of Hormuz, even as global markets and economists warn of serious economic consequences from disruptions in the critical oil route.

In his latest remarks, Trump said the US is now largely independent of Middle Eastern oil and "doesn't need" supplies passing through the Strait of Hormuz. He also suggested that countries heavily reliant on the route should take responsibility for securing it, effectively shifting the burden to oil-importing nations.

However, market reactions and economic data tell a more complex story. The Strait of Hormuz remains one of the world's most vital energy chokepoints, handling roughly 20 percent of global oil supply. Any disruption to this route has immediate ripple effects on global oil prices, regardless of whether the US directly imports oil from the region.

Following Trump's comments and ongoing tensions in



the Middle East, crude oil prices

surged sharply, reflecting fears of prolonged supply disruptions. Analysts point out that oil pricing is determined globally, meaning even countries with lower direct dependence on Middle Eastern oil—like the US—are still impacted through higher global benchmark prices.

Economists warn that sustained disruption could push inflation higher in the United States. Rising fuel costs tend to feed into transportation, manufacturing, and consumer goods, increasing overall price levels. Some projections sug-

gest inflation could rise significantly if the crisis continues.

The impact extends beyond oil. The Strait is also a key route for global trade in fertilizers, chemicals, and industrial inputs. Supply constraints have already begun pushing up prices of commodities such as aluminum, sugar, and helium, which are essential for industries including agriculture and semiconductor manufacturing.

For countries like India, the risks are even more direct. As a major importer of crude oil, India is highly vulnerable to supply shocks. Disruptions in

Hormuz can widen the current account deficit, weaken the rupee, and increase domestic inflation. Rising fuel costs also have a cascading effect on food prices and overall cost of living.

Global financial markets have reacted nervously to the situation. Rising oil prices, a stronger US dollar, and declining equities reflect investor concerns about prolonged geopolitical instability and its economic fallout.

While Trump's assertion highlights America's reduced reliance on Middle Eastern oil, experts stress that no major economy is insulated from global energy shocks. The interconnected nature of oil markets ensures that disruptions in one region quickly translate into worldwide economic consequences.

Overall, the situation underscores a key reality: even if the US does not directly depend on the Strait of Hormuz, the global economy certainly does—and that makes its stability crucial for everyone.



Iran War Could Disrupt Internet After Fuel, LPG—Here's How

The ongoing Iran conflict is not only affecting global fuel and LPG supplies but also poses a serious risk to internet connectivity worldwide, including in countries like India that depend heavily on international data networks.

At the center of this concern are undersea fibre-optic cables, the backbone of global internet infrastructure. These cables run across ocean floors and carry the vast majority of international data, enabling everything from video streaming and online banking to cloud computing and communication services.

A significant number of these cables pass through sensitive regions in the Middle East, particularly near the Strait of Hormuz and the Red Sea—areas currently witnessing heightened military activity. These narrow routes are not just critical for oil transportation but also serve as key digital highways connecting Asia, Europe, and Africa.

Experts warn that any damage to these cables—whether from military strikes, naval operations, or accidental disruptions—could lead to slower internet speeds, service interruptions, or even outages in multiple regions. The risk increases during conflicts, as these cables are not designed to withstand war conditions.

Repairing undersea cables is also a complex and time-consuming process. Specialized ships and equipment are required, and ongoing conflict in the region could delay repair efforts, prolonging disruptions.

For India, the impact could be significant. A large portion of the country's international internet traffic is routed through networks that pass via the Middle East. Any disruption in these links could affect IT services, digital payments, remote work, and everyday internet usage.

In addition to physical damage, the threat of cyber warfare is also growing. Conflicts increasingly involve cyberattacks targeting communication networks and digital infrastructure, which can disrupt services even without direct physical damage.

Governments involved in conflicts may also impose internet restrictions or shutdowns for security reasons, further affecting global connectivity. Overall, the situation highlights how modern conflicts extend into the digital domain. While disruptions to oil supplies have immediate economic effects, the potential impact on internet infrastructure could have equally far-reaching consequences for economies, businesses, and daily life around the world.

Trump Mocks Macron With Personal Jibe, Sparks Diplomatic Row

US President Donald Trump stirred controversy after making personal remarks about French President Emmanuel Macron and his wife Brigitte Macron, intensifying tensions between the two leaders amid an already volatile geopolitical situation.

During a private gathering, Trump reportedly mocked Macron, claiming that the French leader was "still recovering" and alleging that his wife "treats him extremely badly." The remarks were seen as a direct reference to a viral 2025 video that appeared to show Brigitte Macron pushing her husband's face during an official visit to Vietnam.

Trump's comments came while he was criticizing European allies, particularly



France, for not supporting US military efforts in the Middle East. He suggested that despite

requesting assistance, France declined to participate, adding to his frustration with NATO

partners.

The remarks quickly drew criticism and added a personal dimension to an already strained diplomatic relationship. French officials and political leaders viewed the comments as inappropriate, especially given the seriousness of the ongoing conflict in the Middle East.

