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Chandra Babu Naidu's Tadipatri Visit Highlights Irrigation Security

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Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu is scheduled to visit the Tadipatri constituency in Anantapur district with a focus on irrigation security and water management for farmers. The visit underscores the state government's commitment to strengthening water resources and improving irrigation infrastructure in drought-prone regions like Rayalaseema.

Naidu's agenda includes participating in a programme titled "Irrigation Security – Responsibilities of Water Users' Associations" at Yadiki. The initiative aims to involve local water users' associations and farmers, especially those benefiting from the Handri Neeva Sujala Sravanthi canal project, in managing water efficiently and ensuring equitable distribution.

During the visit, the Chief Minister will address key issues including water availability, expansion of irrigated areas,



and the impact of canal projects on previously underserved regions. He will highlight the government's progress in enhancing water security through increased reservoir storage and strengthening groundwater resources.

A key aspect of the tour is the presentation of a 100-day action

plan to empower irrigation associations. This plan is designed to support grassroots institutions in water conservation, equitable distribution, and active resource management. Officials believe this approach will decentralize irrigation governance and encourage greater community participation in wa-

ter stewardship.

In addition to engaging with water users' groups and farmers, Naidu will inspect the Pandeekallu reservoir near Vemulapadu and review agricultural practices in dryland areas. He will observe techniques such as pre-monsoon dry sowing and innovative farming methods being adopted by farmers to make efficient use of limited water resources. The Chief Minister will depart from Amaravati in the morning, address the public at Yadiki market yard, inspect reservoir work, hold review meetings with local leaders, and return by evening. This visit highlights a strategic focus on irrigation-led agricultural growth, particularly for areas facing chronic water scarcity.

Naidu's outreach in Tadipatri reflects a broader effort to integrate water security into development planning, recognizing that reliable irrigation and efficient water management are critical for boosting rural livelihoods and promoting sustainable agriculture in Andhra Pradesh.



Nara Lokesh at Wedding Reception of Sunrise Hospitals MD's Son

Mangalagiri, Andhra Pradesh | April 5, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh IT, Education and Human Resources Development Minister Nara Lokesh attended the wedding reception of the son of the Sunrise Hospitals Managing Director in Mangalagiri on Sunday evening. The grand event drew many dignitaries and guests from political, business, and social circles across the region.

The reception was held at the CK Convention Hall in Mangalagiri, where Minister Lokesh arrived to join in the celebrations and offer his blessings to the newlywed couple. He personally conveyed his heartfelt congratulations to Sai Sishir and Vaishnavi, the bridegroom and bride, wishing them a happy and prosperous married life. Lokesh's presence was warmly welcomed by the family and attendees, creating a celebratory atmosphere throughout the venue.

During the event, Lokesh interacted with guests and took time to pose for photographs with the couple and other invitees. Many attendees expressed excitement at seeing a senior state minister at the function and took the opportunity to take selfies with him. Lokesh maintained a friendly demeanour, smiling and engaging with people as he moved through the gathering.

The minister later shared moments from the evening on his social media accounts, posting pictures with the bride and groom and extending his best wishes for their future. His presence at the reception underscored not only his support for friends and community members but also his active engagement in local social events beyond his official duties.

The wedding reception of the Sunrise Hospitals MD's son was marked by joy, music, and an elegant setup befitting the occasion. With a blend of cultural celebration and personal greetings, the event brought together guests from various walks of life, all joining to bless the couple. Minister Lokesh's attendance added a notable highlight to the evening's festivities, reflecting the blend of public life and personal celebrations in the state.

Lokesh, a key leader in the state government and a central figure in regional politics, balanced his official responsibilities with participation in community events like this reception, illustrating his efforts to remain connected with people at the grassroots.

Overall, the wedding reception in Mangalagiri provided a festive backdrop for Nara Lokesh's engagement with the public, reinforcing his visibility and presence in social as well as political spheres.

Scalpers Exploit TTD's Name to Rip Off Devotees

In a shocking turn of events, devotees hoping to have a darshan of Lord Venkateswara at Tirumala are being forced to pay exorbitant sums—sometimes as high as 20,000 per ticket. Officially, no ticket costs this much. Yet, instances of such blatant exploitation continue unabated, with scalpers taking advantage of TTD's popularity.

One such example is the so-called premium ticket being sold for 16,500—far above the official 10,500 Srivari Trust ticket, which allows devotees a close-up view of the deity. The inflated amount is purely the handiwork of unauthorized middlemen.

Scalpers are actively using social media to lure devotees. Millions await the chance for darshan, especially during festival periods. Despite repeated warnings from Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) authorities to not trust third-party sellers, unscrupulous individuals continue to deceive devotees, offering tickets that are officially only available through TTD's online platform.

These fraudsters exploit the online booking system, claiming that tickets vanish within seconds and pressuring devotees into paying inflated prices.



While TTD usually releases darshan tickets three months in advance—for example, the June quota was announced in March, and the July quota will be available from April 18 to 25—scalpers continue to spread false claims that tickets are still available, charging up to 2,000 for a 300 darshan ticket.

Even Srivari Trust tickets, priced at 10,500, are being sold for 16,500, with promises of exclusive darshan just a few steps away from the deity. Festival tickets, including Kalyanam, Arjita Brahmotsavam, Oonjal Seva, and Sahasra Deepalankarana Seva, are similarly marked up—sometimes four times the official TTD price.

Tirumala – 100% CONFIRM VIP Break Dharshan

Tomorrow onwards - Srivani VIP TICKETS AVAILABLE

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Same Day Darshan – 4:00 PM Reporting At VQC 1

Very Close 5 Feet Darshan – Near to Lord

For example, a 1,000 Kalyanam ticket is being sold for 5,000, while other services officially costing 500 are being charged 2,000 by middlemen.

Such schemes are widely promoted on WhatsApp and social media groups, misleading devotees and damaging TTD's reputation. Complaints have been filed to TTD Chairman

B.R. Naidu, Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan, and Minister Nara Lokesh, but little action has been taken so far. Authorities from TTD, the vigilance department, and the AP government are reportedly investigating, yet devotees continue to fall prey to these scams.

Will Pawan Kalyan's Personal Image Gain Strength?

As elections approach, all eyes are on Pawan Kalyan and the Jana Sena Party, particularly regarding their strategy in regions dominated by powerful communities like Kamma and Reddy. Analysts note that the party has struggled to achieve success outside the combined Godavari districts in previous elections. This time, Pawan appears focused on consolidating strength in these areas, emphasizing a "root plan" to expand the party's footprint.

During the last elections, he stepped aside for a specific purpose, but this time, he is expected to demand double the seats. In districts dominated by Kamma and Reddy communities, the only way to strengthen the party numerically is to focus on northern Andhra Pradesh. Eastern Visakhapatnam urban district, which does not prioritize caste, religion, or local affiliations, is also favorable. Of the 21 seats won previously, six were from Kalinga



Andhra regions, leaving gaps in Srikakulam, Visakhapatnam, and Alluri districts.

Observing his activities over the past few months from Visakhapatnam, it is evident that Pawan is focusing on northern Andhra. He has frequently visited the Araku Agency, engaging with tribal communities.

As Deputy Chief Minister, he oversees Panchayati Raj, rural development, water supply, environment, forestry, science, and technology portfolios. Leveraging this, he launched the "Adavi Bata" initiative, constructing roads to 652 villages with an estimated investment of 1,000 crore.

With the current Araku MP and local MLA seats under YSRCP control, Pawan may request these constituencies in upcoming elections. The party has already strengthened its presence in Polakonda and Kurupam, both ST constituencies with significant Eastern Kapu influence, by appointing key

nominees. Past defeats are being addressed strategically; for instance, experienced leaders like Sundarapu Vijay Kumar and Lokam Naga Madhwar may be given another opportunity.

Similarly, in Patapadu and other constituencies of Srikakulam, influential local leaders like Korikana Ravikumar are being positioned for key roles, potentially contesting upcoming elections. The party has also nurtured its cadre in regions with sitting TDP MLAs, addressing internal factionalism.

While challenges remain—such as limited organizational strength in Kalinga Andhra, internal conflicts, and minority status in certain constituencies—Pawan Kalyan's personal image continues to rise steadily. Observers agree that regardless of electoral outcomes, his individual popularity is growing, reflecting his strategic and grassroots-focused approach.

Andhra Pradesh Launches 100 Day Water Conservation Drive

Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh | April 5, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has announced a comprehensive 100 day water conservation action plan aimed at boosting water security, conserving water resources, and increasing groundwater levels across the state. The initiative, titled "Jala Bhadrata – Water Security: Responsibility of Water Users' Associations," is scheduled to run from April 6 to July 14, 2026, and marks a major step in addressing seasonal water scarcity and drought-related challenges.

At a teleconference with over 60,000 members of water users' associations from different districts, Naidu outlined the objectives and operational schedule of the action plan. He emphasized that water security is not only a government responsibility but also a collective mission involving local communities, farmers, and water users' groups. Members will be tasked with active roles in implementing water conservation measures within their regions.

The programme is structured into phases. The first phase will focus on identifying conservation works and prioritizing key areas where interventions are most needed. Subsequent stages involve granting administrative approvals, executing field-level works, and submitting reports on completed activities by mid-July. Naidu highlighted that these actions are intended to ensure a meaningful impact before and during the upcoming monsoon season.

Central to the initiative is increasing groundwater levels. Current assessments indicate deeper groundwater levels in many parts of the state, and the government aims to improve these through recharge works, rainwater conservation, desilting of tanks, clearing feeder channels, and removal of invasive vegetation from water bodies. Naidu called for meticulous local planning, including preparation of "water budgets" for specific areas to monitor supply and demand effectively.

Officials coordinating the programme emphasized the importance of community ownership in the water conservation movement. By mobilizing local stakeholders and fostering public participation, the government hopes to establish sustainable water management practices that extend beyond the 100-day period. Measures also include repair of check dams, construction of new structures where needed, and enhanced micro-irrigation techniques to minimize wastage.

Naidu pointed to success stories from districts like Annamayya, where similar water conservation efforts have led to noticeable improvements in groundwater levels. These models are expected to be replicated statewide under the new mission.

The 100 day action plan reflects the Andhra Pradesh government's renewed focus on water security and climate resilience. By mobilizing local communities and strengthening water resource governance, the drive aims to deliver tangible results that support agriculture, rural livelihoods, and long-term sustainable water use across the state.

DGP Reviews Pushkar Preparations in East Godavari, Calls for Advanced Policing Measures

Rajamahendravaram, April 5, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Director General of Police (DGP) Harish Kumar Gupta conducted a high-level review meeting at the East Godavari District Police Office conference hall in view of the upcoming Pushkarams. The meeting was attended by senior police officials and representatives from various departments to assess preparedness and ensure smooth conduct of the mega religious event.

The DGP, along with Additional DGP (Law and Order) N. Madhusudan Reddy, was accorded a warm welcome by Eluru Range IG G.V.G. Ashok Kumar and East Godavari SP D. Narasimha Kishore. Sev-

eral senior officials, including District Collector Kirthi Chekuri, Joint Collector Y. Megha Swaroop, Municipal Commissioner Rahul Meena, DIG K. Fakirappa, and SPs from Kakinada, Eluru, and Konaseema districts, were present during the review.

During the meeting, the district SP presented a detailed overview of the geographical and administrative landscape of East Godavari through a PowerPoint presentation, highlighting key challenges and logistical considerations for the Pushkarams.

Addressing the officials, DGP Harish Kumar Gupta emphasized the importance of inter-departmental coordination to ensure that the

Pushkarams are conducted without any untoward incidents. He directed the formation of Joint Action Teams involving multiple departments for effective management.

The DGP stressed the need for adopting technology-driven solutions, including the use of AI-based traffic management systems like AS-TRAM (Actionable Intelligence for Sustainable Traffic Management) to streamline vehicular movement. He also suggested sending a special team to study the recent Kumbh Mela in Prayagraj to adopt best practices.

He further instructed officials to establish a 24/7 Integrated Command and Control Center for real-time monitor-

ing through CCTV cameras at all ghats. The use of drones equipped with public address systems was recommended to manage crowd flow and provide timely alerts to devotees.

To enhance preparedness, the DGP proposed conducting aerial surveys using ONGC helicopters and developing comprehensive emergency route plans. He also advised leveraging the services of NCC, NSS, and other volunteers for crowd management.

Special emphasis was placed on coordinating with TTD officials for implementing systematic queue line management at bathing ghats. The DGP also highlighted the importance of cre-



ating awareness through social media to distribute pilgrim footfall evenly across all ghats.

Additionally, he directed authorities to prepare data-driven projections on population and vehicle density in

Rajamahendravaram to aid long-term planning. Arrangements for food facilities through centralized "cloud kitchens" for personnel on duty were also suggested.

Earlier in the day, the DGP inaugurated a newly con-

structed police guest house near Gokavaram bus stand and a modern dog kennel facility at the old AR office in Jampeta, further strengthening infrastructure ahead of the Pushkarams.

Leaders Urged to Follow Jagjivan Ram's Ideals at Tirupati Celebrations

Tirupati, April 05, 2026 | TPN Bureau

The 119th birth anniversary of Babu Jagjivan Ram was observed with reverence in Tirupati, where state leaders emphasized the need to uphold his ideals for the upliftment of marginalized communities.

Andhra Pradesh Minister for Mines, Geology, and Excise Kollu Ravindra stated that everyone must remain committed to realizing the vision of Jagjivan Ram, who dedicated his life to social justice and the welfare of weaker sections. He was speaking at a program held at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Park near Keshavayangantha and Bairagipattada in Tirupati.

The minister, along with District Collector S. Venkateswar, MLA Arani Srinivasulu, TDP leader Sugunamma, former minister Parasa Ratnam, and CR Rajan, paid floral tributes to the statue of Jagjivan Ram.

Addressing the gathering, Kollu Ravindra highlighted that Jagjivan Ram was a leader who fought relentlessly for equality and the rights of the poor. He noted that Jagi-



van Ram served the nation for decades, including nearly 30 years as a Union Minister and about 50 years as a Member of Parliament, continuously working for public welfare.

He also recalled Jagjivan Ram's courage during the Emergency, stating that he was among the first parliamentarians to raise his voice against the central government during that period. The minister called upon leaders and citizens alike to follow the path shown by Jagjivan Ram and work towards ensuring justice and equality for all sections of society. He stressed that such ideals remain relevant even today.

Kollu Ravindra also criticized attempts by certain groups to create divisions among people based on caste, religion, and region. He alleged that such actions disrupt governance and hinder development efforts.

Referring to the issue of Am- aravati, he accused opposition leaders of conspiring against the state's development and reiterated the government's commitment to building Amaravati as the capital.

The program witnessed participation from party leaders, officials, and a large number of supporters, reflecting respect for Jagjivan Ram's enduring legacy.

Major Road and Bridge Projects Inaugurated in Parvathipuram Constituency

Parvathipuram, April 05, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Roads and Buildings (R&B) Minister B. C. Janardhan Reddy on Sunday inaugurated a series of key infrastructure projects in Parvathipuram constituency of Manyam district, aimed at strengthening road connectivity and boosting regional development.

The minister formally opened a newly reconstructed high-level bridge built across the Suvarnamukhi River at Seethanagar on State Highway-36, connecting Salur, Ramabhadrapuram, and Rayagada. The bridge, constructed at a cost of 12 crore, is expected to significantly improve transportation and ensure safer connectivity in the region.

Following this, the minister inaugurated the NDB road between Makkava and Ajada. He also launched a 4.5-kilometre modern constructed between Bobbili-Balijipeta and Arasada at a cost of 2.40 crore, using advanced Danish fiber technology. Another key project, a 4.7-kilometre road connecting Panukuvulasa, Balijipeta, and Kothapalli, built at a cost of



1.5 crore, was also inaugurated.

Officials stated that the newly developed roads will enhance connectivity among villages such as Chilakalapalli, Balijipeta, and Narayanapuram, benefiting nearly 50,000 people by improving accessibility and reducing travel time.

Addressing the gathering, Minister Janardhan Reddy said that the government is undertaking road development works spanning 1,072 kilometres in Manyam district at an estimated cost of 79.83 crore.

In Parvathipuram constituency alone, around 19.66 crore has been allocated for developing 240 kilometres of roads.

He credited local MLA Vijay Chandra for consistently advocating development projects for the constituency. The minister contrasted the present infrastructure efforts with previous years, alleging that roads had deteriorated significantly between 2019 and 2024, leaving thousands of kilometres damaged.