Responding to the controversy, Macron dismissed the statements, calling them neither appropriate nor reflective of the gravity of the current global situation. He avoided escalating the exchange further but made it clear that such remarks were not in line with diplomatic standards.

The incident highlights growing friction between the United States and its European allies. Differences over mili-

tary strategy, particularly regarding the situation in the Gulf region and Iran, have already created divisions. Trump's public criticism of NATO members and his aggressive stance on global conflicts have further widened the gap.

Analysts say personal remarks between world leaders can complicate already delicate diplomatic relations. At a time when coordinated global action is crucial, such exchanges risk undermining trust and cooperation among allies. Overall, the episode underscores how geopolitical tensions are increasingly being accompanied by sharp personal rhetoric, raising concerns about the impact on international diplomacy and alliance unity.

Viral Video Shows US F-15 Chasing Iranian Drone Over Iraq Amid Escalation

A dramatic video circulating online appears to show a US fighter jet attempting to intercept an Iranian drone over Iraq, highlighting the growing intensity of aerial encounters in the ongoing conflict.

The footage reportedly captures a US F-15 aircraft pursuing Iranian-made Shahed drones in Iraqi airspace. In the video, the jet can be seen maneuvering overhead, followed by visuals of an explosion and a plume of smoke rising from the ground, suggesting a possible strike or impact.

The incident is believed to be linked to a drone attack on an oil facility in Erbil, located in Iraq's Kurdistan region. The strike reportedly triggered a fire at the site, underscoring



the vulnerability of key energy infrastructure amid escalating

tensions. The video has been widely

shared across social media platforms, with some sources claiming that the US jet was unable to successfully intercept the drones. These claims, however, remain unverified, and there has been no official confirmation from US authorities regarding the authenticity of the footage or the exact details of the encounter.

The development comes at a time when drone warfare is playing an increasingly prominent role in the conflict. Iranian-made drones, known for being relatively low-cost and effective, have been widely used to target military bases and critical infrastructure across the region.

Experts note that such incidents highlight a significant shift in modern warfare, where

inexpensive drones can challenge advanced and costly defense systems. This evolving dynamic is forcing militaries around the world to rethink traditional air defense strategies.

The situation also reflects the broader escalation in the Middle East, where airspace has become highly contested and unpredictable. With multiple actors involved and increasing use of advanced weaponry, the risk of further incidents remains high.

Overall, the viral video underscores the changing nature of warfare, where technology, speed, and unconventional tactics are reshaping how conflicts are fought and raising new security concerns globally.

Market Rebounds Amid Volatility; Nifty Ends Above 22,700 on Stronger Rupee

Indian equity markets recovered in the final hours of trading on April 2, closing marginally higher after a highly volatile session. Benchmark indices erased early losses, supported by a sharp appreciation in the Indian rupee and late buying in select sectors, especially information technology stocks.

The session began on a weak note, with markets opening lower due to negative global cues. Investor sentiment was impacted by rising geopolitical tensions and an increase in crude oil prices, which raised concerns about inflation and economic stability. As a result, the Nifty slipped below the 22,200 mark during intraday trade,

while the Sensex also declined significantly.

However, the trend reversed in the latter half of the session. Strong buying activity in the final hour helped markets rebound sharply from their lows. The Sensex recovered to close higher by around 185 points at 73,319.55, while the Nifty gained 33.70 points to settle at 22,713.10, reclaiming the key 22,700 level.

A major factor behind the recovery was the strong performance of the Indian rupee, which recorded one of its sharpest gains in recent years. The currency appreciated significantly against the US dollar following measures by the Reserve Bank of India to stabilize the forex market. The strength-

ening rupee boosted investor confidence and supported gains in export-oriented sectors like IT.

Among sectors, IT stocks led the rally, with major companies witnessing strong buying interest. The Nifty IT index posted notable gains, providing crucial support to the broader market. Realty stocks also showed some resilience. On the other hand, sectors such as banking, auto, oil & gas, pharma, and consumer durables ended the session in the red, reflecting continued pressure in these segments.

Despite the recovery in benchmark indices, broader markets remained weak. Mid-cap and smallcap indices closed lower, indicating cautious senti-

ment among investors. Market breadth was mixed, with more stocks declining than advancing, and several shares hitting their 52-week lows. On a weekly basis, the market showed signs of weakness, with both Sensex and Nifty registering slight losses. Analysts believe the late recovery was largely driven by short-covering and selective buying rather than strong bullish momentum. Overall, the session highlighted the fragile nature of the current market environment. While a stronger rupee and last-minute buying helped lift indices, ongoing global uncertainties and uneven sectoral performance continue to keep investors cautious in the near term.



RBI Crackdown Jolts Offshore NDF Market; Speculative Trades Face Reality Check

India's multi-billion-dollar offshore non-deliverable forward (NDF) market has come under intense pressure following a series of strict measures by the Reserve Bank of India aimed at curbing speculative currency trading. The move marks one of the most aggressive regulatory interventions in over a decade, as authorities attempt to stabilize the rapidly weakening rupee.