He stated that upon assuming office, the current government identified nearly 27,000

kilometres of roads in poor condition and has since repaired around 20,000 kilometres within six to nine months. He added that nearly 8,000 crore is currently being invested in road development across the state, with 3,000 crore allocated to the R&B department in a single year.

The minister also highlighted welfare initiatives introduced by the Government, including enhanced pensions, farmer support schemes, women empowerment programs, and free LPG connections.

Referring to the capital issue, he reiterated the government's commitment to developing Amaravati and accused opposition parties of spreading misinformation. He said the government has passed a resolution in the Assembly supporting Amaravati and emphasized that farmers' contributions of land should not go in vain. He concluded by noting that Andhra Pradesh is witnessing increasing investor interest, with proposals worth nearly 16 lakh crore, signaling strong economic growth prospects for the state.

Honorarium for Temple Priests Soon, Says Minister Savita

Kurnool, April 5, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Minister for BC, EWS Welfare, Handlooms and Textiles, S. Savita, announced that the state government will soon introduce honorariums for temple priests along with dedicated funds for temple maintenance. The announcement was made during a Kuruba community meeting held in Kurnool on Sunday, where the minister participated along with MP Battipati Nagaraju.

Addressing the gathering, Savita emphasized that education remains the key driver for the development of the Kuruba community. She urged parents to prioritize higher education for their children, stating that only through education can poverty be effectively eradicated. Highlighting the importance of unity, she said collective efforts are essential for achieving long-term socio-economic progress within the community.

The minister also noted that the government is taking steps to ensure adequate political representation for Kurubas in the upcoming local body elections. She reiterated that the ruling party is committed to the welfare and upliftment of backward communities, including the Kurubas, and is actively working toward their inclusion in governance and development initiatives.

Savita further mentioned that the state government had already recognized Bhakta Kanakadasa Jayanti as an official state festival and issued a permanent government order in this regard. She stated that discussions have recently been held with Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu regarding the implementation of honorariums for temple priests. In addition to financial support for priests, the government



also plans to allocate funds for the proper management and upkeep of temples.

Calling for better organization within the community, the minister urged Kuruba members across the state to establish community associations at district and mandal levels. She invited interested individuals to submit their names for the formation of a state-level committee aimed at strengthening the community's institutional framework.

During the event, several key appointments were announced for the Kuruba State Welfare Association. S.K. Mallikarjuna was selected as President, with Thatte Arjun Rao as Honorary President and Reddy Prasad as Working President. Other office bearers, including vice presidents, general secretary, treasurer, and secretaries from various districts, were also nominated based on consensus.

The minister called upon the newly appointed members to work dedicatedly for the welfare of the Kuruba community. The event concluded with community leaders felicitating Minister Savita in recognition of her efforts and assurances.

Several prominent leaders, including Kuruba Corporation Chairman Devendrappa and members of the community from across Kurnool district, attended the program.

Bhogapuram, April 5, 2026 | TPN Bureau

The development of the Bhogapuram International Airport gained momentum as Andhra Pradesh Minister for Investments and Infrastructure, B.C. Janardhan Reddy, conducted a detailed inspection of the ongoing works on Saturday. Accompanied by Minister Kondapalli Srinivas, District Collector S. Rama Sundar Reddy, MP Kalisetty Appalanaidu, and local MLAs Lokam Naga Madhavi and Aditi Gajapathiraju, the minister reviewed the progress and directed officials to expedite the pending works.

During the visit, officials from the Airport Development Authority and representatives of GMR Group briefed the minister on the current status of construction. The review meet-



ing focused on ensuring that all remaining works are completed within the stipulated timelines, given the strategic importance of the project for North Andhra.

Addressing the media later, Janardhan Reddy strongly criticized former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy for his earlier remarks questioning the need for an international airport in Bhogapuram. The minister stated that such com-

ments had undermined the aspirations of the people of the region. He also alleged that the previous government had initially opposed land acquisition for the project and had even threatened legal action, but is now attempting to claim credit for its progress.

Highlighting past instances, the minister said similar credit disputes had occurred in other infrastructure projects, including airport developments in

the state. He accused the opposition of making baseless political criticisms instead of contributing constructively to development.

The minister emphasized that the current coalition government is committed to strengthening infrastructure across Andhra Pradesh, with a particular focus on expanding air connectivity. He revealed that plans are underway to develop up to six new airports in the state, aiming to ensure that every 50 to 100 kilometers has access to air transport facilities.

Janardhan Reddy noted that the Bhogapuram Airport is being developed to international standards and is expected to significantly boost regional development. He said the project would enhance tourism in Visakhapatnam and surrounding areas while also attracting large-scale investments.

Additionally, he announced that a Taj hotel is being constructed within the airport to facilitate national and international delegates, allowing them to host meetings at the airport itself.

The minister indicated that the airport is likely to be inaugurated in July or August, depending on the Chief Minister's decision. He confirmed that trial runs, including a successful test landing on July 4, have already been completed, and that remaining works, including the trumpet road, are progressing rapidly and expected to be finished by mid-June.

Once operational, the Bhogapuram International Airport is expected to emerge as a major gateway for North Andhra, driving economic growth and regional connectivity.

RTC Bus Gutted After Contact with High-Tension Wires Near Vempalli

Kadapa, April 5, 2026 | TPN Bureau

A major accident was narrowly averted in Andhra Pradesh's Kadapa district after an RTC bus caught fire upon coming into contact with high-tension electric wires near Vempalli. The incident occurred near Veeranna Gattupalli in Vempalli mandal when a Kadiri depot bus was traveling from Vempalli to Kadiri.

According to officials, the high-voltage electric wires touched the top of the moving bus, triggering a sudden fire. Panic broke out among passengers as flames quickly spread inside the vehicle. Alerted by the passengers' screams, the driver immediately stopped the bus and ensured that all



passengers evacuated safely. At the time of the incident, around 21 passengers were on board. Thanks to the driver's

prompt response and presence of mind, all passengers escaped without injuries. However, the fire intensified within

minutes, completely engulfing and destroying the bus.

Fire department officials rushed to the spot after receiving information and managed to bring the blaze under control. By the time the flames were extinguished, the bus had been completely gutted.

State Transport Minister Mandipalli Ramprasada Reddy responded to the incident and expressed relief that no lives were lost. He spoke to officials over the phone and reviewed the situation in detail. The minister appreciated the driver's quick thinking and timely action, stating that it helped prevent a major tragedy.

"Due to the driver's alertness, a serious accident was averted. All passengers are

safe, which is a big relief," the minister said. He also directed authorities to conduct a thorough inquiry into the incident and ensure that necessary precautions are taken to prevent such occurrences in the future.

Passengers who witnessed the incident described it as a terrifying experience, with flames spreading rapidly after the wires made contact. Locals and officials alike heaved a sigh of relief as the situation did not result in casualties.

Authorities are expected to investigate the cause of the wire sagging and assess safety measures along the route to avoid similar risks in the future.

“What Answer Will Jagan Give?”: Kanna Lakshminarayana Targets Former CM

Guntur, April 6, 2026 | TPN Bureau

TDP MLA Kanna Lakshminarayana has intensified his criticism against former Chief Minister Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, raising sharp questions over his past statements and decisions, particularly on the Amaravati capital issue. Addressing the media, Kanna Lakshminarayana questioned what response Jagan would offer to the people of Andhra Pradesh regarding his shifting stance

on the state capital. He recalled that Jagan had earlier supported Amaravati as the sole capital during Assembly discussions and even during the 2019 election campaign. However, after coming to power, he allegedly deviated from that stand and introduced the controversial three-capital proposal, which, according to Kanna, created confusion and uncertainty across the state.

Kanna further criticized Jagan for what he described as “inconsistent and politically motivated decisions,”

stating that such moves weakened administrative stability and hurt the sentiments of Amaravati farmers. He asserted that if Jagan truly respected public opinion, he should apologise to the farmers and the people of the state for the hardships caused during his tenure.

The MLA also took strong exception to Jagan’s recent remarks, accusing him of making sarcastic and dismissive comments on serious governance issues. He stated that there was “no need to respond” to what he

termed as ill-informed or irresponsible statements, emphasizing that facts and public verdict had already answered them.

Highlighting the 2024 election outcome, Kanna said that people had given a clear mandate against the previous government, reflecting their dissatisfaction with policies such as the three-capital plan. He argued that the electorate’s decision itself stands as a response to Jagan’s governance and political approach.

The remarks come amid

renewed political tensions in Andhra Pradesh, where leaders from the ruling alliance continue to target the former regime over key issues like capital development and governance credibility. Kanna maintained that Amaravati has regained its legitimacy and that attempts to revisit or question it would not succeed. As political rhetoric sharpens, Jagan’s response—if any—will be closely watched, especially as both sides prepare to shape public opinion ahead of future electoral battles.



Mr. Vijayasai Reddy... Be Careful!

Amaravathi, 05 April 2026 | TPN Bureau

Scholars have written an open letter to Vijayasai Reddy, making strong remarks about the Kamma community. They referred to what the late Chief Minister K. Brahmananda Reddy once said about the greatness of the Kamma community. He had remarked that if someone invested a crore rupees and joined hands with a Kamma businessman, they could earn ten crores in ten years. If they continued the business for another ten years, it could yield a profit of a hundred crores. He said that they are trustworthy, hardworking, and well-educated. Former Dalit Minister Motkupalli Narasimhulu was also cited regarding the Kamma community. He recalled that in their region, Telangana farmers typically did not go to the fields before 10 a.m., whereas some Kamma farmers would wake up at 5 a.m. and work tirelessly in agriculture. A farmer who bought five acres of land could expand it to 25 acres in ten years. Observing their work ethic, local farmers adopted



similar habits, and now Telangana farmers have bought hundreds of acres and become millionaires, Narasimhulu had noted. The scholars also highlighted that the Kamma community’s support played a significant role in electing

Vijayasai Reddy as the MP of Malkajgiri, and Chief Minister Revanth Reddy acknowledged that Kamma votes contributed partly to his position today. The letter warns against using caste-based comments for political gain, referencing re-

marks like those about Amaravati, and questions what message such comments intend to convey. They stressed that many Kamma families in Krishna and Guntur districts do not even own land in Amaravati, yet the community there is

substantial. They challenged the assumption that Kamma people are all wealthy landowners, pointing out that many still work in fields. The scholars emphasized that whether the capital moves or not, nothing changes for the Kamma community as a whole. They urged politicians not to drag caste into politics, noting that the Kamma community is no different from other communities. The letter clarified that caste is merely a social group. Kamma, Reddy, Kapu, Yadav, Goud, Mala, Madiga, Lambadi—these are just social divisions. Associating Kamma solely with the TDP is a misconception; Kamma leaders have also held positions in YSR Congress, Congress, BJP, BRS, and once even in the Communist Party. In Telangana, Kammakas make up around 7% of the population, and in Andhra Pradesh only 5%. Many Kamma people live ordinary lives regardless of politics. The letter concludes by appealing to avoid repeatedly referencing caste and creating divisions in society. The open letter was addressed to former YSR Congress MP Vijayasai Reddy by scholars from the Kamma community.

Minister Kollu Ravindra Slams YSRCP Over ‘Political Conspiracy’ on Juvvaladinne Issue

Nellore, April 5, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Minister Kollu Ravindra on Sunday strongly criticized the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP), accusing it of engaging in political conspiracies over the Juvvaladinne fishing harbour issue and attempting to create unnecessary doubts among the public.

Speaking after a review meeting with officials and fishermen associations at the Nellore District Collectorate, the minister asserted that the government is committed to the welfare and development of the fishing community. He warned that any attempts to politicize sensitive issues affecting fishermen would not be tolerated.

Ravindra highlighted that fishermen in Andhra Pradesh have been facing challenges for decades due to the intrusion of fishing boats from neighboring states like Tamil Nadu and Puducherry. He said the government is taking strict measures to curb such activities, noting that high-powered boats from Tamil Nadu have been entering Andhra waters.

The minister revealed that surveillance has been intensified with the deployment of three patrol boats, while an additional boat has been made available in the Tirupati region. He also confirmed that two Tamil Nadu fishing boats were recently seized for violating maritime boundaries. With the fishing ban period scheduled between April 15 and June 15, the government plans to further strengthen patrolling before fishing activities

resume. Recalling past measures, Ravindra said that in 2007, around 18 patrol boats were actively used for coastal surveillance. However, he alleged that the previous government neglected these resources, leading to weakened monitoring. He added that efforts are now underway to restore and fully utilize these boats, with a long-term strategy to prevent unauthorised entry of boats from neighboring states.

On the Juvvaladinne fishing harbour, the minister assured that the project would be completed at the earliest and brought into operation. He accused YSRCP leaders of deliberately creating divisions among local communities over the issue and warned of strict action if such attempts continue.

Ravindra also clarified that land allocation for industrial purposes near the harbour has been limited to just seven acres for the Sagar Shipbuilding Society, ensuring no disruption to fishermen’s livelihoods. He said consultations would be held with local villagers and fishermen to address any concerns.

The minister further emphasized the importance of both industrial growth and fishermen welfare, listing several welfare measures such as pensions from the age of 50, fishing ban compensation, diesel subsidies, and financial support for nets and boats.

The meeting was attended by MLAs Somireddy Chandramohan Reddy, Kavya Krishna Reddy, MLC Beeda Ravichandra, and other leaders and officials

Jagan’s Name Sparks Political Debate: Minister Kollu Parthasarathy’s Sharp Remarks

Vijayawada, April 6, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh politics witnessed yet another verbal flashpoint as State Minister Kollu Parthasarathy made pointed remarks targeting former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy. His comments, particularly the statement that “even Jagan’s name itself has become symbolic,” have stirred fresh political debate across the state.

Speaking at a public gathering, Parthasarathy criticized the previous YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) government, alleging that its governance style left a lasting negative impression among people. He suggested that the name “Jagan” has now become associated with controversial decisions, unfulfilled promises, and administrative setbacks.

The minister’s remarks ap-



pear to be part of a broader strategy by the ruling alliance to intensify its attack on the former regime. Over the past few months, several leaders from the current government have been vocal in highlighting what they describe as policy

failures during Jagan’s tenure, particularly on issues such as capital development, financial management, and welfare delivery systems.

Parthasarathy further stated that public perception has undergone a significant shift af-

ter the change in government. According to him, people are now more aware and critical of past governance, and political accountability has become a key factor in shaping future electoral outcomes. He emphasized that leadership should be judged not just by promises but by long-term impact and credibility.

The comments, however, have drawn strong reactions from YSRCP leaders, who dismissed them as politically motivated criticism. Party representatives argued that Jagan’s tenure focused heavily on welfare schemes, grassroots governance, and inclusive development, and that attempts to malign his image would not resonate with the public.

Political analysts note that such statements reflect the increasingly aggressive tone of Andhra Pradesh politics, especially in the run-up to future

elections. Personalised criticism, including references to names and identities, is becoming a recurring trend in political discourse, often aimed at influencing public sentiment.

Observers also point out that while sharp rhetoric may energize party cadres, it risks diverting attention from substantive policy debates. As both sides continue to exchange accusations, voters may ultimately look beyond statements and evaluate performance on governance, development, and transparency.

With Andhra Pradesh’s political landscape remaining highly dynamic, Parthasarathy’s remarks have added yet another layer to the ongoing war of words between the ruling coalition and the opposition, signaling that the contest for public opinion is far from over.

“Not Jagan’s New Idea... Chandrababu Said It 11 Years Ago”: Pattabhi

Amaravati, April 6, 2026 | TPN Bureau
TDP leader Kommareddy Pattabhiram (Pattabhi) has stirred fresh political debate by asserting that certain ideas now being projected by former Chief Minister Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy are not new, but were originally envisioned by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu over a decade ago.

Addressing the media, Pattabhi stated that the concept being discussed today—particularly regarding decentralisation, development models, and administrative structuring—had already been articulated by Chandrababu Naidu nearly 11 years ago, soon after the bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh in 2014. He emphasized that Naidu, during his tenure, laid the foundation for a comprehensive and futuristic capital vision centered around Amaravati, along with regionally balanced growth strategies.

Pattabhi argued that the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) government had approached development with a long-term perspective, integrating infrastructure, governance,

and economic expansion into a single framework. According to him, these plans included not only the creation of Amaravati as a world-class capital but also strengthening other regions through targeted investments and connectivity.

He further alleged that the YSRCP government, instead of acknowledging these earlier efforts, attempted to repackage similar ideas under a different narrative. Pattabhi claimed that the three-capital proposal introduced during Jagan’s tenure created confusion and disrupted the continuity of development, especially in Amaravati.

The TDP leader’s remarks come in the backdrop of renewed political focus on Amaravati, particularly after Parliament recently passed legislation recognising it as the sole capital of Andhra Pradesh. This development has reignited discussions over past decisions, credit claims, and the direction of the state’s administrative future.

Pattabhi also stressed that political honesty requires giving due credit to earlier

policies and vision. He maintained that many foundational steps—such as land pooling, master planning, and initial infrastructure development—were executed under Naidu’s leadership, which continue to influence present-day governance discourse.

Responding indirectly to opposition narratives, he said that public memory cannot be erased and that people are aware of who initiated key developmental ideas. He added that attempts to claim ownership over long-standing concepts would not stand scrutiny in the long run.

Political observers note that such statements reflect the ongoing battle for narrative control in Andhra Pradesh politics, where both ruling and opposition parties are trying to shape public perception by revisiting past decisions.

As the political rhetoric intensifies, the debate over “who said it first” underscores a deeper contest—not just over ideas, but over credibility, consistency, and leadership in the state’s evolving political landscape.



Jagjivan Ram's Ideals Are the True Political Compass: Udayabhanu

Vijayawada, April 5 | TPN Bureau

The 118th birth anniversary of Babu Jagjivan Ram was observed with great reverence at the Jana Sena Party district office located on RTC Workshop Road in Vidyaharapuram, Vijayawada. The event was organized in the presence of party leaders and cadre, where floral tributes were paid to the portrait of the veteran leader.

On this occasion, NTR District Jana Sena Party President Samineni Udayabhanu, along with party members, garlanded the portrait of Jagjivan Ram and paid their respects. Addressing the gathering, Udayabhanu emphasized that the path shown by Jagjivan Ram continues to serve as a true political compass for present and future generations.

He highlighted that Jagjivan



Ram dedicated his entire life to the upliftment of marginalized communities and fought tirelessly for social justice and equality. "His unwavering commitment to the rights of the oppressed and his contributions to nation-building make him

an enduring inspiration for all political leaders," Udayabhanu said.

He further stated that Jagjivan Ram's legacy is not merely to be remembered through commemorative events, but to be actively implemented in

governance and public service. According to him, true homage to such a great leader lies in following his ideals and working towards an inclusive society where equal opportunities are ensured for all sections.

Udayabhanu also pointed out

that Jagjivan Ram played a significant role in shaping India's democratic and social framework, leaving behind a legacy that continues to influence political thought and action. He urged party workers and leaders to imbibe these values and strive for meaningful change in society.

The event witnessed the participation of several Jana Sena Party public representatives, leaders, women members, and party activists. A large number of Jana Sainiks gathered at the venue, reflecting their respect and admiration for the legendary leader.

The program concluded with a call to uphold the principles of social justice and equality, reinforcing the relevance of Jagjivan Ram's vision in contemporary politics.



Founders Roof Emerges as a Dynamic Platform for Entrepreneurs in NTR District

NTR District, April 05, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Aiming to bring entrepreneurs, investors, and creative individuals onto a single platform, the recently established "Founders Roof" initiative is steadily gaining momentum in NTR district. District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha expressed optimism that the platform would play a crucial role in fostering innovation and supporting aspiring business leaders.

The initiative, founded by Vishnu and Jagadeesh, is designed to create a collaborative ecosystem where individuals interested in starting industries, as well as those already running businesses, can exchange ideas, seek guidance, and build meaningful connections. Regular offline meetups are being organized every Sunday at various locations, providing participants with opportunities to interact and grow.

Speaking at a recent meetup held at Beram Park, Collector Lakshmisha interacted with budding entrepreneurs and discussed their business ideas and future plans. He emphasized that such platforms help in building strong professional networks, showcasing startup concepts, and encouraging knowledge-sharing among like-minded individuals.

The Collector noted that

Founders Roof can significantly contribute to strengthening the startup culture in Vijayawada by creating a supportive environment for entrepreneurs. He highlighted that businesses can utilize this platform to promote their services, identify skilled human resources, and connect with freelancers, thereby enhancing their operational efficiency and growth prospects.

Further, he reiterated the district administration's vision of "One Family - One Entrepreneur," aimed at empowering households through entrepreneurship. As part of this initiative, special programs are being conducted to nurture entrepreneurial skills among self-help group women through the RISE center at Guntupalli. He encouraged Founders Roof to actively collaborate in this larger mission to drive inclusive economic development.

Collector Lakshmisha also appreciated the efforts of the organizers in creating such a meaningful platform and extended his congratulations to all those involved.

The event was attended by NTR District Urban Federation President Meenakshi and several others, marking yet another step towards building a vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystem in the region.

Public Grievance Redressal Platform to Address Civic Issues in Vijayawada

Vijayawada, April 05, 2026 | TPN Bureau

The Vijayawada Municipal Corporation will continue its weekly public grievance redressal platform this Monday, aimed at addressing civic issues promptly and efficiently. Municipal Commissioner Dhyana Chandra announced that the program will be conducted both at the corporation's head office and across all zonal offices in the city.

The initiative is designed to provide citizens with a direct platform to voice their concerns and seek immediate solutions to issues related to municipal services. Residents can approach their nearest office to submit complaints and interact with officials.

Authorities stated that grievances will be received between 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM. During this period, officials will be available at both the main municipal office and zonal offices, ensuring easy access for people



from different parts of the city. Commissioner Dhyana Chandra emphasized that the platform reflects the administration's commitment to transparent governance and citizen-centric service delivery. By organizing the grievance system at multiple locations simultaneously, the corporation aims to speed up the resolution process and improve efficiency.

He urged citizens to take advantage of this opportunity

and actively participate in the initiative by bringing their issues directly to the authorities. The weekly program is expected to strengthen communication between the public and the municipal administration while ensuring quicker resolution of civic problems.

The announcement was issued by the Public Relations Officer of the Vijayawada Municipal Corporation.

Modern Community Hall Inaugurated in Kanchikacherla

Kanchikacherla, April 05, 2026 | TPN Bureau

A newly modernized Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Community Hall was inaugurated on Sunday in Ambedkar Colony of Kanchikacherla town, marking a step forward in strengthening community infrastructure in the region. The programme was formally launched by Andhra Pradesh Government Whip and MLA Tangirala Soumya, who attended the event along with coalition leaders and local representatives.

Speaking on the occasion, Tangirala Soumya emphasized the importance of community halls as vital platforms for so-

cial development. She stated that such facilities play a key role in bringing people together and enabling them to conduct various social and cultural activities. The newly upgraded hall is expected to serve as a common space for residents to organize meetings, celebrations, and community events. The MLA further noted that the government is committed to improving public infrastructure based on the needs of the people. She highlighted that the development of such amenities reflects the administration's focus on inclusive growth and welfare of all sections of society.

Officials stated that the modernization of the community hall includes improved ameni-

ties and better facilities to accommodate a wide range of public activities. The initiative is aimed at enhancing the quality of life for residents of Ambedkar Colony and nearby areas. State Market Committees Vice Chairman Koganti Venkata Satyanarayana Babu, along with local public representatives, coalition leaders, government officials, and colony residents, participated in the programme.

The inauguration was well attended by locals, who expressed appreciation for the upgraded facility. The new community hall is expected to become a central hub for community engagement and social interaction in Kanchikacherla.



Special Rituals at Indrakeeladri for Amaravati's Legal Recognition

Indrakeeladri, April 05, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Special religious rituals were held at the sacred hill shrine of Indrakeeladri on Sunday, marking the legal recognition granted to Amaravati by the Indian Parliament. The event coincided with the auspicious occasion of Sankashti Chaturthi and was organized with prayers for the overall development of Andhra Pradesh and the welfare of its people.

The rituals began at 9:00 AM at the temple's old Yaga Shala with Ganapati Homam and Nava Chandhi Homam, performed according to traditional Vedic practices. These ceremonies were conducted to seek divine blessings for the successful development of Amaravati as the people's capital and for the progress of the state.

Temple Trust Board Chairman Borra Radhakrishna, Executive Officer V. K. Sheena Nayak, along with board members Kalavati and Sarojini

Devi, participated in the special pujas. Special invitee V. Shankara Babu was also present at the event.

The rituals concluded with Pournahuti at around 11:00 AM under the supervision of Sthanacharya V. Shiva Prasad Sharma and Deputy Chief Priest Kotla Prasad, ensuring adherence to temple traditions. Temple authorities stated that prayers were offered to Goddess Kanaka Durga, seeking the fulfillment of the Chief Minister's vision for Amaravati and prosperity for the

people of Andhra Pradesh. As part of the event, free ladu prasadam was distributed to devotees visiting the Sri Durga Mallewara Swamy Temple for darshan. The distribution was inaugurated by the Chairman, Executive Officer, and temple priests. A large number of devotees participated in the event, reflecting strong spiritual sentiment and collective prayers for the state's growth and success.

YSRCP Hindering State Development, Alleges TNSF Leader

Vijayawada, April 05, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Telugu Nadu Students Federation (TNSF) NTR District General Secretary Charan Sai Yadav on Sunday alleged that the YSR Congress Party is the primary obstacle to the development of Andhra Pradesh.

Addressing a press conference held at NTR Bhavan in Guru Nanak Colony, Vijayawada, he strongly criticized remarks made by Devineni Avinash regarding the state capital issue. He termed Avinash's comments on the development of Vijayawada under N. Chandrababu Naidu and Nara Lokesh as "unfortunate" and "misleading."

Charan Sai Yadav alleged that Vijayawada's growth has been hindered due to what he described as disruptive political influences and accused certain individuals of damaging the city's reputation. He stated that while the city has the potential to develop into a major metropolitan hub, such progress has been obstructed over time.

He further criticized YSRCP leadership, including Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, over remarks related to the capital Amaravati, claiming that the party is unable to accept the development of the people's capital

Amaravati.

The TNSF leader also accused the YSRCP of engaging in divisive politics, alleging that the party attempted to create social divisions even during the COVID-19 pandemic. He claimed that such approaches have distanced the party from various sections of society.

Highlighting the current administration's efforts, he said that Vijayawada is progressing on the path of development under the present government and pointed to improvements in infrastructure, including the city's airport and urban facilities.

Charan Sai Yadav further stated that political leaders should exercise restraint and responsibility in their public statements, especially on sensitive issues like the state capital. He warned that any remarks undermining the leadership or the development agenda would be strongly opposed.

He expressed confidence that the people of Andhra Pradesh would respond decisively to such political narratives in the future.

The press meet was attended by TDP SC Cell District President Songa Sanjay Varma, student leader Vamsi, and other party members.

Opposing Amaravati Will Reduce Jagan to Zero, Says MP Kesineni Chinni

Vijayawada, April 05, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Vijayawada Member of Parliament Kesineni Sivannath (Chinni) on Sunday launched a sharp attack on Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, warning that any attempt to undermine the development of Amaravati would politically backfire.

He made these remarks during the unveiling of a statue of N. T. Rama Rao in Chittinagar under the Vijayawada West constituency. The statue installation ceremony was held near the Milk Project area and witnessed the participation of party leaders and local residents.

Addressing the gathering, Kesineni Chinni described NTR as a visionary leader who elevated the self-respect of Tel-



ugu people on a global platform. He emphasized that the Telugu Desam Party continues to move forward with the sole aim of fulfilling NTR's ideals.

The MP strongly criticized the YSRCP leadership, stating that Amaravati represents the aspirations of millions of

Andhra Pradesh citizens and should be developed into a world-class capital. He alleged that attempts to belittle or obstruct its progress reflect poor political judgment.

Referring to recent political remarks, he said that if opposition to Amaravati continues,

Jagan Mohan Reddy risks being reduced from "Eleven" to "Zero" in political relevance. He accused the YSRCP of ridiculing the capital vision with unusual narratives instead of contributing constructively to state development. Kesineni Chinni further stated that un-

Godavari to Host Grand Dragon Boat League 2026



Rajamahendravaram, | April 6, 2026 | TPN Bureau

The serene waters of the Godavari are set to witness an extraordinary sporting spectacle as Rajamahendravaram gears up to host the International Dragon Boat League 2026. Known for its rich cultural heritage, the city is now preparing to emerge as a global hub for adventure sports. This mega event will bring together participants from over 25 countries, with more than 1,200 international athletes competing in thrilling races on the iconic Godavari riverfront. Scheduled to take place over three days, the competition promises high-energy action and a vibrant atmosphere. The official launch of the event is set for April 7, 2026, at 9:30 AM, marking a historic moment as India hosts such a large-scale dragon boat competition for the first time. The slogan, "Where Tradition Meets Sport," perfectly reflects the spirit of the event, blending cultural legacy with modern sporting excellence. Dragon boat racing, an ancient Chinese water sport, involves teams paddling in unison to the rhythm of a drum, creating a visually stunning and adrenaline-filled experience. Soon, this electrifying sport will come alive on the waves of the Godavari. Beyond sports, the event is expected to significantly boost tourism in Rajamahendravaram, positioning it as a global destination. The influx of international athletes and visitors will also provide a major boost to local businesses, hotels, and the hospitality sector. Additionally, the initiative is likely to accelerate riverfront development, bringing infrastructure upgrades in line with international standards. Officials are expected to release detailed arrangements and schedules in the coming days. As the countdown begins, the Dragon Boat League stands as a proud milestone for the region. The government has invited people from across Andhra Pradesh to witness this grand international event, which is set to transform the Godavari into a stage for global sporting excellence.

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Collector Calls Youth to Follow Jagjivan Ram's Ideals

Nellore, Andhra Pradesh | April 5, 2026 | TPN Bureau

District Collector Himanshu Shukla urged the youth to draw inspiration from the ideals of Babu Jagjivan Ram and contribute meaningfully to society and nation-building. On the occasion of Jagjivan Ram's 118th birth anniversary, the Collector paid floral tributes to his statue at Vedayapalem Centre on Sunday. Speaking to the media later, he described Jagjivan Ram as a visionary leader, an efficient administrator, and a distinguished statesman who dedicated his life to public service. He highlighted that Jagjivan Ram had a long and impactful political career spanning nearly five decades, during which he held several key ministerial positions and eventually served as the Deputy Prime Minister of India. His journey, the Collector noted, stands as a testament to his leadership qualities and commitment to the nation. Recalling his role in India's freedom struggle, Shukla said Jagjivan Ram actively participated in



movements alongside Mahatma Gandhi, enduring hardships and even facing lathi charges during protests. Such instances, he said, reflect his courage, determination, and unwavering patriotism. The Collector also pointed out that Jagjivan Ram played a significant role in national governance during the tenures of leaders like Jawaharlal Nehru,

Indira Gandhi, and Morarji Desai, contributing to the country's progress across various sectors. As part of the celebrations, a cake was cut to mark the occasion. Officials including Social Welfare Department DD Shobharani and others participated in the programme, making it a fitting tribute to the legacy of the great leader.

Alliance Govt Reaffirms Support for Fishermen

Kovur, Nellore District | April 5, 2026 | TPN Bureau

The alliance government has reiterated its strong commitment to protecting the interests of fishermen, while dismissing allegations and misinformation regarding the Juvvaladinne Fishing Harbour project. Nellore MP Vemireddy Prabhakar Reddy and Kovur MLA Vemireddy Prashanthi Reddy clarified that all initiatives are aimed at improving the livelihoods of fishing communities. Speaking to the media, Prabhakar Reddy stated that the Juvvaladinne Fishing Harbour would provide significant



benefits by enhancing fishing infrastructure and reducing hardships faced by local fishermen. He criticized opposition parties for spreading false propaganda about the project and the proposed Sagar Defence company. He assured that the land allocated for the company would not cause any harm to fishermen and would

instead offer technological support, including the use of drones to identify better fishing zones. He further highlighted that the Central government is offering up to 65 percent subsidy for purchasing high-speed boats, particularly encouraging women beneficiaries. Two such boats have already been distributed, and steps are un-

derway to provide four more. MLA Prashanthi Reddy stated that from the time of N. T. Rama Rao to the current leadership of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, fishermen's welfare has always been a priority. She added that increased coastal patrolling using high-speed boats has helped protect local marine resources from intrusions by boats from Tamil Nadu. The leaders reaffirmed that the government remains committed to ensuring security, development, and long-term benefits for fishermen across the region.