The offshore NDF market, widely used by global investors and traders to bet on the rupee without physical delivery, has grown significantly in recent years. Market participants estimate that the Indian NDF segment sees monthly turnover between \$5 billion and \$8 billion, translating into an overall volume of nearly \$150 billion. This makes the rupee one of the most actively traded currencies in the offshore derivatives space.

However, the market has now been forced into a major reset. The RBI's latest actions are specifically designed to curb arbitrage-driven speculative activity, where traders exploit price differences between onshore and offshore currency markets. These trades had in-

tensified amid heightened volatility in the rupee, particularly after geopolitical tensions and rising crude oil prices put pressure on the currency.

The rupee has been under sustained stress in recent months. It has declined more than 3 percent so far this year and slipped nearly 2 percent since the escalation of conflict in West Asia. At one point, it even breached the psychological level of Rs 95 per US dollar, reflecting the severity of market pressures.

To counter this, the RBI first introduced a cap on banks' net open positions in the rupee, limiting them to \$100 million by the end of each trading day. This move effectively forced banks to unwind large speculative and arbitrage positions built in offshore markets. Analysts estimate that as much as \$40 billion worth of such trades may need to be unwound in the process.

The central bank followed up with even stricter measures, including tighter controls on forex derivatives and steps to break the linkage between onshore and offshore markets. These actions aim to ensure that currency trades are driven by genuine hedging

needs rather than speculative bets.

Despite the initial intervention, speculative pressures persisted, prompting the RBI to escalate its response. Corporate players and importers were still exploiting price gaps between markets, leading to further volatility. The latest clampdown is intended to eliminate such loopholes and restore stability to the currency ecosystem.

Market experts believe the crackdown will have far-reaching consequences. While it is expected to reduce excessive volatility and speculative flows, it may also increase costs for hedging and reduce liquidity in offshore markets. Banks could face mark-to-market losses as they unwind positions, while traders may need to reassess strategies that relied heavily on arbitrage opportunities. Overall, the RBI's decisive action signals a strong commitment to defending the rupee and maintaining orderly market conditions. While the offshore NDF market has been a key component of global currency trading, the recent measures make it clear that speculative excesses will no longer be tolerated.

Government Backs RBI Crackdown on Currency Speculation

The Government of India has extended strong support to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) following its decisive crackdown on speculative activity in the currency markets. The move comes amid heightened volatility in the rupee, which has been under pressure due to global uncertainties and rising crude oil prices.

Officials indicated that the government is aligned with the RBI's efforts to curb excessive speculation, particularly in offshore markets. Public sector banks have been advised to refrain from taking aggressive or speculative positions in the currency market, especially during periods of instability. The focus is on ensuring that financial institutions prioritize genuine hedging requirements over profit-driven arbitrage trades.

The RBI recently rolled out a series of stringent measures aimed at tightening control over speculative trading. These include restrictions on non-deliverable forward (NDF)

transactions and limits on banks' net open positions in the currency market. The steps are considered among the most significant interventions in recent years, reflecting the seriousness of the situation.

The rupee has faced sustained pressure in recent months, weakening to record lows against the US dollar. This depreciation has been driven by a combination of factors, including geopolitical tensions, rising oil prices, and capital outflows. Speculative trades, especially those exploiting price gaps between offshore and onshore markets, have further intensified the pressure.

By supporting the RBI's actions, the government aims to promote stability and discipline in the foreign exchange market. Authorities believe that unchecked speculation can amplify volatility and pose risks to the broader financial system. The coordinated approach is intended to send a clear message that excessive risk-taking will not be tolerated.

The joint stance of the gov-



Market experts suggest that the crackdown could lead to short-term disruptions, including reduced liquidity and higher costs for hedging. Banks and traders may need to unwind large positions built over time, which could temporarily impact market dynamics. However, these steps are expected to strengthen the overall resilience of the currency market in the long run.

The joint stance of the gov-

ernment and the RBI is seen as a crucial step toward restoring investor confidence. While the measures may limit speculative opportunities, they are likely to create a more stable and transparent trading environment. Overall, the crackdown reflects a proactive effort to safeguard the rupee and ensure orderly functioning of the currency market, even as global economic conditions remain uncertain.

Rupee Logs Biggest Jump Since 2013 After RBI's Strong Measures

The Indian rupee staged a sharp comeback on April 2, registering its biggest single-day gain in more than a decade after decisive intervention by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to curb speculative trading in the currency market.

The rupee appreciated by around 156 paise, or nearly 1.6 percent, to close at 93.14 against the US dollar. During intraday trade, it surged even further to touch a high near 92.82, marking its strongest rally since 2013.

This remarkable recovery comes after a period of sustained weakness in the currency. The rupee had recently slipped past the 95-per-dollar mark and hit record lows, driven by global uncertainties, rising crude oil prices, and persistent capital outflows. The sharp depreciation had raised concerns about currency stability and prompted urgent action from the central bank.