No Real Development in Amaravati, Allege YSRCP Leaders

Kadapa, Andhra Pradesh | April 5, 2026 | TPN Bureau

YSRCP youth leader Gunti Nagendra and district medical wing president Nagarjuna Reddy criticized the coalition government, alleging that there is no real development in Amaravati and that it has turned into a business venture. Speaking at a press conference held at the YSRCP district office, the leaders said the government is focusing on commercial interests in the name of Amaravati rather than actual development. They alleged that huge investments, reportedly running into lakhs of crores, are being projected without visible progress on the ground over the past two years. They further claimed that the push for Amaravati as the capital is driven by vested interests, particularly to benefit lands owned by certain leaders, rather than for the welfare of the people. Instead of investing massive funds in Amara-

vati, they suggested that developing a capital region around Machilipatnam, Vijayawada, and Guntur within a wider radius would be more practical and beneficial. The leaders also referred to historical significance, stating that even during British rule, Machilipatnam held administrative importance. They said former Chief Minister Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy had recognized the strategic importance of such regions and proposed alternative

development ideas. They alleged that the promises made by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu regarding Amaravati's development are unrealistic and misleading. The leaders questioned whether such a capital would truly benefit all sections of society. YSRCP leaders called on the public to rethink the issue and demanded a transparent and inclusive approach to capital development that prioritizes people's welfare over political or commercial interests.

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Development Works Gain Momentum in Nellore Rural

Nellore Rural, | April 5, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Development activities are progressing rapidly across Nellore Rural constituency, with several infrastructure projects being taken up in different divisions. As part of these efforts, a Babu Jagjivan Ram Community Hall constructed at a cost of 1 crore was inaugurated in Kranti Nagar of the 37th division.

The facility was formally opened by Rural MLA Kotamreddy Sridhar Reddy, in the presence of TDP leader Kotamreddy Giridhar Reddy, former Mayor Nandimandalam Bhanushree, and local corporator Bobbala Srinivas Yadav.

Speaking on the occasion,



the MLA said that development works are being carried out in every part of the constituency with a focus on improving civic

infrastructure and public amenities. He credited the support and encouragement of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu

Naidu for enabling large-scale development projects worth hundreds of crores in the region.

Sridhar Reddy stated that the newly constructed community hall was made possible with the cooperation of local residents and will serve as a useful space for social and community activities. He assured that he would continue to address public issues and work tirelessly to resolve any problems faced by the people.

The event witnessed the participation of cluster in-charges, co-cluster in-charges, division leaders, representatives of affiliated associations, and leaders and workers from TDP, Jana Sena, and BJP. The gathering reflected strong local involvement and support for ongoing development initiatives in Nellore Rural.



Jana Sena Leaders Honor Jagjivan Ram, Stress Social Justice

Nellore City, Andhra Pradesh | April 5, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Leaders and workers of the Jana Sena Party paid rich tributes to Babu Jagjivan Ram on the occasion of his birth anniversary, recalling his lifelong dedication to social justice and equality.

The programme was held at Vedayapalem in Nellore city, where party members garlanded his statue and offered floral tributes. Leaders stated that Jagjivan Ram was a great leader who worked tirelessly for the upliftment of marginalized and weaker sections of society. They highlighted his contribution as a freedom fighter and his service to the nation as Deputy Prime Minister. Speakers said his life was an inspiration, emphasizing values such as raising one's voice

for the oppressed, creating opportunities where none exist, and standing firmly against injustice. They noted that his vision of an equal society without discrimination continues to be relevant even today.

The leaders also underlined that the Jana Sena Party remains committed to social justice and empowerment of weaker sections. They said the party is working with inspiration from its leader Pawan Kalyan to build an inclusive society where everyone gets equal opportunities.

Several party leaders, including district general secretary Kishore Gunukula, along with senior leaders and youth members, participated in the programme. The event concluded with a renewed pledge to follow the ideals of Jagjivan Ram and work towards a fair and just society.

Jagjivan Ram's Legacy Inspires Future Generations: Collector

Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh | April 5, 2026 | TPN Bureau

District Collector A. Siri stated that the life and services of Babu Jagjivan Ram continue to inspire future generations.

On the occasion of his 119th birth anniversary, floral tributes were paid to Jagjivan Ram's statue at RS Junction by the Collector, Kurnool MP Bastipati Nagaraju, Kodumuru MLA Boggula Dastagiri, district officials, and leaders of SC and ST organizations.

Addressing the gathering, the Collector said Jagjivan Ram, born on April 5, 1908, in Bihar, dedicated his life to fighting social inequality and uplifting marginalized communities. Inspired by Mahatma Gandhi, he actively participated in the freedom struggle and later played a crucial role in nation-building. He served the country in key ministries such as Defence, Agriculture, and Labour, and also held the position of Deputy Prime Minister, earning a distinguished



place in Indian politics.

The Collector emphasized that Jagjivan Ram's efforts for social justice, equal opportunities, and empowerment of weaker sections remain relevant even today. He called upon youth to follow his ideals and

contribute to society with dedication and commitment.

Highlighting welfare initiatives, the Collector said the Social Welfare Department is taking steps to improve education, accommodation, and health facilities for students. In the

district, over 5,000 students are studying in pre-matric hostels and more than 1,400 in college hostels with enhanced facilities, nutritious food, and essential supplies. He added that scholarships, free coaching programmes, and infrastruc-

ture development works are being implemented to ensure quality education and better opportunities. The programme concluded with prizes distributed to students who excelled in essay writing and elocution competitions.

Equality Begins with Individuals: TTD Official

Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh | April 5, 2026 | TPN Bureau

TTD Chief Vigilance and Security Officer K. V. Murali Krishna emphasized that true equality in society can be achieved only when there is equality among individuals without any discrimination. He was speaking at a programme held at Mahathi Auditorium in Tirupati to mark the 119th birth anniversary of Babu Jagjivan Ram.

He described Jagjivan Ram as a great humanitarian and visionary leader who made significant contributions to the agricultural sector during his tenure as Union Agriculture Minister, particularly in supporting the Green Revolution. He also praised his efforts to eradicate untouchability and promote social equality from a young age. He stated that every individual possesses talent, and it is not dependent on caste or economic status. Encouraging equal opportunities, he called for building a society that recognizes and nurtures the abilities of all people. Additional District

Judge T. Ramachandru highlighted Jagjivan Ram's leadership qualities, recalling his role in organizing relief efforts during the Bihar earthquake. Other speakers also spoke about his contributions to Dalit welfare, women's empowerment, and his long political career dedicated to public service. Floral tributes were paid to Jagjivan Ram's portrait, and 56 employees were felicitated for their services. Prizes were distributed to winners of essay writing and quiz competitions. The programme was organized under the supervision of Deputy EO Anand Raju with participation from TTD officials and staff.



Students' Choices Shape Nation's Future: TUDA Chairman

Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh | April 5, 2026 | TPN Bureau

TUDA Chairman Dollar Divakar Reddy stated that the decisions taken by students today will lay the foundation for the nation's future. He emphasized the importance of informed choices in shaping successful careers and a strong society.

of bringing together reputed universities and colleges from both southern and northern states under one platform to provide guidance to students. He said such expos play a crucial role in helping students understand emerging trends in education and career opportunities.

He was speaking at the inauguration of the Tirupati Education Expo-2026, held at the Youth Hostel in Tirupati. The expo aims to guide students who have completed Class 10, Intermediate, and Degree courses in choosing the right path for their higher education.

The Chairman also highlighted that the government is giving high priority to the education sector and encouraged students to make the best use of such platforms to achieve their goals. He expressed confidence that with proper guidance and determination, students can reach greater heights in their chosen fields.

Addressing the gathering, Divakar Reddy advised students to go beyond academics and explore various career opportunities based on their interests and skills. He noted that in today's competitive world, awareness about diverse courses and career options is essential for success.

During the event, he visited various stalls related to Polytechnic, B.Tech, Medical, Pharmacy, Management, and overseas education. He interacted with representatives and appreciated the organizers for conducting a well-structured and informative expo for students.

He appreciated the initiative



Amaravati Declared Sole Capital, Says MLA Gurajala

Chittoor | April 5, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Chittoor MLA Gurajala Jagannohan stated that Amaravati has emerged as the sole capital of Andhra Pradesh, calling it a historic moment for the state.

and dedication to achieve this milestone despite challenges.

Speaking on the occasion, the MLA described Amaravati as a sacred land blessed by divine presence and associated with the teachings of Gautama Buddha. He said the long-standing aspiration of the people has finally been fulfilled with the approval of the capital legislation in Parliament.

Expressing happiness over the development, the MLA symbolically lit a lamp at his residence, invoking blessings and marking the occasion as a proud moment for the people of Andhra Pradesh. He said Amaravati will remain a symbol of hope and aspiration for nearly five crore people of the state. The MLA added that Amaravati represents not just an administrative center but also the cultural and historical identity of Andhra Pradesh. He expressed confidence that the capital city will grow into a world-class destination, fulfilling the dreams of future generations. He concluded by stating that Amaravati will hold a permanent place in the history of the state as the capital built on people's aspirations and collective vision.

He credited Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and the alliance government for their determination and commitment in overcoming obstacles and ensuring legal status for Amaravati as the state's only capital. He said the government worked with sincerity

Fragrance of Devotion at Ontimitta Pushpayagam

- Divine Rituals for Sri Kodandarama Kadapa, April 05 | TPN Bureau:

The sacred Pushpayagam ritual was conducted with great devotion on Sunday evening at the temple of Sri Kodandarama Swamy Temple, creating a spiritually vibrant atmosphere filled with devotion. The day began with Suprabhatam, awakening the deity, followed by temple purification and regular rituals. In the evening at around 6 PM, the Pushpayagam was performed in a grand manner with the participation of a large number of devotees.

Various types of flowers and sacred leaves such as tulasi, jasmine, roses, chrysanthemums, oleander, champak, and mogali leaves were used to offer floral worship to the Lord and Goddess. Around 3 tons of flowers were donated by devotees from Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka. Priests stated that Pushpayagam is performed to seek peace, prosperity, and protection from natural calamities. It is also considered an act of atonement for any unintentional mistakes made during daily rituals. It is believed that this ritual removes negative effects and brings positive outcomes. The event was attended by TTD Board Member Sadasiva Rao, Deputy EO Prasanthi, Garden Deputy Director Srinivasulu, Temple Inspector Naveen, temple priests, and a large number of devotees. The ceremony was conducted in a peaceful and devotional atmosphere, leaving devotees spiritually satisfied.



Tirupati Police Pay Tribute to Jagjivan Ram

Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh | April 5, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Tirupati District Police paid rich tributes to Babu Jagjivan Ram on the occasion of his birth anniversary, remembering his remarkable contributions to the nation and social justice.

Jagjivan Ram's dedication to social equality, justice, and the upliftment of weaker sections continues to inspire generations. They emphasized that his life and ideals serve as a guiding force for those committed to public service and nation-building.

As per the directions of District SP L. Subbarayudu, a tribute programme was organized at the SP office. Officials and police personnel gathered to pay homage by garlanding the portrait of the great leader.

The officers highlighted that he worked tirelessly to eliminate social discrimination and promote equal opportunities for all sections of society. His vision of an inclusive and just society remains relevant even today. Officials called upon everyone to follow the path shown by Jagjivan Ram and contribute towards building a fair and equal society.

Additional SP (Administration) Venkata Rao participated in the programme and offered floral tributes. Speaking on the occasion, he recalled Jagjivan Ram's immense contribution as a freedom fighter and as a former Deputy Prime Minister of India. Police officials stated that

Police officers and staff from the SP office participated in the programme, making it a respectful and meaningful tribute to the legendary leader.

Illegal Church Construction Exposed in Vakalapudi Near Kakinada

Kakinada, April 05 | TPN Bureau:

A major violation of building norms has come to light in Vakalapudi near Kakinada, where a church is being constructed in clear deviation from approved permissions. The issue has triggered concern among local residents and prompted swift action from officials.

tailed field inspection. During the inspection, officials found major irregularities. The construction did not match the approved plan, and there was a clear mismatch between the sanctioned design and the actual structure. Mandatory setback rules were also violated, as the building was constructed without leaving the required open space around it. Officials stated that permission was taken only as a formality while the actual construction ignored all regulations. They issued a strong warning that no violations would be tolerated. Authorities are expected to issue show-cause notices soon. If the builders fail to respond properly or do not remove illegal portions, strict action, including demolition, may be taken.

According to rules, construction of any religious structure such as a temple, church, or mosque must first be approved through a Gram Sabha resolution and then cleared by the District Collector. However, in this case, these procedures were allegedly not followed properly.

The incident has become a topic of discussion locally, with people questioning how such a large illegal construction went unnoticed initially. The District Collector is closely monitoring the situation.

The matter came to light after a complaint was filed by a local resident, Reddy Ashajyothi, through the Public Grievance Redressal System. Responding immediately, Kakinada Rural officials, including MPDO Satish and Panchayat Secretary Panduranga Rao, conducted a de-



MLA Pulivarthi Nani Holds Review Meet with TDP Leaders

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Cluster-4 and outlined future plans for the region. He stressed that unity among leaders, workers, and youth is key to strengthening the party.

Pulivarthi Nani assured that he would always remain accessible to party members and youth. He highlighted several development initiatives undertaken in Pakala mandal over the past two years, including Pakala-Damala Cheruvu road works, CC roads, drainage systems, drinking water facilities, water plants, and storage tanks. He also credited Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, and Agriculture Minister Kinjarapu Atch-

An interaction meeting with Telugu Desam Party leaders, booth, cluster, and unit in-charges was held for the second consecutive day at Pulivarthivaripalli village in Pakala mandal. The meeting was led by MLA Pulivarthi Nani, who warmly received party leaders and workers. The programme began with floral tributes to the portrait of N. T. Rama Rao, the founder of the Telugu Desam Party. Addressing the gathering, the MLA explained the development works sanctioned under

annaidu for supporting mango farmers in the constituency. The MLA said he has brought crop loss issues caused by elephant attacks to their attention and requested necessary relief measures for affected farmers. He warned that anyone obstructing development in the constituency would not be tolerated. He also criticized the previous government, alleging lack of freedom for public representatives. The MLA conducted discussions with leaders at the level to understand their concerns. The meeting saw participation from senior TDP leaders, cluster and booth in-charges, and party workers.

Arani Srinivasulu Inaugurates Open Gym at Padmavati Park

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Tirupati MLA Arani Srinivasulu inaugurated a newly developed open gym at Padmavati Park in Bairagipattada, enhancing recreational facilities for local residents.



After inaugurating the open gym, the MLA joined morning walkers and took a walk around the park. He also inspected the children's play area and the newly installed lighting system, reviewing the overall development works carried out in the park.

Speaking on the occasion, the MLA said that Padmavati Park has been developed at a

cost of 35 lakh with improved infrastructure and modern amenities. He added that after

the NDA alliance government came to power, around ten parks in the city have been upgraded with an investment of nearly 1 crore.

He assured that all necessary basic facilities would be provided in parks to ensure better public convenience and encourage healthy lifestyles among citizens. Emphasizing the importance of fitness, he said that everyone should adopt some form of physical exercise to stay healthy. He advised people to spend at least one hour daily on walking or other fitness activities.

The MLA also highlighted the importance of balancing education and sports for children. He urged parents to encourage their children to participate in sports along with academics for overall development.

Several leaders and public representatives, including city president Rajareddy, TDP state media coordinator Varma, corporator SK Babu, Sudhakar, Shrawan, Konda Rajamohan, Arcot Krishna Prasad, Alwar Murali, and other alliance leaders participated in the programme.

Jagjivan Ram's Life Inspires Youth: Collector Sumit Kumar

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District Collector Sumit Kumar said that the life, determination, and social vision of Babu Jagjivan Ram continue to inspire today's youth.

On the occasion of his 119th birth anniversary, the Collector paid floral tributes to Jagjivan Ram's statue at Gangineni Cheruvu in Chittoor, where a programme was organized under the Social Welfare Department. Several officials and public representatives participated in the event.

Later, a rally was conducted from Gangineni Cheruvu

to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Bhavan, reflecting respect and remembrance for the great leader. Addressing the media, the Collector stated that despite progress, several economic and social challenges still persist in society. He emphasized that Jagjivan Ram's efforts and reforms provide valuable guidance in addressing these issues. He noted that Jagjivan Ram played a key role in implementing important laws both at the state level in Bihar and at the national level. The Collector stressed that effective implementation of such laws in letter and spirit can significantly uplift economically and socially backward

communities. He further pointed out the need for continued focus on the development of SC and ST communities, urging authorities to strengthen welfare and development programmes. He highlighted the importance of improving infrastructure such as roads, educational institutions, hostels, and drinking water facilities. The Collector called upon public representatives and officials to work in coordination for the welfare of weaker sections. He urged everyone to contribute towards ensuring that no section of society is left behind, making inclusive development a shared responsibility.