The RBI responded with a series of strict measures aimed at controlling speculative pressure. These included tighten-



ing limits on banks' foreign exchange positions, restricting non-deliverable forward (NDF) trading, and curbing practices such as rebooking of cancelled forward contracts. These steps were designed to reduce arbitrage-driven bets and bring discipline to the forex market.

Following the announcement of these measures, banks and traders rushed to unwind their positions, leading to heavy dollar selling in the domestic market. This surge in dollar supply played a key role in strengthening the rupee significantly within a single trading session.

Despite the strong rebound, volatility in the currency market remained high. Increased activity in the derivatives and forward segments led to tighter risk controls and higher margin requirements, reflecting the intensity of market movements.

Experts believe that the sharp rally is largely driven by regulatory action and short-covering rather than a fundamental improvement in the underlying economic conditions. As a result, the rupee may continue to trade within a range in the near term, with global factors still exerting influence.

Key external risks remain, including elevated crude oil prices and ongoing geopolitical tensions, particularly in West Asia. These factors could continue to put pressure on the rupee and limit sustained gains.

While the RBI's intervention has provided immediate relief and restored some confidence, analysts caution that long-term stability will depend on broader economic trends, capital inflows, and global market conditions.

Overall, the rupee's surge highlights the powerful impact of central bank action in stabilizing financial markets, even as uncertainty continues to linger in the global economic environment.

Stock Markets Shut on Good Friday; NSE, BSE to Remain Closed on April 3

Indian stock markets will remain closed on Friday, April 3, 2026, on account of Good Friday, leading to a shortened trading week for investors and traders. Both the National Stock Exchange (NSE) and the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) will not conduct trading across equity, derivatives, and currency segments for the day.

Good Friday, a significant Christian observance marking the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, is recognized as a public holiday in India. As a result, financial markets across the country remain shut in line with the annual holiday calendar issued by the

exchanges.

This closure comes during an already holiday-shortened week for Dalal Street. Earlier in the week, markets were also closed for Shri Mahavir Jayanti, reducing the number of active trading sessions. With the Good Friday holiday, investors effectively get a long weekend, as regular trading will resume on Monday, April 6.

All segments of the stock market, including equity trading, equity derivatives, and securities lending and borrowing (SLB), will remain completely shut during the holiday. There will be no settlement or clearing activity

either. Additionally, commodity markets such as the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX) are also expected to remain closed for both morning and evening sessions.

Globally, several major markets are also closed on Good Friday. Leading exchanges in the United States and parts of Europe observe the holiday, resulting in a pause in global trading activity. This synchronized closure across key financial hubs often leads to lower global liquidity and limited cues for investors.

Market participants are advised to plan their trades accordingly, as no transactions can be executed on the holi-

day. Experts often caution traders to adjust positions in advance of such breaks, especially during periods of heightened volatility in global markets. Looking ahead, April will witness another stock market holiday later in the month on account of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Jayanti. Investors should keep track of the official holiday calendar to avoid disruptions in trading strategies.

Overall, the Good Friday closure provides a brief pause for the markets, allowing participants to reassess trends and prepare for the upcoming trading sessions in the new week.



SRH Crush KKR by 65 Runs for First IPL 2026 Win

Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) delivered a commanding performance to defeat Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) by 65 runs, claiming their first victory of the IPL 2026 season at a packed Eden Gardens on Thursday night.

Batting first, SRH posted a formidable 226/8 in their 20 overs, led by aggressive half-centuries from Heinrich Klaasen (52 off 35 balls) and Abhishek Sharma (48 off 21 balls). Klaasen's composed innings provided the backbone for the team, while Sharma and Nitish Kumar Reddy (39) added

quickfire contributions in the middle and lower order, ensuring SRH set a challenging target.

KKR's chase started brightly with an explosive start from Finn Allen, who scored 28 off seven balls, but the momentum quickly shifted after his dismissal. The KKR lineup struggled to build partnerships and ultimately collapsed for 161 in 16 overs, leaving a 65-run margin in SRH's favor.

SRH's bowlers were relentless, with Jaydev Unadkat leading the charge, taking 3 wickets for 21 runs, supported by tight spells from Eshan Malin-

ga and Nitish Reddy. Their disciplined bowling prevented KKR from establishing any substantial partnerships and maintained constant pressure throughout the innings.

For KKR, Angkrish Raghuvanshi (52) and Rinku Singh made valiant efforts in the middle order, but the late surge was insufficient to keep pace with the steep required run rate. The loss marked KKR's second consecutive defeat of the season, leaving the team needing to regroup quickly.

The win gives SRH their first two points of the season and a confi-

dence boost as they look to build momentum in the tournament. Their strong batting display, coupled with disciplined bowling, underlines their potential to compete effectively in upcoming matches.

SRH fans celebrated the victory, while KKR will be eager to address the gaps exposed in both batting and bowling ahead of their next encounter. The match showcased the importance of depth in the lineup, sharp execution under pressure, and the impact of all-round team performance in T20 cricket.



MS Dhoni Set for Early CSK Return? Viral Practice Video Thrills Fans

Chennai Super Kings fans have been given a major boost after a viral video showed MS Dhoni back in training ahead of IPL 2026, sparking hopes of an earlier-than-expected return to action.

The former CSK captain, who was initially expected to miss the first two weeks of the tournament due to a calf injury, was seen batting and training in the nets. His presence on the field has generated excitement among fans, many of whom feared a longer absence at the start of the season.

The video, widely shared on social media, shows Dhoni in good rhythm during practice sessions, suggesting that his recovery may be progressing faster than anticipated. While there is no official confirmation yet on his match availability, the visuals have raised optimism that he could return to the playing XI sooner than expected.

CSK had a difficult start to their IPL 2026 campaign, struggling in their opening match without their veteran leader. The absence of Dhoni was clearly felt, both in terms of on-field experience and leadership. His return—whether as a player or even just in a mentor-



ing role from the dugout—could provide a significant morale boost to the team.

The franchise is currently undergoing a transition phase with younger players stepping up, but Dhoni's presence remains crucial. Even after stepping down from captaincy, his influence in guiding players and making tactical decisions continues to be invaluable.

Fans, often referring to him as "Thala," flooded social media with reactions after the video surfaced, expressing excitement and relief. Many are hopeful that Dhoni will be

available for upcoming matches, especially as CSK looks to bounce back in the tournament.

While fitness clearance from the team management will ultimately decide his return, the early signs from practice have certainly lifted spirits within the CSK camp and among millions of supporters.

Overall, the viral video has reignited enthusiasm around Dhoni's IPL 2026 campaign, with fans eagerly waiting to see the legendary cricketer back in action in the iconic yellow jersey.

Pant-Goenka Animated Chat After LSG Loss Sparks Concern Among Fans

A post-match interaction between Rishabh Pant and Sanjiv Goenka has gone viral following Lucknow Super Giants' defeat in IPL 2026, raising fresh concerns about team dynamics.

The incident occurred after LSG's six-wicket loss to Delhi Capitals, where the team struggled with the bat. Pant, along with key players, failed to deliver, allowing the opposition to chase the target comfortably.

What grabbed more attention than the defeat itself was the animated discussion between Pant, Goenka, and head coach Justin Langer on the field after the match. Visuals showed an intense exchange, sparking speculation among fans about possible tension within the camp. While there is no official confirmation of any disagreement or conflict, the body language and tone of the interaction led to widespread debate on social media. Many fans questioned whether such discussions should happen publicly, especially immediately after a loss. The moment also revived memories of a similar incident involving Goenka and



former captain KL Rahul in a previous IPL season, which had drawn criticism for putting players under pressure in public view.

LSG's performance in the match added to the scrutiny. The team's top order failed to build momentum, exposing concerns in batting consistently early in the tournament. With Pant leading the side, ex-

pectations remain high, especially after his high-profile move to the franchise. Cricket experts note that such animated exchanges are not uncommon in high-pressure tournaments like the IPL. However, when they occur in public, they often attract attention and can lead to speculation about internal issues. Despite the viral buzz, sources suggest the

discussion could simply have been a routine strategic conversation following a disappointing performance rather than a heated argument. Overall, while the visuals have sparked concern among fans, the real focus for LSG will be on improving performances in upcoming matches and maintaining stability within the team environment.



"Every Cricketer Should Try Golf Early": Yuvraj Singh's Unique Advice

Former India all-rounder Yuvraj Singh has urged young cricketers to take up golf from an early age, highlighting its benefits in managing stress and improving overall performance.

Speaking at a recent event, Yuvraj said that cricketers should not focus only on cricket but also include golf in their routine. He emphasized that the sport helps players relax mentally and deal with the pressures that come with professional cricket.

According to Yuvraj, golf acts as a stress reliever and allows players to unwind, which is crucial in a high-pressure sport like cricket. He admitted that he himself started playing golf only after retirement and felt that taking it up earlier could have positively impacted his cricketing career.

The 2011 World Cup hero pointed out that constant practice and match pressure can mentally exhaust players. In such situations, engaging in a different sport like golf helps maintain balance, improve fo-

cus, and refresh the mind.

Yuvraj, who is now actively involved in promoting golf and serves as a key figure in the Indian Golf Premier League, has been encouraging young athletes to explore the sport. He believes that combining cricket with golf can enhance both mental strength and overall sporting skills.

He also noted that in many countries, athletes are encouraged to play multiple sports from a young age rather than specializing too early. This approach, he believes, helps in long-term development and prevents burnout.

Yuvraj's advice reflects a growing emphasis on mental well-being in modern sports. As cricket becomes more demanding with packed schedules and intense competition, players are increasingly looking for ways to stay mentally fresh. Overall, his message is clear—golf is not just a leisure activity but a valuable tool that can help cricketers improve their game by staying calm, focused, and stress-free.