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Chittoor District Police paid rich tributes to Babu Jagjivan Ram on the occasion of his birth anniversary, remembering his immense contributions to the nation and social justice.

As per the directions of District SP Tushar Dudi, a tribute programme was organized at the District Armed Reserve office. AR DSP Chinni Krishna offered floral tributes by garlanding the portrait of the great leader.

Speaking on the occasion, the DSP described Jagjivan Ram, popularly known as "Babuji," as a national leader, freedom fighter, and a champion of social justice. He said Jagjivan Ram was a distinguished parliamentarian, a true democrat, an efficient administrator, and an outstanding orator who dedicated his life to the upliftment of marginalized communities.

He emphasized that Jagjivan



Ram worked tirelessly for equality, justice, and social harmony throughout his life. His efforts to eliminate social discrimination and provide equal opportunities to all sections of society remain a guiding force even today. Officials noted that his contributions towards the empowerment of weaker sections are unforgettable and hold a permanent

place in the country's history. They called upon everyone to follow his ideals and work towards building an inclusive and just society. Reserve Inspectors Chandrasekhar and Veeresh, along with police personnel, participated in the programme and paid their respects, making it a solemn and respectful tribute to the legendary leader.

Ugadi Awards Honour Service and Environmental Leadership

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Showcasing cultural richness and a strong spirit of service, the Rotary Club of Rajamahendravaram Icons (RI District 3020) organized grand Ugadi celebrations and presented prestigious Ugadi Awards to distinguished personalities from various fields. The event, held at the Icons Rise Building, witnessed enthusiastic participation from community leaders, social workers, and citizens.

The event was also special as it coincided with the birthday of noted environmentalist and Rotarian Theegela Raja, whose remarkable contributions to environmental conservation were widely appreciated. Speakers described him as a savior of trees and praised his tireless dedication to protect-



ing nature.

Several eminent personalities were honored during the event for their outstanding contributions. Among them were G. Seetharamachandra Murthy, founder and chief priest of Sri Dattatreya Veda Vidya Gurukulam; D. Raj Ku-

mar Wodayar, an internationally recognized sculptor and state artist; Dr. N. Prasad, a senior district health officer; N. Durga Prasad Sharma, a spiritual practitioner; Professor D. Muniratnam Naidu, project director in classical Telugu studies; and Paravastu

Satya Gopinath Das, a religious leader. The highlight of the event was the recognition of Theegela Raja's innovative work in tree translocation. Through this method, large and decades-old trees are carefully relocated instead of being cut down during road expansion and infrastructure projects. His efforts have saved hundreds of trees and promoted a balance between development and environmental protection. Organizers including club president M. Venkanna Babu, secretary P. Raghunath Raju, and other members ensured the smooth conduct of the event. Speakers emphasized that protecting nature is a shared responsibility and that such initiatives inspire society. The event concluded with appreciation for Raja's service and a call to build a greener future.



Focus on Studies and Sports: Collector Venkateshwar

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District Collector S. Venkateshwar advised students to focus not only on academics but also on sports from an early age to ensure overall development. He was speaking at a mega orientation programme jointly organized by Raju Educational Institutions and Allen for students and parents at Sri Padmavati Women's University auditorium in Tirupati.

The event was attended by several dignitaries including TTD Additional JEO Venkayya Chowdary, Additional SP Ravi Manohara Chari, CISF Commandant Anurag Yadav, APIIC Deputy Zonal Manager Charan Rudra Raju, and Raju Educational Institutions Chairman Chamarthi Jaganmohan Raju.

Addressing the gathering, the Collector said that students should dedicate at least one hour daily to sports, as it helps improve physical fitness and concentration. He also encouraged students to build good

friendships and make independent decisions about their future goals. He expressed concern over increasing stress levels among students and the excessive use of social media, which affects focus and productivity.

TTD Additional JEO Venkayya Chowdary stated that success and failure are part of life and that victories achieved after failures hold greater value. He advised students to overcome fear and stay focused on their studies. Additional SP Ravi Manohara Chari emphasized that discipline plays a crucial role in success and that parents must guide children in developing good habits. Chairman Chamarthi Jaganmohan Raju highlighted that their institutions aim to shape students into successful professionals such as engineers and doctors. Merit and talent certificates were distributed, and students presented cultural programmes, making the event both informative and engaging.

RTC Bus Gutted After Contact with High-Tension Wires Near Vempalli

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An RTC bus belonging to the Kadiri depot was completely gutted after it came into contact with high-voltage electric wires near Vempalli in Kadapa district. The incident occurred while the bus was traveling from Vempalli to Kadiri.

According to officials, the accident happened when overhead high-tension power lines touched the top of the moving bus, triggering a sudden fire. Flames quickly spread across the vehicle, creating panic among the passengers.

There were 18 passengers on board at the time of the incident. Alerted by their screams,



the driver immediately stopped the bus and ensured that all passengers safely evacuated. Thanks to his quick response,

no casualties or injuries were reported.

However, the fire intensified rapidly and engulfed the entire

bus within minutes, reducing it to ashes. Local residents immediately informed the fire department. Fire officials rushed

to the scene and brought the blaze under control after considerable effort.

Authorities stated that a major tragedy was narrowly averted due to the timely action of the driver and the swift evacuation of passengers. The incident has raised concerns over the safety of overhead power lines and their proximity to roads.

Passengers expressed relief after escaping unharmed, calling it a narrow escape from a potentially fatal accident. Officials are expected to conduct a detailed inquiry into the cause of the incident and take necessary measures to prevent such incidents in the future.

Delimitation Must Be Based on Proper Census: Amzath Basha

Kadapa (Urban), Andhra Pradesh | April 6, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Former Deputy Chief Minister Amzath Basha questioned the basis on which the delimitation process is being carried out, asking which census data authorities are relying upon.

Speaking at a press conference held at his office, he said delimitation is not a recent exercise and criticized the officials for allegedly rushing the process by issuing GO No. 65. He expressed concern over the short timeline given for resolving objections, stating that providing just seven days is not practical.

Amzath Basha pointed out that the last official census was conducted in 2011, while the 2021 census was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He questioned how delimitation could be carried out on a population basis when no recent census has been conducted



across the country.

He alleged that some officials were acting in haste and showing bias, and warned that if necessary, the matter would be taken to court to ensure jus-

face any elections and emphasized that the delimitation process should be conducted in a scientific and transparent manner. He urged both officials and the public to ensure

fairness in the process. Former Mayor Paka Suresh, former Deputy Mayor Bandi Nithyananda Reddy, and other leaders were present at the press meet.

Narendra Modi Slams Trinamool Congress Over Malda Incident, Calls It "MahaJungleraj"

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched a strong attack on the Trinamool Congress government in West Bengal, calling the recent incident in Malda an example of "mahajungleraj" and a serious breakdown of law and order.

Addressing a rally in Cooch Behar, the Prime Minister referred to the shocking development in Malda where several judicial officers were reportedly held hostage for hours. He questioned the safety of officials and citizens in the state and criticised the handling of the situation by the state government.

The incident reportedly took place in the Kaliachak area of Malda, where a group of protesters surrounded government officials and confined them for several hours. The judicial officers were said to be



in the area for official work when tensions escalated. Authorities later carried out a res-

cue operation and safely evacuated those trapped. During his speech, Narendra

Modi questioned how governance could function effectively if judicial officers themselves

were not safe. He alleged that the incident reflected deteriorating law and order in West Bengal and accused the ruling party of failing to maintain security. The Prime Minister also raised concerns about governance in the state, criticising what he described as corruption and mismanagement. He urged voters to seek change and promised better law and order if given an opportunity.

The Malda incident has triggered a political debate in West Bengal, with opposition leaders criticising the ruling government while the Trinamool Congress defended its position. The development has intensified political tensions in the state. Narendra Modi's remarks have further escalated the political battle in West Bengal, with the Malda incident emerging as a key talking point in the ongoing political discourse.



Amit Shah Says Kerala Polls Aim to Improve Future, Not Just Change Government

Union Home Minister Amit Shah said that the upcoming assembly elections in Kerala are not just about changing the government but about improving the state's future. He made these remarks while addressing a public meeting in the Kunnathunadu constituency during his campaign visit.

Amit Shah stated that elections should be seen as an opportunity for long-term development and better governance. He emphasized that the focus should be on improving infrastructure, employment opportunities, and overall growth in Kerala rather than simply replacing the ruling party.

During his speech, Shah pointed out that the vote share of the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance in Kerala has steadily increased since the 2014 Lok Sabha elections. He expressed confidence that the NDA is gaining support across the state and said the time has come for the alliance to form a government in Kerala.

The Union Home Minister also appealed to voters to support the NDA, stating that the alliance aims to bring development and create more opportu-

nities for the youth. He stressed that Kerala has significant potential and requires strong leadership to unlock future growth.

Amit Shah also extended greetings to the Christian community on the occasion of Easter and sought their support for the BJP-led alliance. He said the NDA is committed to inclusive development and ensuring progress for all sections of society.

The Kerala Assembly elections are expected to witness a tough contest among major political fronts, including the ruling Left Democratic Front, the Congress-led United Democratic Front, and the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance. Shah's remarks come as campaigning intensifies across the state ahead of polling.

With elections approaching, political leaders have stepped up their campaigns, highlighting development, governance, and future opportunities as key issues for voters. Amit Shah's statement positions the upcoming Kerala polls as a crucial moment for shaping the state's future rather than just a change in leadership.



Raghav Chadha Hits Back at AamAadmi Party Critics, Shares Video on Punjab Issues

Raghav Chadha responded strongly to criticism from leaders within the AamAadmi Party by releasing a video highlighting his efforts to raise issues related to Punjab in Parliament. The move comes amid growing internal tensions within the party regarding his role and performance.

In the video, Chadha shared clips from his speeches in the Rajya Sabha, where he addressed multiple concerns affecting Punjab. These included declining groundwater levels, governance matters, and tributes to notable figures from the state. He released the video to counter allegations that he had remained silent on Punjab-related issues.

Responding to the criticism, Raghav Chadha described the accusations as misleading and politically motivated. He emphasised that Punjab holds deep personal importance for him and described the state as his "home, duty, soil, and soul." His remarks reflected a strong emotional connection and commitment to addressing the state's concerns.

The controversy began after some party leaders questioned

Chadha's engagement with Punjab-related matters. Critics claimed he had not actively highlighted key issues affecting the state. In response, Chadha asserted that his role in Parliament is to raise meaningful issues and contribute constructively to debates.

The disagreement intensified following internal party developments, which led to sharp exchanges between Chadha and some leaders. The public nature of the dispute has drawn attention to growing differences within the party.

Leaders from the Punjab unit of the party had earlier criticised Chadha, alleging that he was not sufficiently focused on state-specific matters. However, Chadha maintained that he has consistently spoken about Punjab and will continue to advocate for its interests.

The episode highlights emerging tensions within the party, with both sides standing firm on their positions. Raghav Chadha's video message indicates that the political disagreement is far from over, as he signalled that more responses may follow in the coming days.

S. Jaishankar Warns Global Resources Being 'Leveraged or Weaponised' Amid Rising Conflicts

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar cautioned that the world is entering a phase where almost everything is being "leveraged, if not actually weaponised," reflecting growing geopolitical competition and global uncertainty. His remarks highlight the shifting nature of international relations and the challenges countries face in an increasingly complex global environment.

Speaking at the convocation ceremony of Indian Institute of Management Raipur, Jaishankar said the present generation is stepping into a world undergoing rapid and unpredictable changes. He noted that recent global developments have transformed how nations interact, compete, and cooperate with one another.

The minister identified three major developments that have shaped the current decade — the COVID-19 pandemic, global conflicts, and climate-related challenges. According to him, these events have disrupted economies, supply chains, and political stability across the globe. He stressed that such developments have altered the way countries think about security, partnerships, and long-term planning.

Jaishankar pointed out that advancements in technology, energy, connectivity, and military capabilities have intensified global competition. Countries are now using economic strength, technological domi-



nance, and strategic partnerships as tools to gain influence. This, he said, has created an environment where resources and capabilities are increasingly being used for strategic advantage. He also noted that the balance of power in global politics is shifting, leading to uncertainty and instability in various regions. Many countries, he explained, are finding it difficult to adapt to these rapid changes, which has further increased tensions and competition. As a result, governments are focusing more on securing supply chains, diversifying partnerships, and reducing dependence on single sources. Highlighting the importance of preparedness, Jaishankar said nations must develop resilience and flexibility to navigate the evolving global landscape. He empha-

sized that both governments and businesses are now prioritising risk management and long-term planning in response to global uncertainties. The External Affairs Minister also referred to ongoing conflicts in regions such as West Asia, stating that such crises have far-reaching consequences beyond their immediate locations. He noted that even distant countries experience economic and strategic impacts due to global interdependence. Jaishankar concluded by stressing that the world is becoming more competitive and unpredictable, requiring countries to strengthen their capabilities and adopt balanced strategies. His remarks underline the importance of adaptability and resilience as nations prepare for an increasingly complex global future.

Khawaja Asif's 'Kolkata' Warning After Rajnath Singh's Strong Message Ahead of Pahalgam Attack Anniversary

Tensions between India and Pakistan escalated after Pakistan Defence Minister Khawaja Asif issued a sharp warning following remarks by Indian Defence Minister Rajnath Singh ahead of the anniversary of the Pahalgam terror attack.

Rajnath Singh had earlier warned that any misadventure by Pakistan would be met with an "unprecedented and decisive" response from India. His remarks came amid heightened security concerns ahead of the anniversary of the deadly attack in Pahalgam, which had claimed several lives and significantly strained relations between the two neighbouring countries.

Responding to this, Khawaja Asif made a controversial statement, saying that if India attempted any aggressive move, Pakistan would retaliate strongly and could even "take it to Kolkata." His comments were seen as a major escalation in rhetoric between the two nuclear-armed nations.

The Pakistani minister also

alleged that India might attempt a "false flag" operation to justify military action. These claims further intensified the ongoing war of words between the two sides, which have remained tense since the Pahalgam attack.

The anniversary of the attack has heightened security alert levels, with both countries closely monitoring developments. Officials on both sides have issued strong statements, reflecting growing diplomatic strain and security concerns in the region.

The Pahalgam attack had earlier triggered a sharp deterioration in ties, with India blaming Pakistan-linked groups, while Pakistan denied the allegations. Since then, relations between the two countries have remained strained.

The latest exchange of statements has once again brought tensions into focus. With strong warnings from both sides, the situation is being closely watched, as any further escalation could impact stability in South Asia.

Himanta Biswa Sarma Hits Back After Congress Claims His Wife Holds Three Passports

Himanta Biswa Sarma strongly rejected allegations made by the Congress that his wife holds three passports, calling the claims "baseless" and accusing the opposition of spreading misinformation ahead of elections.

The controversy began after Congress leader Pawan Khera alleged that Sarma's wife, Riniki Bhuyan Sharma, possessed passports from multiple countries, including the United Arab Emirates, Antigua and Barbuda, and Egypt. The allegations quickly triggered a political row in Assam.

Responding to the claims, Himanta Biswa Sarma pointed out what he described as six major anomalies in the documents being circulated. He said there were mismatches in surname spelling, inconsistencies in nationality details, and irregularities in identification information.



According to him, these discrepancies indicated that the documents were manipulated.

Sarma described the allegations as a "crude and poorly executed attempt at digital manipulation" and accused

the Congress of spreading propaganda. He asserted that truth would prevail and warned that those responsi-

ble for circulating false information would be held accountable.

The Assam Chief Minister also announced that he and his wife would take legal action against Pawan Khera. He said a defamation case would be filed, stressing that political attacks should not involve spreading misinformation about family members.

The issue has intensified political tensions in Assam, especially with elections approaching. Leaders from both sides have exchanged sharp statements, turning the controversy into a major political flashpoint.

While the Congress has demanded clarification on the allegations, Himanta Biswa Sarma has maintained that the claims are completely false and politically motivated. The matter is now expected to escalate further, with legal action likely in the coming days.

Iran Says “Flying Objects” Hit, 5 Killed During US Pilot Rescue Operation

Tensions between Iran and the United States escalated further after Iranian officials claimed that several unidentified “flying objects” were hit during a US rescue operation, resulting in at least five deaths. The incident reportedly took place during a high-risk mission launched by US forces to rescue a pilot from a downed fighter jet inside Iranian territory.