RCB Pacer Nuwan Thushara Files Case Against Sri Lanka Cricket Over IPL 2026 Snub

Sri Lankan fast bowler Nuwan Thushara has taken legal action against Sri Lanka Cricket after being denied permission to participate in IPL 2026, triggering a major controversy ahead of the tournament.

Thushara, who was signed by Royal Challengers Bengaluru, moved the Colombo District Court seeking a directive to compel the board to issue him a No Objection Certificate (NOC). This clearance is mandatory for overseas players to participate in foreign T20 leagues like the Indian Premier League.

The dispute began after Sri Lanka Cricket refused to grant the NOC, citing that the pacer did not meet required fitness standards. However, Thushara



has strongly challenged this claim, asserting that his fitness is adequate and consistent with his previous

performances.

In his petition, the cricketer has named key officials of the board, including the president,

secretary, and CEO, as respondents. The court is expected to hear the matter soon, and the outcome will determine whether he can take part in IPL 2026.

Thushara has also argued that the decision could significantly impact his career. Missing the IPL would not only result in financial losses but could also affect his prospects in global franchise cricket. He pointed out that he had been granted NOCs in previous seasons, making the current denial questionable. Adding another dimension to the issue, the bowler stated that his contract with Sri Lanka Cricket has ended and that he had already informed the board about not renewing it. He believes this should give him greater freedom to participate

in overseas leagues without restrictions. The controversy comes at a time when Sri Lanka Cricket has been enforcing stricter fitness policies for players seeking NOCs. While the board maintains that such standards are necessary, critics argue that inconsistent decisions can harm players' careers and relationships with international franchises. For Royal Challengers Bengaluru, the situation could pose a setback if Thushara is unable to secure clearance in time, forcing the team to explore alternative options. Overall, the case highlights growing tensions between national cricket boards and players over participation in global T20 leagues, with the final decision now resting with the court.

Shami's Strong Show vs DC Marks Start of Redemption Journey

Veteran Indian pacer Mohammed Shami has been backed to stage a strong comeback in IPL 2026 after his impressive performance against Delhi Capitals, with experts calling it the beginning of his "road to redemption."

Shami, who has faced a challenging phase due to injuries and inconsistent form, delivered a standout spell that reminded fans and critics of his class and experience. His disciplined bowling and ability to generate movement troubled batters and played a crucial



role in putting pressure on the opposition.

Former cricketers and analysts believe that this performance could mark a turning point in Shami's career. After spending time away from peak

performances, the pacer appears to be regaining rhythm and confidence, which are essential for success in a high-intensity tournament like the Indian Premier League.

What stood out in his performance was his control over line and length, along with his ability to execute plans under pressure. Shami's experience in handling big-match situations was evident, as he maintained composure and delivered at key moments during the game.

Experts suggest that Shami's comeback is not just about one

performance but about building consistency throughout the tournament. If he continues in the same rhythm, he could once again become one of the most reliable fast bowlers in the league.

The match against Delhi Capitals also highlighted his hunger to prove himself after setbacks. Having been sidelined earlier, Shami seems determined to make the most of his opportunities and silence critics with performances on the field. His resurgence is also significant for his team, which will rely heavily on his experi-

ence and wicket-taking ability in crucial matches. A fully fit and in-form Shami adds balance to the bowling attack and strengthens the team's chances in the tournament.

Fans have welcomed his return to form, expressing optimism that the seasoned pacer can rediscover his best and play a key role as the season progresses.

Overall, Shami's performance has sparked hope of a strong comeback, with many believing that this could be the start of a successful second phase in his IPL journey.

Andrea Jeremiah's Sensational Comments on Selvaraghavan Go Viral



Actress Andrea Jeremiah has stirred controversy in the film industry with her bold remarks about director Selvaraghavan and her experience working on the cult film Yuganiki Okkadu. Her comments have now become a hot topic across Kollywood and social media platforms.

The film Yuganiki Okkadu (originally Aayirathil Oruvan), starring Karthi, is widely regarded as a unique adventure drama that later gained cult status, especially among Telugu audiences. The movie not only boosted Karthi's popularity but also brought significant recognition to Andrea as an actress.

However, despite the film's success and growing anticipation for its se-

quel, Andrea has made it clear that she will not be part of Yuganiki Okkadu 2. In a recent interaction, she stated that audiences should not expect her return, even if the sequel materializes.

Explaining her decision, Andrea opened up about the challenges she faced while working with Selvaraghavan. She revealed that the shooting process was extremely demanding and stretched over nearly 200 days under tough conditions, including forests and remote locations. She described the experience as physically and mentally exhausting, emphasizing that working with the director was "very difficult."

Andrea further mentioned that the director's filmmaking style often in-

involved unpredictable schedules and intense working conditions, which added pressure on the cast and crew. Because of these experiences, she indicated that she is unlikely to collaborate with Selvaraghavan again in the future.