According to Iranian military sources, the rescue attempt followed the downing of a US F-15E Strike Eagle fighter jet. The aircraft, carrying two crew members, crashed in central Iran after reportedly being targeted by Iranian air defense systems. While one crew member was quickly located and rescued, the second remained missing for nearly two days, prompting the United States to launch a large-scale rescue operation.

Iranian officials stated that several aerial vehicles involved in the rescue mission entered Iranian airspace. These reportedly included a C-130 Hercules transport aircraft and multiple Black Hawk helicopter units. Iranian forces claimed they targeted these aircraft in



southern Isfahan province, resulting in damage and casualties. Iran also alleged that an Israeli drone operating in support of the mission was shot down during the confrontation.

Iranian media reports suggested that some of the targeted aircraft caught fire after being struck. Images circulated

locally reportedly showed smoke rising from the area, although independent confirmation of the damage remains limited. Iranian officials claimed the operation was disrupted and described it as a failed mission.

However, the United States presented a different version of events. Donald Trump,

speaking about the operation, stated that the rescue mission was successful and that the missing crew member had been safely evacuated. According to US officials, the rescued pilot—identified as a senior officer—sustained injuries but was in stable condition. The United States described the operation as complex and danger-

ous, involving multiple aircraft and special forces personnel.

Reports also indicated that dozens of aircraft and hundreds of special operations troops were deployed for the mission. The rescue effort reportedly involved careful coordination to locate and extract the stranded airman from hostile territory, highlighting the risks involved in such operations. The incident comes amid heightened tensions between Iran and the United States, with both sides accusing each other of aggressive actions. Iran also claimed earlier that it had targeted additional US aircraft in the region, though details remain unclear. This rescue operation and the conflicting claims from both sides underscore the growing volatility in the region. While Iran maintains that it successfully hit several aerial targets, the United States insists that the primary objective—rescuing the stranded pilot—was achieved. As tensions continue to rise, the incident highlights the increasing risk of direct military confrontation and the possibility of further escalation between the two nations.



Donald Trump Reveals How US Rescued Two Pilots From Iran With Dozens of Aircraft

The United States carried out a dramatic and high-risk rescue operation inside Iran to extract two crew members from a downed fighter jet, with former US President Donald Trump describing the mission as one of the most daring military operations in recent times. The large-scale rescue effort reportedly involved dozens of aircraft, special forces personnel, and extensive intelligence coordination.

The incident began after an American F-15E Strike Eagle fighter jet was shot down over Iranian territory. The aircraft, which carried two crew members, crashed in a remote area, triggering immediate concern within US military command. One of the crew members was located and rescued within hours, but the second remained missing deep inside Iranian territory, prompting the United States to launch a full-scale rescue operation.

According to Trump, US military officials monitored the missing officer's location continuously and prepared for a complex extraction mission. The rescue effort reportedly took place under extreme risk, as US aircraft had to operate within areas covered by Iranian air defense systems. Despite the dangers, US forces moved forward with the operation, determined to retrieve the missing crew member safely.

The mission reportedly involved multiple aircraft, including HH-60W Jolly Green II rescue helicopters, A-10 Warthog attack aircraft, HC-130 rescue tankers, and F-35 Lightning II stealth jets. These aircraft played different roles, including surveillance, air cover, refueling, and extraction support. The operation required precise coordination between air and ground forces to ensure the safe re-

trieval of the stranded officer.

Reports also indicated that tensions escalated during the rescue mission. As Iranian forces reportedly moved toward the crash site, US aircraft provided protective cover. The operation involved rapid movements, aerial monitoring, and defensive action to prevent the missing crew member from being captured.

Trump stated that the rescued officer, identified as a senior military official, sustained injuries but was expected to recover. He praised the personnel involved in the mission, highlighting their dedication and professionalism. He also revealed that the first pilot had been rescued earlier, but the information was temporarily withheld to avoid compromising the second rescue operation.

Meanwhile, Iranian authorities offered a different account of the events. Iranian officials claimed they targeted several aerial objects involved in the rescue mission. They also alleged that some aircraft were hit during the operation, further intensifying the already rising tensions between the two countries. The rescue mission underscores the growing volatility between Iran and the United States. While US officials described the mission as successful, Iranian authorities claimed they inflicted damage on aircraft involved in the operation. The conflicting accounts highlight the fragile and tense situation in the region. As geopolitical tensions continue to escalate, the daring rescue mission has drawn global attention. The operation not only demonstrated the US military's rapid response capabilities but also highlighted the increasing risk of direct confrontation between the two nations.



Iran Calls Donald Trump's 48-Hour Peace Ultimatum “Unbalanced, Stupid”

Tensions in the Middle East intensified after Iran sharply rejected a 48-hour ultimatum issued by Donald Trump, calling his warning “helpless, nervous, unbalanced and stupid.” The strong response came after Trump threatened serious consequences if Tehran failed to agree to a peace deal within the specified timeframe.

Trump had earlier warned that Iran must either agree to a deal or reopen the strategically important Strait of Hormuz within 48 hours. He cautioned that failure to comply could result in major military action, stating that severe consequences would follow if Iran ignored the deadline. The ultimatum marked a significant escalation in already strained relations between the United States and Iran. In response, Iranian officials dismissed Trump's remarks and warned Washington against further escalation. Tehran responded with equally strong language, stating that continued pressure and threats from the United States could lead to serious consequences. The sharp exchange reflected Iran's firm stance and its refusal to negotiate under pressure.

The standoff comes amid an ongoing regional conflict that

has already intensified in recent weeks. The Strait of Hormuz, one of the world's most important oil shipping routes, has become a focal point of the tensions. Any disruption in this narrow waterway has global implications, as a significant portion of the world's oil supply passes through it. As a result, the situation has drawn attention from governments and markets worldwide. Reports suggest that Trump had initially given Iran a longer deadline to respond, but later reduced it to 48 hours, increasing pressure on Tehran. The shortened timeline has raised concerns among global observers, who fear that escalating rhetoric from both sides could lead to further instability in the region. Meanwhile, diplomatic efforts are reportedly ongoing behind the scenes, with several countries attempting to mediate and ease tensions. However, both the United States and Iran appear to remain firm in their positions, making a quick resolution uncertain. The exchange of threats highlights the fragile situation in the Middle East. With tensions continuing to rise, global attention is now focused on whether diplomacy will prevail or if the situation will escalate further.

Donald Trump Says Missing US Jet Crew Member Rescued After Heavy Firefight in Iran

A missing American fighter jet crew member has been successfully rescued from inside Iran following a dramatic and dangerous military operation. Former US President Donald Trump confirmed the rescue, describing it as one of the most daring missions conducted by the United States military in recent times.

The incident began after an American F-15E Strike Eagle fighter jet was shot down over Iranian territory. The aircraft was carrying two crew members—a pilot and a weapons systems officer. Shortly after the crash, one of the crew members was located and rescued. However, the second officer remained missing for nearly two days, triggering a high-risk search and rescue mission deep inside hostile territory.

According to Trump, the missing officer—identified as a colonel—had suffered injuries but was in stable condition after being rescued. He stated that US military forces tracked

the officer's location continuously and prepared a complex rescue operation under extremely dangerous conditions. The mission reportedly involved dozens of aircraft and special operations troops working together to safely extract the stranded airman. Reports indicated that the officer had landed in a mountainous and remote area, making the rescue more challenging. At the same time, Iranian forces were reportedly searching for the missing crew member, increasing the urgency of the operation. Despite these risks, US special forces managed to reach the location and evacuate the officer.

Trump revealed that heavy fighting broke out during the rescue mission. The US forces had to move quickly while maintaining aerial support and surveillance. Despite the intense conditions, the operation was successfully completed, and the officer was safely extracted from the area.

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US Positions Most Lethal Long-Range Missiles for Possible Iran Strike

Tensions between the United States and Iran have escalated further after reports revealed that Washington has positioned some of its most lethal long-range missiles for potential strikes. The move signals a significant military buildup and highlights the seriousness of the ongoing confrontation between the two nations.

At the center of this development is the advanced JASSM ER (Joint Air-to-Surface Standoff Missile-Extended Range), one of the most sophisticated long-range cruise missiles in the US arsenal. These stealthy, precision-guided missiles are capable of striking targets from more than 600 miles away. This capability allows US aircraft to launch attacks while remaining far outside enemy air defense zones, reducing risks to pilots and equipment.

Reports suggest that the United States has committed a large portion of its inventory of these

missiles for potential operations involving Iran. Prior to the current tensions, the US reportedly had over 2,000 such missiles. However, after deployments and operational use, the available numbers may have significantly reduced. This highlights the scale of military preparedness and the seriousness of the situation.

In addition to the extended-range variant, the US is also believed to be positioning standard JASSM missiles, which have a shorter range but are equally effective in precision strikes. Together, these missiles form a powerful strike capability designed to target high-value strategic locations, including military infrastructure and air defense systems. These long-range missiles are typically launched from strategic aircraft such as the B-52 Stratofortress, B-1B Lancer, and advanced fighter jets. Such aircraft can operate from safe distances while delivering precision

strikes, making them ideal for high-risk military operations.

Military analysts suggest that deploying such a large number of long-range missiles for a single conflict is unusual and could impact US military readiness in other regions. Rebuilding these stockpiles could take years depending on production capabilities and supply chains. This raises concerns about broader global security implications.

The move comes amid rising tensions and continued military activity in the region. Reports indicate increased aerial surveillance, bomber deployments, and growing military preparedness on both sides. With diplomatic efforts still uncertain, the situation remains highly volatile.

As the standoff between the United States and Iran intensifies, global attention is now focused on whether the situation will lead to further escalation or if diplomatic efforts will help ease tensions.



RBI Likely to Take Calibrated Approach in April Policy Amid West Asia Uncertainty

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is expected to adopt a cautious and calibrated approach in its April monetary policy meeting, as policymakers balance emerging inflation risks with the need to sustain economic growth. The central bank faces a challenging environment shaped by geopolitical tensions in West Asia, rising crude oil prices, and evolving domestic economic conditions.

At its previous policy meeting, the RBI maintained status quo on interest rates while keeping its stance neutral. At that time, inflation remained largely under control and economic growth continued to show resilience. However, global developments since then have introduced fresh uncertainties. Escalating geopolitical tensions in West Asia have driven up crude oil prices, creating potential inflationary pressures for oil-importing economies like India. Higher crude oil prices remain one of the biggest concerns for policymakers. Rising fuel costs can push up transportation expenses, increase production costs for businesses, and eventually lead to higher consumer prices. This could complicate the RBI's efforts to maintain inflation within its target range. Additionally, elevated oil prices may also affect inflation expectations, which play a critical role in shaping long-term price



stability. Recent inflation trends suggest that price pressures may gradually build up. While inflation has remained within the central bank's comfort zone, the upward movement raises concerns, especially if global commodity prices continue to rise. Policymakers are therefore likely to remain cautious and avoid any aggressive monetary moves until there is greater clarity on inflation trends. At the same time, India's economic growth remains relatively strong compared to many global economies. Domestic demand, infrastruc-

ture spending, and investment activity have continued to support growth momentum. However, sustained high energy prices could weaken consumption and increase costs for businesses, potentially slowing economic expansion. Rural demand could also face pressure if fuel and fertilizer prices rise further. Financial markets have also reacted to global uncertainty. The Indian rupee has shown some weakness amid rising geopolitical risks and cautious foreign investor sentiment. Capital flows into emerging markets have become more volatile, which could affect

currency stability and increase pressure on India's current account balance. Liquidity conditions in the banking system remain comfortable, providing support to credit growth and economic activity. The RBI has managed liquidity effectively, helping maintain stability in money markets. However, global uncertainties and potential capital outflows continue to pose risks. Bond markets have reflected growing caution, with government bond yields witnessing some upward movement. Market participants are closely monitoring inflation risks and policy signals from the RBI. Despite this, many analysts believe that the central bank may prefer to wait and watch rather than take immediate action. Given the current backdrop, the RBI is widely expected to maintain policy rates in April while continuing with a neutral stance. Such an approach would allow the central bank to monitor global developments, inflation trends, and domestic growth indicators before making any major policy shifts. Overall, the upcoming policy meeting is likely to focus on balancing inflation risks with growth momentum. With uncertainties largely driven by external factors, the RBI is expected to remain cautious, flexible, and data-dependent in its policy decisions, ensuring stability while supporting India's economic recovery.

Rupee Rebounds After Sharp Fall as RBI Steps In to Stabilise Currency

The Indian Rupee witnessed a strong rebound after a sharp fall earlier in the week, following decisive intervention by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). The rupee, which had weakened significantly against the US Dollar, recovered after the central bank implemented measures to curb excessive volatility and speculative trading in currency markets. The domestic currency had earlier slipped sharply, raising concerns among investors and policymakers. A weaker rupee typically increases the cost of imports, particularly crude oil, and may contribute to inflationary pressures. The decline also reflected broader global uncertainties, including rising crude oil prices and persistent foreign investor outflows from emerging markets. These factors combined to create pressure on the currency and heightened volatility in the foreign exchange market. In response, the RBI took swift action to stabilise the situation. The central bank introduced measures aimed at limiting speculative positions and tightening certain derivative trades. By restricting excessive betting against the rupee, the RBI sought to restore stability and prevent further depreciation. These steps helped reduce volatility and encouraged market participants to unwind aggressive dollar positions. The RBI's move had an immediate impact on currency



markets. As traders and financial institutions began reducing their dollar holdings, the supply of dollars increased, supporting the rupee's recovery. The rebound also improved overall market sentiment, as currency stability is often viewed as a sign of financial strength and policy credibility. However, analysts believe that while the recovery is encouraging, challenges remain. Rising crude oil prices continue to pose a major risk for India, which relies heavily on energy imports. Higher oil prices increase demand for dollars and can exert pressure on the rupee. Additionally, global geopolitical tensions and uncertainty in international markets may continue to influence currency movements. Foreign institutional investor outflows also remain a concern. Continued selling by overseas investors can lead to increased demand for dollars,

weakening the rupee. Market participants are closely monitoring global interest rate trends, geopolitical developments, and capital flows, all of which can affect currency stability. Despite these uncertainties, the RBI's proactive intervention has helped restore confidence in the currency market. The central bank's actions signal its commitment to maintaining orderly market conditions and preventing excessive volatility. Investors now expect the rupee to trade within a relatively stable range, although movements will continue to depend on global economic developments and domestic fundamentals. Overall, the rupee's rebound highlights the importance of timely policy intervention. While risks remain due to global factors, the RBI's decisive steps have helped calm markets and stabilise the currency, at least in the near term.

Asian Equities Likely to Rise Following U.S. Market Rebound

Asian equity markets are expected to open on a positive note after U.S. stocks staged a late recovery, lifting investor sentiment globally. Despite ongoing geopolitical uncertainties and fluctuations in oil prices, optimism returned to markets after Wall Street rebounded from earlier losses, signaling improved risk appetite among investors. U.S. markets experienced a volatile trading session before closing slightly higher. Major indices recovered toward the end of the session, supported by easing concerns about geopolitical tensions and hopes that diplomatic efforts may help stabilize the situation. The rebound

helped offset earlier declines that were triggered by rising oil prices and concerns about global economic stability. Oil prices remained a central focus for investors, as they initially surged amid fears of supply disruptions. Rising crude prices often increase inflation risks and create uncertainty for global markets, particularly for countries heavily dependent on energy imports. However, prices later moderated after reports suggested potential diplomatic efforts to ease tensions and ensure stability in key energy supply routes. This development improved market sentiment and contributed to the recovery in equities.

Asian markets are expected to reflect this improved mood, with futures indicating gains in several regional indices. However, overall trading activity may remain subdued, as several markets across Asia are closed for holidays. Reduced participation from key financial centers could lead to lower volumes and potentially limited price movements, even if the broader sentiment remains positive. Investors are also closely monitoring economic indicators from the United States, which could influence global market direction. Economic data releases, particularly those related to employment and growth, are being watched carefully for signs of

resilience in the world's largest economy. Strong economic figures could support equities, while weaker data may renew concerns about economic slowdown. Meanwhile, geopolitical developments continue to pose risks to global markets. Any escalation in tensions could trigger renewed volatility in oil prices and equities. Conversely, signs of diplomatic progress or stability could further strengthen investor confidence and support market gains. Currency markets also reflected cautious optimism, with movements remaining relatively stable as investors assessed global developments. Bond markets showed



mixed signals, indicating that traders remain uncertain about the long-term outlook. This cautious positioning highlights the fragile nature of current market sentiment.

Overall, Asian equities appear set for a modestly positive start, supported by Wall Street's rebound and easing oil price pressures. However, uncertainty remains high due to geopolitical risks, eco-

nomomic data expectations, and holiday-related thin trading. Investors are likely to remain cautious, focusing on upcoming developments and maintaining a balanced approach in the near term.

Expansion to Drive Growth, but Execution Will Decide Winners in Value Retail

India's value retail sector is entering a strong growth phase, driven primarily by aggressive store expansion across cities and towns. However, while expansion is expected to support revenue growth, the long-term winners will be determined by execution, store productivity, and merchandising strategies. As competition intensifies, retailers will need to focus on operational efficiency rather than relying solely on footprint expansion. Value retail, which focuses on affordable pricing and high-volume sales, has gained momentum due to rising price sensitivity among consumers and increasing demand for budget-friendly fashion and lifestyle products. Companies in this segment are rapidly expanding their store networks to capture market share, particularly in tier-2 and tier-3 cities where consumption growth remains strong. Expansion strategies are therefore emerging as a key growth lever for many retailers. However, analysts believe that expansion alone may not guarantee sustainable growth. Store productivity is expected to become a crucial differentiator. Retailers that generate higher sales per store and maintain strong same-store sales growth are likely to outperform peers. This is particularly important as rapid expansion can sometimes dilute operational efficiency and increase costs if not executed carefully. Merchandising will also play a significant role in determining winners in the value retail space. Product assortment,



pricing strategies, and inventory management are becoming increasingly important as consumers seek both affordability and variety. Companies that can quickly adapt to changing consumer preferences and manage supply chains efficiently are likely to maintain competitive advantages. Same-store sales growth across players in the value retail segment remains positive, indicating steady demand despite macroeconomic uncertainties. This trend reflects strong consumer interest in affordable fashion and everyday essentials. However, maintaining this momentum will require consistent execution, especially as new store openings increase competition within the segment. Margins remain another key focus area. Value retail typically operates on thin margins due to competitive pricing strategies. As companies expand, controlling costs such as rentals, logistics, and staffing becomes critical. Retailers that can achieve scale benefits while maintaining operational discipline are expect-

ed to deliver stronger profitability. Additionally, private labels and in-house brands are becoming increasingly important in the value retail business model. These offerings help retailers improve margins and differentiate themselves from competitors. Companies investing in strong private label portfolios may gain an edge in the long term. Despite near-term growth opportunities, risks remain. Rapid expansion could strain supply chains and operational capabilities if not managed efficiently. Furthermore, increased competition from both organized and unorganized players may put pressure on pricing and profitability. Overall, the outlook for India's value retail sector remains positive, supported by expansion plans and strong consumer demand. However, long-term success will depend on execution, store productivity, merchandising strategies, and cost control. As the sector evolves, retailers that balance aggressive growth with operational excellence are likely to emerge as clear winners.

Key Business Events to Watch Next Week

The upcoming week is expected to be crucial for financial markets, with several major domestic and global developments likely to influence investor sentiment. Market participants will closely track the Reserve Bank of India's monetary policy decision, key global economic data, and services sector indicators to determine the near-term direction for equities, currencies, and bonds. **RBI Monetary Policy Takes Centre Stage** The biggest event in the coming week will be the monetary policy announcement by the Reserve Bank of India. The Monetary Policy Committee is scheduled to meet from April 6 to April 8, and investors will be watching closely for any signals on interest rates, inflation outlook, and growth projections. The policy comes at a time when global uncertainties remain elevated, particularly due to geopolitical tensions and rising crude oil prices. While inflation has remained within manageable levels, higher energy costs and currency volatility could influence the central bank's outlook. Market participants will also focus on commentary regarding liquidity conditions, inflation expectations, and growth momentum. Interest rate guidance from the RBI will likely influence banking stocks, bond yields, and the broader market sentiment. A cautious or neutral stance may provide stability, while any change in tone could trigger volatility. **Services PMI Data to Offer Growth Signals** Another key indicator inves-



tors will monitor is the services Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI). This data provides insights into business activity across sectors such as banking, IT services, hospitality, and transportation. Strong PMI numbers would indicate sustained economic momentum, while weaker figures may raise concerns about slowing growth. The services sector remains a critical driver of India's economic expansion, and any shift in activity levels could influence investor confidence and sector-specific stocks. **Global Data to Shape Market Direction** Global economic data from the United States will also play a major role in guiding markets. Investors will keep an eye on U.S. growth figures, inflation data, and labour market

indicators. These numbers often influence global risk sentiment, foreign investment flows, and currency movements. Stronger U.S. economic data could strengthen the dollar and impact emerging market currencies, including the Indian rupee. On the other hand, weaker data may improve risk appetite and support equities. **Geopolitical Developments Remain in Focus** Apart from economic data, global geopolitical developments are expected to remain a key driver. Rising tensions in energy-producing regions have already influenced crude oil prices and currency movements. Any escalation or easing of tensions could impact global markets, including India. Higher crude prices typical-

ly increase inflation risks for India and widen the current account deficit. As a result, investors will closely track oil price movements throughout the week. **Market Outlook** Overall, the week ahead is likely to be event-heavy, with markets reacting to policy decisions, macroeconomic indicators, and global developments. Volatility may remain elevated as investors await clarity on interest rates, growth outlook, and global risks. Market participants are expected to remain cautious, focusing on key data releases and policy signals. The RBI policy outcome, services PMI trends, and U.S. economic indicators will be the primary factors shaping market direction in the coming days.

Lucknow Super Giants Edge Past Sunrisers Hyderabad in Last-Over Thriller in IPL 2026

Lucknow Super Giants registered a thrilling five-wicket win over Sunrisers Hyderabad in a nail-biting contest in the ongoing Indian Premier League 2026. The match, played at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium in Hyderabad, went down to the final over before Lucknow secured victory with one ball to spare.

Batting first, Sunrisers Hyderabad posted a competitive total of 156 for nine in their allotted 20 overs. The innings began on a poor note as opener Abhishek Sharma was dismissed for a duck early in the innings. Despite the setback, Heinrich Klaasen played a crucial knock, scoring a well-compiled half-century and stabilising the innings. However, regular wickets in the middle overs prevented Sunrisers Hyderabad from building strong momentum.

Lucknow Super Giants bowlers maintained tight control



throughout the innings. Veteran pacer Mohammed Shami delivered a standout spell, conceding very few runs while picking up key wickets. His

disciplined bowling ensured that Sunrisers Hyderabad were restricted to a manageable total.

Chasing 157, Lucknow Super

Giants started cautiously but lost wickets at regular intervals, which kept the contest evenly balanced. Captain Rishabh Pant played a com-

posed and responsible innings under pressure. He anchored the chase with smart shot selection and effective strike rotation, keeping Lucknow in the hunt.

The match headed towards a tense finish as Sunrisers Hyderabad bowlers fought back in the final overs. However, Rishabh Pant held his nerve and guided Lucknow Super Giants to victory in the final over, finishing the chase at 160 for five in 19.5 overs.

Pant's match-winning knock earned him the Player of the Match award. The victory gave Lucknow Super Giants important momentum early in the tournament, while Sunrisers Hyderabad were left to reflect on missed opportunities.

The contest turned out to be another thrilling encounter in IPL 2026, highlighting the competitive nature of the tournament and setting the stage for more exciting matches ahead.



Rohit Sharma's Clever Bluff Forces Kuldeep Yadav Into Costly DRS Error

A smart piece of tactical cricket from Rohit Sharma became one of the most talked-about moments during the Indian Premier League 2026 clash between Mumbai Indians and Delhi Capitals. The experienced batter used a clever bluff that ultimately forced Delhi Capitals into wasting an important Decision Review System (DRS) call. The incident took place during Mumbai Indians' innings when spinner Kuldeep Yadav delivered a ball down the leg side. Rohit Sharma attempted a sweep shot but appeared to miss the delivery. The ball was safely collected by wicketkeeper KL Rahul, and Delhi Capitals players made a half-hearted appeal. However, the on-field umpire was not convinced and ruled the batter not out. That's when Rohit Sharma played a mind game. The Mumbai Indians opener briefly stepped away from the crease as if he had edged the ball. His subtle body language created doubt among the Delhi Capitals players. Kuldeep Yadav and KL Rahul quickly discussed the possibility of a faint edge and decided to take the review.

Once the decision went upstairs, the replay showed there was no contact between the bat

and ball. UltraEdge confirmed the delivery had only brushed past Rohit's pads. The umpire's original decision of not out stood, and Delhi Capitals ended up losing an early review.

The moment immediately caught attention from commentators and fans. Rohit Sharma was seen smiling after the decision, suggesting that his bluff had worked perfectly. The experienced Indian batter once again demonstrated his tactical awareness and ability to influence the game even without playing a shot.

Such moments often prove significant in T20 cricket, where teams depend heavily on DRS decisions during crucial phases of the match. Losing a review early can put additional pressure on captains and bowlers later in the game, especially in tight finishes.

The clever trick added a light-hearted yet strategic twist to the contest. Rohit Sharma's presence of mind highlighted why he is considered one of the sharpest cricket brains in modern-day cricket. The incident quickly went viral among fans and became one of the standout moments from the Mumbai Indians versus Delhi Capitals clash in IPL 2026.

RCB Dominate CSK by 43 Runs in Thrilling High-Scoring IPL Encounter

In a spectacular display of batting and disciplined bowling, Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) crushed Chennai Super Kings (CSK) by 43 runs in a high-scoring IPL 2026 thriller at Bengaluru's M. Chinnaswamy Stadium. The match, played on Sunday, kept fans on the edge of their seats with explosive performances from both teams, but RCB's dominance proved decisive. Winning the toss, RCB elected to bat and immediately took control of the game. The team posted a massive 250/3 in their 20 overs, thanks to sensational performances from their top and middle order. Tim David led the charge with a whirlwind 70 not out off 25 balls, combining power-hitting and timing to maximize every de-



livery. Devdutt Padikkal contributed a steady 50 off 29 balls, while Rajat Patidar's 48 and Phil Salt's 46 further bolstered the total. The batsmen's aggressive approach exploited

the flat pitch and short boundaries of Chinnaswamy, putting CSK under immense pressure before they even came out to bat.

Chasing 251, CSK started

strongly with some promising partnerships. Sarfaraz Khan's 50 and Prashant Veer's 43 provided moments of resistance, but RCB's bowling attack was relentless. Bhuvneshwar Kumar set the tone with incisive pace and swing, supported effectively by Jacob Duffy, Krunal Pandya, and Abhinandan Singh. The fielding unit also played a crucial role, taking sharp catches and stopping quick singles to prevent CSK from building momentum. Despite their best efforts, CSK were bowled out for 207 in 19.4 overs, falling short by 43 runs.

The match also marked a historic milestone as Bhuvneshwar Kumar became the first fast bowler in IPL history to reach 200 wickets, a feat celebrated by the RCB camp and

fans alike.

This victory strengthens RCB's position early in the IPL 2026 season, reflecting both their batting depth and effective bowling strategy. Analysts pointed out that the Chinnaswamy Stadium's conditions favored aggressive play, and RCB capitalized on the opportunity with perfect execution.

For CSK, the defeat highlights the need for greater consistency and strategic adjustments in the coming matches. Fans can expect the team to regroup and aim for victories in their next fixtures. Overall, the match was a thrilling spectacle, showcasing explosive batting, disciplined bowling, and RCB's commanding form, leaving fans eager for the upcoming encounters in IPL 2026.

Mohammed Shami Sends Strong Message to BCCI Selectors With Brilliant Spell Against Sunrisers Hyderabad

Veteran Indian pacer Mohammed Shami delivered a sensational performance in the IPL 2026 clash between Lucknow Super Giants and Sunrisers Hyderabad, sending a strong message to the national selectors with his impressive bowling display.

Shami, who has been out of the Indian team in recent times, produced a disciplined and impactful spell that turned heads. The experienced pacer bowled four overs, conceding just nine runs while picking up two crucial wickets. His spell included as many as 18 dot balls, highlighting his control and accuracy.

The right-arm fast bowler struck early, dismissing dangerous opener Abhishek Sharma cheaply and later removing Travis Head, two key batters in the Sunrisers Hyderabad lineup. These wickets helped Lucknow Super Giants gain control of the match and restrict the opposition's scoring rate.

Shami's performance stood out not just for the wickets but also for his economical bowling. On a pitch where runs were expected, he maintained



tight lines and lengths, making it difficult for the batters to attack. His ability to generate movement and maintain pressure played a crucial role in the contest.

The performance comes at an important time for Shami, who is looking to make a comeback into the Indian national side. With upcoming international assignments on the horizon, the veteran pacer used this opportunity to showcase his experience and form. At 35, Shami continues to prove that he still has plenty to offer at the highest level.

Shami has been one of the

most consistent fast bowlers in Indian cricket over the years. His IPL 2026 performances so far have also been impressive, as he continues to deliver economical spells and pick up important wickets. His recent showing against Sunrisers Hyderabad further strengthens his case for national selection.

With this outstanding performance, Mohammed Shami has not only helped Lucknow Super Giants but also reminded selectors of his value and experience. If he continues this form, a return to the Indian squad could be just around the corner.

Abhishek Sharma Joins Rohit Sharma, Sanju Samson in Unwanted List After Duck vs Lucknow Super Giants

Abhishek Sharma's struggles in the Indian Premier League 2026 continued as the Sunrisers Hyderabad opener was dismissed for a duck against Lucknow Super Giants. The left-hand batter fell early in the innings, adding another disappointing outing to his difficult run in the tournament.

Abhishek Sharma was dismissed in the opening over by veteran pacer Mohammed Shami. The early wicket immediately put Sunrisers Hyderabad under pressure and disrupted their plans at the top of the or-

der. It was another setback for Abhishek, who has been struggling to find rhythm this season. With this dismissal, Abhishek Sharma entered an unwanted list alongside Rohit Sharma and Sanju Samson. The Sunrisers Hyderabad opener registered his sixth duck in T20 cricket this year, matching the record for the most ducks by an Indian batter in a calendar year. Rohit Sharma had recorded six ducks earlier, while Sanju Samson also reached the same mark in another season. Abhishek Sharma has endured a difficult

start to IPL 2026, with multiple low scores affecting his confidence. Known for his aggressive batting style, he has struggled to convert starts into big innings. His repeated early dismissals have also added pressure on Sunrisers Hyderabad's batting lineup. The early wicket against Lucknow Super Giants also impacted Sunrisers Hyderabad's momentum, as the team lost wickets in quick succession during the powerplay. The middle order had to step in to stabilize the innings after the shaky start.

Despite the setbacks, Ab-

hishek Sharma remains one of the most promising young batters in T20 cricket. His fearless approach and attacking mindset have earned him recognition in recent years. However, his current form highlights how quickly fortunes can change in the shortest format.

With plenty of matches still remaining in IPL 2026, Sunrisers Hyderabad will be hoping Abhishek Sharma finds his form soon. A strong comeback could help him regain confidence and play a crucial role for his team in the remainder of the tournament.



Chennai Super Kings Face Backlash as Sameer Rizvi Shines for Delhi Capitals

Young batter Sameer Rizvi has emerged as one of the standout performers in the Indian Premier League 2026 season, delivering impressive performances for Delhi Capitals. His success has sparked criticism of Chennai Super Kings, who released him ahead of the season. Rizvi has made a dream start to the tournament, winning Player of the Match awards in his first two appearances as an Impact Player. He first played a brilliant unbeaten knock against Lucknow Super Giants, guiding Delhi Capitals to victory with a composed and aggressive innings. He then followed it up with another outstanding performance against Mumbai Indians, where he played a match-winning knock that showcased his confidence and power-hitting ability. His innings against Mumbai Indians stood out as he dominated the bowling attack with a flurry of boundaries and sixes. Rizvi's ability to handle pressure and accelerate at the right time helped Delhi Capitals complete a comfortable chase and secure another important win early in the tournament. Following his

back-to-back performances, fans took to social media to criticise Chennai Super Kings for releasing the young talent. Rizvi was previously picked by Chennai Super Kings for a significant amount in an earlier auction but did not get many opportunities. After being released, Delhi Capitals secured him for a much lower price — a decision that is now proving highly beneficial. Rizvi's impressive performances have highlighted his growth as a middle-order batter. His calm temperament, combined with aggressive stroke play, has made him a valuable asset for Delhi Capitals. The young cricketer has quickly adapted to pressure situations and delivered when the team needed him the most. With his confidence growing and momentum on his side, Sameer Rizvi is rapidly emerging as one of the breakout stars of IPL 2026. His performances have strengthened Delhi Capitals' batting lineup and provided the team with a reliable finisher. Meanwhile, Chennai Super Kings may now be left regretting their decision, as Rizvi continues to shine and prove his potential on the big stage.