Interestingly, while her comments appeared critical, Andrea also acknowledged the positive impact the film had on her career. She admitted that the challenges she faced during the shoot helped her evolve as an actress. According to her, after working on such a demanding project, handling future roles became much easier.

Meanwhile, the sequel to Yuganiki Okkadu has been under discussion for

several years. Selvaraghavan had earlier expressed interest in continuing the story, with reports suggesting that actor Dhanush may be involved in the project. However, the film has yet to move forward due to delays and scheduling issues.

With Andrea opting out, speculation has intensified over who will play the female lead in the sequel. Fans, who have been eagerly waiting for the continuation of this adventurous saga, are now even more curious about the casting and timeline. Overall, Andrea Jeremiah's candid remarks have shed light on the demanding realities behind filmmaking, sparking discussions about on-set challenges and creative differences in the industry.

Prabhas Takes Italy Break Amid Busy Film Schedule, Pauses 'Spirit' and 'Fauji' Shootings



Rebel star Prabhas has reportedly taken a short break from his hectic shooting schedule and flown to Italy for a vacation, putting a temporary pause on his ongoing film commitments, including Spirit and Fauji. The actor, who has been juggling multiple high-profile projects simultaneously, is said to have opted for this getaway to unwind and recharge after months of continuous work.

According to recent reports, Prabhas was spotted departing from Hyderabad for his international trip. Sources indicate that the actor has taken a brief holiday of around 10 days and is expected to return soon to resume his professional commitments. This break comes at a crucial time, as the star has been working under tight schedules and facing mounting pressure due to back-to-back film projects. Prabhas is currently involved in several big-budget films that are at different stages of production. Among them is Fauji, a period war drama directed by Hanu Raghavapudi, which is expected to be one of the actor's major releases. At the same time, he is also working on Spirit,



an action-packed cop drama helmed by Sandeep Reddy Vanga. Both films have generated significant buzz, raising expectations among fans and the film industry alike. In addition to these projects, Prabhas is also expected to join the sets of the much-anticipated sequel to Kalki 2898 AD, directed by Nag Ashwin. With such a packed lineup, the actor's schedule has been extremely de-

manding, leaving him with little time for rest.

Industry insiders suggest that the decision to take a break was necessary, as Prabhas has been working continuously without significant downtime. The actor reportedly wanted to step away briefly from the pressures of film shoots and public expectations to rejuvenate himself. A source close to the

development mentioned that this vacation would help him return with renewed energy and focus. The break also follows a challenging phase in the actor's career, particularly after the underperformance of his recent film The Raja Saab. Despite the setback, Prabhas continues to remain one of the biggest stars in Indian cinema, with multiple pan-India projects lined up for the coming years. Fans have reacted positively to the news of his vacation, expressing support for the actor's decision to prioritize his well-being. Many believe that this short break will help him bounce back stronger and deliver powerful performances in his upcoming films. Once he returns from Italy, Prabhas is expected to resume shooting schedules for Fauji and Spirit, along with other commitments. With several major releases on the horizon, the actor's upcoming phase is set to be crucial for his career. Overall, this Italy trip marks a brief but important pause in Prabhas's otherwise relentless work schedule, highlighting the importance of balance even for one of the busiest stars in the industry.

"Kurukshetram" Title Buzz for Balakrishna-Vivek Athreya Film

A powerful and intriguing title is reportedly under consideration for the upcoming film featuring Nandamuri Balakrishna and directed by Vivek Athreya. The makers are said to be leaning towards the title "Kurukshetram," a name that carries immense mythological and emotional weight, instantly evoking the legendary battlefield from the epic Mahabharata.

The buzz around this title has already begun to create excitement among fans and industry circles alike. Known for his larger-than-life screen presence and powerful dialogue delivery, Balakrishna is often associated with intense, mass-oriented roles. A title like Kurukshetram perfectly aligns with his on-screen image, suggesting a story packed with conflict, drama, and high emotional stakes.

Though there has been no official confirmation yet, sources indicate that the film's storyline may revolve around a metaphorical "battlefield" — not necessarily a historical or mythological setting, but a modern-day conflict filled with strong ideological clashes and dramatic confrontations. Director Vivek Athreya, known for his unique storytelling style and fresh narratives, is expected to bring a new perspective to this seemingly intense subject.

The combination of Balakrishna's mass appeal and Vivek Athreya's creative direction has already sparked curiosity. Athreya, who has built a reputation for blend-

ing emotion with intelligent storytelling, may present Balakrishna in a role that is both powerful and layered, offering something different from his usual high-octane entertainers. Industry insiders suggest that the title Kurukshetram was chosen not just for its grandeur, but also for its symbolic meaning. In the Mahabharata, Kurukshetra represents the ultimate battle between good and evil, duty and desire, righteousness and ambition. If the film follows a similar thematic path, audiences can expect a narrative filled with moral dilemmas, intense character arcs, and gripping drama. Fans of Balakrishna are already thrilled with the reports, taking to social media to express their excitement. Many believe that such a strong title could mark another memorable film in the actor's illustrious career. At the same time, followers of Vivek Athreya are eager to see how he handles a subject of this scale, given his track record of delivering unconventional yet engaging films.