Shubman Gill Out of IPL 2026? Gujarat Titans Share Major Injury Update

Shubman Gill's absence from a recent Indian Premier League 2026 match sparked concern among fans, but Gujarat Titans have now provided a reassuring update on their captain's fitness. Gill missed Gujarat Titans' clash against Rajasthan Royals due to a muscle spasm. In his absence, star all-rounder Rashid Khan stepped in to lead the side. The absence of their regular captain proved challenging for Gujarat Titans, as they failed to chase a big total and suffered a defeat.

Following the match, Gujarat Titans' assistant coach Parthiv Patel shared an important update regarding Gill's condition. He confirmed that the injury is not serious and described it as a precautionary rest. The team management

decided not to risk their captain early in the tournament.

The franchise is optimistic that Shubman Gill will recover quickly and return to action soon. Reports suggest that he could be available for Gujarat Titans' upcoming match against Delhi Capitals if he regains full fitness.

Gill's absence highlighted his importance to Gujarat Titans, both as captain and top-order batter. His leadership and consistency at the top play a crucial role in the team's performance and balance.

However, the latest update has brought relief to Gujarat Titans fans. With the injury not considered serious, Shubman Gill is expected to miss only a short period and could make a comeback in the next match.

The Red Bag: First Look Unveils Gripping Concept-Driven Thriller

The Telugu film industry's wave of concept-oriented cinema gains momentum with the unveiling of *The Red Bag*, a suspense-filled thriller produced by Hari Krishna Somisetty. With audiences increasingly drawn to unconventional storytelling, the film promises a unique premise revolving around a mysterious red bag that triggers a series of unexpected events, blending mystery, emotion, and high stakes.

Director Ravi Kumar Seerpu, who also wrote the story, screenplay, and dialogues, aims to deliver a tightly woven narrative where every character's journey is intertwined with the enigmatic bag. The film has completed its principal shooting, and post-production is in full swing, promising a polished, high-quality cinematic experience.

The ensemble cast includes KabirDuhan Singh, Prasad Behera, Raadya, Monica, Sneha Singh, Aakanksha, EeshanShanker, AvinashBadal, and Bhargavi, each playing pivotal

roles that contribute to the intricate puzzle-like storyline. The characters' arcs are designed to keep audiences guessing until the very end, with the red bag acting as the story's central catalyst.

The production team has invested in lavish visuals and immersive sound design to enhance the narrative impact. The striking first-look poster was released recently by actor Dinesh Tej, alongside writer-director Hari Prasad, generating excitement and anticipation among cinephiles for the film's innovative concept.

Technically, *The Red Bag* is backed by a skilled crew: ShekharMopoori composes the music, PriyeshGurusamy handles cinematography, and Siva Sarvani and Sasi manage editing. Vikram Raja has contributed additional writing, while Mohammad Sai has worked on supplementary dialogues. The film also features action sequences by Joshua and Dragon Prakash, choreography by JD and SnehaBhajantri, and lyrics by KasarlaShyam and

Tirupati.

With a strong technical team, a talented ensemble cast, and a suspenseful storyline, *The Red Bag* is poised to be a standout addition to the growing slate of concept-driven Telugu cinema. The film's intriguing theme, coupled with its polished execution, has already created a buzz, making it one of the most anticipated thrillers of the year.

Cast: KabirDuhan Singh, Prasad Behera, Raadya, Monica, Sneha Singh, Aakanksha, EeshanShanker, AvinashBadal, Bhargavi

Technical Crew: Producer – HariKrishnaSomisetty; Director, Writer, Screenplay & Dialogues – Ravi Kumar Seerpu; Music – ShekharMopoori; Cinematography – PriyeshGurusamy; Editor – Siva Sarvani&Sasi; Additional Dialogues – Mohammad Sai; Action – Joshua, Dragon Prakash; Choreography – JD, SnehaBhajantri; Lyrics – KasarlaShyam, Tirupati; PRO – Sai Satish.



Vanda Devullu Teaser: Vijay Antony and Sasi's Powerful Return

The teaser for Vanda Devullu, the latest collaboration between actor Vijay Antony and acclaimed filmmaker Sasi, has released, creating a wave of excitement among cinephiles. The duo, who previously struck gold with the blockbuster *Bichagadu*, are back with a film that blends emotional intensity with a socially relevant narrative. Produced by Ramanjaneyulu Javvaji under Sarvanth Ram Creations and presented by Vijay Antony Film Corporation and Fatima Vijay Antony, the film also stars Swasika in the lead, supported by a strong ensemble including Ajay, Kavya, Shakthi, Padini, Karnas, BalajiSakthivel, Divakar, Aruldoss, Bucks, Vinodhini, Munishkanth, and Kodangi Vadivel.



Inspired by a true incident, the teaser focuses on a brave mother in a rural village who takes a bold, unprecedented decision, triggering moral policing, public scrutiny, and intense debate. What begins as a personal choice soon becomes a cultural flashpoint, tackling issues like caste discrimination, gender roles, entrenched power dynamics, and societal hypocrisy.

Sasi, known for his socially conscious storytelling, promises a layered narrative that handles challenging themes without losing dramatic momentum. Vijay Antony portrays a rugged, grounded character, delivering a performance marked by intensity and authenticity. Swasika carries the emotional weight of the story, while Ajay's role adds versatility and depth to the ensemble.

Technically, the film impresses with S.B. DarshanKirosh's earthy cinematography capturing the rawness of village life, BalajiSriram's intense musical score amplifying the tension, Harish Yuvaraj's tight editing, and Bhashyas-

ree's dialogues reflecting the social and cultural milieu authentically.

Following a successful first look and a hit single, the teaser has heightened anticipation for the film. With its gripping story, strong performances, and socially relevant themes, Vanda Devullu is shaping up to be a compelling cinematic experience.

The film is slated for release this May, promising audiences a thought-provoking drama with high emotional stakes.

Cast: Vijay Antony, Swasika, Ajay, Kavya, Shakthi, Padini, Karnas, BalajiSakthivel, Divakar, Aruldoss, Bucks, Vinodhini, Munishkanth, Kodangi Vadivel.

Crew: Director – Sasi; Cinematography – S.B. DarshanKirosh; Music – BalajiSriram; Editor – Harish Yuvaraj; Art – V. Sasi Kumar; Stunts – Ramkumar; Choreography – Viji-Satheesh; Lyricist – Mohan Rajan; Executive Producer – D. Naveen Kumar; PRO – Sai Satish.

Pooja Hegde Set for Another Special Song – This Time With Vijay Deverakonda

Star actress Pooja Hegde is once again gearing up to set the screen on fire with a special song, and this time she is reportedly teaming up with Vijay Deverakonda. The latest buzz in Tollywood suggests that the actress will feature in a high-energy dance number that is expected to go beyond expectations and become one of the biggest highlights of the upcoming film. With both stars known for their strong screen presence, the song is already generating significant excitement among fans.

In recent years, special songs have become an important part of commercial cinema. These tracks not only add glamour and energy to films but also help create strong promotional buzz before release. Unlike the past, when special songs were mostly performed by guest performers, leading actresses are now stepping forward to feature in such numbers. Pooja Hegde is among those who have successfully gained popularity through these glamorous appearances.

One of her most memorable special song performances came in the chart-topping track *Jigelu Rani* from the blockbuster *Rangasthalam*. Her energetic dance moves and stylish look in the song turned it into a massive hit and significantly boosted her fan following. Later, she appeared in another special number in *F3*, which also gained good response from audiences. These performances showcased her dancing abilities and helped her become one of the most sought-after actresses for special songs.

More recently, Pooja Hegde

grabbed attention again with the viral track *Monica* from *Coolie*, directed by Lokesh Kanagaraj. The song quickly trended across social media platforms, with fans praising her glamorous appearance and energetic choreography. This success further strengthened her reputation as a performer capable of delivering chart-buster dance numbers.

Now, according to the latest industry buzz, Pooja Hegde is expected to feature in a special song in *Rowdy Janardhan*, starring Vijay Deverakonda and directed by Ravi Kiran Kola. Reports suggest that the music composition has already been finalized, and the makers are planning to shoot the song on a grand scale. A lavish set and stylish choreography are said to be part of the plan, aiming to create a visually stunning and energetic track.

Despite facing ups and downs in her career as a lead actress, Pooja Hegde continues to enjoy strong demand for special appearances. Her glamour, dance skills, and popularity make her a top choice for filmmakers. Industry insiders believe she is now competing with actresses like Tamannaah Bhatia, who has also gained massive popularity through special songs in recent years.

With Pooja Hegde and Vijay Deverakonda coming together, expectations are naturally soaring. Fans are eagerly waiting to witness their on-screen chemistry and the energy they will bring to the song. If the buzz turns out to be true, this special number could become another chartbuster and add significant hype to the film.

'Jailer 2' Shooting Nears Completion, Says Rajinikanth

Superstar Rajinikanth has shared an exciting update about his much-anticipated film *Jailer 2*, revealing that the shooting is currently in its final stages. The announcement has created fresh excitement among fans, as the sequel to the blockbuster *Jailer* is one of the most awaited projects in South Indian cinema. With expectations already sky-high, this latest update has only increased anticipation surrounding the film.

Rajinikanth recently interacted with media personnel at the Chennai airport, where he responded to questions about the film's progress. Speaking briefly, the superstar confirmed that the shooting work is almost complete. He also mentioned that the official release date would be announced by the makers at the appropriate time. Though his comments were short, they quickly went viral and became a major talking point among fans and film circles.

The sequel is being directed by Nelson Dilipkumar, who previously collaborated with Rajinikanth for the original *Jailer*. The first film turned out to be a massive blockbuster, performing exceptionally well at the box office and earning widespread appreciation from audiences and critics alike. The film's success not only boosted Rajinikanth's career but also established Nelson Dilipkumar as one of the most promising directors in the industry. Naturally, expectations for the sequel are significantly higher.

The makers have reportedly planned *Jailer 2* on a much grander scale than the origi-



nal. From action sequences to character arcs, everything is expected to be bigger and more intense. The production team has been working at a brisk pace to complete the shooting, and with filming now nearing completion, the project is moving into its final phase. Post-production work is expected to begin soon, which will include editing, background score, and visual enhancements. When reporters also tried to ask Rajinikanth about other topics, including political developments and upcoming plans, the actor politely avoided giving detailed answers. He simply greeted the media with a smile and moved on, choosing to keep the focus on his film updates. This calm and composed response once again reflected the superstar's usual style of maintaining privacy around personal and political matters.

The original *Jailer* created a huge impact upon its release, with its gripping storyline, stylish presentation, and pow-

erful performance by Rajinikanth. The film also featured strong supporting performances and memorable action sequences, which contributed to its success across multiple languages. Because of this, fans have been eagerly waiting for updates about the sequel ever since it was officially announced. Apart from *Jailer 2*, Rajinikanth is also said to have other major projects in the pipeline. Despite his long and successful career, the superstar continues to remain one of the busiest actors in Indian cinema. His commitment to new projects and willingness to experiment with different genres have kept him relevant across generations.

With the shooting of *Jailer 2* nearing completion, excitement among fans is steadily building. The next big announcement everyone is waiting for is the official release date. If the buzz is anything to go by, *Jailer 2* is shaping up to be one of the biggest cinematic events in the coming months.

Three Top Telugu Directors Compete to Bring Kumaraswamy's Story to the Big Screen

An interesting competition appears to be unfolding in Tollywood, as three prominent Telugu directors are reportedly working on films based on the legendary story of Lord Kumaraswamy. Known in Indian mythology as the commander of the divine forces and the god of war, Kumaraswamy—also revered as Murugan in Tamil Nadu—holds immense spiritual and cultural significance. Despite his popularity and powerful mythological background, Telugu cinema has yet to present a grand, large-scale film focused entirely on his story. However, that scenario may soon change, as multiple filmmakers are now showing keen interest in bringing this divine warrior's journey to the big screen.

Among those reportedly exploring this subject is director Trivikram Srinivas. Renowned for his sharp dialogues and engaging storytelling style, Trivikram is said to have been working on a script based on Kumaraswamy for quite some time. The project is believed to be ambitious in scale, with discussions about presenting it as a pan-Indian mythological spectacle. There is also speculation that the film may carry a powerful title such as "God of War," reflecting the divine warrior nature of Kumaraswamy. However, one of the major talking points surrounding this project is the casting.

Reports suggest that the script was initially narrated to Allu Arjun, who reportedly showed interest in the concept. Later, the project was said to have shifted toward Jr. NTR, and more recently, industry buzz indicates that the story may have returned to Allu Arjun once again. This ongoing speculation has created significant curiosity among fans and industry insiders.

At the same time, director Prasanth Varma is also said to be exploring Kumaraswamy's story. Following the massive suc-



cess of his mythological superhero film "HanuMan," Prasanth Varma has been working on expanding his cinematic universe built around divine characters. As part of this expansion, Kumaraswamy's story is reportedly being considered as a potential addition. Interestingly, Prasanth Varma may not direct this particular project himself but could instead focus on developing the story and producing the film with a new director. Known for his innovative approach to mythology and strong visual storytelling, Varma's involvement is expected to bring a fresh and visually grand perspective to the narrative.

Adding further intrigue, director Kishore Tirumala is also believed to be working on a concept inspired by Kumaraswamy. Known primarily for his family entertainers and emotional dramas, Kishore Tirumala exploring a mythological subject comes as a surprise. However, following his recent success, he appears to be experimenting with new genres and storytelling styles. If his project materializes, it could offer yet another interpretation of the same mythological figure, further intensifying the competition among filmmakers.

Kumaraswamy's story offers a compelling blend of action, emotion, and spirituality, making it an attractive subject for filmmakers. The deity enjoys immense devotion, especially in South India, where his temples and legends hold deep cultural importance. Despite this, Telugu cinema has not yet explored his story on a grand scale, leaving room for creative interpretations.

Nandamuri Mokshagna Debut: Nandamuri Balakrishna's Solid Plan for Grand Launch

For several years, fans of the Nandamuri family have been eagerly waiting for the big-screen debut of Nandamuri Mokshagna. Speculation about his entry into films has surfaced multiple times, but the project never materialized. Now, fresh buzz suggests that the long-awaited debut may finally be happening soon, with Nandamuri Balakrishna reportedly planning a strong and grand launch for his son. The senior actor is said to be carefully designing the debut project to ensure that Mokshagna enters the industry in a powerful and memorable way.

Initially, Mokshagna's debut was expected to take place a few years ago, but several plans were delayed due to various reasons. However, Balakrishna is now said to be personally overseeing the process to avoid further delays. Rather than introducing his son through a

routine commercial film, he is reportedly planning a unique and ambitious project that would create a strong impact among audiences. This approach reflects Balakrishna's intention to give Mokshagna a solid start and position him as a promising young hero from the very beginning.

According to industry buzz, one of the major plans under consideration is launching Mokshagna through the sequel to the cult classic *Aditya 369*. The sequel, tentatively titled *Aditya 999 Max*, is expected to be mounted on a grand scale. The original film, known for its time-travel and socio-fantasy elements, remains one of the most unique films in Telugu cinema. By choosing such a concept, the makers aim to introduce Mokshagna with a visually rich and content-driven project that stands apart from regular debut films.



The proposed film is expected to combine fantasy, action, and emotional elements, making it appealing to both younger audiences and longtime fans of the Nandamuri family. With advancements in technology and visual effects, the sequel is

likely to be presented with modern cinematic standards. If finalized, this project could become one of the most ambitious debut films for a star kid in recent times.

There is also talk that director KrishJagarlamudi may be considered to helm the project. The filmmaker previously worked with Balakrishna on the historical drama *Gautami-putraSatakarni*, which received critical acclaim and commercial success. Given his experience in handling large-scale films, Krish is seen as a suitable choice to introduce Mokshagna in a powerful manner. Additionally, reputed writer Sai Madhav Burra is also expected to contribute to the project, which further raises expectations.

Meanwhile, Mokshagna is reportedly preparing seriously for his debut. He is said to be focusing on fitness, acting