While more details about the cast, storyline, and production schedule are expected to be revealed soon, the title alone has successfully generated significant hype. If finalized, Kurukshetram could set the tone for a powerful cinematic experience that blends mass appeal with meaningful storytelling.

For now, all eyes are on the official announcement, as fans eagerly wait to see this promising collaboration take shape on the big screen.

Manasa Sharma: New Female Director Trending with 'Raakasa'



A new name is creating strong buzz in Tollywood—Manasa Sharma. With her debut film Raakasa, she has quickly become one of the most talked-about emerging female directors in the industry, earning attention for both her work and personality.

In recent years, Telugu cinema has seen a steady rise in women directors making their mark. Names like Nandini Reddy and Gowri Ronanki have already established themselves, and now Manasa Sharma has joined this growing list. Her entry with Raakasa has generated significant curiosity, especially as audiences are eager to see fresh

storytelling from new voices. Manasa Sharma hails from Srikakulam, where she was born and brought up before stepping into the entertainment world. She began her journey as a writer, initially working on digital platforms. Her early work includes writing for the web series Mad House, which helped her gain recognition in creative circles. She later proved her talent as a creator and writer with Oka Chinna Family Story, further strengthening her position in the industry.

Before entering feature films, she also directed the web series Bench Life, which turned out to be a success on

OTT platforms. These experiences helped her build a strong foundation in storytelling, eventually leading to her big opportunity in cinema with Raakasa.

Raakasa, starring Sangeeth Shobhan and Nayan Sarika, is positioned as a fantasy adventure film with elements of comedy and visual spectacle. The film has already created buzz through its teaser, songs, and promotional content, raising expectations ahead of its release.

Apart from her professional achievements, Manasa Sharma has also gone viral on social media for her simplicity, charm, and natural communication style. Many viewers were impressed by her appearance at promotional events, noting her traditional Telugu charm and confident presence. Her calm demeanor and relatable personality have contributed to her rising popularity online.

Interestingly, some netizens have even suggested that she could explore acting, given her screen presence. However, for now, Manasa appears focused on establishing herself as a filmmaker. Her journey from a digital content writer to a feature film director is being widely appreciated as an inspiring path for aspiring creators. With Raakasa set for release and expectations running high, all eyes are now on Manasa Sharma to see whether she can deliver a strong debut and carve a niche for herself in Tollywood. If the current buzz is any indication, she has the potential to emerge as one of the promising new voices shaping the future of Telugu cinema.

'Ramayana' Teaser Out Now: Grand Epic Promises Spectacular Visual Experience

The much-awaited teaser of Ramayana has finally been unveiled, creating a massive buzz across the film industry and among audiences. Directed by Nitesh Tiwari, this ambitious mythological project offers a visually stunning glimpse into one of India's most revered epics.

The teaser, released on the occasion of Hanuman Jayanti, introduces Rambir Kapoor in the role of Lord Rama. His divine look and composed screen presence have already impressed viewers, setting high expectations for the film. The glimpse hints at a grand narrative that blends devotion, emotion, and large-scale action.

Apart from Ranbir Kapoor, the film boasts a powerful ensemble cast. Sai Pallavi appears as Sita, bringing grace and depth to the iconic character, while Yash takes on the role of Ravana, adding intensity and intrigue. Sunny Deol is expected to portray Hanuman, and Ravi Dubey plays Lakshman, making it one of the most star-studded casts in recent times.

The teaser primarily focuses on setting the tone of the story, offering glimpses of key moments from the Ramayana—from the early life of Rama to the epic conflict with Ravana. The visuals stand out for their scale and richness, with cutting-edge VFX promising a cinematic experience on par with global standards. Early reactions suggest that the film aims to present the epic in a more authentic and emotionally engaging way.

This project has been in development for several years, reflecting the makers' dedication to bringing the story to life



with precision and grandeur. Director Nitesh Tiwari has reportedly spent years conceptualizing the film, ensuring that every detail resonates with audiences while staying true to the essence of the original epic.

Ramayana is planned as a two-part cinematic saga, with the first installment expected to release during Diwali 2026. The film is being mounted on a massive scale, with top-tier technical talent, including internationally acclaimed VFX teams and music composed by legends like A.R. Rahman and Hans Zimmer.

The teaser has already sparked widespread discussion on social media, with fans praising its visuals, casting, and emotional depth. Many viewers see it as a promising attempt to retell the epic in a way that connects with modern audiences while preserving its spiritual and cultural significance.

Overall, the release of the Ramayana teaser marks the beginning of what could be one of the biggest cinematic events in Indian film history. With its powerful cast, grand vision, and strong emotional core, the film is poised to redefine mythological storytelling on the big screen.